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Rev. Mark Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

JESUS
THE WAY,
THE TRUTH,
THE LIFE.



“Make Christ the Holy Lord in your hearts. And always be ready to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have, but be gentle and respectful.” 1 Peter 3:15

As I am writing this, students across the country are getting ready for final exams. For some classes they have to study, study, study for many hours or many days. In other classes, they might look over their notes once... perhaps not even once. In some classes, the students already know exactly what they have to study, in other classes they aren't sure if the final exam will cover the readings from the textbook, the classroom lectures, the additional assigned readings or perhaps something else. I had one college professor who would give us the entire test a week before the test day so we could take it home and study. The day of the test, he would give us the exact same test, same questions, same order, same answers. The only students who didn't get them all correct were the students who didn't take the time to study. When final exams come, the students need to be ready to answer the questions.

In God's Word, written in Peter's first letter, Peter tells us to always be ready to answer anyone who asks us to explain the hope we have. Let me explain a little about the word "hope." In today's world, "hope"

seems to mean "cross your fingers and wish for something... like winning the lottery." That isn't what hope means for Christians. Deaf people have a better understanding of "hope" than hearing people do because in ASL, hope and expect are signed the same way. The hope we have is an expectation. We have the hope (expectation) of a blessed reunion in Heaven.

We need to be ready to explain that hope. We need to be ready to explain about Jesus. We need to be ready to explain about the forgiveness of sins. We need to be ready to explain what it means to be a Christian.

Can you do it? Can you explain your faith to an unbeliever? Can you tell someone why you believe in Jesus, why you know that your sins are forgiven and why you know you will go to Heaven? Every Christian should be able to do this. There are so many people who don't know about sin, don't know why Jesus died on the cross, don't know that He rose again and don't know that He is coming again. We need to be ready to tell them, so that they, like us, will be ready to meet Jesus when the time comes. Always be ready to give an answer...

In Christ,
Pastor Mark Seeger,
ILDA Pastoral Advisor

**2005 ILDA Host
Convention Update**
Vancouver, British Columbia,
Canada

Please see page 6 for letter from host.

**Hotel Reservation
Deadline is July 4th!!!**

ILDA 2005 • Vancouver, BC Canada • August 4-7
Visit website: <http://www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/convention/canada05/>
for Information, Forms, Contacts, Hotel, Maps, etc.

The President's Report...



*Pam Kane, ILDA
2003-2005 President*

Greeting in name of Jesus Christ. He is risen Indeed! We have only three months till we meet again wow time has really flies by.

There is few issues that we need your help in first we need to reach our Mission Project Goals. we still have about \$13,000 to go to reach our goals of \$26,000.

Second thing is there are two new motions. Please pay special attention to these two as we will vote on this at the Board of Director meeting.

Third the By Laws are printed at this time for your review as it was moved and now for your review then vote again on this.

Fourth if any of you are interest in running for officers of ILDA for 2005-2007 please send your request to Lester Ahls he is your nomination chairman for this year.

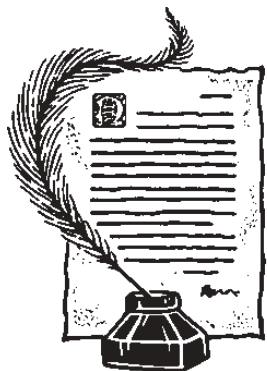
Fifth to this date we have not received any more request for grant for Mission Project for 2005-2007 as the deadline has already passed because it must be send to Erika Spichen within 90 days of ILDA Convention. Please send note to Erika Spichen for grant requests.

May the mercury of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all as you all travel to Canada in Aug and to those of you who are just vacationing this summer ILDA wishes you a bless trip and safe trip home.

May the peace of our lovely Lord Jesus be with you all. We shall see you soon.

*In Christ Whom We so Gladys Serve
Pam Kane
ILDA President*

Editorial...



Greeting to the members of ILDA and readers of the Deaf Lutheran.

First of all, I want to thanks our former editor, Melissa Eichler, for her year and half as editor for job well done.

Secondly, I am happy to return as your editor again. I really have not left the newsletter since I resigned back in summer of 2003. I have made numbers of trips down to Columbus, Ohio to train and help Missy while she was editor. I was even still involved in working with Larry, our Business Manager, with computer setups and production of address labels and mailings.

