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President's Letter:

I hope that everyone's summer is going well. I have had a busy summer working, going on vacation and playing in the sun. Summer is almost over and school will be starting for a lot of you. For me, I wish work stopped when summer came!

Have you thought about the upcoming Aventura Weekend? Have you made friends at camp that you think would get a lot out of Aventura? We are having a **Car Wash on August 25, 10:00 am, at the 1st Congregational Church of Thomaston**, then there will be a picnic at Art's house after we are done. The **Picnic will start at 3:00 pm** (or if we get done with the car wash earlier then we will head up there.) I hope to see you all there, and as these are open events, feel free to bring your friends.

I was reading Isaiah 6:1-8 and it says that the angels had to cover their faces and feet in God's presence but that Isaiah was looking on God's throne and he didn't die. To be forgiven his sin, he was burned with a coal. I will talk more about this verse in next month's letter.

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. (1 Cor. 16:23)

Matt Johnson

Aventura President

Co-ordinator's Letter:

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Dear Aventura Community,

The 1st team meeting is quickly approaching. We will start meetings on August 24th. Please pray for the Rollista's as they write their Rollos, and for all of us as we prepare our hearts for this wonderful experience.

Praise God the team is complete, please take a moment to pray for each person. God has chosen them for a special purpose to share God's love with the guests and draw them near to Him.

We still have no applications in hand. I have heard of people saying they have someone who wants to go, but those don't count. Please pray that the applications would start coming in. Who does God want you to ask to be a guest on Weekend #30? Do it now!

Blessings,

Laura Roehl

Coordinator, Aventura #30

Team

Spiritual Director – Rev. Doreen Gibbons

Spiritual Director – Mike Eldred

Coordinator – Laura Roehl

Chief Auxiliary – Arthur Richards Jr.

Assistant Chief – Rae LePine

Kitchen Auxiliary – Sandy Miller

Break Auxiliary – Ethan Hill

General Auxiliary – Cole Hafale

Rollo Room Auxiliary – Chad Fairclough

Chapel Auxiliary – Molly Inman

Palanca Auxiliary – Liz Atwood

Music Director – Katie Sosnicki

Self-Awareness – Sara LePine

People of God – Andrew Bodnar

Call to Holiness – Mikayla Kallsen

Knowing is Loving – Stephen Johnson

Pass It On – Dave Zwart

Beyond the Weekend – Emily Lamy

Table Leader – Greg Gibbons

Table Leader – Dennis Redline

Table Leader/Music– Glenn Hafele

Table Leader – Pamela Little

Table Leader – Barb Clavette

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

Please give some thought to hosting a reunion at your church.

August Reunion:

Saturday, August 25, Arthur Richards Jr.'s house at 235 Newton Rd, Northfield, CT at 3:00pm after the Car Wash at Thomaston Congregational at 10:00am.

Directions:

Rt. 8 from the south

Exit 41, Left onto Campville Rd, first right onto Marsh Rd, take First left onto Reder Rd, at the top of the hill turn left on to Newton, Blue House on the Right in 1/4 mile.

Rt. 8 from the North

Exit 41, Right onto Marsh Rd, take First left onto Reder Rd, at the top of the hill turn left on to Newton, Blue House on the Right in 1/4 mile.

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Turn Down the hill at the THE stop light on to Knife Shop Rd, take a Left on to Newton after the Dam, blue house on the Left aprx. 2 iles.

Prayer Requests:

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas' Barb Clavette (JEClavette.at.snet.net or 482-0172) and Sandy Miller (SanJeanM.at.AOL.com or 482-5601) and they will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

Web Stuff to Note:

Art Richards and Rachel LePine are currently redesigning the Aventura site. Let us know what you'd like to see on the new site by messaging us on FaceBook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163216490364454/>

Servants of Aventura:

<http://www.aventuract.com/>

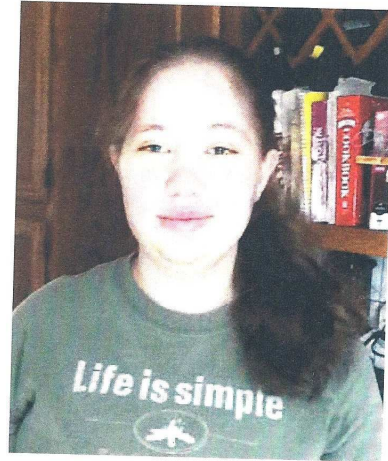
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- For information on Aventura contact **Art Richards** at Registration@AventuraCT.com or call **(860)-307-4806**.
- To put something into the *Croaker* email **Rachel LePine** at Publications@AventuraCT.com or mhbaggins@sbcglobal.net.
- Follow us on **Twitter** by clicking here - [@AventuraCT](https://twitter.com/AventuraCT)
- For people who have been on an Aventura weekend, join the AventuraCT [Facebook](#) group.

