

# Bob and Stephanie Newton minister around the world

By Sharon Jennings

Some people provide food for your body; some people provide food for your soul. Bob and Stephanie Newton provide both. They are a ministry based out of small-town Winfield, but their ministry goes way beyond. They have been in ministry since 1994 when they became youth pastors, then went into full time ministry in 2006.

“We have been traveling the United States for years and in 2023 it moved into missionary work beginning in Africa. We have now been to Africa twice, Argentina, Philippines, and Mexico, with more to come,” said Stephanie, adding, “we are going back to the Philippines, Argentina, and Germany next year! In the future, we will be traveling to more countries overseas, helping to start churches, starting Bible colleges, and supporting orphanages.”

The Newtons are licensed with an organization out of Des Moines called Kingsway Fellowship International (KFI). The organization licenses 2,900 ministers and missionaries in 52 nations.

“We love traveling, serving, supporting and telling others about Jesus,” Stephanie.

In the summertime, Bob also travels with a big tent and goes to inner cities to have church and reach the unreachable. Bob came out of a life of addiction and alcohol abuse and has a desire



Bob and Stephanie Newton have been in the ministry since 1994. (Photo submitted)

to reach those with the same problem and give them hope. He calls himself a “Hope Dealer,” explained Stephanie.

When asked to describe what their missions involved, Stephanie said they usually go with groups of 7-14 people depending on what needs to be accomplished. KFI holds conferences and workshops all over, but Bob and Stephanie choose which ones they are going to travel to.

Once they have arrived and are greeted by a local pastor, they are taken to a home or hotel to stay and rest up for the adventures that will begin on the following day. The trips usually last 7-14 days depending on how long it takes to

travel there and the tasks that need to be done and what they desire to accomplish while there.

Most days are spent ministering to the locals, visiting churches, visiting schools and orphanages. Bob and Stephanie personally support many causes which have included purchasing a new transformer for an orphanage in Mexico (\$4,000), a new well for an orphanage in the Philippines (\$5,000) and new mattresses and provisions for an orphanage in Africa (\$3,000).

“The orphanages are well kept and the children well cared for and loved, but money is in short supply,” said Stephanie. They depend primarily on do-



Bob and Stephanie Newton have ministered around the world, making two trips to Africa plus trips to Argentina, Mexico and the Philippines. (Photo submitted)

nations to support them. “Both times we went to Africa, we took nine suitcases full of clothes, shoes, outdoor toys and school supplies. They appreciate anything you donate. It is very rewarding to see the smiles and get hugs from the children that are thankful for receiving gifts.”

Stephanie said she will try almost anything as far as food goes. Goat and African foods are her favorites so far, but two things she will not try is what in America are referred to as Rocky Mountain Oysters, only by a different name and animal and Balut (unhatched baby chick). Bob is not that adventurous; he sticks to mostly chicken and vegetables.

A custom that is widely observed in other countries is not using silverware. They prefer to use their hands as they believe it helps them connect with their food and nature. Stephanie says she still prefers to use utensils.

Bathroom facilities are something Stephanie said she had to get used to. Outhouses are still used although they are different than what we know as an outhouse. In Africa, they have a wooden shed with a hole in the ground or a slab of cement. In Mexico or the Philippines, they have a woodshed with a hole in the cement also or they may have a porcelain toilet with no lid or seat. And don't forget to bring your own toilet paper!

Stephanie recalled a funny incident where she was in an outhouse in position while wearing a dress (which is customary in most places) and a lizard ran by her head. She said she let out a scream, but was “thankful it was only a lizard and not a spider!” At least outhouses are enclosed, giving one a measure of privacy.

It would take a book to write all the adventures Bob and Stephanie have experienced while doing ministry these last

31 years, but there is one image that has stuck with Stephanie. While visiting the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, a small naked 3-year-old girl was running around after playing in a sewer creek. That image sums up the conditions in which they live.

