

Mark Your Calendars

Come join us for Study & Worship Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and for the following.

- ♦ Mar 25 - Sat 1:00 PM Mini-Potluck: hosted by Children's Ministries
- ♦ Mar 25 - Sat 2:00 PM Deaconesses' Meeting
- ♦ Mar 25 - Sat 3:00 PM Children's Ministries Field Trip

- ♦ Apr 1 - Sat 2:30 PM Helping Hands Project (at ministry warehouse)
- ♦ Apr 2 - Sun 8:00 AM Church Work Bee (Deacons and all church family)
- ♦ Apr 2 - Sun 8:00 AM Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser
- ♦ Apr 8 - Sat 1:00 PM Fellowship Potluck
- ♦ Apr 15 - Sat 11:00 AM Easter Cantata
- ♦ Apr 19 - Wed 8:00 PM Church Board Meeting
- ♦ Apr 22 - Sat 11:00 AM Communion Sabbath

- ♦ Apr 22 Sat 1:00 PM All-Church Outdoor Potluck: hosted by Social Committee
- ♦ Apr 28 Fri 6:00 PM Young Adults Home Vespers
- ♦ Apr 28-30 Fri-Sun Church Campout @ Mountain Lakes, Lytle Creek
- ♦ May 6 Sat 2:30 PM Helping Hands Project (at ministry warehouse)
- ♦ May 6 Sat 8:00 PM Improv Night, presented by Drama Ministries

March 2017

COLTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Coming Up!



March 25th Children's Ministries is hosting a **Mini-Potluck and Field Trip**. We all know the best part of school was/are the field trips! It doesn't matter your age, come and bring friends and enjoy. The food starts a 1:00 p.m. the field trip at 3:00 p.m.



Our church has volunteers visiting the **Helping Hands Pantry** warehouse on the first Sabbath of every month. April 1st is the next opportunity to serve our neighbors. Meet our church and other helpers there at 2:30 p.m.



Bring your hard hat and a willing heart to the next **Work Bee** on Sunday, April 2 at 8:00 a.m. Maintaining our facility is an act of worship!



Community Services will be having a **Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser** on April 2nd. The waffles will be hot and waiting for you beginning at 8:00 a.m.



Our annual **Easter Celebration Service** will be April 15th during the worship service. "He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:6 Come and worship the risen Lord with your family of God.



Calling all board members! **Board Meetings** will be on April 19th beginning at 8:00 p.m. "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14



Communion Sabbath will be held April 22nd during the worship hour. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19



April 28-30 will be the annual **Church Campout** at Mountain Lakes in Lytle Creek. See Blanca for more details

Mataafa Farewell



Farewell leis were presented by Carmi, Mary Lou and Nestor.



No party is complete without cake and the ceremonial cutting.





Our farewell the to Mataafas was turned into a hello to a visitor. Introduce your self to Shirley.

Mataafa Farewell



A collection of Visa cards to help with moving expenses.





It wasn't all hard work for the kitchen crew!



That bearded man is Pastor Vadim!

Agape Feast

"Welcome to an Agape Feast"

Come on, dear friend. Come with me. This is our Agape Feast.

Have a seat dear friend and If you feel inclined, let your hands write, the very things that hurt you and the words you hold inside. It's okay to be honest. No one will see this, but you. And if you're afraid of God, God loves you, more than you.

Now crumble up that paper. Throw it in the bin and watch it catch on fire. The only thing to remember is the child of God that you are. You are beautifully and wonderfully made and are worth more than the stars.

Now, come with me dear friend and take off your dirty shoes. This is holy ground. All God wants is you. We are children of the King of kings and our birth right is in His blood. So let me cleanse your feet, to symbolize His love.

And if I may request, may you also cleanse mine? For God loves us both as much.

Now, come with me dear friend. For I feel closer than close, because I've touched your feet. Come with me dear friend as we continue our Agape Feast.

Think of Paul of Tarsus, in the house churches, exchanging food, with servants and wealthy people too. We too come together with

our titles from society and we share the love of God by serving each other at the table.

You will hear dear friend of people speaking out, how God has helped them in life and continues even now. You don't have to speak. Don't worry if you can't or won't. There is no pressure here. Take comfort in being who you are.

Now pray with us dear friend and soak in all the love. Now eat the bread and drink the juice, a symbol of God's love. We hold His love inside us and this is why we have our Agape Feast. It brings us healing and direction of where we want to be.

I too dream of the day, when the spaces between my hands are filled, with God's hand in mine and your hand in His, as well. Until then, I'll call this house church, home; A reflection of our home above. So come and help us spread the love. Come with us dear friend. Take my hand if you're afraid. I too was afraid. But with God's love, I am newly made.

