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KIMSIN CHUN

Kimsin Chum, 28, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 14, 2010, due to complications from appendicitis.

She was born in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on July 5, 1981, to Samol Chum and San Von. A lifetime servant of the Lord, Kimsin obtained her bachelor of science degree in primary education from Teacher Training University and continued her mission with Child Evangelism Fellowship until her death.

During 2003-04 she spent one year with Mennonite Central Committee's International Volunteer Exchange Program as a teacher's assistant for Central Christian Elementary School in Kidron. Her host families were Steve and Lisa Zuercher of Apple Creek and Titus and Debora Dutcher of Walnut Creek.

She is survived by her husband, Vicheth Sor, with whom she would have celebrated two years of marriage on December 27; two brothers, three sisters, one sister-in-law and a niece, all of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She was preceded in death by her parents and newborn daughter.

Memorial services will be held April 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Central Christian Elementary School (north entrance) with Dan King officiating.

A memorial fund to help defray hospital and funeral expenses has been established through Walnut Creek Mennonite Church until April 30, 2010. Designate contributions to the Kimsin Memorial Fund, Walnut Creek Mennonite Church c/o Church Treasurer, PO Box 182, Walnut Creek 44687.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

BÄRETSWIL CHURCH CHOIR

Bäretswil Church Choir from the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland will travel to the USA and Ontario, Canada, in April, 2010. By their presence and their hymns, the 52 Reformed visitors will seek to build relationships with Amish and Mennonites of early Swiss heritage. Many of the choir members have never previously visited the North America of their distant spiritual cousins. The four prime communities they will visit are Souderton PA, Lancaster PA, Walnut Creek OH, and Kitchener, Ontario. By

expressing God's grace and faithfulness in hymns reflecting Swiss folk traditions, history, and spiritual treasures, the choir, with eight instrumentalists, hopes to bridge the historic gap and deepen mutual understanding.

Americans touring Switzerland may know the town of Bäretswil best for the picturesque nearby Täuferhöhle (Anabaptist Cave), which according to local lore was a commodious place for secret gatherings. Its remoteness allowed safety for preaching and singing during the decades of governmental oppression that followed the beginning of the Anabaptist movement in Zurich. After centuries of contempt and indifference, awareness and appreciation of a common heritage has grown considerably within the Swiss Churches in the past decade.

In 2003, reconciliation was celebrated in the Bäretswil Reformed church, as part of the 'Heal our Land' Conference. Following this, Ruedi Reich, Head of the Zurich Reformed Church, publicly honored the "radical approach of the Anabaptist movement to be the salt of the earth" on a memorable day of encounter in June of 2004, acknowledging "the faithful of the Anabaptist tradition as our sisters and brothers". The Täuferhöhle has seen more visitors from overseas in the wake of this, and Bäretswil has twice hosted the Midwest Mennonite Choir led by Lloyd Kauffman.

IMMIGRATION REFORM PRAYER VIGIL

Open Arms Hispanic Ministries and the Prayer Ministry Team of Ohio Conference invite you to gather at Camp Luz to recognize the struggles of immigrant families and in support of comprehensive immigration reform in our country on Saturday, May 1, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Most of us can trace our ancestry to another country or continent. **We are a nation of immigrants and their descendants.** Our nation has achieved its current prosperity in large part due to our embrace — at times despite opposition — of immigrants.

Each succeeding wave of immigrants has had its critics. Those already here imagined that the newcomers would threaten their jobs or dilute their culture. In fact, just the opposite has been true. **Immigrants have always brought energy, hope, and vision, which have fed the continual renewal of both our economy and our culture.**

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Our system has failed to keep up with the demand for both work and family reunification. This has eroded respect for our laws, compromised security on our borders, and created a large body of second-class citizens. We want and need their labor, but we fail to provide a workable system to admit an adequate number of immigrants legally. **We consequently fail to offer them the rights and protections enjoyed by other Americans. In the end, our nation's greatness will be marked by how we treat the most vulnerable, including the stranger, among us.**

Show your support! Join us at Camp Luz for the immigration reform PRAYER VIGIL, 6:30-7:15 p.m., Saturday, May 1, during the Hispanic Retreat.

NEWS & NOTES

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 330/857-7311

OPEN HOUSE: Central Christian School will be holding an open house and tailgate party on Monday, April 19, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Three Central sporting events will be taking place: women's softball, men's baseball and men's tennis. There will be free hot dogs for visiting families who tour the school building and participate in a scavenger hunt.

