

Clemente Newsletter

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David's Discussions

David participated in the 2016 CFMC annual conference in Kaohsiung this April, at which four new candidates for ordination were received and one candidate was ordained. Bishop Matt Thomas spent time reviewing the Bishops' Nine Strategic Priorities of the Free Methodist Church – embrace all, disciple deeply, cultivate health, develop leaders, multiple ministers, go global, honor fruitfulness, engage urban, and partner strong. In all, it was a wonderful time of worship, reflection, and fellowship.

Jacob's Journey

Now, first of all, there was this "Battle of the Coins" thing that started 3 weeks ago. It was about a fundraiser for World Vision. The coins were positive points and the bills were negative points. My classmates decided to dump every single coin in our jar on the final day. Dramatic Entrance!

Anyway, the next item was the Poetry Slam! Round 1 was in our classrooms. I got to go third because I like to observe what the first 2 people are doing for their expressions or poetry skills. But really, 2 wasn't enough. Silly me...

Then there was this Social Studies Presentation and this Science Fair we had. I researched on the Louisiana Purchase in the Social Studies period. It turned out well, but I've could've done better. And for the Science Fair, my investigation consisted of me finding out which substance (Baking soda, Baking powder, Yeast) would fizzle more with 1 cup of vinegar.

Lastly, it was the day they announced the winner of the Battle of the Coins. It was both 5th Graders and 4th Graders. The teachers tried to have one winner in each half of elementary (Lower, Upper), but the money was so close they decided to have two winners in one half. It was fun for me and bad for me. Fun - We got a no homework pass and a movie privilege. Bad - Some kids were sad that we won. They were 3rd graders.

So that concludes my latest entry of my newsletter. Have a good time! CYA
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Sarah's Sentiments

God is our Strength. God is our Shepherd. God is our Savior. God is our Rock.

These are some of the themes we have been meditating on in our MAK Moms in Prayer meetings this semester. Our group is led by Angela Choi, the wife of our principal, and each week she opens her home for us to meet together and pray for our school and our families. Some weeks we have brunch at a prayer member's home where we enjoy an extended time of sharing our joys and concerns with one another. I am so thankful for the way God speaks to me and encourages me through the lives of these women.

Carmen's Corner

We are all growing up, whether we like it or not. Remember that time in eighth grade when every single teacher came up to you and said, "You're going to high school next year"? Yah, that's happening to me. It's that time of the year again, where eighth graders are moping about how much they're going to hate high school and how there's going to be so much homework and tests. To us, high school just looks downright scary. But God has a plan for us, and even though things may seem scary at times, He is going to be with us every step of the way and guide us through these troubling times.

This Saturday (April 30) was our eighth grade basketball tournament, and we got first place! That made me really happy. But it was also a sad time, because it was our very last middle school sports tournament. So after the championship game, we were all pretty emotional. This goes to show that even though growing up may be frightening and even stressful at times, we need to have faith that everything is going to be all right and that God is going to watch over us.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself..." ~Matthew 6:34

Prayers and Petitions

***** Pray for David's meetings with FMWM colleagues this week regarding leadership development in Asia. Pray for safe travel, God's presence and inspiration, productive discussions, and good fellowship.

***** Pray for David as he leads a group of seminary students and members of Kaohsiung local churches on a mission trip to Japan. This mission trip consists of a music ministry team. Please pray as they continue to prepare for their visit to Free Methodist ministries in Osaka, Japan. This will be during the last week of June.

***** Pray for the Asia Pacific Free Methodist Missions Association (APFMMA) and their preparation for the young leaders' Mission Congress II in Cambodia this coming August. Pray for wisdom and strength for all parties to prepare for the congress.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Love,

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