She said they also had to have bodyguards while walking through there as one man had a machete and jumped on the back of their van. “You want to help everyone, but you just can't. You just do what you can.” Stephanie said.

When giving advice to anyone wanting to go on a mission trip, Stephanie says, “Everyone should go on one! It will change your life!” But she advises people to go with someone experienced as you are vulnerable and it can be dangerous. “It is definitely not for the faint of heart, but very rewarding.”

If you would like to know more about Powerhouse Ministries or KFI, you can visit these websites.

[www.kingswayfellowship.org](http://www.kingswayfellowship.org)

[www.powerhouseonline.net](http://www.powerhouseonline.net)

If you wish to donate to their work, you can be sure the benefits of the money donated will go directly to their mission work to help meet the needs of the people they are ministering to.

Bob and Stephanie reside in Winfield, have four grown sons, three granddaughters and have been married 28 years.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF FORFEITURE OF REAL ESTATE CONTRACT

TO: Kathie Gray n/k/a Kathie Long, 807 E. Broadway, Fairfield, IA 52556 and possible party in possession, Michael Thomas Long, 807 E. Broadway, Fairfield, IA 52556

You and each of you are hereby notified: 1. The written contract dated March 17, 2020, and executed by M. Neil Crossland and Karen E. Crossland, as Vendors, and Kathie Gray n/k/a Kathie Long, as vendee, recorded on March 18, 2020; in the office of the Jefferson County Recorder, as instrument 2020-0544, for the sale of the following described real estate:

Lot Four (4), Block Three (3), Forest Park Addition to the City of Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa. It is understood and agreed that the East building line of said lot is 58 feet West of the West line of Forest Drive, and no main wall of any building shall be erected on said lot East of said building line.

has not been complied with in the following particulars:

a) Failure to pay Balloon Payment of \$55,565.63

Total \$ 55,565.63

2. The Vendors conveyed their interest to said real estate to M. Neil Crossland and Karen E. Crossland, Trustees of the Neil and Karen Crossland Revocable Trust by Quit Claim Deed, recorded on July 14, 2020 in the office of the Jefferson County Recorder, as instrument 202-1529.

3. The contract shall stand forfeited unless the parties in default, within 30 days after the completed service of this notice, shall perform the terms and conditions in default, and in addition pay the reasonable costs of serving this notice.

4. The amount of attorney fees claimed by the Vendors pursuant to Section 656.7 of the Code of Iowa is \$50.00. Payment of the attorney fees is not required to comply with this notice in order to prevent forfeiture.

M. Neil Crossland and Karen E. Crossland, Trustee of the Neil and Karen Crossland Revocable Trust, Vendors in Interest

By: Vanessa M.Y. Willman, Attorney

ICIS PIN: AT0011731

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Fairfield, IA 52556

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

COURT CASE# EQE0004783

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Special Execution

PLAINTIFF

vs

HAPPYLAND PROPERTIES, LLC,

HAPPYLAND PLUMBING&\*

DEFENDANT (Judgment Debtor)

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) real estate to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is described below:

\*\* HEATING, LLC, SEAN ROGERS, PERSONS IN POSSESSION,

HICKENBOTTOM, INC., NATIONAL FUNDING, INC., AND PLUMB

SUPPLY COMPANY LLC

LEGAL ADDRESS:

LOT TWO (2) AND THE SOUTH ELEVEN (11) FEET OF LOT ONE (1)

IN BLOCK SIX (6) OF HEN N'S SUBDIVISION OF HENN WILLIAMS & COMPANY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD, JEFFERSON COUNTY, IOWA

LOCAL ADDRESS:

410 N. 2ND STREET, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556

Date of Sale: 7/27/2025

Time of Sale 10:00 A.M.

