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AN INTERVIEW WITH ELIZABETH ALKIRE VANDERPOEL

By Grandson Joshua Crendon

What were some of your experiences as a young girl?

Since my father was in the Navy, we moved a lot. Altogether, I attended sixteen different schools! Though I usually hated to leave a place, I looked forward to the new duty and new friends and all. In eighth grade I was vitally interested in my math teacher, Mr. Johnson. I asked my mother why he always wore that gold ring. She explained that it meant he was married. It took at least a week before I recovered from my disappointment!

What was your experience in high school like?

Varied. I attended three schools in those four years: Roosevelt Jr. High here in San Diego, Columbus School for Girls (Ohio), and The Bishops School in La Jolla. CSG was my favorite although I liked Roosevelt because I had such good friends there.

How did you keep up in subjects in school with all the moving around?

Sometimes when I left the east coast and went west I would skip half a grade. I did that twice so I was a year ahead of my age, and I think that was not good.

Skippping a grade wasn't good for you?

From a social angle, you know, all the boys in my class seemed tremendously large to me. They intimidated me a lot.

Did going to an all girls' high school influence you to go to Mt. Holyoke?

I am somewhat in favor of boys and girls going to different schools before college because I think you are more attentive to the academics. In Ohio, I liked my teachers. It was a school that had boarders as well as day students like Bishops, and I loved that. My best friend in high school was the daughter

of an army officer. She had decided on Mt. Holyoke, and I decided to go with her. We were roommates all four years in college. Did you know that Elizabeth Ziegler also attended Mt. Holyoke?

What was your experience at Mt. Holyoke over all?

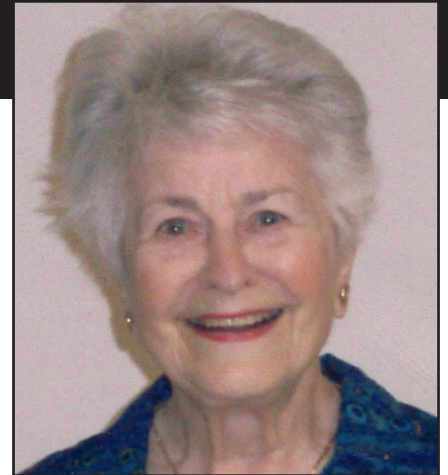
Well, it certainly concentrated on the academic. It was a rural college, beautiful campus and all. I felt quite happy all the time and comfortable. We had a lot of foreign students, and I was interested in them. There was a lot of activity in each class and some rivalry, and you get caught up in that. I would have lived and died for the lion of my class. That was our sign, a lion. I found my first year difficult. I never learned how to write essays in high school, and was sure that when I took the train in June that I had flunked out of Mt. Holyoke. I was devastated because I would embarrass my family. But I didn't, and I graduated from there, and then took my master's degree there also.

What did you do then?

When I got out of college there was little for women to do as far as jobs were concerned. They could go into nursing or they could go into teaching, and that was about it. I decided to go into teaching, but didn't have the education hours. So I went to summer school at the University of New Hampshire, so I could teach. I taught high school English in Maine for three years, and then accepted a position back at Mt. Holyoke as a resident fellow. I worked as head of a dormitory and studied, and had a little bit to do with the college administration.

How did you get into the Navy?

WWII had just begun and the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) was being formed. I



liked Navy life and was used to it, so I signed up. I love the Navy, and feel as if salt water is in my veins. When the Army Navy game comes on, leave me alone!

What was your position in the Navy?

I was a Lieutenant Commander stationed at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington D.C. My job was to order Wave officers around from billet to billet. I was the only woman in officer distribution at that time.

How did you meet your husband?

It was providential that I met George while on duty at Balboa Hospital here in San Diego. I worked in Educational Services dealing with the troops who had been injured fighting in the Pacific and were unable to return to active duty. A lot of them had just a high school education. Some had not even done that, but we had correspondence courses for vocation and academic help. George's office was right across the hall from mine, so of course we met. Later, he was ordered to Hawaii, and I was ordered east to Washington. After a year he came back from Hawaii, and I found him on my doorstep! When I started my second life experience in the Navy as a Navy wife, I decided to take up Paul's words in Philippians 4:11...*for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.* And I was. ☺

Did You Know? Who received a Shakespear Sonnet and a rose on her desk every Monday morning from a courting gentleman? Answer page 4

EJOK!

By Karen Goodhart



I am humbled and thrilled that the Lord has opened the doors for me to travel back to Uganda, East Africa this summer to minister alongside the Okkens at the OPC Nakaale Mission in Karamoja. I will be traveling July 1 - July 24. My last visit there was in July of 2008 when I was able to participate in the teaching ministry in the local public schools (a fusion of VBS materials and science) as well as helping with village Bible studies.

