

From the Hartwick Family:

Dear IBC Family,

Heather and I just got home from the Annual Report to the People Great Lakes Bay Youth for Christ Banquet. We just wanted to say thank you to our Immanuel family for supporting us financially and supporting us in attendance. Almost half of the people at the banquet were from Immanuel or were brought to the banquet by someone from Immanuel. We are blessed to be a part of such a loving family.

As of yet we have not tallied the amount raised and are trusting God with whatever was given. We all have a God who loves us and cares for His children. For those of you who could not be there and would still like to give, the matching fund is available and has been extended until the end of November. So any amount you give will be doubled until then. You are welcome to mail it in or call the office at (989) 272-5098 or our website <http://greatlakesbay.yfc.net/> Please put "Banquet: Jon and Heather Hartwick" in the memo line of checks or in the note spot online. Any amount you give helps us GREATLY.

Many of you know that finances at YFC have been down and Heather has been put off of work for her injured shoulder. God has used YOU our church family to provide so many times. It has been AMAZING to see how our AWESOME God uses His people to care for one another. Our faith has grown IMMENSELY through all of this. So many of our gifts have come through the mail as anonymous gift cards to Kroger or cash in envelopes in our box at church. For those of you who don't want the credit we appreciate you and may God bless you deeply because of your generous hearts. Thank you SO much for who you are how you pray and how you give.

Monday October 22nd, I shared the gospel at Heritage/Swan Valley Campus Life, nine kids gave their lives to Christ. God has used you and your giving to get the GOOD NEWS to lost kids. Please continue to pray for us and the lost kids we can go to because of you. We love you all.

Jon and Heather and all the Hartwick kids

From Cathy Luter:

Dear Immanuel Family, I was so surprised when Pastor Mark announced the fall dinner was in honor of my retirement!!! I didn't even have a little clue! You all did so good at keeping the secret! Thank you all for the wonderful day. I was humbled and at a loss for words.

Thank you so much for the beautiful picture! I want to thank Pastor Mark and Lynn and Pastor Matt and Amber and the deaconesses for their part in planning the special day. Thank you, too, for all the wonderful wishes. You all are so kind and thoughtful.

~Love, Cathy

From Ashton Mallory:

My Dear Immanuel Church Family,

I just wanted to say thank you for all of your prayers and support; for nourishing me and helping me grow in my walk with the Lord! This has been a great encouragement to me and I want you to know that I am praying for you also as I receive updates and prayer requests.

I am so thankful that God brought me to New Tribes Bible Institute and am also very thankful that God used you in the process. Thank you for encouraging me to attend and for all of your love! It has been such a wonderful privilege to come here, study God's Holy Word, and learn more about the life of missions! I've already completed Biblical Foundations and Bibliology. I am currently taking Hermeneutics (How to Interpret and Apply the Word of God), Evangelism, the Pentateuch, and Job. I'm learning to depend on God more and more every day. Words cannot describe how wonderful it is here.

I think of you all and am praying for you all earnestly! I would really like to encourage those in the youth group to highly consider coming to New Tribes Bible Institute once they graduate! It is such a wonderful opportunity to get a bigger grasp on the Bible and to have two solid years focusing on your relationship with Christ. Please consider! God gave us His Word so that we can know Him better.

Secondly, I would like to thank you for the church scholarship! A true blessing! Thank you!!! Thank you for supporting me on my quest to grow deeper in my walk with the Lord!!!

I would like to ask you to please pray for me, that I would stay focused, that I would be able to find a home church, and also that I would be able to find a job. It can be so easy to get distracted with these things.

Thank you again! Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-10;

All my love and the love of Jesus,
Ashton Mallory