



Care & Share

A Mother's Creed: Ten Affirmations for Raising Children
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- I will worry less about my children and trust God more.
- I will commit them into the Lord's care.
- I will love my children unconditionally, and let them know I do.
- I will believe in them constantly, and encourage them often.
- I will nurture my children in the truth of God's Word.
- I will pray for them daily.
- I will teach them responsibility for their own actions.
- I will try to be an example of godliness and beauty, but I will be unafraid to let them see my faults.
- I will give them generous doses of laughter, interspersed with fun.
- I will release them when they are grown, but they will always be my own.

Only with God's help can we do that!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight
(Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV).

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Hi everyone! Time for a little update from the "Care and Share". We hope you are doing okay. It sure is nice to live in the country. We all hope that our social isolation will end soon.

Easter celebrations are in the past. Ascension Day is coming up on the 21st of May. Ascension Day is not much celebrated/remembered in our time. Jesus ascended to Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Pentecost is May 31st. This is a strange story for anyone who isn't familiar with faith and the Bible. What does it mean for us? I think we can barely grasp it. Tongues of fire, wind and no language barriers. The promised Counsellor came down, sent by Jesus to comfort, strengthen and lead us in our daily living. The Spirit came down for each of us personally, so that we can live godly lives.

Mother's Day will be May 10th. Kids, young and old, make sure to show your mom your appreciation! Have a lovely day as family together.

In the Netherlands, people will remember the liberation from the Germans by the Canadians which took place in May 1945. The Dutch people are very thankful to the Canadians who came to liberate them. More than 7,600 Canadians died in the nine-month campaign to liberate the Netherlands, a tremendous sacrifice in the cause of freedom. There is a lot more about this on the internet, if you are interested. It is worth checking out. Because of COVID19 there will be no celebrations this year, as there has been previous years.

Congratulations to Mike and Carly Veldhuisen with the birth of their son, Rueben Nicholas Harold. After five lovely daughters, their son was born on the 9th of April. Congratulations also to the grandparents. May the Lord continue to be with you now and always.

Congratulations to Kayla Stang and Carter McKinney on their engagement. Very exciting times! God bless you. From Carolyn (Kayla's mom):

Kayla Stang is graduating from University of Manitoba this spring. She will graduate with a Degree in Agriculture, with a Major in Agronomy and a Minor in Soil Sciences. Due to Covid-19 and issues of travelling and crossing borders, she moved from Winnipeg to Waskada, Manitoba in March to finish her online classes and exams. She will begin her summer job there the first week of May.

We are also announcing the exciting news of Kayla's engagement to Carter McKinney. Kayla met Carter in her first year in Agriculture at University of Manitoba (her second year at school). Carter's family lives just outside of Waskada, Manitoba and he works with his parents on their grain farm.

Kayla's new address is PO Box 182, Waskada, MB R0M 2E0

From Ynske:

Update on Ron Sikkema

Ron has now been in the hospital for four weeks with COVID19. He was soon diagnosed with pneumonia and had to be put on a ventilator! After nine days the ventilator and tube were removed successfully. Ron's life had been put in serious danger but with God's healing and the excellent care from his doctor, he pulled through.

This was a miracle! The doctor had told Christine that only two of his patients that were put on ventilators had survived. Since this past Monday, Ron was able to do a step down from ICU. Ron is still in need of oxygen but is making slow improvements but his doctor has said that there would be a long hard bumpy road for him ahead. Each day Ron has his ups and downs. But he is now able to listen to music and sermons on his iPhone which has been very helpful for him. Christine was told by the doctor yesterday that his lungs are in very bad shape but the test he took yesterday for the COVID19 virus was negative. He needs another negative test for the virus before they can say that the virus is no longer in his body. Ron and Christine ask for prayers that Ron's lungs can heal to the point that he would no longer have to use oxygen. They are both very grateful to our church family for all the prayers on their behalf. I would like to quote something that Ron said, three months ago, after he received news that his lymphoma cancer was in remission. It comes from Psalm 16. "God is good and faithful! I will continue to put the Lord before me, because He is at my right hand. I will not be shaken. My heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body will also be restored."

Ynske Kaemingh is our only senior with a birthday in May. Her birthday is on the 5th of May. Have a joyful day, Ynske! To those younger ones who have May birthdays, congratulations to you too! Also, Happy Anniversary to all of you who were married in May.

Answers from the Easter questions in last month's Care & Share:

1. Once in Acts 12: 4
2. No, they celebrated the Jewish Passover
3. Roman Empire
4. Good Friday
5. Christ's resurrection.
6. The sun god
7. Ishar, the mother of the sun god
8. Easter rabbits and eggs
9. The Passover or the Easter Lamb
10. Mary of Magdalena

Till next time, wishing you patience with all the restrictions.

