

MISSIONS NEWSLETTER
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A huge “thank you” to all of our Sunday school classes, life groups, and individuals who have “stepped up” and answered the call for increased financial support to our missions during this worldwide financial crisis. Due to your generosity we are able to supplement 5 of our missions contributions.

Now read about what our missions are doing locally and abroad. Each mission is unique in what they do, yet each one has but one common goal: To spread The Gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole world. And remember that you are a part of this ministry in every way. Your prayers and support encourage, strengthen, and lift up those on the mission field. Once again, thank you and God bless.—Susan



Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism

Another huge “thank you” to those who contributed hygiene products and medical supplies for shipment to Haiti. We collected and sent 9 large boxes to FAME, a conduit for medicines, supplies and medical equipment to Christian hospitals and clinics. Clothing donations were sent to a distribution center. As partners with FAME the poor and underserved reap the benefits of what is surely God’s grace. More information can be found at www.fameworld.org.



American Rehabilitation Ministries

Some might assume that ARM’s prison programs target only the male majority of our prison population. However, ARM’s programs and services are equally available to female prisoners and their numbers are growing. The number of women in prison has grown 832% in the last three decades. Women currently account for nearly a quarter of all arrests. Nearly two-thirds of women in prison are mothers. The number of children under the age of 18 with a mother in prison increased 131% since 1991. These Bureau of Justice statistics reveal the urgency of ministering to women who are incarcerated and reaching them with the hope and healing that can only come through a personal relationship with Christ. Someone’s mom, someone’s laughter, someone’s granddaughter needs an ARM Bible study or American Bible Society New Testament sent by ARM. Inspiring stories of women in prison and some recently released, whose lives have been touched by ARM can be found on ARM’s website: www.arm.org.



Alpha Christian Academy

School ended this year with a very inspirational closing service on June 3rd. Many thanks to everyone who participated in some way to the success of this year’s Spring Dining and Silent Auction. Registration for next school year and summer care are now taking place. Call the school or go to the website for information.

www.alphachristianacademy.com.



Lake Aurora Christian Camp & Retreat Center

Camp is in full swing at Lake Aurora for all school-age children. There is still time to register online for upcoming camps. One to two week leadership training programs are available for high school students. Retreat season begins August 16th. Visit the website for complete program listings and registration information.

www.lakeaurora.org.



Wireless Church of Christ and Myanmar Orphans Mission

In April we enjoyed a visit from Judah and his wife Kwah from Myanmar. In addition to a “missions moment” at 1st and 3rd services, Judah shared information about his mission with a combined adult Sunday school class. Besides his work with the churches, he cares for children in two orphanages. He recently created a program where a child can be supported for \$30.00/month. With enough support he can then concentrate on bringing new children into the orphanage who desperately need care. What a great opportunity to bring the love of Christ to this oppressive, communist regime.

www.nmsi.org or you may reach Judah at www.judahsmyanmarmission.org.



Good News Productions International

This ministry has the unique reputation to be able to respond to global issues with custom-made solutions. Using a network of centers and production teams around the world, relevant media strategies are designed and implemented to meet demands of this technology driven era. Although nothing can replace the personal relationship it takes to bring people to Christ, it is clear that having such media tools available for use to reach the un-evangelized is one powerful communication option. www.gnpi.org



Gonaives Christian Mission

Sainsurin Jean Baptiste continues his work in Gonaives, Haiti with great challenges. The earthquake impacted Gonaives with the influx of many refugees who fled Port-au-Prince. In spite of all of this, on Easter Sunday over 30 people were baptized into Christ upon hearing the Gospel. This mission and its message of hope is truly a beacon of light in the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. www.nms.org.



Kagoshima Christian Mission

Every 2 minutes a couple gets divorced in Japan and some parents can never see their children after divorcing. The Civil Code grants parental prerogatives to only one parent and the parent without that authority has almost no rights. For this reason the church in Yoshino decided to enter its spring evangelistic outreach around the theme of "The Family". Lessons from the Bible were shared to show people how a relationship with their Creator can strengthen and bless their marriages and families. They ask for our prayers in the success of this new undertaking. www.tenbyten.com/kcm.



Rapha House

Slavery still exists in every culture. Rapha House is constantly partnering with advocates in an effort to build communities that extend unconditional love, physical rescue, and transformational healing. Rapha House is located in Southeast Asia with the goal of expanding globally. www.raphahouse.org.



Christian Campus Fellowship

Our college campus ministry, serving Full Sail, UCF, and other central Florida colleges, will soon introduce the new ministry leader. After an exhaustive and prayerful search a decision has been made. Please continue to pray for his ministry as it reaches out to our young people.



Florida Christian College

William K. Behrman has been named the 5th president of Florida Christian College. After a 17 month search that included two nationwide searches, it is believed that God has lead FCC to the right person. The inauguration of William K. Behrman will be Friday, October 1st in the Chapman Center at FCC. www.fcc.edu.



Colombian Christian Mission

Once again our own Paul Odham travelled to Colombia to work with Dale Meade to present their annual conference on Learning Disabilities. This year Dewayne Liebrandt also went to videotape all of Paul's sessions. Now, in addition to the 700 teachers and parents who attended the sessions, this information will be available to more teachers and parents in the jungle/prairie regions of Colombia via this videotape. This is a way all of those working with CCM can help more teachers and parents, as well as the students they serve and love.

On a side note, this November, Missions and Stewardship Month, Dale will be our featured speaker. You most certainly will not want to miss his presentation of all the work he has done and continues to do in this, the most dangerous country in the world. www.ccmon-line.com.



International Emergency Disaster Services

There has been no shortage of emergencies and disasters in the world and IDES has stepped in to help. To mention only a few: **Haiti**—helping build homes in the new "Village of Hope," supplying food and baby formula. **Kenya**—working on goat projects to provide sustainable income to farmers, supplying seed for planting. **United States**—assisting victims of recent flooding in **Tennessee and Kentucky**. **Ghana**—helped ship medical containers full of greatly needed supplies. Also provided funds for a missionary's surgery. **Asia**—Sent a container of school supplies. Go to www.ides.org for details of all the projects and programs. There is a huge opportunity here for anyone to go on a short-term mission trip regardless of your talents and skill level. God can use **you** on this mission field.



Kerala Christian Mission

Kerala has instituted a mission project called PACE Pray, Activate, Commit, Enlist. This is to activate members of local congregations in India to pray for reaching souls, commit to use God given talents to win souls, and enlist others to carry out the mission. The purpose is to partner with other Churches of Christ to send missionaries to unreached areas, work along with them and establish New Testament congregations. This project is not only utilized in India but in other regions of the world. Partnering with the Orchard Group, a church has been established in New York City to minister and serve the Indian Christians who make NYC their home. A church has also been established in Dubai. www.kcm-india.org