Dear Family and Friends,

Some of you know that I have felt God calling me to Asia. I've been there once before, in the summer of 2009, and it was a time of great spiritual growth for me. It was a tremendous blessing to have all of your prayers supporting me there. I could literally feel your prayers at times, as God miraculously worked out details and melted away obstacles that arose in opposition to the work He desired to do there. I received an abundant amount of grace to handle situations and do things that I know I could not have done except through the Spirit, in answer to your prayers. Thank you for standing with me in that work.



Now I would like to ask you to do the same again. At the end of this semester, I will hopefully have an opportunity to serve in Asia again for 30 days, possibly more. I have recently been learning a lot about the power and importance of intercessory prayer, so I do not want to venture on such an undertaking without being backed by prayer support. I can't do this on my own; I need you to wrestle in prayer for me against the powers of darkness. Please prayerfully consider committing to pray for me on a regular basis for the next few months as I seek to follow God's leading in my life.

Unfortunately, because of the delicacy of political situations, I can't give details about where I am going or what I will be doing, but I will most likely be helping with English camps, college student/youth ministry, and in whatever other ways the local believers can find for me to help the local church. The local church said that they will not have anything useful for me to do until their school year is over at the end of June, so until then, I will be volunteering somewhere in Europe.

Here are some prayer requests (these are just bullet points; if you want more details, you can read the note appended to the main letter):

- Pray for me to be able to get a visa.
- Pray against discouragement and depression.
- Pray for me to learn the language and understand the culture.
- Pray for me to be a blessing to the people already working there, rather than a hindrance.
- Pray for the unity of the believers.
- Pray for protection and traveling mercies.
- Pray for me to have the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the government of the country.
- Pray for the protection, encouragement, and emboldening of the national believers.
- Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the unbelievers and draw them to Himself.
- Pray for me to have the necessary finances.

At this time it is hard to tell exactly how much this trip will cost, but from the figures I have right now, it looks like the Lord will need to provide at least \$2000 for me to make this trip. I ask you to prayerfully consider helping to support me financially. If you feel the Lord leading you to do so, please send any financial support to Calvary Chapel Southbury and mark it clearly "Brittany - Trip to Asia."

Thank you so much for everything, I love you guys! God bless you!
Your sister in Christ,
Brittany Codella

Notes on Prayer Points:

- Pray for me to be able to get a visa. Pray for me and the people here to have wisdom and discernment to know how to properly fill out all the paperwork without jeopardizing the work that is already going on in Asia. Pray for me to find grace and favor in the eyes of the embassy here in Hungary and the government of the country.
- Pray against discouragement and depression. Many of the missionaries here have attested to the fact that one of the first ways the enemy attacks on the field is through discouragement and depression, and I want to be on guard against that, as I have been through depression before and probably have a propensity towards it.
- Pray for me to learn the language and understand the culture.
- Pray for me to be a blessing and a help to the people already working there, and that I will not get in their way or cause problems through my inexperience. Pray that I will keep a humble attitude and that I will be willing to learn from others. Pray against any critical spirit, and pray for the unity of the believers there.
- Pray for protection and traveling mercies, that I will be able to find my way through all the airports and make flights on time, and that there will not be any hold-ups or problems with security/customs. Pray that my luggage will make it to and from Asia with me and not get misplaced. Pray for me to make good decisions about what travel arrangements to make.
- Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for wisdom, that He will direct my steps and show me what to do. Pray that He would continue to show me what He wants me to do with my life. Pray that I will be a light and a witness and that I will have opportunity to share the gospel.
- Pray for the government of the country, that they will be favorably disposed towards the Christians and for God to guide their decisions, whether they are aware of His leading or not.
- Pray for the national believers, for protection, and boldness, and freedom from anxiety and fear. Pray that there will be able to be more openness in the church.
- Pray for the people I will come in contact with who are not believers, that God would stir their hearts and that they would be drawn to Him and find Him. Pray that I will be able to point people to Him, and not myself, and that He will get all the glory.
- Pray for me to have the necessary finances to go, and to live there when I get there. Pray for me to have wisdom in handling finances, and to be frugal.