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Overpopulation: The Solution

An FMCCS perspective on current events

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Looking around us, we see mobs of people every day: in the car, at the store, and at school (more so at the one across the street). In fact, there are six billion humans on earth. Six billion - a number too overwhelming to comprehend. And some would say that that number is too big. They would argue that the world is over-crowded, that the amount of people is causing food shortage, hunger around the world, the destruction of the environment, and eventually, there will not be enough space to hold the growing population. However, the foundations of these fears are shaky at best.

The greatest of these anxieties is food shortage. It is a common belief that food supplies will greatly decrease as the population increases. However, considering the amount of food today around the world, it becomes even more obvious that food shortage is not even an issue. World food stores exceed

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Junior's Journey

The tale of a small mouse who encounters great adventures

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Part I

Once upon a time in the fair city of Mousetta there lived a poor family of mice. Their names were Papa Mouse, Mama Mouse and Junior. They were always happy and lived together in peace. However their pleasant home was broken one night when Papa Mouse left for good. No one knows to this day why he left. Some say he wanted money. Others suggest he was fed up with eating cheese casserole every night. Still more argue he wanted to become king of Mouseland. No one really knows though. Now Mama Mouse and Junior had to survive on their own.

One day Mama Mouse took Junior out for a walk. They soon arrived in one of the most abundant kitchens you ever imagined. Food was in every nook and cranny. However Mama had her thoughts on other things besides victuals. She asked, "Junior, do you see that big table over there?"

"Yes, Mom," Junior replied.

"Go to it," commanded Mama. "When you arrive, you will see a fork. Lift the fork and retrieve what is underneath."

So Junior did as he was told. He arrived at the fork. It was as old and rusted as a ten-year-old nail. Junior attempted to pick up the eating utensil, but all in vain. It was simply too heavy for him. He returned to Mama Mouse and told her of his failure. She was quiet for a minute, and then she responded, "We will come back next year. You will pick it up then." Then they left.

A year went by. Again his mother took him to the fork. She bade, "Lift it for me, son." Junior closed his hands around the handle. He lifted with all his might, but it did not budge a millimeter. Junior could see tears welling up in

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requirements in all areas. In developed countries, the average surplus has reached nearly 50%, and those that are undeveloped maintain a steady 17%. If all this is true, how is it that people around the world have never once tasted a decent meal, and children die in the streets from malnutrition and lack of food? The real problem is not lack of food, but rather, poor distribution. Brian Carnell, in "A History of World Population," wrote, "starvation today has nothing to do with crop failure and everything to do with the failure of political [leaders] . . . to end hunger." As can be seen, the food supply is not decreasing as the population increases, and there is no shortage of food in the world.

Furthermore, it is possible that problems with environmental destruction are not as great as some would lead us to believe. What proof do we have of ozone depletion? The "Leipzig Declaration," which was compiled by seventy-nine scientists declares that "there does not exist today any . . . scientific evidence of greenhouse warming." But what about the environment that surrounds us on the ground? We hear a lot about the depletion of trees and rainforests, of the huge number of species of plants in them that daily become extinct. In fact, the amount of land covered by trees today is the same as in the 1950's. One third of the earth's land surface is blanketed by forest. Actually, since the 1920's, the forest average is growing at a rate three and one half times faster than it was 80 years ago. And, while lumber is used often, trees are growing at a rate 33% faster than they are being cut. From this evidence, it become clear that the

Guess Who

Student Profile

You've seen this sixth grader at FMCCS for almost a year now. Already, she's excelled in every class and made plenty of friends. Like the rest of the students, this eleven-year old is a hard worker; when you bump into her between classes, be sure she's been up since 6 A.M., will be doing chores as soon as she gets home, and may spend a large portion of this weekend doing homework. But this middle schooler isn't all work and no play. She'd rather be chatting with friends, whether on the phone or over the Internet, or ice-skating. And while, lately, she's been too busy moving to spend much time in the saddle, she absolutely loves to ride horses. All around, she's a remarkable person to get to know. Who is she? You'll have to wait until next issue to find out.

—Laura Jackson

world's trees are not decreasing at the rate that some, it seems, would have us believe. In reality, they are not decreasing at all, but growing! Yet, there remain problems with pollution, for which we should continue seeking answers.

