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New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church - KENYA CONNECTION -

"...Here am I; send me." *Isaiah 6:8*. Since 2002 our Foreign Missions' Ministry has been blessed to be involved in the "Great Commission" by sending teams to Haiti. From the beginning, we knew God would not just limit us to Haiti. It has always been a desire of our ministry to spread the "Good News" in Africa. After two years of seeking God's direction, God opened that door to Eldoret, Kenya. Two weeks before leaving for Kenya, we were advised of travel warnings due to unrest in the country. We prayed to our Mighty God and He gave clear direction. "Go ye therefore..." *Mat 28:19-20*. It was an incredibly spiritual journey!



Our hosts were Alan and Pam May of Harvest International. Their warm hospitality was an expression of their love for God and His people. They shared their ministry's vision with our team. God has been doing great things through Alan and Pam in Eldoret. We spent time with children at many orphanages. **The Rescue Center** houses about 192 children; boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18. Most of these children have been rescued from the streets, due to various circumstances. **The Haven**, Alan and Pam's primary orphanage, is home to boys and girls of all ages. New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church purchased a new outfit for each child along with other needed items such as underwear, socks, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc. These children were so grateful to "receive" that they all agreed to "give" an outfit to a child less fortunate than them. How awesome is that! "This is how we have come to know love. He laid down His life for us. We should lay down our lives for our brother." *1 John 3:16*.

Fresh Start is an all girls orphanage. We heard heartfelt testimonies from these beautiful young ladies and the mother of the house. We will hold onto their testimonies for the rest of our lives. What a Mighty God we serve! **The Kitale Feeding Station** is center that feeds up to 350 children twice a day; breakfast and lunch. These children walk from at least a mile away from the area slums to receive food. Schooling is now provided by the center. Even though all of the children we encountered were victims of unfortunate circumstances, these children represented the neediest of the needy. So many of them were obviously sick and malnourished. Richard and Helen, the primary care givers of this center, are committed to God's call on their lives to feed and educate these children.



Every orphanage we visited, we saw and felt God's presence. At every orphanage, the children were being taught about our Lord, Jesus Christ. They know who He is! They praised Him and thanked Him for their "daily bread." They even shared how they "cried out to Him" during trials in their lives. "Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths." *Psalms 25:4*. The children were excited to display their talent for our team. They recited scripture and poetry. They sang Christian songs in Swahili and English. The greatest display of all was their praise and worship to our Mighty God.

The New Covenant team members are deeply saddened by the recent unrest in Kenya followed by the presidential elections. We pray God will restore peace in their country.

~ Kecia Gallman, NCMBC Team Leader



Lela Steel ~ UKRAINE

"He that has pity on the poor lends to the Lord; and that which he has given will He pay him again." ~ *Proverbs 19:17*



There have been many times in which I have gone through each of your precious names with tears in my eyes and have thanked the Lord Jesus Christ for each and every one of you. Words cannot fully express how grateful I am and how blessed I feel that you have honored the Lord with your obedience to serve with me in (His ministry) in Odessa, Ukraine.

I am reminded of the Scripture in Proverbs 20:6, "Most men will proclaim everyone his own goodness but a faithful man who can find?" You have been most faithful throughout all these years and I know that a lot of you have done so sacrificially. The Lord who sees all things will surely reward each and every one of you!

Most of the children that you have supported with me in Odessa had never felt nor heard the words "I love you". Many had never even been hugged. Seeing these children in this state broke my heart. You have enabled me to reach out to them with the love of Jesus. I give them plenty of hugs & kisses and I tell them all about the One who wants to be their heavenly Father. Your children have witnessed the power of prayer. They have come to realize how important the body of Christ is and how we all work together to do His will, all because of the support you have given them.

The children and I would like to request a photograph of you and your family. I will make copies of the pictures and we will look at your photo, kiss and love you, and pray for you. The children have been told that it is because of you that they have been given good shoes, warm clothes and food to eat. Most importantly, they know that you loved them enough to give them the hope that is in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by sending me (your fellow servant) to them.

My days are numbered and only the Lord knows how much longer I will be able to continue to serve Him in Odessa. I would like each of you to please keep in mind that this work in which we have all been laboring should continue no matter what happens to me. That it not be said that we labored in vain.

My precious friend Victor Migo, his wife Deanna and their two sons, Vanya and Vovo, have worked with me these last eleven years. They have the same heart and desire to carry out the vision that I have had since the time I prayed that the Lord would enlarge my heart with His love for these children.

