



# FULTON

August 2022

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## A Moment for Missions

*Matt and TaLarrya Millar serve with New Thing, where Matt is the Global Operations Director. Here are updates on their ministry from the latest newsletter:*

### The Western European Region

NewThing has ten regions in which we operate as an organization: North America, Latin America, Central Asia, the Far East, Eurasia, Oceania, Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa/Middle East, the Metaverse (our newest region), and Western Europe. Each of these regions have their own unique struggles and accelerators for Mission.

Matt's role as Global Operations Director is predominantly to help each of these regions to establish systems structures, and strategies that are scalable and sustainable. Just prior to COVID we had brought on a new Regional Director in Western Europe (WEU). Recently, he felt called to return more fully to lead a local church in Manchester. In our search for his replacement we found Tobbias Ngala to be the perfect person.

Tobbias is a Kenyan who recently relocated with his family to London to work with a local church there. He will now have split roles as a church leader and the Regional Director for WEU.

In order to help Tobbias create some momentum in the region (as things have begun to open up) Matt traveled to Europe to assist Tobbias (and former regional director Tim Burr) conduct trainings in England (Manchester) and France (Ambilly) as well as meet leaders in Germany (Berlin) and Norway (Bergen).

We are grateful for the response from the churches and leaders that we met with. Can't wait to see what God has in store!



### England

First up was Manchester, England! NewThing is in the process of rolling out an entirely new training system called the Movement System. Currently, we're testing parts of it all over the world to ensure its effectiveness and cultural applications. This training was a combination focused on reproducing disciples and reproducing movements.

We had the opportunity to serve ten local churches and about thirty local leaders. There was great feedback and excitement from this group!



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## A Moment for Missions *continued*

### Germany

Next up was Berlin, Germany where we had three separate meetings setup with different churches from Berlin. Overall, we interacted with about 45 leaders.

This was an interesting few days as the overall feel was that ministry in Berlin is really, really hard. The leaders generally seemed discouraged by their work and its results. A few were excited and saw the benefit that NewThing offers, while others felt burdened and burned out from the lack of progress in their locality.

Pray for the church in Berlin and other hard to reach places.



### Norway

From Berlin we spent the weekend in Bergen, Norway. This was an extra special trip for me due to the ancestry of my paternal grandmother and the cultural background of the town that I grew up in. And it did not disappoint as Bergen is BEAUTIFUL!

Here, we met with Øystein Gjerme who leads the Pentecostal movement in Norway, which is over 400 churches! He has been a friend of NewThing for a long time so we visited him to reconnect and see if there was any way we could serve the churches to which he gives oversight.



### France

Finally, we made our way to Ambilly, France, which is just across the Switzerland border about 20 minutes from Geneva. This was an energetic and passionate group of French leaders that reminded me of many of the African trainings we've done.

The WEU Team (Tobbias and Tim) will be returning to Ambilly in January of 2023 to begin an 18-month journey to help these churches become movements.

This training also further connected us with a leader who oversees churches in every French speaking nation of the world (nearly 30 countries). We are very excited to see how we can further serve the Francophone nations.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the church in Europe. Many places have become post-Christian and being a minister of the gospel is very difficult. Pray for passion and boldness and wisdom.
2. Matt will be traveling to Uganda twice this month - once to speak at a church planting conference and once to observe an internal qualitative assessment of a church planting movement. Pray for receptivity to his words and learning from his observations.
3. CovenantLight Church will be ending their 70 day prayer and fasting season this month of July. Pray that they will hear God's voice clearly and know what to do as a result.

*~ Submitted by Susan Peterson, on behalf of the Fulton Missions Team. See one of their members - they are passionate about missions: Brian Swanson, Bob Klingaman, Rhonda Marsden, Susan Peterson, and Jim Orr.*



# Edgerton Teen Center Update

By Dave Flood

In 1993, we began a teen center in Edgerton Wisconsin. Our rented downtown storefront provided a place for middle school and high school students to hang out on Friday and Saturday nights. One pool table and one foosball table attracted 20-30 teens nightly. Those teens grew up and became parents and for ten years we've been serving the second generation of young people with whose parents we have ongoing relationships. The teen center has operated from three locations during its operations and the building we purchased in 2015 is a circa 1850s landmark structure that carries with it all the creaking sounds and odors of antiquity.

In 2022, we entered our 30th year of ministry to teens. In adolescence, there has always been fear, worry, peer pressure, and decision-making about the future. These emotional and psychological elements were current with the youth we ministered to in the 1990s as it is today. However, adolescent anxiety and depression among our local youth have reached dangerous levels. Professional surveys from 2019 (pre-Covid) showed that stress, anxiety, and depression among teens were nearly 50 percent.<sup>1</sup> Suicides among rural teens are twice the rate of urban teens.<sup>2</sup> There is something happening that demands our attention.