-Leanne Galvan

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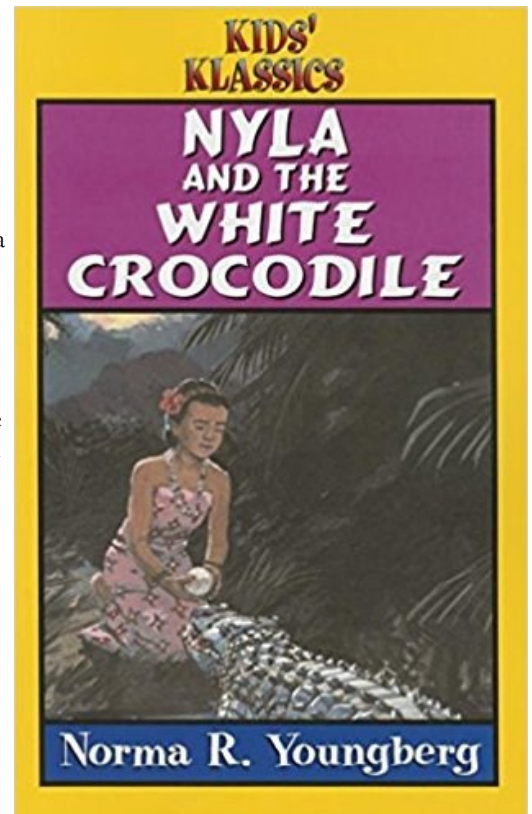
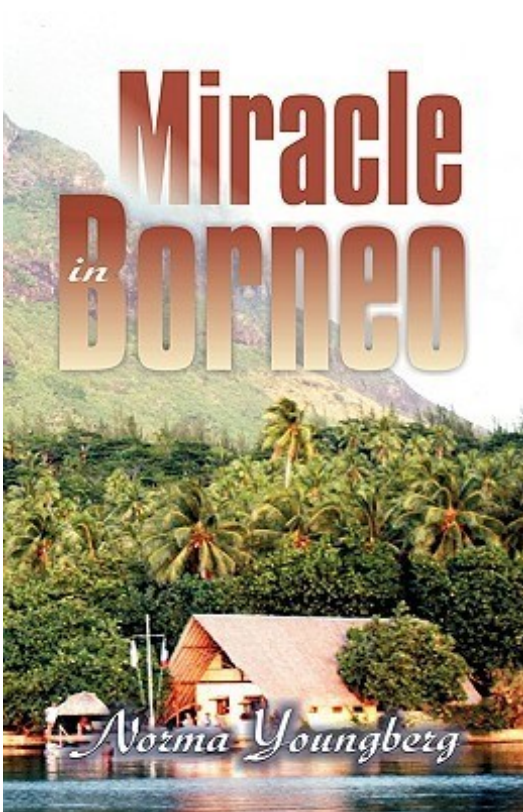
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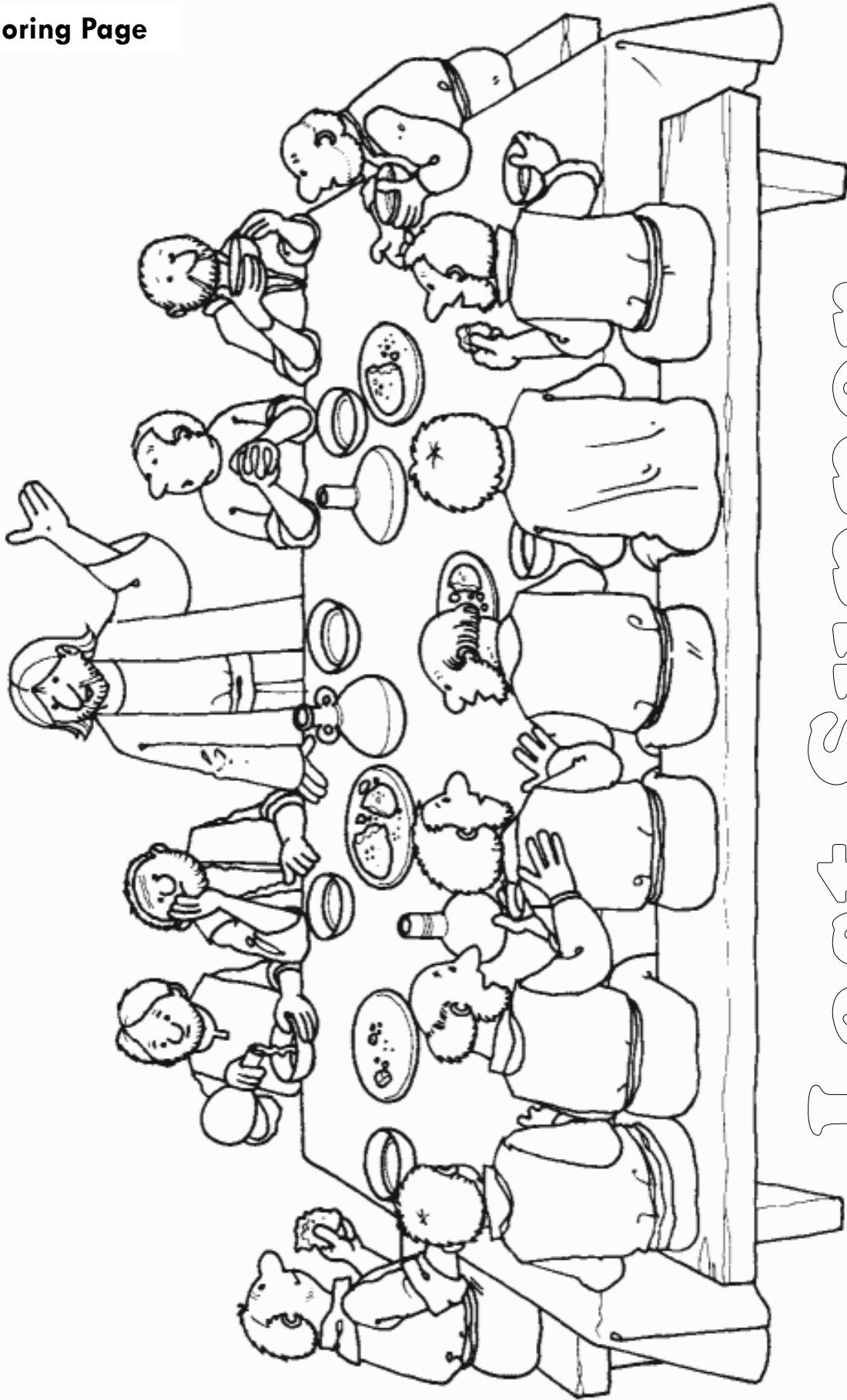
Mission Books