Third, I have moved in May, 2004 and am now working out of Larry's basement. We have all the computer and stuff here in his basement office.

Here it is almost summer already and ILDA's 18th Biennial Convention is only 2 months away. I am looking forward in making that trip and seeing everyone again. Also, I am looking forward to the Alaska Cruise trip with many ILDA members and friends. It will be my first time on a Cruise! I have been to our 50th state, Hawaii, so this summer I will finally touch our 49th state, Alaska. Smile!

May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

David G. Brown, Editor

Next Newsletter...

The Fall 2005 issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* will be delayed a month or two due to the ILDA convention which is being held on August 4 thru 7, the Alaskan Cruise and board meeting. Thank you for your patience.

Editor

Business Manager...

We would appreciate help with support to our travel fund. This fund shall help us travel to future Regional Conferences that we dream to attend and report on.

Please send any donations to Larry D Ginter, D/L Business Manager, 4134 Sarasota Dr., Parma, OH 44134. **Thank you.**

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Attention Please

ILDA NOMINATIONS

All nominations for ILDA Board positions should be sent to Lester Ahls, Chairperson, 1004 Cherrywood Drive, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613-1614.

The 18th biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association will convene in Vancouver, BC, Canada on the dates of August 4-7, 2005.

We apologize for the unexpected change in planning.

Lester Ahls, Nomination Chairperson

Two motions submitted for review, memory refresher of what the Constitutions and Bylaws and Handbook states...

• *As stated in the Constitutions and Bylaws:*

Article VI: Officers, Section B - Officers and Terms of Office

1. No individual can serve more than one office in the ILDA and its regional branches at the same time.
2. Officers must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
3. No officer may hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
4. Any officer who has been removed from office shall not be permitted to run for or hold office in the ILDA or its regional branches for a period of five (5) years.

Article XI: CONVENTIONS

The ILDA shall hold conventions every two (2) years in odd-numbered years. Regional branches are encouraged to meet in even-numbered years. The conduct as well as all plans, conditions and provisions shall be set forth in this Constitution and its Handbook. All of the ILDA conventions shall be self-supporting.

Article XIV: ILDA Handbook, Section B – Changes

1. The Board of Directors, by an affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority may add, delete, change, modify or alter any of the articles in the Handbook as they believe necessary without convention approval.
2. Each section cannot be changed more than one time in any calendar year and all changes shall be printed in The Deaf Lutheran.
3. A section of the rules may be repealed from this Handbook by a majority vote at the ILDA convention. Any repealed section cannot be changed by the Board of Directors, but must be approved by another ILDA convention before becoming effective.

Article XX: Amendments

Resolutions proposing the amendment, modification, alteration or repeal to the articles of this Constitution may be made by regional branches, congregations and/or fields or the Law Committee.

All resolutions of amendment, modification, alteration or repeal must be given to the membership either through the pages of The Deaf Lutheran or by written letter to all

congregations, fields and persons involved in the pastoral ministry with deaf persons of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at least ninety (90) days prior to the ILDA convention.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the active members present at a legally constituted meeting at the ILDA convention shall be required to amend, modify, alter or repeal the articles of this Constitution.

See ILDA's web site (<http://www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/Board/ILDABoard.html>) for full text of the present Constitutions and Bylaws and the Handbook.

As described above, the followings are required to be published in the Deaf Lutheran newsletter before the ILDA Convention...

Motion #1...

"I move that the conventions of the International Lutheran Deaf Association be every three years beginning in 2012."

Motion made by Donna Wright, member of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Elmhurst, New York.

• *As stated in the ILDA Handbook:*

Article IX: ILDA OFFICERS

Section A - The President

1. The president may serve only one term of two years, but may be re-elected as president-elect for one additional term.
2. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
3. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Council.
4. The president shall be responsible for making an annual report of all ILDA business and progress to the Board of Directors and to the ILDA convention.
5. The president shall determine the necessity of and have authority to call meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Council and the various committees at any time.
6. The president may poll the Board of Directors or the Executive Council in writing and/or by TTY at any time for directions essential to the operation of the ILDA.
7. The president shall prepare the agenda for the Executive Council meetings early enough for the secretary to send it out prior to the meeting.
8. The president shall appoint the following chairmen:
 - a. Mission Projects.
 - b. The U. C. Jones Memorial Right Hand Award.
 - c. Scholarship Fund.
 - d. The ILDA God's 1000 Club.
9. The president shall conduct a training program for all members of the new Board of Directors during the ILDA convention.
10. The president must keep in close contact and expect to receive quarterly reports from the convention host chairman.

