



For the Want of a Nail by Pastor Glenn Huebel

We have discovered in recent times that the earth is a finely balanced ecological system. It may appear that lower forms of life are insignificant, but in systems nothing is really insignificant, because one element affects another, which affects another, so that everything eventually falls like a row of dominoes. A well known example is the zebra mussel. These creatures, brought into the Great Lakes in the 1980s in the ballast of ships, have nearly destroyed the eco system of the lakes. They have wiped out some forms of clams and poisoned certain species of birds in addition to clogging pipes and drains, and being a general nuisance for the shipping industry. All this happens because they have no natural predators in America. Many other examples could be offered all across the globe. We may have real problems with radical environmentalism, but we have to admit that fooling with "mother nature," even



in seemingly insignificant ways, can be costly. It reminds me of the nursery rhyme, "For the Want of a Nail."

*For want of a nail
the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe
the horse was lost.
For want of a horse
the rider was lost.
For want of a rider
the message was lost.
For want of a message
the battle was lost.
For want of a battle
the kingdom was lost.
And all for the want
of a horseshoe nail.*

This newsletter is being published between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Both of these offices and roles are being viciously attacked and undermined today by radical social engineering. The utopia created in theory by the intelligentsia of our culture does not include the "traditional family," because this "archaic" social unit is considered detrimental to the goals of the new and just society. Utopias can, of course, always be sold to the gullible and naïve among us, because a vision doesn't have to deal with the unpleasant realities that usually result from the application of theory. If everything went according to theory, every

battle would be won by an army and every game won by a football team. It doesn't always work the way it is drawn out. Sometimes our theories collapse catastrophically. That is undoubtedly what will happen if the intelligentsia wins the culture wars of our day.

For some, it may seem to be of little consequence to significantly change the structure and role of the family as a basic social unit. This is the direction of social engineering and propaganda today as women are being intentionally masculinized and men feminized. The result will be an androgynous stew of "equality" where gender roles are replaced by interchangeable social units that can theoretically serve in any role necessary. Eventually, I suppose, we will no longer have books entitled, "My Two Mommies" or "My Two Daddies," because mother and father roles will have become obsolete. Even the idea of two parents will become obsolete. Why not three or five? If we can redefine marriage why set boundaries to contain our creative imaginations? If marriage is a creation of

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*That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that by believing
you may have life in His name. —John 20:31*

our will, it will ultimately mean nothing at all and will lose its relevance for society.

What impact will this have? If all, or even a majority of women, decide that “traditional marriage” and motherhood (both having and raising children) do not fit into their personal life goals, will society change? Of course it will! Will the change be positive or negative? If men decide that traditional marriage and fatherhood are not for them, will society change? Will the change be positive or negative?

I don't think that I have to rigorously defend the proposition that the change will be catastrophic to our delicate social system because we have seen the trends over the past few decades. The decline of the family has produced some very negative social consequences, most of which harm children first and foremost. Abortion, which is a huge moral problem in and of itself, has brought massive social problems in its wake, some of which are inevitable, but will not

be fully absorbed for several years (collapse of Social Security?) The increasing number of men and women who have actually or virtually abandoned the roles of mom and dad, is creating a lost, confused, stressed out, and depressed generation of children. The potential social problems arising from children who raise themselves are horrifying, not to mention costly.

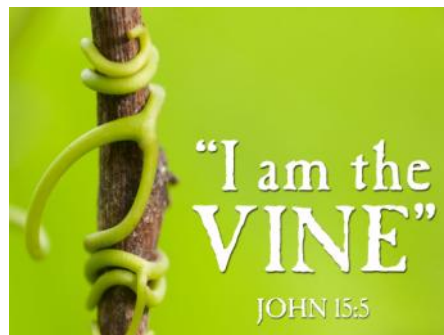
Would it better for the welfare of our nation for more men to put their careers first, or for more men to put marriage and fatherhood first? Would it better for the welfare of our nation for more women to put their careers first, or for more women to put marriage and motherhood first? The humble offices of mother and father may seem like an insignificant “horseshoe nail,” but the “kingdom” rests upon these vocations.

