



Brian, Amanda, Rich,  
Missy, Helga, Tyler, Mary  
W, Ian, Gary

Tyler – Virginia Cavaliers won; it’s a small world, because their coach, Tony Bennett, is from Wisconsin and had played against at Stevens Point, and their 9<sup>th</sup> grade team beat their team by 1 point.

Ian – Happy that we had a very, very successful Children’s Fair. Today (April 9<sup>th</sup>) is Ian’s daughter’s 1<sup>st</sup> birthday

Rich – In Minneapolis this weekend celebrating grandchildren’s birthday, happy for Children’s Fair

Helga – Bob Iverson was in our club; he passed away, and Helga learned his daughter is going to be the president of the Appleton club.

Brian – First buck – Brian noted how he explain to his concerned step dad that he had not ruined the colored plastic cups the club had purchased after running them through the dishwasher; and that they were in fact *supposed* to change color at different temperatures. His second buck was for Gary, for his overall service on the school board to date. Brian recounted how after two failed attempts to run for school board, a vacancy opened up that ultimately went to Gary. Brian’s noted that in hindsight that this was the correct choice and that he’s genuinely happy Gary is on the school board. And his third buck being for another wonderful production of the middle school musical being complete.

Amanda – For Ian, who does a phenomenal job with the Children’s Fair. For Amanda’s cousin, Missy who spent her weekend moving their grandfather to assisted living

Queen’s Raffle  
Garry has the ticket and draws the Ace of Hearts

Program – Nate Zimdars

Motivation for Senegal

- Live abroad
- Experience new culture
- Growth in faith
- Be challenged

**Kwik Trip Scrip Cards** – \$50 gets you a pre-paid Kwik Trip card, good for any purchase inside the store or at the pump. A portion of each sale benefits the club. Contact Missy to buy yours.

### **Peanut and Pretzel Sale**

Trail Mix - (Cashews, peanuts, almonds, raisins, chocolate pieces)- 24 bags per box \$25 per box

Mini Pretzels - 100 bags per box \$30 per box

Shelled Roasted Peanuts - 100 bags per box \$30 per box

Orders and money due by Tuesday, April 30

<https://forms.gle/1z8jC5aKVwGNVN168>

**Ripon Summer Players** – Auditions for ‘Seven Keys to Baldplate,’ Tuesday, April 16 and Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in the Benstead Theatre at the Ripon College. This year’s show will be directed by Bob Amsden and will be done in the style of an old fashioned radio play. Due to renovations in Benstead later this spring, the performance will be held in the Silver Creek Room at the Ripon Public Library, May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Coming Up....**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – RHS Robotics **at** the Ripon High School, in the community room.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Chrissy Damm, Odyssey Academy of Virtual Learning

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Jim Buskel, District Governor

### **Happy Bucks**

Gary – Happy because of the Middle School Musical, “it was fantastic!” And every vote counts.

Mary – Happy for the musical. Happy to have Nate for being here

## Program called Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)

- Started in 1999 with 10 volunteers
- 93 sent to 11 country programs in 2017
- Australia, Argentina/Uruguay, Cambodia, Central Europe, Israel/West Bank, Mexico, Senegal, Rwanda, Madagascar, South Africa, United Kingdom
- \$15,000 – Cost of sponsoring 1 YAGM volunteer



Of the \$15,000 it cost to sponsor a YAGM volunteer, Nate needed to raise \$5,000 for his mission trip. Grace Lutheran, Nate's church, raised \$6,000; the difference of which was then contributed to benefit another missionary.

### Africa

- 54 countries
- 2,000 languages spoken
- 1.2 billion people
- Size of 3 United States

Senegal roughly the size of Wisconsin

### Basic Facts

- 15 million people
- Over 36 languages spoken
- 20 ethnic groups
- 95% Islamic

Senegal is a coastal country along the Atlantic ocean

Nate lived in an area on the board of the Sahara Desert and grasslands, meaning the weather swung between very different extremes

8 months of the year, no rain. Average of 90 degrees, in excess of 120 degrees in the summer  
When the rainy season occurred, there's a lot of standing water, flooding

### Islam

Call to prayer occurred five times a day

Significant Christian population, federal holidays recognize both Christian and Islamic holidays

Two volunteers per host community

The town Nate stayed in was roughly the size of Ripon, but about double the population

Received a stipend of \$60 a month to live on. Cost of living is a little lower than the US; high unemployment. The average family lives off roughly \$2,000 a year

Nate lived with a Catholic host family

Nate had grown up on a dairy cooperative; in Senegal milked cows by hand



A primary goal of this mission was to crossbreed the dairy cows the farmers already in the area Nate traveled to, with another breed that would help their resilience to the dry climate and produce more milk. They saw a spike from an average of \$50 a month when the program started 15 years ago to \$100

This opened the door to access to medicine, education to families who did not access it before

Pasteurization is less common; electricity is not as readily accessible for refrigeration and outages in areas that did have electricity were common. However, most of the citizens there had a tolerance for non-pasteurized milk, having been raised on it.

Transportation was a mix of modern automobiles and animal driven

1 paved road in the village; by the end of Nate's year there were 6 roads

#### Challenges

- Language barrier
- Cultural differences
- Simple living
- American identity

#### Greatest Takeaways

- Connectedness
- Recognition of privilege
- Desire to live simply
- Drive to be involved

Senegal is one of the stronger democratic countries in Africa

Fortunately their community had access to a well, but water shortages were not uncommon; and the water quality was not as high as in the states. Nate kept a water filter on his desk.