



Daleville Christian Church

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From the Pastor

CHANGES:

Change seems to be an unpopular word despite the fact that we can count on it to happen to us. The key in dealing with change is planning (anticipation?) and responding to the changes. My life has changed. I have had a lot of responsibility for my parents' care--especially since 2005. As a Pastor, presiding at many funerals, my father's passing and service were anticipated. The support I received from you was meaningful, heartfelt, helpful and healing. Thank you for your compassion--the Lord is at work in you.

I anticipate and have hope that the changes in my life will bear fruit for Daleville Christian Church. I believe that there will be fruit on many levels. The benefits of change, the fruit, does not burst forth. Fruit grows, ripens and matures. My changes, abrupt and dramatic, require some adjustment. Pray for fruit. The Lord IS at work. Peace. --



Jesus and Media;

Sometimes it's what Jesus Stands For

Eighteen year old Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai opened a girls' school for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Three years ago Malala was shot and seriously wounded by Pakistani Taliban for advocating girls' education. Her school will have 200 High School age girls. She called on world leaders "to invest in books, not bullets." Most American Christians believe in an equal education for all (because we have God given inalienable rights). Islamists (and many Muslims) do not believe in equality.

Update on . . . Sally Barrett



Reflection on Summer Mission

A week ago we said goodbye to the summer mission (SM) group from Ohio. Their time here came and went so quickly. However, I think this group was the more aligned with our vision of reaching students for Christ here in Slovenia than past groups have been. In addition to building relationships, the SM spent everyday having spiritual conversations on campus. On Wednesday's they had a dinner event focused on building relationships with the Slovene students and Thursday nights was a weekly meeting where they could bring their students for a time of worship, community, and time in the Word. The SM was diligent in following up with students they met and this summer 3 Slovenians became Christians.

Here is what a couple of the SM students had to say about their time in Slovenia:

"I've never been surrounded by this many people who are so dedicated to finding out how the Lord wants to work in their life! Sharing the gospel with a new person every day more than opened my eyes to how many different ways a person can find a home in Jesus, and has blown my mind to see the love that God has for us. I've seen for the first time somebody accept Christ, and in that moment it was like a light was ignited in that person. I will forever cherish the memories and lifelong friends that I have made here!" -Chris Keener

"Coming to Slovenia was never something I pictured for myself and I didn't have many expectations except that God would show up, and He definitely did. These last six weeks were more challenging than I could've imagined, in having to back up my beliefs and continually pursue people who weren't always excited to talk about the Gospel; but in those challenges and exposing my weaknesses, God was glorified and there is no doubt in my mind that He was at work in the lives of a lot of Slovene students. I am going home knowing with such certainty that I do not have the power to make people understand the weight of the Gospel, but I know with just as much certainty that I serve a God who can do that and will be bringing Slovenes to him long after I leave." -Kristen Bisig

This summer showed that the Lord can work in amazing ways no matter our time constrictions.