

# Views from the Top

## The Cloudhaven Chronicle

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### Ministry glimpses...

It's been a while since the last newsletter, so here's some of what God's been doing at Cloudhaven. Back in November, Pastor Stephen and Krissi Yates came with daughter Julianna. New baby Judah is due any day now.



Stephen, Krissi and Julie Yates

We enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with the Tate family from Alamogordo and our neighbor Alice Shaw. Our 13th annual Xmas at Cloudhaven benefitted from the fine preaching of Pastor Tito Padilla. His wife Kim and the Tate family read the Scriptures—the first time little Griff had read anything at all!

In January, women of Westminster Presbyterian (Alamogordo) held their



Women of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alamogordo



The Session of University Presbyterian Church, Las Cruces, NM

first overnight retreat at Cloudhaven. Jim and Katy attended Southwest Presbytery in Las Cruces, NM, after which Jim had knee surgery which went very well as such things go. The following month, the Session of University Presbyterian in Las Cruces came for a working retreat under the leadership of Senior Pastor Patrick Tebbano.

In March, Jim had the pleasure of preaching at Las Tierras Community Church in El Paso. Folks there are always welcoming and a delight to be with. Then, Marivi Isaac, wife of Pastor Chuck of Christ the King in El Paso, held a wonderful jewelry party featuring Jim's work. For those of you who

haven't heard, Jim has been making jewelry avocationally for about three years, working primarily in silver, gold and copper. Some of his creations are also featured at Sam's Silver Lining jewelry shop up here in Cloudcroft.



Marivi Isaac

In April, Katy travelled to Denver to spend a weekend with her daughter Alesia who was there for work. For those of you who have been praying for her, Alesia is now cancer free and doing well. She is still facing reconstructive surgery and remains thankful for your prayers and notes of encouragement.

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Alesia and Katy

Retired Pastor Merle and Donna Messer have now settled near grandkids in Las Cruces and paid us a visit after guest preaching at Westminster. Jim is currently teaching adult Sunday School there and plans to finish his course on God's Covenants at the end of this month.

### *Time marches on...*

This is our 14th year of ministry at Cloudhaven and the one in which Jim turns 75. God has been wonderfully gracious to us, but we both are slowing down a bit. In light of this, we are making a small change to our ministry policies. Effective immediately, we will no longer be able to host large groups with meals for multiple days. We will still welcome groups of up to 14 persons for an overnight and three meals, but for one night only. Our suggested donation for this remains unchanged at \$50 per person. Our policy for families or small groups of up to six persons in the guest house who use the kitchen there to provide their own meals remains unchanged. The guest house is still available for longer stays. Our



Brad & Jessica Fogarty

### *With thankful hearts*

As always, we are grateful to our God and to you who provide prayer and financial support to Cloudhaven. Your generosity helps cover our actual costs and allows those with little or no resources to come.

We have been reminded more frequently this year of the vast extent of God's graciousness and goodness to all his people—and especially to us in granting us health and joy in seeing him work at Cloudhaven and in his churches. In what may seem to many as darkening times in the culture that surrounds us, we have every reason to trust the living God to deliver us from evil. Ultimately, that's his promise to us in sending his Son—that we may have life, and have it abundantly—and that he will be our God, and we will be his people for all eternity.



Our friends in the Anglican Church, North America

Our friends in the Anglican Church North America stayed with us while doing the work of two separate committees in building their new evangelical diocese here in the southwest. Our long-time neighbors, Father Fred and Nancy Griffin of the Church of the Epiphany in Cloudcroft participated and joined us for meals. We're excited about their efforts to be true to the gospel in the establishment of this new denomination.

suggested donation for this service is \$100 per night for the family or group as a whole.

Also in May, Brad and Jessica Fogarty spent a couple of nights with us while visiting friends in Alamogordo and Las Cruces. They currently hail from San Antonio, TX, but Brad grew up in Alamogordo and attended both Westminster and University Presbyterian during his time in this area.

### *Soli Deo Gloria*



Jim's jewelry on display at the Isaacs

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*"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."—Is. 44:22*