Operation Christmas Child
by Esther Jones

Sharing the Good News of God’s love with hurting children is at the heart of Operation Christmas Child (OCC). The gift boxes serve as reminders to the children that there is a God who loves them and who sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be their Savior. Millions of children and their families have become faithful followers of the Lord after receiving a box, the Gospel literature and follow-up Bible lessons.

This is our 16th year for NAS to be a Collection Center for OCC, serving the northwestern Indiana and southwestern Michigan area. We are expecting to receive as many as 24,000 shoe box gifts (five semi-trailers) during the upcoming National Collection Week (November 12-19). As one of the Bible Labs for NAS, students eagerly assist with the unloading of vehicles, packing of shipping cartons and the loading of the trailers. They also participate by packing their own boxes at a school-wide packing party scheduled for November 2. Most of the contents of these boxes have been donated; however, assistance with the $7 suggested shipping fee per box is always helpful. (Please make checks payable to “Operation Christmas Child” and leave with the school office or give to Esther Jones.)

This year with the expected shoe box collection of more than nine million boxes worldwide, OCC expects to pass a significant milestone—collecting and delivering shoe boxes to more than 100 million children since 1993! Through the power of a simple gift and the message of hope through Jesus Christ, children learn they are loved and not forgotten. For many children, the shoe box gift will be the first gift they have ever received, often providing necessary supplies to attend school, etc. Help us populate Heaven through participating in OCC! If you have questions or would like to help pack cartons or load semi-trailers, please contact Esther Jones at 269-845-5770 or email: occesther@gmail.com. Please pray for the children who receive the boxes and for the thousands of volunteers who make it OCC possible.
Thankful Hearts!

What does a heart full of “Thanks” look like? Living includes pain. We cannot escape the experience of pain, but we don’t have to make pain our only experience. Too often we give our pain a voice, and it begins to scream so loudly that it drowns out all other meaning life offers. Jesus said in John 10:10 that He has come that we may have life and have it to the full. What did He really mean by it if we constantly experience pain? A clue to answering this may lie in the same reason to “rejoice always” (Philippians 4:4). When salvation is the core focus of living life, everything gets its rightful perspective. This is God’s heart, desire and mission: Salvation! It ought to give us the full life we desire as we rejoice in the Lord now, anticipating His soon return.

There is nothing as important as our salvation. Having the assurance of salvation should wake us up with gratitude as it puts us also to sleep. This thankful heart should pulsate with forgiveness as it has been forgiven. It should beat with love for family, neighbors, friends and even enemies as it beats consistently with love for God. This thankful heart should pump living energy into our hands, feet, mind and body that can serve others to the extent of laying down our lives for them. Everything changes when your heart pumps with “Thanksgiving.”

What makes your heart pump with energized “Thanks” this Thanksgiving?

Blessed Blessings,

Pastor Darrel

Evangelism Update

The last Sabbath in October saw us launch our evangelism plans for February 8-16, 2013. Pastor Rodlie Ortiz explained the amazing potential that iPerceive could have in our community. We spent time in prayer and asked the Lord to bless our plans. If we want the Lord to give us Niles, we need constant prayer and participation from the whole church.

Below are the countdown plans and a list of ministries that you can participate in. Please prayerfully consider where you want to sacrifice time and energy for the Lord in this kingdom-growing adventure. “Lord, give us Niles!”

Countdown:

- November 3 - Ministry Teams Promoted
- November 10 - Ministry Teams Promoted
- November 17 - Training with David Penno
- November 19-23 - Bible Study Homes Active
- November 24 - Prayer Sabbath
- December 1 - Training with Ed Schmidt from NADEI (transition visits)
- December 7-9 - Gym: Soundproof and lighting tested
- December 8 - Prayer Sabbath & Seminar on Prayer with David Penno
- December 27/28 - Billboard
- January 7 - Ministry Teams Finalized
- January 12 - Training of Teams
- January 19 - Prayer Sabbath
- January 21-25 - Mail Invitations Sent Out
- January 26 - Prayer Sabbath
- February 2 - Final Training of All Teams
- February 5 - Décor Completed
- February 8-16 - iPerceive Series