One of the best facets of my job teaching first grade, is that it gives me summers off to be available to consider short term mission trips. I seek to be careful to assess whether my help is truly needed and is in line with how the Lord might use my specific talents for His glory and kingdom (see *Matthew 25:14-30*). This is truly humbling and exciting. I have been asked by Mrs. Martha Wright, who holds a doctorate in linguistics, to return and assist with a literacy project they are piloting in the schools as they seek to teach the teachers how to teach reading and numeracy. The thought of this makes me ecstatic because the end result is that people will be able to read God's Word for themselves, something rare in the Karamajong culture where

English is rarely spoken well and is poorly taught due to how isolated they are as a people group. This is also a skill I am specifically passionate about teaching as both my job and master's degree in reading instruction may demonstrate. God is truly gracious in preparing me and leading me to this place in His foreknowledge!

I would covet your prayers for these specific areas:

That God's Word and message of salvation would clearly go forth as a result of my trip.

For protection from malaria. (I brought it home last time!)

For safe travel and that all of our luggage would arrive with us. (Last

time it was one and a half weeks late!)

For a productive time as we work on the material and with the teachers for the literacy project.

For the VBS school program that we will teach in the local schools.

For the local village Bible studies that I will help teach.

That I would, by God's grace, be a blessing, encouragement, and help to everyone there. 🙏

BOB AND HAZEL McKEY

Greetings to our new church family. We are Bob and Hazel McKey, and this month we celebrate our 31st wedding anniversary. God has been so good to us. We met at a prayer meeting during our college days at what was then called Christian Heritage College (now San Diego Christian College) in El Cajon back in 1976. Bob came from Jacksonville, Florida to get his degree in Biblical Counseling, and I came from Chicago to study Home Economics. After graduation our first three years of marriage were spent in Bob's hometown as he had a job waiting for him, and on Sundays he used what he learned in college to teach adult Sunday school classes. Then, we had an opportunity to move back to San Diego. After our second daughter was born we moved to Ramona and have been here for 25 years. Bob works as a sales rep and co-owner of a commercial heating and air conditioning company in El Cajon, and I have had the privilege of home keeping, and home schooling our daughters Heather and Janece, who are now in their upper twenties. Nine years ago we moved into a house we had built, and ever since the door has been revolving with guests. It has been a blessing to live in the same neighborhood as my parents and sister. Nineteen years ago we helped start High Valley Bible Church which began in someone's home. For several years Bob did most of the preaching. It was during this time that our understanding of the doctrines of grace became more clear, and the Lord used Bob's careful study and teaching to open the eyes of the congregation to reform our thinking. We grew to a point where we could rent a building to meet in and hire a pastor, but as our dear pastor's health declined with Parkinson's, we saw that the whole church was struggling to progress together. Pastor Jim had to leave the ministry, and our fellowship decided to go separate ways and find churches that would provide the best care for our spiritual growth and stimulate us to serve in other ways. That is what brought us to make our home with you at New Life. Our time with you has been nourishing to our souls, and we are grateful for how well you are equipped to encourage us to be imitators of God. Thank you for the warm hospitality you have shown in your homes, and for welcoming us into the membership. We look forward to serving our great God together. 🙏



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES OF 2010!

High School

Emily Abbott
Jessica Andrecht
Jennifer Dossett
Jonathan Felix
Lydia Goodhart



College

Janessa Goodhart
Christiana Nunez
Heidi Seifert
Tabitha Verdick



Seminary

Joseph Randall 🙏



DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY

By Laura Goodhart

I have been praying for God to show me how He could use me for His glory in a way that complimented my talents and skills. Several months ago I heard about Mission to the World's Disaster Response Training (DRT). As I learned more about it, I became excited because it seemed to be something that suited my interests and skills. The Lord opened the door wide in a variety of ways, and I was able to attend DRT in May. In addition, the Lord has given me an opportunity to go to Haiti from May 27–June 8. I am now part of MTW's (Mission to the World) Disaster Response Ministry and can be called at any time to go with a team wherever there is need for physical, and more importantly, spiritual relief.

Disaster Response Training with MTW far exceeded my expectations! I spent a week in Pennsylvania training to respond to disasters around the globe. The training covered a wide range of topics including spiritual preparation, safe food and water, land mine awareness, and guidelines for counseling victims of a disaster. During the training, we simulated a medical clinic in an Indonesian refugee camp (see photo). For a couple of days we had to live outdoors under circumstances similar to what we would experience in a refugee camp. If you are adventurous and have a heart for those who are suffering, you should be a part of this team!

I have felt so encouraged by my family at New Life as many of you have asked me about my training and my trip to Haiti. I am blessed to have such a wonderful family who is so interested and supportive as I let God work in and through my life. I would covet your prayers while I am in Haiti.

1. Please pray that we do not lose heart in doing good, and that we all understand that in God's timing we will see the fruits of our efforts. May it be

in this world, or may it be in the next (*Galatians 6:9*).