Finally, it is my prayer that the Lord will say to each and every one of us, "Well done my good and faithful servants."

"He is a helper of the fatherless and He desires us to do the same." ~ *Psalms 10:14*
You have been faithful to be a helper to the fatherless through your gifts to the children in Odessa.

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2007 Overview

Many of you know that we celebrated our 20th year of ministry without much fanfare. I had all kinds of ideas of what we needed to do but as the year went on it was apparent that God had different plans for us. Our only acknowledgement was that we put "20th Anniversary" stickers on all our outgoing mail.

We started the year with news from our founder and president, Dr. John Leininger, that he was retiring as president of Harvest International. A search for a new president was started and although there were many good candidates, God led the board to choose Dr. Carolyn Cain as our next president. The decision was unanimous and we were all pleased that she accepted. Her first official act was to recognize Dr. Leininger for his vision and contributions to Harvest International by recommending that the board convey the title of President Emeritus to Dr. Leininger, an honor that he received graciously.

We decided to postpone our annual "Have a Heart for Harvest" fund raiser in order to accommodate scheduling issues for some of our out of town guest. As hard as we tried, the timing for the fundraiser never seemed right and so we decided to not have one in 2007. It took its toll because, as you know, it's the only fund raiser that we do.

In June, Luther Hansley called to let me know that he and Carol were leaving Haiti and Harvest International, Inc. I was surprised but not shocked. I knew that someday Luther and Carol would leave the mission field. But as you well know, no matter how ready you think you are for that news, you are never ready for that news. I was sad, happy, stressed, excited, worried, and expectant all at the same time. The truth is that I knew that God had a plan and all I needed to do was to acknowledge that He was not surprised by this event and that He had someone already picked out to take over. Praise the Lord. The Wrays were God's provision for us.

We were very busy with hosting teams last year. At final count we hosted 33 teams to 5 countries. That is almost double the number of teams that we hosted in 2006. Most of the teams went to Haiti with several going to Romania, Uganda, and Ukraine. We sent our first official team to Kenya as well. We thank the Lord for our blessings in 2007 and are looking forward to what is in store for 2008.

Introducing Harvest's Newest Family Members

I want to introduce to you a few new members to our Harvest family. Ethel and Bob's newest great grandson, Jordan Mitchell VanHaitsma. Tom and Ginger's newest grandchildren (they've had 3) Felicity Maynard, Isaiah Maxon, and Ella Schmidt. Danny and Sandy's newest granddaughter is Makayla LeeAnn Lowery. We are all rejoicing with God's blessings on us.



Jordan



Felicity



Isaiah



Ella



Makayla

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Alan & Pam May ~ KENYA



Little did we know, that when we celebrated Christmas 2007 in Eldoret, Kenya, it would be the last day of peace in our town for a while. The month of December, up till Christmas day, was a great month for us and the children of The Haven and Fresh Start homes. Early in December we said goodbye to a precious team from Ocala, FL. Pastor Jacobs, Kecia, Fred, Joan, Rosemary, Calvin and Stefanie came to visit right after Thanksgiving, and they were such a blessing to us and to so many children. Right on their heels, we received a team of three from the Memphis, TN area. Mike, William and Logan came to help with camp. We had about 200 children from four orphanages and our local church. The children and the adult counselors were so happy to have these guys come to show them the love of Jesus. When William and Logan left, Mike's wife Suzanne and their son Daniel came to join Mike and visit us and their daughter, Sara, who has been with us since early September. The Studdard family went on safari, and then came to Eldoret to spend Christmas. They visited the children at The Haven, and on Christmas Day they visited the children at the Rescue Centre. The children were so happy to receive visitors. In Kenyan culture, visitors are considered a great blessing from the Lord. For the children of the Rescue Centre to be visited and showered with gifts of fresh fruit was very special. Our celebrations quickly faded. On the 26th we had violence in our town as an angry mob turned over a few cars and set them on fire to protest vote rigging they suspected to have already taken place before the elections on the 27th. From then on, our little town of Eldoret made international news as many people were hacked to death, burned out of their homes and even burned up inside of a church where they were taking refuge. All this has reminded me that we really will never know true peace on earth until the Prince of Peace comes again. Please pray for all of Kenya and especially for the orphaned children who have just one more chapter of fear, rejection and pain added to the story of their young lives. May the love of Jesus shown to them by their caregivers and US sponsors overshadow the realities of difficult circumstances, and may the Prince of Peace reign in their hearts and lives."

