

Summer Mission News



Pastor Rich's Sabbatical

July 12-September 7, 2021

I will be taking a few weeks sabbatical this summer to engage in some travel with family and teaching with Lucent University. If you haven't heard about Lucent, you can check them out online at [Lucent.university](https://www.luculent.com).

LUCENT UNIVERSITY

Lucent University is a non-profit online institution committed to becoming the best technological and theological school by offering high-quality US-based education at a cost people all over the world can afford.

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Our goal is to provide high-quality low-cost programs. We accomplish this due to two key elements. First, we are 100% online. Lucent University uses the most advanced technology to develop, produce, and distribute our content. Second, our programs are self-guided. Self-guided education allows Lucent University to produce high-quality content with the best cost-benefit.

I will be preparing and then teaching 18 one-hour lessons online in the arena of **Contemporary Issues** (i.e. abortion, suicide, racial discrimination, war/peace, marriage, divorce, LGBTQ+/sexual identity, issues concerning authority, pastoral ministry and self-care of pastors around the world).

I will spend about a week in the Dallas area in a recording studio producing all 18 lessons for global distribution to students taking the course from all around the world!

Please pray for me, my family and that I can successfully complete this task.

Thanks so much,

Pastor Rich

World Religion Quiz

_____monotheism
_____polytheism

- A. belief in many gods
- B. belief in one god

Buddhism

_____Buddha
_____Eightfold Path
_____nirvana
_____karma
_____sutras
_____Dali Lama
_____Siddhartha
_____reincarnation

- A. religious text originally written on palm leaves
- B. a way of living that ends suffering
- C.. prince who started Buddhism
- D. 14th reincarnation is an important religious and political leader
- E. sum of all one does in this life that determines next life
- F. being reborn in a different form
- G. escape from suffering and the cycle of reincarnation
- H. the enlightened one

Islam

_____Muhammad
_____mosque
_____Mecca
_____Islam
_____Five Pillars
_____Imam
_____Koran

- A. place of religious practice and study
- B. most sacred city in Islam
- C. means "surrender to Allah"
- D. leader of the prayers
- E. sacred text
- F. codes for living, such as daily prayers
- G. period of fasting and contemplation

_____ Ramadan H. prophet who brought monotheism to Arabia

Judaism

_____synagogue A. God's agreement with Abraham; means "instruction"
_____rabbi B. means "master" or "teacher"; leader of a synagogue
_____Torah C. period of extreme anti-Semitism; 2/3 of Jews in Europe killed
_____diaspora D. ceremony to initiate young men into adulthood
_____kosher E. Jewish New Year
_____Bar Mitzvah F. temples were destroyed, so Jews were forced to scatter
_____Holocaust G. dietary laws
_____Rosh Hashanah H. place of worship and study

Christianity

_____Bible A. celebration of the birth of Jesus
_____Easter B. celebration of the resurrection of Jesus
_____priest C. a follower of Jesus
_____minister D. a reenactment of the Last Supper
_____Christmas E. a religious leader in the Catholic Church
_____disciple F. religious leader in a Protestant church
_____Holy Communion G. sacred text
_____baptism H. a ceremony of initiation into the Church

Hinduism

_____caste A. destroyer of obstacles
_____Ganges B. able to destroy and recreate
_____moksha C. sacred river
_____Gandhi D. social rank with different dietary and religious customs
_____Divali E. religious and political leader who helped free India
_____Vedas F. escape from cycle of death and rebirth
_____Ganesha G. festival of lights to help Lakshmi bring wealth and prosperity
_____Shiva H. sacred writings

Answer key:

B,A Buddhism: H,B,G,E,A,D,C,F Islam: H,A,B,C,F,D,E,G Judaism: H,B,A,F,G,D,C,E Christianity: G,B,E,F,A,C,D,H Hinduism: D,C,F,E,G,H,A,B

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Prayer**

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Mission Trip Opportunities

Puerto Rico: Building Team going to PR **August 3-10**. The project will be to complete a community center for a church in a lower end neighborhood. The need is for a couple of additional people (with building skills or who like to paint or be willing to help a builder) to join a Building Team

from Texas in Puerto Rico. If interested, please contact **Howard Waller** (Vision Puerto Rico) directly at **303-587-4028**.

Cross Bar X Youth Ranch, Durango, Colorado: CBX has scheduled their work week, **June 14-18**, to prepare the facilities for summer campers. This is a family event for all ages. Each day there will be morning fun activities for younger kids not able to work with adults around the camp. The work will consist of general maintenance such as indoor/outdoor painting, cleaning windows, housekeeping, light bulb replacement, yard work and other maintenance needs as skills exist. Lodging and meals will be provided by CBX. We may be asked to help with the cooking and kitchen duties.

Each person will be responsible for their own bed linens, towels, and soap. There will be an opportunity to contribute to the cost of food at the week's end.

Laura and I will be making the trip. Anyone or any families interested in getting more information on this week should contact:

Dennis Hamilton, BVC Deacon Board Member

Cell: **517-403-8401**

Email: dennishamilton12754@gmail.com

FOOD FOR KIDS

Bear Valley Church continues to partner with School Partners of St. James Presbyterian. This ministry provides healthy, low sugar, high protein foods weekly for families in need from Alice Terry Elementary, Ft. Logan Northridge (grades 3-8) and Sheridan High School.

This year-round ministry has on-going needs of food donations and volunteers.

Suggested foods to donate:

- White rice – 1 or 2 pound bags
- Dry Pinto Beans – 1 or 2 pound bags
- Cereal – Cheerios or other LOW SUGAR CEREALS
- Regular size boxes please, not extra large
- Oatmeal – variety pack boxes

- Spaghetti Sauce – canned or jarred
- Pasta: Spaghetti, Elbow, noodles etc.
- Breakfast bars, granola bars
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Ravioli, SpaghettiOs
- Mac and cheese – boxed
- Canned tomato sauce
- Canned chicken

Leave donations in designated basket in hallway near Room 201.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Shoppers – buy designated foods as need and be reimbursed (weekly/biweekly/monthly)

Pre Setters – set out food on shelves for the families to be bagged for delivery
(weekly/biweekly/monthly)

Deliverers – drive or go with to deliver the bags of groceries to our families
(weekly/biweekly/monthly)

Contact Karen Lewark, 303-933-9316 or lewark80127@yahoo.com

Monetary donations are also welcome. We'll do the shopping for you.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!