Place of Sale JEFFERSON COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, MAIN LOBBY

This sale not subject to redemption. Judgment Amount \$ 516,415.69\*

Costs \$458.90

Accruing Costs PENDING

Interest 2.5%, 4.25%, 7.9% FROM 1/27/25

Attorney William R Jahn, JR (319)754-6587

Date 5/27/25

Sheriff Bard Richmond, Jefferson County, IA

Michele Campbell Sgt Civil Clerk

## SUDOKU

	9		1				4	7
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8		7	2			6		5
	3							
7	4				3			
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

4	8	7	9	1	5	6	2	3
6	2	9	8	7	6	4	9	1
9	6	1	2	5	4	8	7	9
1	7	4	6	9	5	8	2	3
2	9	6	1	9	8	6	7	4
8	5	6	7	2	7	1	5	9
5	9	6	7	2	7	1	8	
6	1	2	7	8	6	9	9	7
7	4	8	9	1	2	6	6	6

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RTEIG

YFREO

PAOLJY

ARYNEL

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Print answer here: “

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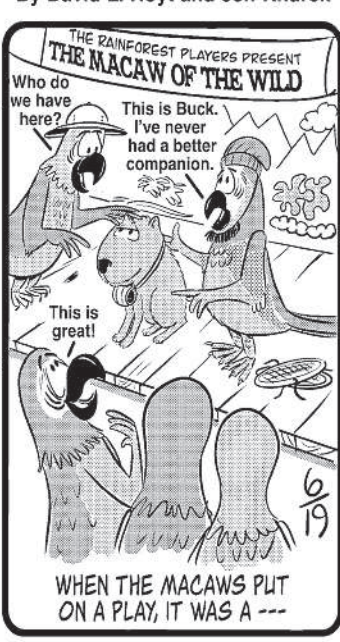
(Answers Tuesday)

Jumbles: NINTH DITCH PACIFY FORGET

Answer: After realizing they were missing components needed to set up the tent, he — PITCHED A FIT

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

## 6-19

## CRYPTOQUOTE

VBDINNRC HV Z ECPCD CEJHEN  
TDAUCVV. KDCCJAX HV ECPCD  
DCZRRL OAE; LAI CZDE HB  
ZEJ OHE HB HE CPCDL  
NCECDZBHAE. — UADCBBZ  
VUABB QHEN

TUESDAY'S ANSWER: CONTINUE TO SHARE YOUR HEART WITH PEOPLE EVEN IF IT'S BEEN BROKEN. — AMY POEHLER

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

1 Cocoa

servings

5 Horse

house

11 Test type

12 Semi

owner

13 Look

lewdly

14 Expulsion

15 Deeply

respectful

17 Holiday

lead-in

18 Spats

22 Ready for

shipping

24 Sleeper's

sound

25 Auction

buy

26 Stephen

of “The

Crying

Game”

27 Battery

end

30 Mink's

cousin

32 Jail-

related

33 Despon-

dent

34 Rent

collector

38 Bush

family dog

41 Faithful

42 Globe

expanses

43 Sicilian

volcano

44 Social

service

45 “Believe”

singer

### DOWN

1 Marshy

wasteland

2 Spur on

3 Texas city

4 Shirt part

5 Pump, e.g.

6 Heckles

7 Texas city

8 Diner

sandwich

9 Director

Spike

10 Blunder

16 Primary

color

DIET	AWARD
INFOR	CAPER
REFRESH	RATE
EVA	SLY
RECITE	CHEM
REVUE	REDS
APPLE	
SPAN	LAPIS
TONS	ARENAS
AWE	ATE
TEMPTED	FATE
ELIOT	OILER
SLATY	TESS

### TUESDAY'S ANSWER

19 Texas

city

20 On the

house

21 Blacken

22 Thunder

sound

23 Top-notch

28 Texas

city

29 Galahad's

mother

30 Outmoded

40 Pasture

31 Ancient

Mexican

35 High

home

36 Celtic

letter

37 Precious

38 Word,

in

Paris

39 Injury

soother

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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13				14					
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38	39	40				41			
42						43			
44						45			