Motion #2... request for repeal of section A, Article IX, item #1...

In its place, the following words shall be substituted:

Article IX, Section A:

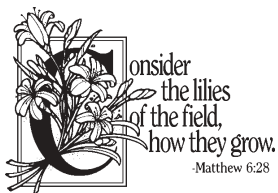
1. "The president, following completion of one term of two years, may be re-elected to a second term of two years by a majority vote of the members present at the following convention."

Motion submitted by Lester Ahls of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

News from around the Regions...



News about our People



Remember to
send to the D/L
editor your
church's
newsletters!

Northwest Region...

Cross of Christ, Edmonton, Canada... Sunday, January 30th, members and friends has honor **Pastor Bauer's** 75th year of life along with luncheon. He has expressed that "this was truly a humbling experience for" him.

Faith, Spokane... has continued to survive for the third year as a non-growing church without own signing pastor as a spiritual leader. Retired Pastors **Martin Hewitt** and **William Ludwig** has made number of guest appearances. **Larry Gorton** and **Elmer Francisco** and number of volunteers has continued to help keep the church going. God Blesses them all!

90th birthday on April 16th was held for **Ella Anderson**. Wow!

Midwest Region...

Omaha, NE... **Kenneth L. Meyer** ('64) has passed away last at the age of 60.

Calvary, Des Moines... 80th Birthday Party Open House was given for **Lawrence Buchholz** (3/16/25) and **Gertrude Hendricks** (3/17/25) on March 18th. **Chester Armstrong**, **Larry Tiener**, **Stoffel Vanderhart**, **Tommy Holder** (Arizona) and **Marguette Chandler** has been called home by our Lord.

Calvary Lutheran Church of the Deaf will celebrates their 30th Anniversary on Sunday, June 26th at 10am.

Word of God, Cedar Rapids... 50th Wedding Anniversary reception was held for **Melvin** and **Verla Boyens** on Sunday, April 10th. May the Lord continue to bless them. **Paul Dramin** has joined Jesus in Heaven.

Central Region...

South Wisconsin Deaf Lutheran... Praise our Lord that **Rev Rinke**, **Rev Palmer**, **Denise** and **Ted Pulfer** has arrived home safe from their mission trip to Ghana, Africa. That was Ted and Denise's honeymoon trip!! Our Lord has called home **Norman Young**. A spring retreat for South Wisconsin and Northern Illinois was held at a Hispanic church in Racine, WI on April 15 & 16, 2005.

Dixie Region...

Austin, TX... Thankk God for keeping **Jonathan Seeger** (Rev. Mark and Carol Seeger's son) and his Marine unit safe and pray for **Gabriel Brown** (Cathy Brown Miller's son of Buffalo, NY) and his Marine unit as they go over to Iraq.

Great Lakes Region...

Alpha, Rochester... **Cliff Leaches** who celebrated his birthday on January 24, 2005,

becomes age 102 with his wife & his friends who joined the party celebrating. He also celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary the next day. There were no 102 candles! Only six candles which satisfied his breath to blow.

Trinity, Pittsburgh... **Don** and **Mary Mowl** are hapy to announce the birth of their great grandson, Benjamin, on January 25th.

Christ, Cleveland... hosted **Pentecost 2005** celebration on May 20-22, 2005.

Clarence F. Schulz...

I was recently informed that our ILDA's 2001 Uriel Jones Right Hand Award recipient, Clarence F. Schulz, has passed away last September (2004). Also, I apologize for his last name has been spelled wrong in the Fall 2001 issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter.

Editor

Obituary for Clarence F. Schulz...

Clarence F. Schulz, 85, died Friday, September 24, 2004, at Chestnut Lane, Assisted Living for the Deaf and Deaf Blind in Gresham, Oregon.

He was born in Vernon, Texas on November 20, 1918, to William and Eleanor (Zschech) Schulz. His father had been a Lutheran minister. Clarence graduated from the Lutheran School for the Deaf in



Detroit, as well as later earning an associate's degree from Macomb County Community College. He married Nonie Estelle Watson on November 23, 1951, in Washington, D.C.

