

=THE CROAKER=

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President's Letter:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership with the gospel from the first day until now, being confident in this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:3-6

June 19, 2012

A FINAL FAREWELL FROM THE OVAL OFFICE!! ☺

It is with great sadness that my two-year term as your fearless leader and President comes to an end this month! It has been such a privilege, honor and blessing to serve this community and further the growth of the Aventura Mission - to bring more young people to know and serve Christ and to help them grow into strong future Christian Leaders! AMEN to that!

This month's reunion will be held on **June 30th at the Covenant Church in Thomaston at 7:00 pm**. I hope each one of you will be there to vote in the new officers willing to serve the Aventura Community. A quorum is needed to hold the vote so it is important for as many of us to be there as possible. Come and support Aventura and its future leaders! ☺

Team planning continues to move along and is almost complete. See a note from **Laura Roehl** later in the Croaker. Continue to keep Laura and Art in prayer as they continue to make preparations for the Fall Weekend. Pray about how you can support them, what you can do to help out, and most importantly about whom you may want to sponsor. Applications are available on the website (aventuract.com) or contact Art Richards. Sponsorship forms should be carefully read and prayerfully thought about before asking a potential guest about the Weekend. Be sure THEY are ready to accept the invitation and that YOU are ready to continue to support them before, during and well after the weekend!

Much Love and Success to each of you and the ongoing ministry of Aventura!!

In Christ,

Donna D.

Aventura (soon-to-be-ex) President ☺

Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

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

June Reunion:

Saturday, June 30' Covenant Church, Thomaston: 7:00 pm.

Stuff to Note:

- For anyone interested, **Dennis Redline** and **Rachel LePine** are looking for Aventurites who are willing to act as voice actors to play in an audio adaptation of Dennis' book! We also need instruments to record music. Call **203-573-1780** or **203-819-3652** if you'd like to know more. =)

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.

Birthdays:

Happy birthday to all June-Aventurites!
(The Croaker Lady lost her list again...):-)

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/>

check out the web site at www.aventuract.com

Servants of Aventura:

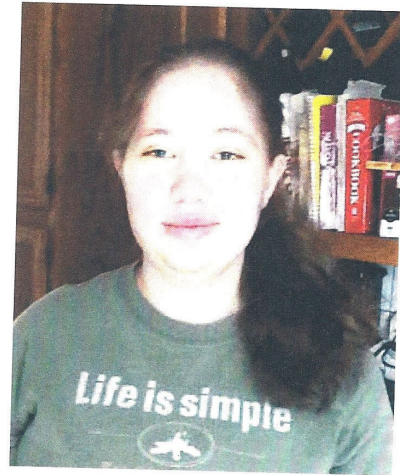
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- For information on Aventura contact **Art Richards** at Registration@AventuraCT.com or call **(860)-307-4806**.
- To put something into the *Croaker* email **Rachel LePine** at Publications@AventuraCT.com or mhbaggins@sbcglobal.net.
- Follow us on **Twitter** by clicking here - [@AventuraCT](#)
- 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.