Follow-Up (February - May):

- Theme: Prophecy You Can Trust
- Wednesday Evenings (7-8 p.m.) & Sabbaths (11 - 12:15)
- Total Number of Meetings: 20

Evangelism Ministries:

- Prayer Ministry
- Bible Study Teams
- Visitation Teams
- Spiritual Guardians
- Row/Table Hosts
- Children’s Programs
- Parking and Transportation
- Data Entry
- Greeters
- Gym Set-up Team
- Gym Take-down Team
- Décor Team
- Catering Team
- Social Team
Meet Our New Members

Nõmmik Family
by Gina Meekma with Nõmmiks

Aldar & Laura Nõmmik moved to Berrien Springs from Estonia, Europe, about a year ago. Laura is from California, and Aldar is from Estonia. They met while they were taking the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism course. They have been married for three years, and have lived in a different country each of those years—England, Estonia, and now the United States.

The Nõmmiks transferred their membership from Estonia to Niles Westside in September because they enjoy the services, the warmth of the church family, and the opportunity to be involved in the church.

Laura works as a nurse, and Aldar is studying at Andrews University. They both enjoy music and sports such as volleyball, soccer and running together. They also like traveling and exploring new places together. A couple of Laura’s interests are photography and baking. Aldar has recently enjoyed studying biblical languages.

Welcome to the Niles Westside family, Aldar & Laura!

Photo Provided by Nõmmiks

It’s a Boy!

Stewart Andrew “Andy” Cross was born on October 10 at 10:22 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz, and was 20 ½ inches long.

Congratulations to Brendan & Becca and big brother Danny!

Photo Provided by Cross Family

“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.”

— Elizabeth Bibesco
**Upcoming Pathfinder Events**

- **Weekly Meetings** - **Wednesdays** from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (gym)
- **Can Collecting** - **Sabbath, November 3**, from 4-8 p.m.
- **Pathfinder Drill Tryouts** - **Saturday Night, November 10** (gym)
- **Free Babysitting** - **Sunday, December 2**, from 4-6 p.m. (gym)

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**Niles Caterpillars Adventurer Club News**

by Laurel Gaudin

We had a lot of fun in October in Adventurers. We began with our Induction at the beginning of Pathfinder Sabbath. We have fifteen new Adventurers, and most of them were officially inducted on October 6. At our Award meeting, we took advantage of the sunshine and completed most of the requirements for the tree award. On our Family Network night, we earned the Stamping Fun Art Award. A heartfelt thank you to Carolyn Baltazar and Sandy Smith for co-teaching that class for us.

On Sabbath, October 27, we went with the Pathfinders and passed out bags to collect nonperishable food items for needy families in our community. We will be joining the Pathfinders again on Sabbath, November 3, to collect the bags we have passed out. If you would like to donate food to our cause or know a family who needs help with food this holiday season, please contact the Adventurer or Pathfinder leaders. For Adventurers, you may contact Laurel Gaudin or Tami le Roux, and for Pathfinders, please contact Marlin Sluiter or Janessa Howell. We do not tell the families who gave us their names, but if you would like to remain anonymous from the club leadership as well, please contact Pastor Darrel. Please say a special prayer for us on November 12 when we will be delivering the food we have collected to the families in need. From all the Adventurers and Adventurer Staff, have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! May God grant us all grateful hearts to receive His bountiful blessings!

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**Showing God’s Love to Our Community**

by April Hughes

It’s that time of year again when the Niles Four Flags Pathfinder Club collects nonperishable food items for local area families in need of our support and love. The Adventurer Club is working with the Pathfinder Club again this year. Bags have been passed out in the community, and the group is scheduled to pick up the bags and begin sorting items on November 3. It’s not too late to participate! Church members are welcome to donate nonperishable food items and drop them off at the church. All donations are sorted into Thanksgiving Day baskets that will be delivered to families before Thanksgiving.