He was a printer, retiring from the Detroit News in 1984. He spent his retirement years in Florida and California. He was a practicing Lutheran and always attended church on Sunday. The primary church of his life was Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Detroit. He assisted starting and was the President of the International Lutheran Deaf Association for three years. Clarence enjoyed reading and current events, travel, golf and bowling, was a painter of fine art, and was a life long student of art and history. His volunteer hours were given to the Lutheran Church or to the deaf.

Clarence is survived by his daughter Pam Schulz of Culver City, CA; his daughter Nancy Schulz of Palo Alto, CA; and his grandchildren Sydney and Drew Lundgren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Nonie and by his sister Lucille Schulz Klein.

A memorial service was held at Chestnut Lane on Monday, September 27. His burial was on October 2 at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, 35667 W. Eight Mile Road, Livonia, MI. Pastor Dunseth of Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Birmingham will provided service.

Right Hand Award...

Elmer Francisco is ILDA's 2005 Right Hand Award Committee chairperson. Elmer has updated and has mailed nomination forms to all the deaf churches. Any questions, contact Elmer at 10004 E. Mission Ave., Spokane Valley, WA 99206-3938. Fax: 509-922-5026.

ILDA Regional Conferences...

Northwest Region...

2006... Host:

Pacific Region...

2006... Host:

Midwest Region ILDA

51st Annual Conference

President: Glenda Haefner

Theme: *"Love to Tell the Story and His Love"*

June 10-12, 2005

Redeemer Lutheran Church/Holiday Inn

Olathe, Kansas

Host: Kansas Lutheran for the Deaf

Chair: Glenda Haefner: haefner5@bluevalley.net

New Officers Election



Central Region...

2006... Host:

Dixie Region...

October 2006... Host: Dallas.

Great Lakes Region...

2005... Host: Good Shepherd, Toledo, OH

2006... Host: Rochester, NY

Eastern Region...

2006... Host:

I have returned the ILDA Regional Conferences column. Please send me all information on your region's next conference.

Deaf Vacation Bible School 2005...

Sponsored by SWD Deaf Ministries (South Wisconsin District) will be held in three areas: Delavan/Janesville Area June 26-30, 2005; Milwaukee Area July 10-14, 2005; and Madison Area July 17-21, 2005. Time? Monday to Thursday 6-8pm. Whom contact? Contact Rev. Reinke at: RevReinke@yahoo.com



Denise and Ted Pulfer's Honeymoon Trip...

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

Praise God we are back from our honeymoon trip to Ghana, Africa. What a great time we had. Not only was it interesting but it also helped the two of us grow closer together. We were able to go to two different deaf schools to teach them about Jesus.

The first school, Bechem, gave us kids who knew the Bible stories better than some of the people at my church here in Madison. They must go to church every week and sometimes on Saturdays. The "preacher" taught them the stories and the law. What he did not teach them is the gospel. He, himself, believed you must "be good" to go to heaven. They did not understand the forgiveness that we receive and the only way to heaven is belief in Jesus. Although we were only there for 4 days you could see some of the older kids start to understand. Pray that the seed of the gospel grows in their hearts. Some of the evangelists, that Pastors Reinke and Palmer were teaching, will go out to the school and continue teaching the gospel.

The second week we went to Jamasi. The children there barely knew any of the Bible stories and were hungry to hear them. Imagine 60-100 children just sitting there with complete focus because they want to hear the stories. That was amazing. The poverty at that school was not in money but in spirit. The teachers and headmaster at that school lacked God's love. There were a few shining lights among them but they were rare. Most just wanted us there so that we would give them things. Pray for the children at that school, they are so hungry to hear the word of God.

Culture shock-

One of the big shocks came when we went to a village outside of the city. 30% of the people there are deaf and they are extremely poor. It was the first time Ted saw real poverty. The Lutheran church supports 9 deaf children to go to school. If you would like to sponsor one you can contact us. For them to go to school it is about \$60 a year.

Highlights

1. Seeing goats riding on top of a bus.
2. Eating Fu Fu
3. Seeing people understand the Gospel for the first time
4. Elephants (so cool)

Thank you for all of your support and prayers during our honeymoon. Not only were we able to teach but also we were able to learn. God is working in wondrous ways in Ghana Pray that the Gospel continues to spread.