CAMP LUZ 330/683-1246

- **2010 Camp Luz Brochures** are on the counter in the east foyer. The theme for this year is "Come, Follow Me," taken from Matthew 4:19.
- We are still hiring **Summer Staff!** We also need Nurses, Weekly Pastors, and would really like a Maintenance Supervisor. Please call 330-683-1246 or e-mail campluz@embarqmail.com for more information. Summer Staff applications are available at www.campluz.com.
- **Summer Camp Registration** available On-line! You may now register your child for summer camp on-line (payment must be mailed in)! Visit www.campluz.com for more information!
- **Spring Work Day**, May 8, 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Come help wake the camp for the summer! Spring cleaning buildings, raking, wood splitting and hauling, re-shingle roofs, and random other stuff. Call 330-683-1246 or e-mail campluz@embarqmail.com to RSVP for lunch.
- **Ultimate Frisbee Tournament**, June 12: Our tournament is broken into two divisions, competitive and Just-For-Fun. Proceeds benefit the Camper Scholarship Fund. Visit www.campluz.com for more information and a registration form.
- **5K Run/Walk**, June 19: A cross-country style race for everyone! Proceeds benefit the Camper Scholarship Fund. Visit www.campluz.com for more information and a registration form.

CANTATE SINGERS will be in concert this afternoon, 3:30 p.m., at Mackey Hall, Westminster Church House, 353, E. Pine Street, in Wooster. Under the direction of William Mateer, with guest conductor, Jeff Araluce, their theme will be "How Can I Keep From Singing?" Everyone is welcome.

CONTEMPLATIVE DAY APART will be held on Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at The Hermitage at Beaver Run, Warsaw, Ohio. Presenter is John Holliger on the theme: "Creating the Poem of your Life, through Nature's Images, Poems, and Earth Songs." Bring a bag lunch. A donation of \$10-35.00 will cover expenses with the balance given to a charity of the choice of the participants. Deadline to register: June 1. For more information or transportation, contact Jane Miller.

SISTER CARE SEMINAR—"Effective Lay Caring in the Congregation" How am I called to care? What resources can the church provide? When do we seek care outside the church? How can women more effectively minister to needs of other women? Sessions include worship, Bible study, skills training and interactive activities. This event will be held May 14-15, 2010, at Kidron Mennonite Church (Friday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) Cost: \$35 (includes breakfast, lunch and snacks). Speakers: Rhoda Keener, Shippensburg, PA and Ruth Lapp Guengerich, Goshen, IN, will lead this two-day seminar. Sister-Care is provided by Mennonite Women USA and hosted by Central District and Ohio Conferences Mennonite Women. Please register by April 30, 2010. See Lisa Zuercher or Ellen Nussbaum for a copy of the registration form.

BUILDING ON HOPE-MCC'S RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI: Kathy and Virgil Troyer, Latin America and the Caribbean regional disaster management coordinators from Orrville, Ohio, will be presenting "Building on Hope: MCC's response to the earthquake in Haiti," this evening, April 18, 7:00 p.m., at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 7843 Smucker Rd., Smithville. Everyone is welcome.

MCC RELIEF SALE 2010 KICK-OFF DINNER will be held on April 30, 6:30 p.m., at the Carlisle Inn in Walnut Creek. Featured speaker will be Stanley Kropf, MCC Great Lakes Director. Music will be provided by Lisa Troyer, WCRF radio personality and her worship team. Admission is free, but reservations are needed as seating is limited. An offering will be taken to cover dinner and pre-sale expenses. For more information or to make reservations, call Perry Miller (330/815-5700) or Beth Miller (330/473-2253).

RELIEF CANNING FUNDRAISING MEAL will be held at Kidron Mennonite Church this Wednesday, April 21, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Enjoy a menu of scalloped potatoes & ham, green beans, oriental salad, applesauce, bread/butter, fruit cobbler, water and coffee. Call Tammi Rex, 330-698-8202 by today, April 18, for reservations.

MCC SWAP SUMMER STAFF NEEDED: The Mennonite Central Committee Appalachia program seeks summer staff to assist with the Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program. Meals Coordinators and Job Site Coordinators are needed to facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups, as they work on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff should be at least 19 years of age, and they receive food, lodging and a stipend for their service. For more information go to swap.mcc.org/swap/internships or call Colettia at (606) 633-5065.

ORRVILLA COMMUNITY EVENT will be held at Maple Terrace on Sunday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. and will feature pianist George Bixler, Executive Director at OrrVilla. Mr. Bixler, who has a BA in music performance from Bluffton College, will play a variety of styles - jazz, sacred, popular and classical, including Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." The public is invited to this free concert. Refreshments will follow the concert.

AMISH & MENNONITE HERITAGE CENTER (AMHC):

—Local residents are invited to tour Behalt free of charge during this week, April 19-24. AMHC is offering this benefit in view of the many churches and individuals who contribute to support the work of the AMHC.

—AMHC will also host a public program on Thursday, April 29, 7:00 p.m. on "How Amish Businesses Thrive." Research author, Erik Wesner will speak on his book, Success made Simple, and respond to a panel of local participants.

The next issue of Sojourns will be printed for Sunday, May 2, 2010. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!