

World Travels

Kirk Funkhouser presented the Treynor Optimist program on Saturday, April 9. He summarized his six month trip around the world which involved visiting 18 different countries. Highlights of his trip were a hike to Mt. Everest base camp, the climb to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, and a safari in Tanzania.

Kirk's vivid descriptions included the beautiful country of New Zealand, the opera house and harbor bridge climb in Sydney Australia, the Great Wall of China, and the pyramids of Egypt. He was surprised at the tremendous growth in China which had extremely modern airports and high speed rail service. New Zealand was Kirk's favorite country because of its great beauty, the cleanliness, and the fact that English was spoken there. The countries he least appreciated were India and Egypt.

Kirk met travelers from many other countries who were also traveling where he went. He also connected with friends from the U.S. who also were traveling and met other U.S. citizens who were living in some of the countries.