Our approach to the dilemma is to be involved in the lives of our youth. The teen center attendance is at an all-time high. During 2021-2022, we averaged 50 teens nightly. Summers have typically been less attended with an average of 5-15 teens nightly. However, this summer, we have enjoyed having 15-30 teens each night.



When school ended in June, we began grilling out at Central and Racetrack Parks. We provide free meals for teens weekly. Gifts for Kids has graciously donated \$1,000 toward this program. We have retreats planned at our north woods camp in early August. My schedule is not as open as I would like at this time since I am completing my doctoral work at Northern Seminary.

The driving question that guides my research is how may the gospel of peace shape the mission to Edgerton teens dealing with anxiety and depression? Upon completion of the thesis (March 2023), I will create a curriculum that focuses on mentoring interns in Bible theology, and gospel mission, and offer hands-on training opportunities here in Edgerton. I hope to help others create a similar ministry in their communities. This is a snapshot of a huge missional program currently underway at the Edgerton Teen Center. For more information, please visit our website: [WeValueTeens.com](http://WeValueTeens.com), or [Facebook.com/EdgertonTeenCenter](https://Facebook.com/EdgertonTeenCenter). Thank you!

<sup>1</sup>Center for Disease Control. "Annual Report Preliminary Edgerton - Edgerton High 2019 YRBS Results (High School Version)" file:///C:/Users/info/OneDrive%20-20Northern20Seminary/Documents/Edgerton\_High\_survey%202019.pdf; Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System <https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/factsheets/brfss.htm>

<sup>2</sup>Cynthia A. Fontanella, Danielle L. Hiance-Steelesmith, Gary S. Phillips, "Widening Rural-Urban Disparities in Youth Suicides, United States, 1996-2010", Journal of American Medical Association Pediatrics, Volume 169, Issue 5, Page 466-473, (Published MAY 2015) <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2195006> (Accessed July 25, 2022).



## OUTDOOR SERVICE, BAPTISMS, DONKEYS, AND CHURCH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 - 9:00 AM**

Please bring your own meat to grill, 2 things to share and lawn chairs. Water, lemonade, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided.

**Connie & Ron Arndt  
10325 W. County Road M  
Evansville**

### **Israel Trip- March 13-26, 2023.**

There is room for three more people to come on the Israel trip in conjunction with Jerusalem University College. Come and see the entire country of Israel and see the Bible through a whole new lens!

Read the land. See the text. Live the book.

Contact me with any questions.

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***We will be collecting donations for the Edgerton Outreach School Supply drive. Tags can be found in the basket on the welcome desk. Donations can be placed in the basket and on the table by the front doors by Sunday, August 7. They can also be dropped off at the Edgerton Outreach by August 15.  
Thank you!***

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

#### **MEN'S SHOOT-OUT**

**In Memory of Grant Delzer**

**Saturday, August 27 - 10 am**

**N6388 English Settlement Road, Albany**

**Rick will provide bear meat & beverages.  
Please bring a dish to pass.**

**Contact Rick Bergendal 608-921-2004**







Butterfly Sunday is on August 21st. Herb Schulz has shared his butterfly pin making talents with dozens of ladies at Fulton. The butterfly is God's example of the redemption and transformation in Christ. Herb has captured the beauty of God's design in these lovingly-made pin creations.

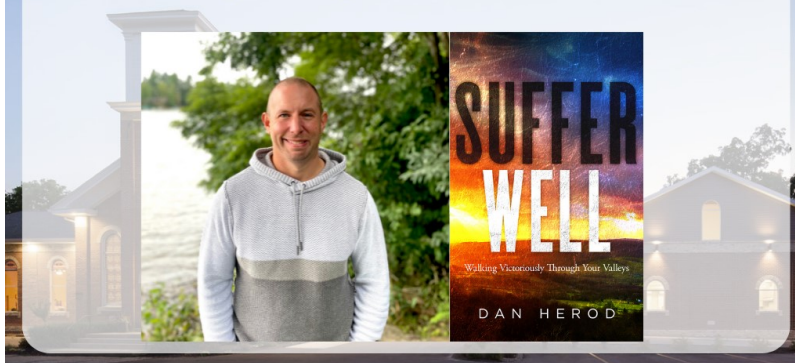
Thank you, Herb, for sharing your God-given talents with us.