Bags will be available to pick up at the church on November 3. If you wish to donate, please have items dropped off to the church by November 10. Other donations that would be welcome to include in the baskets are health care items such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, etc. Please keep this annual project in your prayers. It is our hope that families will be blessed and will see God’s love in action. If you have questions about Pathfinders or this project, please contact Marlin Sluiter at mjsluiter57@yahoo.com or Janessa Howell at janessa.howell@gmail.com.
Church Family News

† New Church Officer: Deaconess - Geneva Lintz

† Church Business Meeting: Sunday, November 4, at 6 p.m. Please attend!

† Fellowship Lunch: Sabbath, November 10, after second service. Please bring extra food and join us in the school gym!

† Chili Cook-off & Game Show: Saturday, November 10, at 6 p.m., in the gym. Feel free to bring chili and/or corn bread. Vote on your favorite mild or spicy chili! Water/juice will be provided. Rice and toppings (onions, cheese, corn chips), as well as Rice Krispy bars, will be for sale. There will also be a special event, and we will need help to judge the participants!

Game Show: Come test your knowledge on how well you know your spouse, kids how well you know Mom and Dad, or friends on how well you know each other. * Children should always be accompanied and supervised by adults. *

† Relational Evangelism Workshop: Sabbath, November 17, after an optional potluck, at 2 p.m. at the church, we will share some simple methods for witnessing and sharing your faith. These methods are not complicated, and you do not need to be a Bible scholar. God can use each of us to open the hearts of others to a relationship with Jesus.

† Birthday Celebration: Pastor Bill Dudgeon, Sr. is celebrating his 80th birthday on Sabbath, November 17. His children are planning a special celebration that evening to mark the occasion, and he asked that you be invited. There will be a vespers program at 5 p.m. at Niles Westside. After vespers there will be a reception in the school gym. Hope you can attend! Please R.S.V.P. to dudgeon@andrews.edu or dudgeonjr@hotmail.com.

† Volleyball: November 1, 4, 15, and 18 at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Adults are invited to come play volleyball on alternating Thursday and Sunday evenings. Watch the church bulletin and calendar for exact dates each month.

† Food Bank: If you receive a free turkey from your credit union or other organization and do not wish to use it, please contact Peggy Cain at 269-683-6523 to donate to the food bank for Thanksgiving baskets for our clients. Other nonperishable food is needed also. Thank you!

† Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Week: November 12-19 at the NAS Gym. Help is needed on Sunday afternoon, November 18, all day Monday, November 19, and early Tuesday morning, November 20, with packing cartons and loading semi-trucks with cartons of shoe boxes. Please contact Esther Jones (269-845-5770 or email: occesther@gmail.com) for more information and if you can help.

† Rich Aguilera Live! and Muddy: November 9-10 at Niles Westside Church. Friday at 1 p.m., and Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Join Rich Aguilera, nature columnist from GUIDE MAGAZINE, as he explores the claims being made by evolution scientists, schools and the media about evolution and WHERE WE CAME FROM. What is all this evolution evidence scientists talk about? Is there any evidence for Creation in science? How do we tell others what we believe? This dynamic, interactive presentation is for people of ALL ages but especially kids. Be prepared to explore and discover Biblical truths using all your senses!
October Happenings at NAS

The 7th & 8th graders enjoyed Lifestyle Improvement for Teens (LIFT) at Camp Au Sable.  
*Photo by Heidi Beardsley*

Pre-K & K, and 6th graders, went to Bertrand Farms.  
*Photo by LeAnn Kiper*

3rd - 5th graders made S’mores at the Chapel in the Woods to celebrate being done with Achievement Tests.  
*Photo by Heidi Beardsley*

Fall Festival - The inflated slide/obstacle course is always a hit.  
*Photo by Heidi Beardsley*
Citrus Fruit Fundraiser

Donations & Proceeds will help the Niles Adventist School

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**Variety pack contains 32-34 pieces: Bottom layer 16-20 navelns, Top layer 6 grapefruit & 10 tangerines

**Pick up dates are usually 10-14 days after order due date.**

To place your order, please contact Dawn Kingman at 574-340-9637 or dawnkingman3@gmail.com.

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Thank you!