Our country seems to be determined to pursue a suicide course by social engineering toward individual self interest.

We Christians have no resources to stop the mass lunacy, but we CAN refuse to follow the course of the world. We CAN be a leaven for good by humbly walking in the light of the Lord through faith in Jesus Christ. We CAN tend our own gardens well.

Do you want to “succeed” in life? Take care of your marriage. Take care of your children. Most importantly, remain in the Vine. Jesus says, *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Huebel



VBS 2014: June 16 - 20, 8:45a.m. - Noon

Ages 3 yrs. (potty trained) - 6th Grade

Register Online:

Go to www.messiahkeller.org, the link can be found on the first page!

HELP IS NEEDED! We need Group Leaders and Helpers, Snack Leaders, and Pre-School Leaders and Helpers.

Please contact Barbara Brewer (barbbrewer@gmail.com) or 817-897-4460, if you are willing to help!

Braille Center News



Spring Break 2014 Volunteers produced 31 volumes of the book of Ezekiel.

Messiah's Braille Center #132 officially reopened in April! We have received our new zinc plates for our center, and are excited to announce that we are now printing Ezekiel in Swahili, Lutheran Service Book (LSB) in English, and Rainbows are Forever in English.

These new plates arrived a bit bent out of shape. All the corners have been hammered back and the plates have been tested by our faithful volunteers. All of our plates have embossed numbers on them, so the paper will no longer need to be hand numbered.

Two-thirds of the Braille centers in the United States were closed down due to lack of orders for printed material. Our Braille Center is one that was chosen to remain open. With that being said, our orders have been significantly increased. Our production has been raised from 1540 pages to 2739 pages per month. Thanks to the work of our youth volunteers during spring break and Pastor Kitzmann's group, we were able to meet our March quota. I do have some concerns about whether we will be able to continue to meet our monthly goal. At this time I am searching for two more groups to open up a monthly workshop to print our LSB and Rainbow books. If our center fails to meet the orders for these two volumes, we will have to release them to another center. Workshops can be held anytime throughout the month and group sizes can range from 4 to 10

volunteers. The recommended age is 3rd grade and up. Our current workshops are back up on member connect and are listed monthly as follows:

- 2nd Sunday- Messiah's Youth Group (9-12th grade)
- 3rd Sunday- Holy Shepherd's Youth Group (7-12th grade)
- 4th Sunday- Messiah's Confirmation Students (6-8th grade)
- 2nd Thursday Afternoon- Pastor Kitzmann's Bible study group (everyone welcome)
- 2nd Thursday Night- Open Workshop (everyone welcome)

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We could always use single volunteers to punch paper, cut cardboard, check books, and deliver boxes to the post office. Messiah's youth workshops, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday, are looking for new adult leaders to supervise their monthly activities. If you feel the desire to Bring Christ to Those in Darkness and want to lead one of these workshops or start a new one, please contact us. Prayerfully consider being a light to the world by donating just TWO hours a month. Help print God's word in Braille and share it with those who read in the dark.

Our center will still be collecting grocery sacks and paper towel tubes, but we will no longer be collecting egg cartons. There is one new change to our process: I ask that the checked books no longer be bagged but placed on the left shelving unit for shipping. Pastor Kitzmann is finishing a second shelving unit to store our Ezekiel plates and will soon be helping to spray-paint our "crosses" on the end of each stack for our reference.

Thank you to Mark Boyd and Ava Walker for their continued service in being faithful workshop leaders and to Paul Sawall for cutting cardboard to reinforce our boxes. Special thanks to Laralynn Conaway for helping us lead Messiah's Braille Center and being a huge support in every way. Thank you to all our devoted volunteers for helping to keep this Braille Center up and running for God's glory.

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Have you seen this map? It is located down in Messiah's Activity Center. Since opening in June 2010, God has graciously given us the privilege to produce 80,321 pages of Holy Scripture and has delivered them to over 30 different countries. This map shows all of the countries where our Braille orders have been shipped. Thank you for making this possible.

To God be All the Glory,

Buckley and Pamela Buhler
Braille Center Leaders



March 2014 order being shipped off to Kenya, Malawi, and the Philippines

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