Because of Christ, Denise and Ted Pulfer

from Holding Hands March/April 2005 newsletter



Ted and Denise Pulfer. Photo taken at ILDA 2003 Minneapolis convention. See Fall 2003 Deaf Lutheran.

2005 ILDA Host Convention Update

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Greetings from Canada! We are getting more excited in making plans for 2005 ILDA Convention as we come closer with only 3 months away! We are getting good number of people who had already registered so we do hope to get more people in time of the convention. Next Early Bird registration deadline is on June 1st so please register and join us serving together for JESUS! Just want to remind you to reserve your hotel rooms as soon as possible because July 4th is our last day for you to reserve before allowing other people in public to reserve our block rooms.

We still need more proposals for workshop presentations from you. We extend the deadline to June 1st for submitting workshop presenter proposal forms to Gregory Desrosiers. You should find these guidelines in the registration/information booklets that we sent to the churches last November. If you want a copy of the booklet, please feel free to contact me at lidesrosiers1@shaw.ca or see a website at www.LCMSDeaf.org.

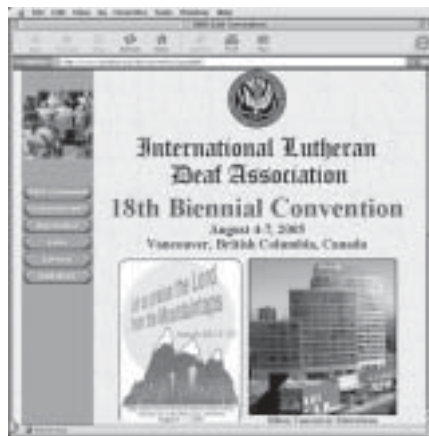
The deadline for placing an advertisement or any words within the advertising space and submitting the advertising contract form to David Sullivan is also extended to June 30th so please consider to support as an individual or organization. You may notice something new as personal advertisement size on the list that you can say something about the Bible verses to share with us for only \$30 dollars!

We hardly wait to get forms especially for the Skit/Banner/Choir competition. Send the forms to Jean

Partington by July 1st or earlier! We are excited to get good numbers of people to register for both of tours so if you have not registered for tours, please do this as soon as possible because we need to reserve for buses to meet the numbers. Unfortunately, the Hilton hotel is not able to provide shuttle services

to the airport but we are considering to rent vans to pick you up so if you need rides, let us know. There will be small fee per a trip. Hilton Hotel has an agreement with Bonnies Taxi for a set fee of \$26.00 each way so if you prefer to take a taxi, you can request for it at the airport.

Most of the Deaf Lutheran churches are aware that Jr. ILDA (ages 13-21) program is cancelled. Of course, we still plan to have Jr. ILDA (ages 7-12) program and Childcare so the deadline is on June 1st. **If you have any questions or ideas, you can send e-mail address to: lidesrosiers1@shaw.ca or fax at 604-574-8698.** If you plan to donate, make a cheque or money order payable to **2005 ILDA Convention** and send to **David Sullivan, 805-1333 Hornby St., Vancouver, B.C. Canada, V6Z 2C1.**



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ILDA's web site:
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Deaf Mission web site:
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Coming Ghana Mission Trip...

Pastor John Reinke and Pastor Bud Palmer, both from Wisconsin, are going to Ghana in June, 2005. They go every six months for three weeks each time to teach deaf adults about Jesus and to prepare them to be evangelists and pastors. Each time they return with stories and more love for Jesus. Last year Alan Rork was invited to join them. This year it has been reported that Missionary Pat Monroe of Iowa is going.

Where is Ghana? Ghana is a small country in West Africa. Ghana has seven deaf schools all using American Sign Language. Ghana has a large deaf population. The Ghanaian deaf are anxious to hear about Jesus and God's love for them.

Some of the deaf adults walk three hours to meet to worship Jesus. After worship they walk three hours home and make this trip every Sunday without fail. Wow! They are happy to worship Jesus and to walk six hours every Sunday to show their love to the Lord.

You can help. It costs about \$6,000.00 per person to travel from Chicago to Ghana and return. Please make your donations to your home church or to ILDA and indicate it for Ghana travels.

