



# Joy Mennonite Church Newsletter

## What's New With the Youth?

By Melissa Warkentine

Why should it matter to us that billions and billions of people are dying each day from starvation and malnutrition? Why should we care and try to do something about this problem all over the world? How can we possibly know what it is like to go days on end without food not knowing when we will receive our next meal of beans and rice?

To many people beans and rice is divinity. This matter was brought to attention in youth class several weeks ago by Moses and Terry ( the teachers of the class). Then Kyle Bliss had the idea of sort of

a little fast. We could go a whole 24 hours without eating at all.

This would help to simulate the idea of not being able to have food because of the resources that are available. So as a class we decided to have this "fast". So after lots of thought and consideration we decided to meet at Hopefield on Friday, March 10 and then we would fast until Saturday evening. Through out the 24 hours many of us shared our thoughts and feelings, "I feel that going and eating pizza after this all is finished is wrong, I think that we should stop being so selfish and eat a simple meal of rice and beans for dinner." Said Jessica Warkentine. "I have realized that we really take

things for granted her in America, World Nations has made me think more about how I act." Said B.J. Wood. "At least I made it !" Was Scott Bliss's only reply. We learned many different things like how far trade is important and that we should not send food but educators that will teach them different things that they might need to service. And on behalf of the Youth Group, I would like to thank Moses and Sadie Mast, Frank and Beverly Bliss, as well as the rest of the church for making this fast possible, it was a very nice educational experience.

## Ten Thousand Villages Booth Now Open

A few months ago, Joy Church helped place a Ten Thousand Villages Booth in the Creative Crossings Boutique in Chandler, Ok. I am please to say that the items and the idea have been very well accepted and supported.

I have had several churches request I come and

make a presentation and bring the items along to church group meetings. Several of the ladies visiting the store had heard of the program and encouraged their friends to support it.

Ten Thousand Villages is an organization that provides vital, fair income to Third World people by selling their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. For more information you can find

them on the internet- <http://www.villages.ca> or write me a note and I will get you more information-Charlotte Warkentine, Rt. 1 Box 3405, Chandler, Ok. 74834.

I am very interested in being informed of places that I could bring a display or present a program. I can be contacted at 405-258-0651. Charlotte Warkentine

# News

Peter and Kay Brueckner have been appointed as board members for the Oklahoma MCC relief sale.

Sunday, March 5 Dorthea Janzen preached at Joy Mennonite Church. Dorthea is a member of the ministerial committee of the Western District Conference. This committee met with Oklahoma pastors on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

The youth from Hopefield had a 24 hour fast as a discipline to remember the hungry and suffering people of the world on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Our inter-generational Sunday school class on March 12<sup>th</sup> focused on this experience.

Joy Mennonite is preparing relief packages for flood victims in Venezuela.

Moses will be attending a mission consultation in Harisonburg, Virginia, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. Moses and Sadie each have a brother living in Virginia. This provides a good opportunity to visit with them.

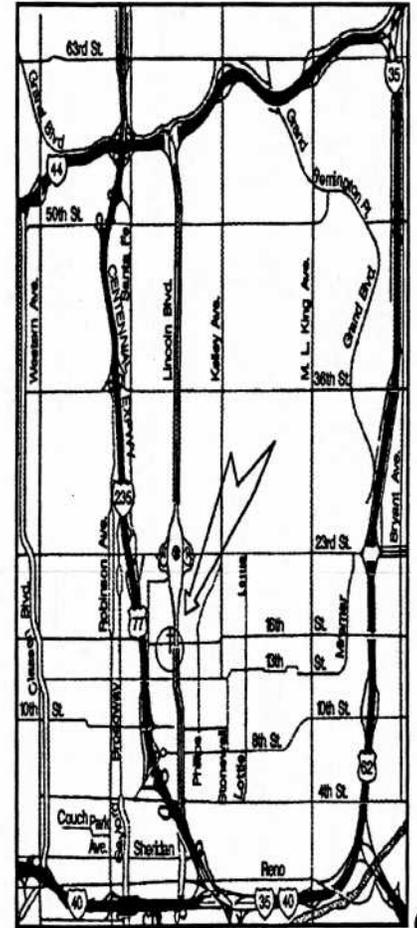
## Dates to remember

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Quarterly business meeting.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting at Pleasant View Mennonite Church with Duane Beck to help us understand the merger process of the General Conference and Mennonite Conference.



**Joy Mennonite Church is located at 504 NE 16<sup>th</sup> (just west of the oil derrick on Lincoln Blvd, south of the state capitol.)**  
**Worship is at 10:00 am.**

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