This thank-you was sent to us from Back to God Ministries:

"Thank you, congregation, for your recent gifts and your prayers in support of Back to God Ministries International. This past December marked eighty years of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through media ministry by the Christian Reformed Church. Now in spring 2020, we find ourselves in a position to share the Gospel around the world via technology when personal contact is limited or forbidden. Please pray for the work of BTGMI, especially in this critical time when many are looking for answers only God can provide through His Son, Jesus. Visit backtoqod.net to see how you are helping to share the Gospel, disciple new believers, and strengthen the Church!"

An email was received from Peter Bulthuis from World Renew:

Dear Church:

God bless you, as you and all other churches, navigate your way through this time...discerning what God would have of you, and what you are now called to do as a congregation, in your community.

Let me give you a gift of memory and music.

You were part of that amazing journey that took Jeremy Benjamin and his family across Canada, sharing music, the love of God and mission/worship. He encouraged us to see that those two, mission and worship, are actually two sides of the same coin.

And your church was involved by hosting a concert....one of about 100(!) concerts across the country....frankly, I'm not sure how he did it!

Part of the story he shared, was that of the story of trauma healing through the work of World Renew in Nigeria. A substantial amount of funds went from the churches in Canada to support the work being done there...in fact, it was about \$62,650.00! Your church was part of that.

Thank you!

It seems to me that now is a good time for you to hear the final notes, shall we say, of the tour.

On the next page is a report that World Renew received telling of the amazing healing that many people in Nigeria have experienced in part through the funds that YOUR CHURCH raised.

Also, **the final music video** that Jeremy produced (he put it together; he's a pretty talented guy!) of his tour, including the 20,000(!) voices that were recorded can be found by following the link: [Jeremy Benjamin Final Video](#) **Again: we tremendously appreciate your support of this amazing tour, threading together our denomination, like pearls on a necklace. This is perhaps a perfect time for us to remind each other that WE ARE NOT OUR OWN, BUT BELONG WITH BODY AND SOUL, BOTH IN LIFE AND IN DEATH, TO OUR FAITHFUL SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.**

God bless you and your ministry.

Peter Bulthuis

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World Renew

Highlights of Work Done Using Donations for Nigeria

Beacon of Hope Initiative, World Renew, beneficiaries, and community leaders express sincere appreciation to donors for their support for valuable ministry in communities affected by Boko Haram terrorists and other forms of insurgency including kidnapping and banditry in various communities in central and northern Nigeria. The impact of work done through this funding continues to transform lives of participants and their communities. There are many encouraging testimonies from beneficiaries, church and community leaders.

Different categories of people benefitted from trauma healing sessions. Some of the beneficiaries are parents and children suffering from sickle cell anemia. Others are internally displaced persons living in camps in different locations in northern and central Nigeria.

Output

- a. Equipping sessions were organized reaching participants from ten denominations
- b. Healing group sessions were carried out in nine communities impacting traumatized male and female
- c. Eleven of the trauma healing facilitators who were trained participated in the national community of practice held in Miango near Jos in October 2019 and are happily connecting and sharing with others

Testimony

Rose, a single young mother tested positive to HIV at age 26 and became pregnant at age 28 after she was gang raped in her community. Due to the pregnancy, she faced stigma from her parents and community members. This made her become angry with God and everyone around her. She was devastated and doubted God's faithfulness. She attempted suicide twice and made attempts to abort the pregnancy. Fortunately, both suicide and abortion attempts failed. Following the traumatic events, Rose became isolated and aggressive.

Rose was invited and attended trauma healing sessions. After a few days through the sessions, Rose began to speak and contribute during group discussions. She opened up and shared her pain and struggles with other group members.

The trauma healing group sessions made significant impact in the life of Rose. She has resumed active participation in church activities. She now testifies of God's love in spite of her pains. Her love for her child is also growing. Rose says that her involvement in the trauma healing program was timely and useful in keeping her and her son alive to this day.



Small group discussion



Trauma healing training session



Group trauma healing session



Forgiveness skit during trauma healing session



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Jenna Mack	5 Ynske Kaemingh	6 Dale Kaemingh	7 *Arnold & Cindy Kaemingh (37th)	8	9 *Dan & Elaine Mack (33rd)
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12 Laura Dykstra	13 Lori Wilson	14	15 Kacia Veldhuisen	16 Albert Strydhorst
17	18 Arnold H Kaemingh <i>Victoria Day</i>	19 Carolyn Stang Gerald Wielinga	20 Kate Agombar	21 Harold Kelly Joel Veldhuisen <i>Ascension DAY</i>	22 Taylor Hettinga Maddysan Redford Diane Veldhuisen Eric Veldhuisen	23
24 Patrick deGroot Brooks Kaemingh Colin Kaemingh	25 Bethany Sinninghe	26 Sydney Beck Chantel Kelly *Joel & Kaity Veldhuisen (8th)	27 Camryn Veldhuisen Pete Veldhuisen	28 Bev Arpin	29 Ethan Esselink *John & Kay Redford	30
31 Nova Kaemingh *Ryan & Sarah McInerney (12th) *Gerald & Diane Veldhuisen (34th) <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>						