Norma Youngberg and her husband were pioneer missionaries among the headhunters along the Tatau River of Sarawak, in Borneo. "Miracle in Borneo" and "Nyla and the White Crocodile" are books that demonstrate the power of Christ to change hearts and lives. So often in our culture the line between good and evil is so blurred it is hard to distinguish. These books show the true character of Satan,

the father of evil, and Jesus, the Father of love and good. The witchdoctors in both books strive with the missionaries and their own people to keep anything good from entering the lives of those they control. In both instances the key characters are girls who are pulled into a struggle they don't fully understand. Yet Nyla and Cherawa (Miracle in Borneo) are drawn to the goodness and kindness they see in the missionaries and are frightened by the cruelty and evil personified in the witchdoctors. The witchdoctors are quickly aware of the fascination the girls have for the kind missionaries and the Jesus they talk of. This makes the girls, both of which are daughters of the tribal chiefs of their villages, a top target for the witchdoctors in their attempt to keep their status of power and control. The result are books that will inspire you with the power of God over evil. If you would like to borrow one or both books see Rob Cruise.



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Last Supper

Mt. 26:17-30, Mk. 14:12-26, Lk. 22:7-39 and Jn. 13:1-17:26

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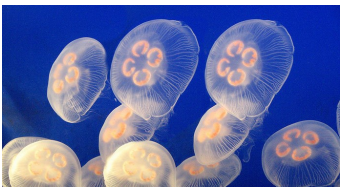
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My Father's Amazing World - Venom Part 3



Last month I listed traits of the scorpion, a venomous arachnid. Arachnids generally freak people out a bit. There is even a psychological ailment for it: arachnophobia.

This month's animal general fascinates humans rather than scare them, but some of them do carry a powerful venom. Jellyfish are miss named actually, they aren't fish. They are invertebrates meaning they have no

back bone. It is mesmerizing to watch them gracefully float in an aquarium. It is no wonder that they float so well since they are 95% water themselves. They come in a wide range of sizes. The Nomura's can have a bell (dome portion) over 6.6 feet in diameter and weigh more than 400 pound (bottom right) or be smaller than an Irukandji (bottom left) which at the adult size is less than a cubit centimeter. Before you think the largest ones are the most dangerous think again. That teeny tiny Irukandji is one of the most deadly in the world as is the large box jelly (top right). The box jelly venom is so potent that you may not survive long enough to swim to shore. If you are stung by the Irukandji you may end up with life long neurological problems if you survive. Before you are afraid to enter the water again the most dangerous jellies live in Australia (a continent with more than its fair share of venomous creatures) so if they have a no swimming sign on a lovely stretch of beach take it seriously. Hawaii and Florida have a few of the most dangerous jellies too, so again heed the warnings! Most jellyfish such as the moon jelly (top left) are venomous but not enough to hurt people, as a matter of fact the Aquarium of the Pacific used to have a jellyfish touch pool full of these flower topped shaped creatures (the "petals" are actually food in their four see through stomachs). How could a brainless, spineless creature be so dangerous? The dangerous or just seriously painful jellyfish carry a powerful venom that is fired from the nematocysts in their tentacles. Just a slight brush against flesh will release millions of these harpoon like needles containing venom into your skin in milliseconds (considered the fastest moving thing in nature). Why do they have this weaponry? They are extremely fragile creatures and must kill their prey before it fights back and kills them.



Sin can be a lot like jellyfish. Sin can be mesmerizing and beautiful, like the Portuguese Man o' War - which technically isn't a jelly fish ask JayJay or Gigi for more information (middle right). But just like a jellyfish if you get too close you will wish you never even thought of it as attractive. Sea turtles eat even the most toxic jellyfish with no ill effects. We too can be immune to the power of sin by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.



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