



Sowing Seeds for Eternity



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Welcome, Holley!

Dear Friend,

In July, Tina retired from eighteen faithful years as MAP's Office Manager and slid into her new role as a Computer Operator. Tina's former desk is now occupied by her granddaughter, Holley!

Holley is no stranger to MAP. Throughout her childhood, she has worked as a volunteer doing various jobs at the office. After high school, Holley went to college to study Greenhouse Management, expecting to graduate and be employed in that field. Then Covid hit. As a result, businesses were cutting back and closing instead of hiring.



At the end of 2020, Holley was hired at MAP as a Computer Operator. As time passed, Holley felt God leading her to continue at the office and let go of pursuing a greenhouse career. Joe Keim approached Holley to see if she would be interested in the Office Manager position that would soon be vacated by her Grammy. Holley agreed to pray about it, stating that if someone more suited or

qualified for the position was found, she would step aside. As time went on Holley came to realize that God had, indeed, called her to be the next Office Manager at MAP.

To welcome Holley to her new position, the office staff had a celebratory luncheon. Afterwards, we gathered around Holley, laid hands on her, asked God to bless, favor, lead, and guide her in the footsteps of her grandmother, and to use her in a powerful way.



We truly believe that Holley has been called to this position. She has been doing an exceptional job at organizing the day to day demands of the office and also leads the squad of volunteers very well. We couldn't have asked for better!

SAVE THE DATE:
STEP OUT OF THE BOAT CONFERENCE
 March 24-26, 2022 — Savannah, OH

Encourage one another by signing up to share a 20 minute testimony of when you stepped out into the unknown and God did something huge in your life!

<https://www.mapministry.org/speakerapplication>

Bountiful Blessing



For several months, Ruthie and her children have been living at New Beginnings Homestead. MAP has come along side Ruthie to provide discipleship, clothing, and taxi service. As you can imagine, it has been quite the challenge for her to parent while she provides for her family by working at Beyond Measure Market.

Recently, all of the children were enrolled in the local public school. They were stressed, worried, and scared that they wouldn't fit in. However one night, Timmy came home and declared, "I made twenty new friends today!"

Recently, we put the word out that Ruthie needed a van. One was found for \$4,000. When the seller heard about Ruthie's need, she dropped her price in half down to \$2,000! A family from Iowa chipped in half, and another family from Middlefield, Ohio provided the final amount needed. God used the generosity of three families to provide a van for Ruthie's family!

Ruthie is preparing to go for her license this weekend. Please pray for Ruthie and her children. It has been very hard.

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Update From Samuel

Dear Friend,

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me (2 Samuel 12:23).

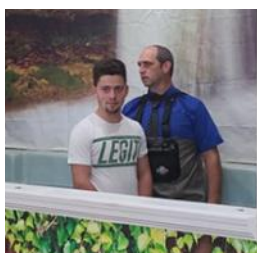


This is the scripture that I think of when I think of Twila being in heaven. We lost our dear daughter after midnight on July 19th. Twila was born with Mucopolipidosis type 2 (I-Cell Disease) and had also been struggling with breathing for a couple of months. She

lived to be only ten months old. We are very grateful to have been able to have had her for that short amount of time. I covet your prayers for the children, Polly, and I as we grieve.

We recently arrived home from a 2,000 mile trip to Minnesota for a ministry presentation. We were able to spend time with Polly's brother and parents during this trip as well.

Walter is the young man that is living in our apartment. Walter left the Amish in May, received Christ three days later, and was baptized this week! Walter now



has his drivers license and is doing very well. Praise God! —Samuel and Polly Girod

The Gospel of John

Pennsylvania Dutch is the spoken dialect used by the Amish in their daily lives. As children attend school, they learn English as a second language. The Amish Bible, Hymnbook and church services all utilize the German language, which, as a third language, is not easily understood by most Amish.



In 2014, a small group of men decided to publish the Gospel of John in the three languages which are used by the Amish people so that they could better understand God's Word. In this parallel book, the 1545 Martin Luther German translation appears in the first column. The second column holds the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect, and the third column is occupied by the King James Version. Some Amish churches are open to reading from the KJV, but will not allow preaching from it. The fourth column provides commentary on various passages from the perspective of former Old Order Amish and Old Order Mennonite individuals. Appendices and a theological glossary are included. These supplements clearly direct the reader to an understanding of salvation by grace, not works.

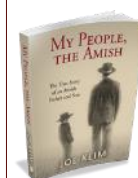
We are now in our 5th printing of *The Gospel of John* and have printed somewhere around 10,000 books! These

books have been handed to Amish people, sent in the mail, distributed in Amish schools, and left at the base of Amish mailbox posts. Some people are buying them by the case to use as tracts! Won't you consider purchasing a case and distributing them to the Amish or Mennonites who live in your community? *The Gospel of John* can be purchased as a single book, or by the case on our website: mapministry.org.



Pastor Geoff Smith, Hank and Ruth Hershberger (translators), Joe Keim, (Mission to Amish People), and Jeremiah Zeiset (publisher).

Hank, Ruth, and Joe are from an Amish background. Jeremiah is from a buggy Mennonite background.



Also available on our website is, *My People, the Amish*, now in its second printing. In his book, Joe Keim takes an honest look at the heart-warming traditions that mingle with the deep-rooted legalism of the Old Order Amish community that he was raised in. Joe and Esther's passion for the their people has brought biblical truth to thousands of Amish.