Romania

Oradea ~ Randy & Debbie Bullock



Last year was an amazing year! The Lord's name was praised and glorified through the four Summer Camps held from July—August. You could see His love being poured out to the children by all of the team members from FBC Ocala, FL; Richfork Baptist Church in Thomasville, NC; our Summer Interns and also our RO translators and Praise Team. This summer was the first time our RO Translators and Praise Team lead out in a summer camp on their own. It was truly a blessing to see how God used these young people to share His love to their own people.

This past December we were also blessed to be a part of a Christmas Baggie Project wherein over 600 baggies of goodies, school supplies and toiletries were taken to RO and distributed to children who may not receive anything but these items for Christmas. The true Christmas Story was presented to them during an evangelistic service using puppets, handbells and a short message. Special thanks goes out to Bear Creek Baptist Church, Friendship, IN; Pilot Elementary and Thomasville Primary School in Thomasville, NC; Cornerstone School and First Baptist Church in Ocala FL.



AFRICA



Dick & Barb Johnson ~ UGANDA

"You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." ~ 2 Corinthians 3:3

When we think about the world's greatest Christmas love story, the gift of Jesus given to us by our Heavenly Father, we cannot come close to lifting high enough our hearts in thankfulness and gratefulness without knowing we fall so short. But yet, our Father knows this and wants us to continue serving Him with all our hearts and souls for His glory. So in spite of our sinfulness we are to carry forward the torch of Christ in His strength and not our own, knowing the victory has been won and our prize is waiting for us in Heaven, purchased for us and given to us freely by Jesus for His work on His cross of Calvary. Hallelujah, Amen!

Much has happened in Ft. Portal this past year as with each passing year but God has been faithful again. In that vein I would like to share this sentiment in the words of Pastor Sam in Uganda. "We have seen His gracious hand, His sufficiency in our lives, homes and ministry. Thank you sweet Jesus. The year has ended with hope as the Ebola virus scare is finally dying down, with peace in the North and Northeast of Uganda, with no abductions, raping and killing by the notorious Kony. We pray the peace talks will continue and that peace will prevail not only in the North of Uganda but even Sudan, Iraq, Pakistan, Darfur and other areas. In our immediate neighborhood Kenya who has known peace and development for a long time has erupted into violence, demonstration, looting, killing following a reported rigged election. Because of this prices of food and fuel have shot up dramatically. Pray with us that peace will prevail and security be restored. We want to wish you all a happy prosperous New Year. We look forward to God using us, giving us His grace and sufficiency in all for His own glory." The matchless faithfulness of our Lord has protected all the children of the project allowing them to finish their school year, have a blessed Christmas party with 320 in attendance all receiving a wonderful meal and then the children receiving their Christmas gifts of new mattresses, soap and new Bibles. This event led the special guest, government official to comment that she had heard of the project but had never witnessed a project like this; "I have heard of the doing of this great work but I've never seen anything like it."



Dhan & Dolly Lalsee ~ ZIMBABWE

For the Christian, Christmas is a time of rejoicing in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We express this joy in decorating our homes, lighting up trees, giving gifts, sharing with the less fortunate, spending time with friends and, depending on our culture and economic situations, in a host of other ways. Each year, it seems that the preparations get more elaborate, more costly, more time-consuming and, consequently, more stressful. We struggle for a right balance between the physical and spiritual preparations and many of us yearn for a simpler, less hectic Christmas Season where we can focus more on the real reason for our celebration.

We had the privilege of experiencing that simpler and less hectic Christmas in 2007. Our focus these past months has been on getting ready to leave for Zimbabwe on May 26th this year, so we decided to simplify our usual Christmas preparations. In the weeks preceding Christmas, we attended concerts, pageants, and plays between our itineration appointments. In New York, the Lord granted us many opportunities to share His vision for our assignment in Zimbabwe. As Dhan preached at different churches, we were able to show the connection between Christmas and Missions - an idea which was repugnant to me in my early Christian life when I thought the two were totally unrelated. Today, I see that it makes so much sense.

Certainly, Christians have much reason to commemorate the birth of their Lord. The Sovereign God of this universe, our Maker and Creator, the Giver of all life, indeed, Life Himself, clothed Himself in human flesh and lived among us so that He could show us God and the way of salvation. Wow! What a mission project! What a Missionary!