Lack of space is also considered to be a problem. The logical connection is often made that as the world is already crowded, the addition of people will further limit space. The first point can be disproved by a single fact: humans occupy between 1 and 3% of the earth's land surface. The great state of Texas could hold the world's entire population. As a matter of fact, if everyone in the world moved to Texas, each person could be allotted 1240 square feet, the same area as the average two bedroom home. Even areas once considered inhospitable may be inhabited through the use of irrigation technology.

Since the fears of overpopulation are largely unfounded, it is foolish for us to believe that the Earth is on the point of bursting with too many people. Overpopulation is not a serious problem - it is a myth. ❖

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his mother's eyes. He asked her what was wrong, but she said nothing. They both returned home in silence.

Junior was determined to move the fork. He then did vigorous calisthenics every day and made weekly rounds to the Mousetta Fitness Center. He continued this procedure for a year.

At last the time came. Junior's mother again took him to the still unmoved fork. She said once more, "Junior, lift the fork, or never know your identity as a mouse." Junior lifted. It lifted. The fork lifted off the ground a full two inches. Junior carefully set the fork down and looked into the gap. "CHEESE!" he exclaimed. "Swiss cheese, look Mother!" Junior could hardly contain himself. Mama Mouse almost cried as she stared at the many fragments of the deli product. She then said, "Well done, son. Take all the cheese, go to the kingdom of Mouseland, and be their ruler." Junior stored all the cheese in the backpack he brought with him. Mama and Junior said good-bye one last time. Then Mama scampered back towards her home.

With his mother's words in his mind, Junior set out for Mouseland, not knowing what to expect.

Join Junior next issue as he meets the King of Mouseland in his royal palace and fights the evil Queen Ram. ❖

STATS AND AWARDS

SCORING AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR (HIGH GAME)

Clayton Geer	13.5 (23)
Reagan Evans	11.2 (21 2X)
Andy Marshall	10.5 (21)
Josh Farrar	9.9 (19)
Jonathan Kaskow	7.1 (18)
David de la Chappelle	2.7 (7 2X)
Josh Link	2.6 (8)
Justin Sterenberg	2.2 (8)
Michael Douglass	14 points
Ricky Grunden	11 points
Nathaniel Wydener	2 points

Clayton Geer easily led the team in rebounding at (unofficially) 10/game, and Andy Marshall was the leading assist man at (again unofficially) around 5/game.

OTHER WOULD-BE AWARD WINNERS:

Most Improved Player:	Michael Douglass
Best Effort:	Ricky Grunden
Best Attitude:	Nathaniel Wydener
Best Teammate:	Josh Link
Hustle Award:	Josh Farrar
Best Defensive Player:	Justin Sterenberg
Newcomer of the Year:	Jonathan Kaskow
Best All-Around:	Reagan Evans
Most Spirit:	David de la Chappelle
Most Competitive:	Andy Marshall
MVP of the Season:	Clayton Geer

KEY WINS

First home win: Dec 14, 2001 vs. Legacy 52-45
First conference win: Jan 18, 2002 vs. Rowlett Christian 81-76
First 2-game W streak: Jan 29/Feb 1 2002 At Denton Calvary (57-51) and vs. Eastlake Christian 82-67

More Quotes From the Team

Clayton Geer: "I would like to, uh, thank coach for helping us come together as a team."

Andy Marshall: "It has been an exciting year to watch our team growing stronger through the trials and tribulations."

Jonathan Kaskow: "I would like to thank the fans for all their support through the entire season."

Ricky Grunden: "Coming into the season with no experience, I could have never improved with out the coach we have."

FMCCHS Boys' Basketball

2001-2002 in Review

Darrell Pattillo

FMCCS Lions Head Coach

We finished with a 9-13 record (1-4) in the conference, up from a winless 0-13 record last season. That alone is a major accomplishment, as any improvement over 3-5 games from one season to the next is considered difficult.

The first victory in the program's history came at Canyon Creek Christian Academy (JV) on 11/16/01 by the score of 59-53.