2004-2005 Missions Projects Report

2004- 2005 Mission Project Goal: \$26,000.00

Ending April 2005, \$15,726.94 has been donated to the 2004 - 2005 Mission Project Fund. About 60% of the goal has been reached so far. We have 40% to go to meet the goal.

You have about 2-1/2 months left before the 2005 ILDA convention. Roll up your sleeves and volunteer to do a fundraising for few hours on a Saturday or Sunday for ILDA Mission Project.

There are many ideas to do a fund raising. Here are some ideas to start your planning: Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, Movie Night, selling calendars, pledges (design your form), selling religious art craft, and many more of your own ideas.



Mill Neck Foundation Receives Crusader Grant

Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry was one of 33 grant recipients of the 2005 Long Island Lutheran High School Association's Lutheran Crusader Fund. The grant, which totals \$4,200, will help support the Foundation's Servanthood Project, an annual summer program in which Deaf teens from Mill Neck Manor take part in a service-based activity. This year, Mill Neck Manor students will travel to Florida with Barbara Lanman, Coordinator of Deaf Ministry, and Rev. William Wrede, chaplain, where they will assist in hurricane disaster relief. Previously, Servanthood has traveled to Jamaica, where the group helped to build a school for deaf children~ and to Idaho, where the students painted a lodge and cleaned trails at a camp.

Wrede says that the Servanthood offers each student the opportunity for outreach and growth. The goal, he explained, is for students to learn that they are valued children of God. "Our philosophy is that we are all given gifts and talents which God desires for us to share with others. We do not focus on our students' disabilities, but rather on the abilities that God has given them," Wrede said. "We feel there is no better way to build self-esteem in young people than in giving of oneself."

The grant annually recognizes a number of organizations that spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and assist people in times of need through innovative programs. This year alone, Long Island Lutheran received 51 applications and will give \$75,000 in funding to 33 recipients.

Part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry provides funds for a variety of ministries with the Deaf throughout the United States and the world in the areas of education, technology and ministry. For more information, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

If you wish to make a donation toward Mission Projects, please make a check payable to "ILDA - Mission Project" and mail the check to:

James Sipchen, ILDA Treasurer
11911 N. Centaurus Place
Oro Valley AZ 85737

To mail your donation check on time before the 2005 ILDA convention, please mail the check **before July 24, 2005**.

You are still welcome to bring a donation check in US dollars to the convention and give it to me in person by Wednesday August 3rd. The final 2004-2005 Mission project report will be given during business meeting at ILDA convention.

*Erika Sipchen,
Mission Project Chairperson*

THANKS!

Facts Concerning Iraq...

Just in case some of you might think of Iraq as "only" an oil rich nation, ruled by an evil dictator for 30 years, whether it has been supporting terrorists or may not be very important, here are a few important facts regarding the important history and roles that this nation has played down through history.

IRAQ — VERY INTERESTING — DID YOU KNOW??????

1. The garden of Eden was in Iraq. (it sure doesn't look much like Paradise on earth today thanks to Saddam)
2. Mesopotamia which is now Iraq was the cradle of civilization!
3. Noah built the ark in Iraq.
4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq!
6. Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor which is in Iraq.
7. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
8. Jonah preached in Nineveh - which is in Iraq.
9. Assyria which is in Iraq conquered the ten tribes of Israel.
10. Amos cried out in Iraq!
11. Babylon-which-is in-Iraq destroyed Jerusalem.
12. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq!
13. The 3 Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq (that's good news to know that JESUS has been in Iraq too as the 4th person in the fiery furnace!)
14. Belshazzar, the King of Babylon saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq. (which hopefully Saddam will too!)
15. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the Jews captive into Iraq.
16. Ezekiel preached in Iraq.
17. The wise men were from Iraq. (where are the "wise" men today?)
18. Peter preached in Iraq.
19. The "Empire of Man" described in Revelation is called Babylon which was a city in Iraq!

So? Was Iraq important in centuries past, important today and Important in the future in the fulfilling and completion of God's Word?

I sure think so. What do you think?

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This Club is open to any member who wish to help with the operating expenses of the ILDA Board of Directors. Add \$20 per person per 2-year. (This is an addition to membership due.)

Total enclosed \$_____ .00

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