Upcoming NAS Events

- **OCC Packing Party** - Friday, November 2
- **1st & 2nd Grades Field Trip to Sarrett Nature Center** - Wednesday, November 7
- **3rd - 5th Grade Field Trip to Young People’s Concert** - Friday, November 9
- **3rd Grade Music at Niles Westside Church** - 2nd Service - Sabbath, November 10
- **1st & 2nd Grades Field Trip to Curious Kids Museum** - Monday, November 12
- **OCC Collection Week at NAS** - November 12-19
- **School Board Meeting** - Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Meal & Noon Dismissal** - Friday, November 16
- **Thanksgiving Vacation** - November 19-23
- **Family Night** - Thursday, November 29, at 6 p.m.

Gift Cards Fundraiser

“Fundraising While You Shop”

Contact the school to find out how you can help the school, as well as a student’s tuition, by buying gift cards for your shopping, dining, gas, traveling, Christmas and birthday gift giving, and other needs! It doesn’t cost you anything and is a big benefit to the school. The next orders are due on Tuesdays, November 13 and 27.

You can sign up to order cards and pay online at www.shopwithscrip.com (NAS Enrollment Code: AL8ELD988L1). Use Presto Pay to pay online for gift cards. A growing number of cards are reloadable, and there are cards added often to ScripNow!, which are instant ecards sent to your e-mail.

Contact the school or go to www.glscrip.com for a complete list of participating businesses.

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Niles Westside News
### November Calendar of Events

1st  Volleyball (gym) .............................. 7 p.m.
3rd  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker......... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
      Ravish Visitation/Memorial. ............................... 2 & 3 p.m.
      Pathfinder/Adventurer Can Collecting.  ........... 4-8 p.m.
      Minter Memorial Service. .............................. 5 p.m.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back 1 Hr**
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ........... 8 a.m.
Church Business Meeting .......................... 6 p.m.
Volleyball (gym) ........................................ 7 p.m.

5th  Citrus Fruit Orders Due

Women's Bible Study ................................ 10:30 a.m.
Adventurers (gym). .................................... 6 p.m.
House of Prayer Time ................................ 6-7 p.m.
Elders Meeting. ......................................... 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna ........................................ 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) ..................................... 6:30 p.m.
Praise Prayer Meeting .............................. 7 p.m.
Rich Aguilera Live! & Muddy.  .......... 1 p.m.
Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker. 5 a.m.
Rich Aguilera, Speaker. .......................... 11 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch (gym) ........................................ after 2nd svc
Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor. .... 2:30 p.m.
Rich Aguilera Live! & Muddy.  .......... 5 p.m.
Chili Cook-off & Game Show (gym).  6 p.m.
Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park). .... 8 a.m.
Social Committee Meeting ......................... 4 p.m.

12th  OCC Shoe Box Collection Week Begins

13th  House of Prayer Time .................. 6-7 p.m.
School Board Meeting (school). .............. 7 p.m.
Midweek Manna ........................................ 7 p.m.
Pathfinders (gym) ..................................... 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting ................................. 7 p.m.
Volleyball (gym) ........................................ 7 p.m.

16th  NAS Noon Dismissal for Thanksgiving Break

17th  David Penno, Speaker .................. 8:30 & 11 a.m.
      Potluck (optional). .............. after 2nd svc
      Relational Evangelism Workshop. .... 2 p.m.
      Vespers/Reception for Pastor Bill Dudgeon .... 5 p.m.

18th  Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) .... 8 a.m.
      Volleyball (gym) ........................................ 7 p.m.

19th-23rd  NAS Thanksgiving Vacation

19th  OCC Shoe Box Collection Week Ends

20th  Community Thanksgiving Service.'] 7 p.m.
21st  Prayer Meeting .............................. 7 p.m.
22nd  Happy Thanksgiving!

24th  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker........ 8:30 & 11 a.m.
25th  Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) .... 8 a.m.

26th  Newsletter Items Due

Women's Bible Study ................................ 10:30 a.m.
Adventurers (gym) ...................................... 6 p.m.
House of Prayer Time ................................ 6-7 p.m.
Church Board Meeting .............................. 7 p.m.
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