**Look for the Fresh Produce Wagon on Sundays throughout the summer as produce items are available. Proceeds will go to the Fulton Church mortgage reduction program.  
Thank you, Dave and Amy Bilhorn!**



## Guest Speaker

Dan Herod, Author of "Suffer Well"  
Sunday, August 28th at 9 am



**If you have a suggestion or a project for the Facilities & Grounds Team, please send an email to:  
[fultonfacilities@gmail.com](mailto:fultonfacilities@gmail.com)**

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you, the Lord turn His face toward you and give  
you peace. - Numbers 6:24-26*

## Happy Anniversary

Herb & Char Schulz	8/1
Phil & Sharee Witt	8/2
Roger & Michelle Ehle	8/8
Victor & Erin Gonzalez	8/12
Josh & Opala Bilhorn	8/14
Jim & Denise Salimes	8/14
Scott & Jennifer Rountree	8/15
Steve and Jessica Quam	8/18
Charles & Kelly Raymond	8/19
Larry & Michelle Buhrow	8/21
Dick & Wanda Stark	8/28
Don & Joyce Erickson	8/31



## Happy Birthday

Luke Francis	8/1	Weston Granger	8/18
Aidan Mikulcik	8/2	Matt Conant	8/19
Pria Buck	8/3	Charlie Reese	8/21
Alec Hansen	8/4	Noah Nelson	8/24
Ellie Reukauf	8/4	Mike Hodges	8/25
Nolan Burmeister	8/6	Archer Amundson	8/28
Clayton Larson	8/8	Martie Reese	8/29
Lucas Burmeister	8/8	Bill Olstad	8/29
Donna Fisher	8/10	Michelle Ehle	8/29
Rochelle Millard	8/10	Elijah Anderson	8/30
Hayden Wrolstad	8/10	Andy Bilhorn	8/30
Sally Conway	8/12	Bob Amundson	8/31
Nancy Zimpel	8/14	Shirley Meyers	8/31
Johnathan Gonzalez	8/14	Char Schulz	8/31
Nellie Lyons	8/14		

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> The Waters Women's Group 6:30-7:45pm 4H Board Meeting	<b>2</b> Carving Group 9am Missions Team 6pm Celebrations Team 6:30pm	<b>3</b> Torah Club 12pm  Immerse Zoom Class 8pm	<b>4</b> Culver's Bible Study 1pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Prayer Meeting In Person 8:30am
<b>7</b> Worship Service 9am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am Church Council 11am	<b>8</b> Tech Team Begins Work in Sanctuary & Gym	<b>9</b> Carving Group 9am Facilities & Grounds 6 pm Praise & Worship 6pm	<b>10</b> Torah Club 12pm  Immerse Zoom Class 8pm	<b>11</b> Culver's Bible Study 1pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prayer Meeting Zoom 8:30am
<b>14</b> Outdoor Worship Service 9am and church picnic at the Arndt's	<b>15</b> Tech Team Finishing Work in Sanctuary & Gym Adult Ministries Team Meeting 6:30pm Zoom	<b>16</b> Carving Group 9am Finance Team 5pm CED Meeting 6:30pm	<b>17</b> Torah Club 12pm  Immerse Zoom Class 8pm	<b>18</b> Culver's Bible Study 1pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Prayer Meeting Zoom 8:30am
<b>21</b> Butterfly Sunday Worship Service 9am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Carving Group 9am	<b>24</b> Torah Club 12pm  Immerse Zoom Class 8pm	<b>25</b> Culver's Bible Study 1pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Prayer Meeting Zoom 8:30am Private Baby Shower 8:30am Men's Shoot-Out 10am
<b>28</b> Worship Service 9am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am Church Council 11am Zoom	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Carving Group 9am  Tech Team 6:30pm	<b>31</b> Torah Club 12pm  Immerse Zoom Class 8pm			

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***Be sure to "like" the Fulton Church  
Awana clubs Facebook page.  
Announcements and posts concerning  
club-wide events will be posted to  
keep you informed!***



### SUMMER SCHEDULE

**9:00 Worship Service**

**10:15 Coffee Fellowship**

Please pray for our Varsity Team members and the leaders going on the missions trip to Knoxville, Tennessee with Next Step Ministries. They have been working very hard at fundraising for this adventure, and will be helping with home repairs for needy folks the inner city.

Pastor Zack asked for prayers for the team and the individuals they serve, for safety, and that God's will would be embraced and accomplished.

*The Tech Team will be hard at work making updates to the gym & sanctuary from Monday, August 8th - Monday, August 15. These areas will be closed off and unavailable during this time.*

### At Fulton Church, We Are...

- *Growing in Christ*
- *Connecting as a Family*
- *Reaching the Community and the World with God's Grace*

### Prayer Meeting

Saturday mornings 8:30-9:00

The next in person prayer meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6.

The other weeks in the month will be Zoom meetings.

See Kent Marsden 608-921-9556