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Hello fellow Christians!

It's summer and you know what that means. It's mission trip season!

For those of us who have been on a mission trip before know that the weeks and months leading up to the trip are just as important as the trip itself, maybe even more. Asking God to prepare your heart for an extended time of intense service and spiritual epiphany is vital to the success of the trip.

The Sunday before going away has always been my favorite and most important part of any trip I take. I take being commissioned by my church very seriously. For some, being commissioned is just a part of going through the motions, kind of a detour to the intense planning and packing that's usually happening. For me, the commissioning is the equivalent of being knighted by the queen. Walking to the altar, kneeling before the King of kings, releasing any anxiety/doubt about worldly provisions, knowing God will provide for and sustain me. I am submitting the work of my hands and heart to do His will in the timing He has chosen. Kneeling before my pastor as she lays a hand on my shoulder, she begins praying for the guidance, strength, endurance and peace, and with a prophetic word, invite the body of Christ to join in the anointing. Feeling the hands of those who support me, body and soul, place their warm loving hands on my back is like no other. Feeling the intensity of their love and prayers run through my body, only by way of the Holy Spirit, lights a fire, a desire, a laser-like focus in me to fulfill God's intentions to the best of my capabilities. As the pastor says "Amen", most hands lift while some linger to finish their own prayers. As I stand and turn slowly around I am surrounded by those I love and who love me. I express my gratitude for their overwhelming support. As I walk back to my pew, I walk weightless, determined, and proud as a newly anointed soldier of Christ.

Pray for an anointing of passion and purpose for each and every one of you.

~Emily

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

July Car Wash and Picnic:

Saturday, July 16, 9-2 Car Wash Picnic at Art's House Afterwards, Potluck
1st Congregational Church of Thomaston

The Picnic will be at Art Richards House, 235 Newton Rd, Northfield , CT 06790

Directions to Arts: Exit 41 off Rt 8 South, Take a right off the exit onto Marsh Rd, then your first left onto Reder. At the top of the hill take another left at the stop sign onto Newton. It is a blue house on your right in 1/4 mile.

Exit 41 off Rt 8 North, Head straight onto marsh rd, then your first left onto Reder. At the top of the hill take another left at the stop sign onto Newton. It is a blue house on your right in 1/4 mile.

From 254, at THE Stop light in Northfield, head down the hill onto Knife Shop Rd/ Main St, at the bottom of the hill take a left onto Newton at the water falls. In approx. 2 mi the house is on the left, blue in an open field.

August Tag Sale/Picnic

Saturday, August 20 8:30 – 3:30

1st Congregational Church of Torrington 835 Riverside Ave, Torrington CT

Prayer Requests:

Please be praying for our Coordinator, Barb Clavette, and her Chief Art Richards, as they work on preparing for the upcoming Aventura Weekend. Be praying for how you can serve on this upcoming weekend and for who you might ask to be a guest.

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas':

Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.net or 482-0172)
Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

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