2. Pray that we have the opportunity to turn these people's hurt into a beautiful testimony, and that we have the appropriate words of the Gospel for the people of Haiti (*Ephesians 6:19*).

3. Pray for the testimony of the team itself that we show them true Christianity, and that we remain undefiled by the world. Pray that they would see the love of God through us as we care for their physical and spiritual needs (*James 2:26*).

4. Pray for cohesiveness among the team members as well as physical and spiritual safety.

"But I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end, they are new every



morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul; 'Therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him." Lamentation 3:21-25 ❧

WOC SUMMER SERIES

By Anita Patton

You all know the nursery song, "Now I know my ABC's, next time won't you sing with me?" For this year's summer series WOC is updating that rhyme to "Now I know my ABC'S, metaphors and similes."

"Metaphors are important when we talk about God because any attempt to discuss God in human terms is always a dicey enterprise... How can created beings wrap their minds around the inconceivable nature of the divine? John's gospel records a number of metaphors that Christ Himself employed to communicate His nature" (Gene Fant Jr., *God as Author*).

We are delighted to present Diane Brockington, whom many of you know from her work with the John Brockington Foundation, as the lead instructor in the summer series beginning July 10. Diane will help us define and understand the use of metaphor and simile in literature and in the Bible. Did you know that Diane is a tenured professor of literature, poetry and writing, and that she taught for 27 years (including UCSD) before retiring from the college classroom to run the John Brockington Foundation?

This summer we will be looking at three metaphors used by our Savior. The day and time is Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. The schedule is as follows:

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| July 10 | "Metaphor" led by Diane Brockington |
| July 24 | "Jesus the Vine" led by Connie Kocher |
| August 7 | "Jesus the Light" led by Lori Bowman |
| August 21 | "Jesus the Bread of Life" led by Suzy Andrecht |

Ladies, we encourage you to bring your teenagers and join us in singing, "Now I know my ABC'S, metaphors and similes." ❧

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. —Matthew 28:19-20a

SOME THOUGHTS ON SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES

By David Okken

People often ask me about the true value of short-term missionaries (hereafter STMs) to the work of foreign missions. Do STMs who visit a field for a few weeks or a month really bring a valuable contribution, or are they more of a burden and distraction to the true work? The question is a good one to ponder. After all, we the church are called to be good stewards of the resources which the Lord gives us. Yet the answer is not so easy. It is difficult to do a cost/benefit analysis of the work of missions. Furthermore, ultimately only the Lord will assess the true and lasting value of any of our works (*I Cor.3:13*).

It is generally best to do work with and under the direction of LTMs. They have learned from their experience (which includes many mistakes) about employing methods which are best calculated to result in true spiritual fruit. In Uganda, I have seen many instances where STM groups have come and worked directly with the Ugandans in the very places where LTMs have been present, yet without even bothering to contact the LTMs to seek any counsel. They have even employed practices which those LTMs have (for sound reasons) chosen to avoid. However well intended, their efforts have effectively undermined the work of the LTMs and then left them the task of undoing damage.

STM work, then, is best when designed to help and support the labors of LTMs. Some LTMs do not have a need for STMs due to the nature of the particular work to which they are called. In such cases, the church should be content to stand with, pray for and support their ministries from afar rather than sending STMs to their fields. In other cases, however, LTMs welcome the presence and labors of STMs as they find that their ministries benefit greatly from the assistance that they bring. Prospective STMs (and the churches which send them) will do well to seek honest and forthright dialogue with the LTMs about whether such is the case for a particular field.

Furthermore, the church should seek to send as STMs the kind of quality individuals who will truly be a help and encouragement to the work of LTMs. Regrettably, there have been a few instances where STMs in Karamoja have turned out to be individuals looking for a fun experience, but without a true heart for diligent self-sacrificial labor for the Lord. I thank the Lord, however, that such has been the rare exception. The vast majority of STMs have been a tremendous help and a wonderful blessing to our work on the field. A number of them have even turned into LTMs.

Conclusion: We have enjoyed some of the sweetest fellowship and greatest encouragement when STMs have been laboring alongside us. Do STMs bring a valuable contribution or are they a burden to our work? As the church is diligent to see that their work is done in the best way possible, STMs bring to the missionary enterprise a contribution so great that it will be fully appreciated only in glory. "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain (*I Cor 15:58*). 🙏



During the men's retreat this year, some of our men went out looking for a suitable site for next year's retreat. They came back with a glowing report about the facilities they discovered (as shown in the picture). I don't know if they've negotiated a price breakdown, but it should be very competitive.

—Mike Ewing

SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE ZOO

Begins June 25 for members only. (Verdicks will be there.)
Members and guests join the Verdicks every Friday starting July 2, 5:30 near entrance and flamingos.

