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Still Giving Thanks for You!

November 2013



It has become the norm for stores to begin decorating for Christmas prior to Thanksgiving. If you do see anything about Thanksgiving after Black Friday, it is normally because the items are on clearance.

I'm going to buck the trend and give thanks for you after Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, due to a software glitch and my hard drive needing to be replaced, I'm a little tardy in giving thanks for you through the *FW Falcon*. While tardy, I simply want to thank you for your continued interest and support of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. It truly is a blessing to **CARE** for, **CONNECT** with, and **CELEBRATE** how the ministry continues here and abroad for and through our alumni!

Alumnus Assists in Philippines

As a mail carrier, **Steve Sherman g83** is required to deliver the mail come snow, sleet, or rain. He recently tested that motto delivering supplies, not for the US Postal Service, but to those who were impacted by Typhoon Haiyan that struck the Philippines earlier this month.

"The devastation we observed was sobering," Sherman said in a report on his Facebook page. "A movie production couldn't create a more effective war zone . . . the entire northern region of Leyte Island is truly a disaster."

Steve's team was able to deliver a flatbed of food and supplies to the village of Corba (which means "bend in the road") about 10 kilometers from Tacloban City. He and two other team members from Oregon, plus a Filipino doctor and nurse, went specifically to minister to a young pastor and his family who run a children's ministry.

Look for a more complete update from Steve on the Resource Center [website](#) soon. Also, look for a story in our upcoming *FW Vine* that tells how **Pastor Ken g87 & Joanne (Kingsbury) g84 Sistrunk** are ministering in Washington, Ill. where a tornado ripped through their town during their Sunday morning service.

Save the Date!

FW Celebrates! is typically a weekend when Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center hosts class and specialty reunions. But next year's celebration, **September 19-20, 2014** will include much more.



Based on your feedback, we plan to work with class representatives from 1954, 1964, 1974, 1989, 1994, 2004, and 2009, but we also plan to host events where alumni of all ages can reconnect, reminisce, and rejoice. Additionally, we are inviting any alumni who graduated the year after each class who wish to be identified with or have friends in an anniversary class.

More details will be forthcoming in the months ahead. For example, we just confirmed that **Dr. Bob h98 & Bette Jo Nienhuis**, former vice president and first lady of the Fort Wayne campus, are going to be with us for *FW Celebrates!* to meet with their former students.

Prayer Prompt...



prayer request!

Today, we rejoice that three more joined our *FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center Prayer Team* this past month. Please pray for those today who have lost a relative or friend this past year, as the holidays can be a very difficult time. For some help during this time, [click here](#), and read an article by **Dr. Susan (Boklaga) Pereira g87**, as it may help. Finally, please pray for Taylor students who will be taking final exams December 9-12.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Michael

Michael D. Mortensen g91
Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Relations



P.S. Did you see the [pull-out](#) of former faculty & staff members?



Along Rudisill...

- In the month of December, you will have an opportunity to thank and honor a former faculty or staff member, or a Fort Wayne campus friend or roommate. Details will be included in our December mailing. In the meantime, please begin thinking of an individual you met on the Fort Wayne campus who has significantly impacted your life. Not on our mailing list? Email your name and address to alumni@fwarc.com.
- The next issue of the *FW Vine*, our mini-magazine publication, will be mailed December 6. This season's theme is Pastoral Ministries. You won't want this issue, as it has several shorter stories featuring alumni serving in traditional and non-traditional ministries—not to mention seven pages of *News Notes*.
- We have just published *Lessons from Life for Life from the New Testament* by **Dr. Wes Gerig g51**. Go to [Amazon.com](#) to order your copy today, or we will have copies available by December 16 at the Resource Center or in our *Prayer Station*. As a new feature, we are publishing it as a soft-cover book AND an e-book (this will be available soon). We also are doing a second printing of his *Roman* book, which will also include an e-book.
- **Bruce g72 and Linda (Roath) g74 Masopust** recently returned from serving at LIFE Camp in Thailand, where Bruce taught a class of high school sophomores and Linda taught an English class to professionals. The Masopusts live in Saugatuck, Mich.
- **Candace (Hart) g09 and Benjamin g11 Moore** announce the birth of Elle Kay, born November 12, 2013. She weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. and was 20 in. long.
- **Shawn Hicks g98** is now the Quality Manager for North American Communications in Duncanville, Pa.
- For more *News Notes* or to submit a *News Note*, please [click here](#) or go to *Current News*. We especially want to see your baby announcements. We have a small gift for those of you who send us the announcement and a picture.

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Monday – 9 to 5 p.m.
Tuesday – Generally Closed
Wednesday – 9 to 5 p.m.
Thursday – 9 to 5 p.m.
Friday – 9 to 5 p.m.

The Resource Center will be closed for Christmas break December 23 - January 1, 2013. You can still give your [gift orders](#) by 11:50 p.m. on December 31, or you may send them as long as they are postmarked no later than December 31, 2013. You may also reach me at 260.437.1265.

Or by appointment (parking available in back).

... if we can help you in any way, please contact the Alumni & Friends Resource Center at (260) 744-8790 during regular business hours or e-mail alumni@fwarc.com anytime!