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Upcoming Events:

May 24 - House Church Services

May 30-31 - Men's Forum Latin Ministry

June 5-7 - Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

June 20 - Sports day to celebrate Fathers
(Latin Ministry)

June 21 - House Church Services

June 28 - July 3 – Teen Camp in Spokane

July 7 - 17 - Hope Youth Corp Seattle

July 18 - Latin Feast

July 19 - house church services

November 21-22 - Marriage Retreat (Skamania Lodge)

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Sunday Service: 2:30pm, Ambridge Event Center (AEC)

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Wednesday Midweek Service: 7:30 pm Alternating Meetings Men/Women at the AEC

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Happy Easter!

Welcome to our Easter service. If you're visiting we hope you'll enjoy your time with us and come back. Most of our work together as a congregation takes place in small groups meeting during the week around the city. Please take time to see if there is a group near you. We have a website as well. Please go to www.portlandchurch.org to stay in touch with our schedule, messages online, and other items important to us as we try to follow Jesus. The following short article is about our special events last weekend. We collected over \$5000 for a hospital in Cambodia and had a unique service centered around music. You can find this and other articles at www.portlandchurch.org as well. God bless you all and have a great day.



"Not a Weak Weekend"

First of all thanks needs to be given to God and so many people. Last weekend was a big deal for our congregation and the Lord really blessed us through the sacrificial, serving hearts of so many people.

Thanks to Sherwin and Debbie Mackintosh for coming and helping us; with our singing, with our program Saturday night, with an incredibly inspiring service on Sunday.

Sherwin and Debbie have been friends of ours since 1978 when Sherwin was leading a huge and famous choral group called the Crossroad's Singers and came through Chattanooga and performed for us. He remembers my '65 Mustang; I remember that he's been inspiring me for thirty years with his music and his heart.

Thanks to Doug Arthur and James Lloyd for flying up to be with us for our Saturday night program Doug leads the Boston church. James is a professional speaker. But in 1982 they planted a church together in London and shared in planting the seeds that became HOPE *worldwide*. And they're still close friends and like the Mackintoshs', have been inspiring and supporting me with love for three decades.

Thanks to the all of you in the Portland church. Together you raised over \$5000 for the Sihanouk hos-

pital in Cambodia. I've been told that makes our congregation the third highest donor this year for the hospital. God bless you all. You did some really creative things to raise the money. Our teens made over \$300 selling cookies and cupcakes. Thanks to Matt Hammond for running the silent auction that raised over \$600. My favorite one is Charles and Rhoda Wills. Their two year old son raised \$200 through people pledging how many times he would "run" around a track in a nearby park. Enough said.

Thanks to Carl England and 'the band' for performing Saturday night. And to all of you for that wonderful standing ovation you gave the Sunnyside United Methodist Church Choir lead by Cliff Swiss, as well as leaping to your feet after Claris Crushwith played a rousing "Marching to Zion". Cliff cried as we cheered Claris on; he helped build the pipe organ we were thrilled by.

And thanks to all the brothers and sisters who work directly with HOPE *worldwide*, from our own Kelsey and Kelly Joshua to Kevin O'brien who, along with his wife and family, will be moving to Phom Penh to run the hospital. I received this email from him:

Steve-
I was in Cambodia when you visited John and Vivian here in Palm Beach recently, and decided to surf your site tonight for a sermon download to

encourage my soul. Imagine my surprise to find a fundraiser for the hospital – wow. What a blessing. We need to clone you guys! Hmm, I guess that is exactly what God is doing. Anyway, thanks for your faithfulness to God and the poor. We are launching a new hospital web site this month but in case you need any info you can visit the temp URL at <http://dev.sihosp.org/>. Since 1996 the hospital has used \$45 million in donations (half of this grants) to serve one million patients. \$45 per person is an incredible efficiency and keeps me very sober as I manage the books. Much love. Kevin

Sometimes, for some folks, the weekend is really the 'weak' end; a time away from not only the stress of a work week, but also from the Lord. You all made it wonderful and together we got to share in the joy of seeing two men baptized into Christ. Let's continue to work together, along with our new brothers Jason and Pete, and see to it that all of our Sundays are part of Strong-ends that bring us closer to God and one another.

Steve Johnson

Congratulations to Anthony and Darralyn (top picture) who were married March 14th and Carlos and Sky who tied the knot on March 21st!

