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Thank you to everyone who donated and served for our backpack drive.

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Ok near the lake. The weather wasn't going to stop us from doing God's work. Alisha with Pastor Nick and Louis.

Where are You Going?

Pastor Nick Kim

There's a story about an airplane that was cruising at 40,000 feet when the airplane was rocked. A passenger noticed that the engine had exploded. The passengers were concerned but the flight attendants seemed calm, so they were calm. Suddenly there was another bang and a passenger on the other side of the aircraft saw that the other engine had exploded. The pilot ran out of the flight deck and assured the passengers that everything was going to be alright. He then opened a compartment and handed packs to the flight attendants. A passenger said those packs look like parachutes. The pilot confirmed that they were. The passenger said that I thought you said everything was going to be alright. The pilot said, "it is. We're going to get help."

A lot of people are like the passengers on this plane. They're going places, but it's only when they're going to crash that they realize they have the wrong pilot. This month we're going to be exploring where you are going to? A lot of us thought we were going places when we got a new pilot. Not only did He take us a different way, but He is the way. Do you know the way? If you don't know the way, where you're going to is uncertain. There may be an emptiness that you haven't been able to understand. Meanwhile those who know the way still have problems and while circumstances may seem uncertain, we are able to live our lives with certainty that can only come by knowing the way. Most weeks we're doing ministry 7 days per week because we want our community to know the way. What is the way? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. While some of us know the way, we still strive to know Him better.



In His Service
Mindy Cobb



Before UBC was UBC, Mindy was serving with Pastor Queen to lay the groundwork for what would become UBC. In the decades since, she has continued to faithfully serve. This month we celebrate 43 years as a church and we celebrate Mindy.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Independence, MO. My dad worked for the Post Office and my mom was able to stay at home and care for the family. My mom was a Christian and it was important to her that we were brought up in church. My sister was my hero. After several short terms as a missionary, she became a missionary to Nigeria for over 20 years. She passed away earlier this year.

What brought you to Chicago?

I was called to be a missionary. I got a letter from the Home Mission Board (now NAMB) that they had to turn down many applications due to lack of financial support. Lindsay and I married in 1973. We went on a mission trip to Omaha, NE. We saw God at work and were able to serve people from all backgrounds and people groups. We were called but doors weren't opening in Omaha. I wrote the Home Mission Board and told them about our experiences and our calling. They asked us if we would consider Chicago. Lindsay said yes. Mindy was thinking people get shot in Chicago. A visit was set up for us. The church was meeting in a lady's apartment while the kids met in the basement. The whole building shook and people didn't rush out afterwards. The pastor who set up the visit took us out to lunch. He shared his vision and his dreams. His name was Jim Queen. We went home, sold our house, and moved across the street from Pastor Queen. That was December 1, 1976.

To be Cont'd next month

Interview by Pastor Mark Jones

Feed My Sheep
By Pastor Joshua Yoak

Monday-Friday something special happens inside the walls of UBC. A team led by Maria Cervantes and Brandon Pierce come together and feed those in need. Before the first plate is served, the team comes together and hangs together. Rather its Brandon speaking in his quiet church voice, Michael bringing in the sports debates, Keenan adding commentary to keep the conversations going, or the ladies rolling their eyes at it all, the team is having a good time.

A lot of love and care goes into the meals. I have worked at soup kitchens and feeding ministries for many years. I won't lie, I usually work at them, but don't eat at them. Our ministry is different. The love that goes into our food comes out in the taste. Maria needed a special seasoning for a meal she was preparing and sent us to restaurant depot. Pastor Nick (Asian), Brandon (Black), and myself (White) went and didn't know what the stuff was. We found a hispanic guy who worked there and pointed us right to it. I was thinking among the three of us, we were pretty diverse. God knew what he was doing when He designed us. I don't know what the next meal I had was called, but it was delicious. There are still people on Uptown's streets with mental challenges. Some of them don't come in or can't come in. Brandon and Michael are often seen checking on them and making sure they've had something to eat.

Recently Brandon was talking about the 2 fish and 5 loaves and said that's about us. God has opened doors with ministries that help us to do more. That story is about us. A church our size with our budget can't feed the community, five days per week. God can and He does. We are thankful that He is letting us be a part of that.

A lot of people on the team depended on services like these. They would get fed and leave the dining hall empty. They needed Jesus. This team is aligned around the focus of our ministry being on the Gospel. It's more than chicken soup for the soul. It's the life-changing, mind-blowing, heart-transforming message of Jesus Christ. We have deacons and elders that bring the Word. Recently Pastor Nick thought he was hearing an altercation downstairs. He ran down and discovered that it was just Lynn sharing the Lord.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers. This is a team that comes from all walks of life, who has been through some things, but is giving everything to Jesus. They remind me of 11 other guys I read about in the Gospels. For those who are thinking 12, we don't have a Judas and maybe you're Matthias, but haven't started yet. What they do day in and day out is nuts and bolts ministry that is changing lives and letting people see Christ.



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