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President's Letter:

Hello to all Aventurites, I want to say '**Thank You**' to all who came to help and those who had their car washed by us. The car wash went very well. We made **\$320** for all of our work!

As I said last month, I will be talking on **Isaiah 6: 1-8**. It starts off with Isaiah seeing God in the temple. He also sees angels (seraphim). They have their faces covered as well as their feet. Isaiah was not covered at all and he was looking on God when even the angels could not look at Him! When Isaiah understands this, he says '**It's all over! For I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips and live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies.**' After that one angel took a coal that was on fire, let me say that once more, the **coal was on fire**, and he touched his lips. Now I have gotten burned on the hand or arm but not the lips. As painful as a burn on the arm can be, being burned on the lips has to hurt quite a bit (as well as being very noticeable). While it was painful, it took away all his sin. That is what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross. **He took the pain that was needed to cleanse us of our sin.** All we have to do is ask him into our hearts. But that was not the end of the story. It was just the start. God asked, ' Whom should I send as a messenger to the people? Who will go for us?' Isaiah said '**Here I am. Send me.**' We have been sent out into the world. It can be a hard and painful task at times, but an easy thing you can do is to ask someone on the weekend, you can also bring them to a reunion. **The next two are not open to those who are not Aventurites, but ask them on the weekend so they can get to know the love of Christ.**

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,

We have had our 1st team meeting, and I sense a community among the members that usually happens after the team has met for a while. I'm excited to see how the Spirit will move among us as we continue to meet! There **has been some changes to the team**, but the list is complete now so please look it over and keep us in your prayers.

We have heard of 20 people who might be guests on the weekend, but we have **4 applications so far**. While it is exciting to hear numbers like that, it doesn't count until we have applications in hand! Please get those applications in... the **deadline is September 27th**.

If you would like to volunteer for the "outside team" to serve or make something for the pot love please call **me at 860-489-3090 or Arthur at 860-307-4806**.

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 – Cole Hafale

General Auxiliary – Ethan Hill

Rollo Room Auxiliary – Liz Atwood

Chapel Auxiliary – Amanda Morse

Palanca Auxiliary – Chad Fairclough

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.

September Reunion:

Saturday, **September 29**, Praise Christian Fellowship,
Barkhamstead, CT. 3:30 for a **palanca party** and **assembly meeting**.
Closed reunion!

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/>

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

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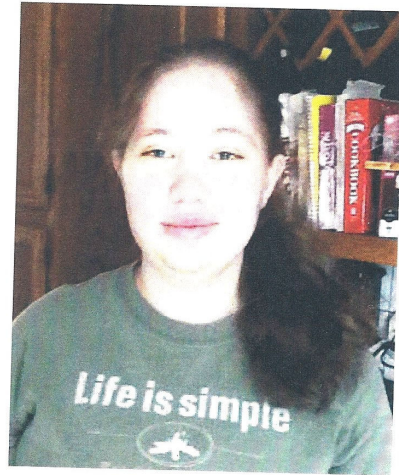
Weekend

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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.