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### Mose Little



Our building manager and dear brother, Mose Little has been recovering after surgery. We're thankful that he is healing. Keenan, Michael, and others have been stepping up, in Mose's absence. Please continue to keep him and Culah in your prayers.

## Room at the Inn

Pastor Nick Kim

The reason for this season is Jesus and His coming into this world, but the details around his birth are messy. The Romans who occupied Israel issued a decree that a census should be taken. Joseph who was pledged to be married to Mary had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem where his family was from. Mary was pregnant with Jesus and when they arrived, she went into labor. They tried to get a room at the inn, but the innkeeper told them that that there was no room. She went to a manger where animals slept and gave birth to God's Son. Chicago has found itself in the middle of the migrant crisis and it is messy. Do we do like the innkeeper and send them away to fend for themselves? We don't have to agree with how they're here, but what would would God have us to do? That is the question we asked when they started showing up at our Wednesday morning service,

On Wednesday mornings more than 150 Spanish speaking migrants have been coming. This includes a lot of children. This isn't something we prepared for, but we're learning as we go. We're dependant on the Holy Spirit. Many of these people don't know what their future holds. There is a lot of uncertainty. The conditions they left, went through to get here, and find themselves in now have been tough. They can now have the certainty that only Christ can give. When it comes to God's work and His will, Uptown Baptist Church will always have room to join Him in what He wants to do.



*In His Service*  
**Vernon Wiseman**



Our ushers ensure things move seamlessly and in order during our services. Vernon has not only been one of our ushers, but also a faithful member of our Men's ministry and serves at other occasions as well. He is well known for his Jesus hats and sharing about Jesus on Facebook and other places.

**You are well known for your Jesus hats. How many do you have and how did that start?**

I have around 20. It started by accident. I thought it might be cool to wear a Jesus hat. I saw some I like and started ordering them.

**You were baptized in the lake earlier this year. What led you to baptism?**

I was baptized when I was young. I was in job corp and did it for a girl. Morris Brown was sharing that sometimes we get baptized for the wrong reasons. I was serious about following the Lord and asked Pastor Nick if I should get baptized again. He said I should follow my heart and I did.

**What is your favorite thing about UBC?**

I love the praise and worship especially how Mike Choby leads worship. I like the people. I have great friendships with people like Herman, Bobbie, and Danny. I've been greeting new people during our greeting time.

**You serve at Monday Night Meal, ushering, and on other occasions. What do you enjoy most about serving the Lord at UBC?**

I enjoy getting to know people as we serve together. We have a lot of fun as we serve together. We joke around and hear each other's stories.

*Interview by Pastor Mark Jones*

## Thanks for Giving

When the Lord speaks to His people and they step up to serve great things happen. Thanksgiving is a time when families across our nation come together to share great food and great times together. A lot of people in Chicago don't get to experience this and Thanksgiving can be a very lonely day. The Lord spoke to Sister Cynthia Pearson about this and gave her the vision of opening the doors of UBC to those who might not have anywhere else to go on Thanksgiving. This not only captures the spirit of Thanksgiving but also captures what Jesus taught us by loving God and our neighbors as ourselves.

Not only did those who attend get a great meal with friends and UBC family, but they also got the word of God as Elder Tony Anderson brought a Thanksgiving message. Nearly 100 people were in attendance and 8 volunteers joined Cynthia for a special day. We give thanks for their giving.



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