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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: February 5, 2002 12:00 Noon, McDonald's Family Restaurant

ATTENDANCE: 27 plus Denise Kinzer and Steve McMichael

MISSING: E.Bellot, R.Coady, P.Hermes, G.Huston, D.Kinate, D.Moser, W.Munz, D.Oelschlager, M.Petersen, D.Roberts, J.Strong, L.Weber

SING-A-LONG: Daisy Bell and Oh! Susannah

LOTTO: K.Ernst and J.Tollensdorf

ACTION ON THE AVENUE

CLUB SERVICE:

Programs:

2 - 12 Kim Ernst
 2 - 19 Kirwin Stewart
 2 - 26 Jim Roberts - IL Supreme Court Justice, Rita Gorman

QUIPS AND QUOTES:

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

MARGARET MEAD (1901-1978)
Anthropologist

AREA ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

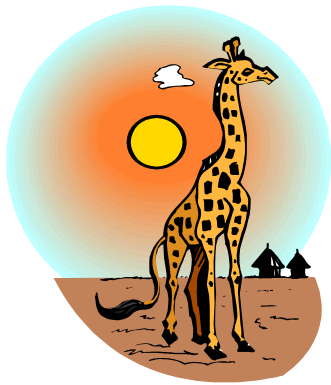
Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:15 p.m.	Wednesday	Bayern Stube
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Monday	Azz Izz Tavern
Pontiac	12:00 Noon	Tuesday	Mary's Family Rest.

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Meet the McMichael Family Missionaries to Southern Africa



See program notes on reverse



MISSIONARIES TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

STEVE McMICHAEL

Steve and Jennifer, daughter of Bill and Lorna Winn, were married in 1992. They have been taking short term mission trips for the last few years. Steve is a registered nurse and Jennifer is a certified special education teacher. They have decided to

move to southern Africa. It is 3 times the size of the U.S. with 30 million square miles and 56 nations. Steve, Jennifer and their daughter, Leah will be living in the southern most tip of Africa. The land is rough and tough, but the people are kind. They are presently doing a great deal of rebuilding. The country has never been peaceful. In 1652 colonization began with various countries going after the rich gold, diamonds, oil and uranium. Everything was sent to their mother countries. In 1975 colonization ended. Foreign powers had brought industry and technology, but the people were unable to understand it and learn from it. At one time open heart surgery was performed until the pump broke. Other countries brought in guns and medicine during the "Cold War" in the 50's-80's. For 400 years foreign powers had the leading roles. Poverty is a big issue. In the wealthy part of the nation a person will make \$2,000 per year, but will pay \$2.50 for gas and 75 cents for a soda. In the northern part the life expectancy is 52 years. They make \$300-\$350 per year and have no car. Yet, 200 miles away at the

Sandburg Mall, you see gold and marble statues! They have 15 million people living in poverty. AIDS is a serious problem with 40% of the people infected. In the area they will be going to 19% are infected and the rate is not going down due to various tribal beliefs and customs. There are hundreds of different tribes each with a different dialog. There are 11 official languages. 80% of the people can speak English. If you can speak 3 languages you are trilingual, if you speak 2 languages you are bilingual and if you speak 1 language you are American. Tribal identity is very important to them and they are very community oriented. People walk freely in their own community without fear. For the past 1100 years the northern part has been Muslim. People are wonderful and their guests are honored. Their strategy is to train pastors. 90% of the pastors currently have no training. Steve will raise his family there and go to the remote areas to teach pastors, giving them the tools to change their communities. People in Africa will listen and follow. Books are read several times. They have only 5 million TV's in Africa compared to 15 million in America. The ministry has been in place for 17 years, 3 years in Zambia. They started with 100 pastors, next year they will have 200 and the following year 300. If you put the books in their hands and teach them, they will learn. They want to take an active role - look at AIDS, teach them what to do to stop it and send them on to teach others. "Put the tools in our hands and we will do the job." (Winston Churchill)

BITS & PIECES

*A mixture of horse sense and common sense
about working with people.*

THE TWO NOTES

After much agonizing, a woman decided to ask for a pay raise, and told her husband of her plan. Then she went off to work, made her request - and at the end of the day the raise was hers! Overjoyed, she rushed home without first calling her husband.

Yet at home she found the table set with candles and flowers, and her husband busy cooking a wonderful meal. He'd come home early to surprise her - she wondered how he knew. When they sat down to eat, she found a note beside her plate: "I knew you could do it! You deserve the best."

After dinner, as her husband took the dishes to the kitchen, a second card fell from his pocket. It read, "You'll get the raise next time! You deserve the best."

That moment she realized what she had had all along - someone who loved her whether she succeeded or failed and who would be there no matter what.

Adapted from "Love without measure"
Steve Goodier

Ordinary people believe only in the possible. Extraordinary people visualize not what is possible or probable, but rather what is impossible. And by visualizing the impossible, they begin to see it as possible.

CHERIE CARTER-SCOT
Motivational consultant

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness or abilities that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

WILLIAM PENN (1644-1718)
Founder of the state of Pennsylvania