The Eastlake win was one of the more impressive of the year, not just because of the margin of victory and high point total for FMCCS, but because of the turnaround from the 79-41 loss to them earlier in the year. A 53-point swing!

Also impressive was a 1-point OT win at Temple on their homecoming night in extremely hostile conditions. This win also avenged an earlier loss.

We ended the season with a blowout 65-43 win over Texoma Christian, a game in which every player scored at least 4 points.

All players are eligible to return to FMCCS next season (have HS eligibility remaining). ❖

The Team Says...

We made great strides in the 2001-2002 season. The highlight of the season was a surprising overtime victory against Lewisville Temple Christian Academy on their homecoming night. As a member of the basketball team I have enjoyed the comradery of the team and our incredible coach, Darrell Pattillo, who has provided consistent and disciplined leadership for our whole team. I would personally like to thank my sister Rachael for teaching me the game of basketball.

Thanks, Coach. And thanks, guys, for an awesome season.

-Reagan Evans

New School Building Approved

The Town Council of Bartonville has finally approved and accepted FMCCS educational use of the Lantana Christian Fellowship Church! This 20,000 square foot Church is at the corner of 407 and McMakin. For more information about this building, you can look back to our School News section in the January issue at

www.classicallychristian.org/content/studentpages.htm

-Melissa McDaniel

Link's Links

Hyperlinks for the FMCCS Student

Josh Link

<http://www.google.com>

Although many of you already know this site by heart and use it daily while doing your homework, I thought this would be an excellent link to start out with and let everybody who might not know about it get in on the action. Google.com is simply put one of the best search engines available. You can do a simple (but an extremely useful and extensive) search like on other basic search sites, or you can search for images, look at forum postings and post info on virtually any subject, and even narrow it down to a subject with google's web search organized into categories! All in all, this is one of the most useful sites in searching for information you will find on the web.

<http://library.cityoflewisville.com>

The Lewisville Library's web site is another helpful site in completing your various school homework and projects. In this site you can access the Lewisville Library Catalog to search for resources, place holds on books, renew books, and even gain access to different databases by clicking on the "other resources" button. By far I would say that these databases are the most helpful function in this web site. You need a Lewisville Library card to access EBSCOHost and ReferenceUSA (which are both extremely useful) but you can access the Texas State Electronic Library and find full-text magazines, journals, and newspapers along with photos by using the Login RMN1226 and password TX75029. These resources are incredibly useful when you need a periodical for a class and just can't find one on that subject.

<http://www.games.com>

Just as you might expect from the link name, this site doesn't have a lot to do with finishing your homework or getting useful research done. But if you want to go to someplace where you can just relax and goof around for a little while this is definitely the site you are looking for. You can play 1 player arcade and card games or even play multi-player board games such as Battleship, Monopoly and Scrabble Blitz! They also have a game store coming soon and even Customer Support and forums in which you can talk.

If you have any questions about these sites, e-mail me at lionslinks@classicallychristian.org. ❖

You Make a Difference

Mark 10:45 Hall of Fame

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The following students have displayed a consistent Christ-like example as they have helped with school facility setup:

The boys and girls who arrive early and assist in cleaning and classroom setup. The boys in 4th period Study Center who help with the kitchen setup. The boys and girls who helped clean the auditorium at the end of lunch period. The guys who help take down the facility at the end of the day.

I appreciate the pride you all have shown in making this school a clean and enjoyable place of learning.

-Mr. Ea

TOP TEN RECTORISMS

10. Please open your hymnals to page...
9. A guy told me I had a face for radio, and I didn't realize it was a cut-down until I got home.
8. That was very Reaganistic of you.
7. Student: "Could you please stop talking, you're ruining my train of thought!"
Mr. Rector: "Oh don't worry, that train went off the tracks a long time ago."
6. Stop gassing like a couple of old ladies.
5. If you want to learn how to make a courteous laugh, just talk to Josh Farrar.
4. If thinking is painful for you, just go to Latin.
3. Once a guy called me phat, and before I realized it was a compliment I broke his arm
2. Please don't hurt yourself because then I would have to act like I cared.
1. If you like Latin and can't understand math, get used to saying, "Paper or plastic?" and, "Would you like fries with that?"

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