HAITI

LA GONAVE (Mapou Village) ~ Benis & Dominique Guerrier



It is hard to believe that only 12 months ago I was talking to my previous choir Director, Mr. Brian Caple, about what God is putting on my heart. It was to lead a project in Haiti to help the poorest children in the world. The village, named Mapou, has no school, no water, and NO CHURCH. There was even no road until present. Now, by the grace of God and several brothers and sisters, we have something we can call a road that is good enough for a pick-up truck to bring goods, materials, and missionaries to the village.

The Lord is working in the lives of the people of Mapou village and throughout Haiti. I praise the Lord and thank you very much for your faithful prayer and financial support to allow this project to continue. Missionary teams, my family and I have traveled to the Island of La Gonave, Haiti, a total of 5 times during the year of 2007. We laid the foundation of the Church/School/Clinic, and now we just finished the posting of the blocks of the building. The third phase is coming pretty soon. We are going in March to pour concrete inside the building.

PORT-A-PRINCE ~ Cullie & Sandy Woodall



Christmas for the Woodalls in the past has always been about getting together as a family, this year it was not possible. Cullie went home for ten days in November and spent time with his mom and dad, Sara, Ryan and Regan while Sandy 'held down the fort' in Haiti. Two weeks later Sandy went home and spent time with Sara, Ryan and Regan. While Sandy was in Florida the container that Cullie had loaded and shipped to Haiti was released from customs. Since Sandy's return we have been busy sorting, boxing and distributing the clothes, shoes, dishes, toiletries, toys and 192 French Bibles that had been donated. As we handed out these items we were overwhelmed and blessed with joy by the people's response and thankfulness to God for His provision. Even though we were not with our family this Christmas, God blessed us with a peaceful time spent worshipping Him with our Haitian 'family' and sharing about His love and life with others. The greatest gift we can give is to share about Jesus Christ. "Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us." Please pray for the election process in America and pray for Haiti's political process in 2008; that God's people will take a stand, that their votes in America and decisions by the leaders in Haiti would honor Him. Pray that whatever the outcome we believers stood by God's truths so that we can say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." I Timothy 4:7



Christmas Dinner with Friends



Christmas program, Fagneauville Church



Spending time with friends



Giving donated Christmas Gifts

LES CAYES ~ Rod & Debbie Wray



More than 2000 years ago we were all given the gift of Jesus. In John 4:14, Jesus said: "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." I suppose most of us wouldn't consider a glass of clean drinkable water a really good Christmas gift, but to about 500 plus people in the area of Brefet, a brand new well was the best Christmas present they could receive. December 25th was the inauguration and grand opening of the well, and it was a very happy time and a lot of thanks was given to God. It really was a team effort with Dr. Roberts and our friends from Mountain View, Missouri, raising the \$3,000.00 U.S. for the well, our hospital administrator and community health department obtaining the land and approval, and a local Christian well drilling team actually installing the well. All we need do is accept Jesus and the living water that he offers unto us.



Tim helping to gather gravel for the well



Spreading gravel around well



Residents preparing to get water



Cassie's Children's Corner

Shoe Boxes for Kids



Cassie Organizing The Boxes

We received over 200 Boxes filled with Soaps, Toothbrushes, Hair Barrettes, and lots more



Tom Loading Up The Boxes

Boxes Ready to be Shipped to Haiti



Three orphanages and one school in Haiti were able to give out hygiene products

Thanks to everyone who supported this project.



Thank You



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 'Shoe Boxes for Kids' Christmas project. We were joyously overwhelmed with the amount of support we received. There were over 200 boxes filled with hygiene products: soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, combs, deodorant, socks, shirts, underwear, etc A large container filled with the boxes was sent to Haiti. In January, our Director of Haiti Missions, Tom Schmidt, and two of his sons, Matt and Ben, traveled to Port-au-Prince, Gonaives and Thomassin, Haiti to deliver the boxes. The children at Charlie's Champions, In His Hands and New Life Children's Home orphanages and Garden of Joy school were ecstatic to get a box just for them.

Unfortunately, we found that this project was a bit expensive to implement. The cost of shipping and receiving is continually. Customs in Haiti is also a problem. The Haitian Government has recently changed procedure for shipments, making it difficult to send thing there.

Although this project was costly and difficult at times, we are happy that we gave the effort to try it out and grateful to those of you who were able to participate. If you have an idea for a Christmas project for the children we would love to hear your thoughts. You can e-mail me at Cassie@harvestinternational.org and tell me all about it. Thanks again to all of our sponsors, you are truly making a difference in these children's lives.

Love A Child Be A Sponsor



There are so many lost, lonely and needy children in the world. All children should feel safe and secure, knowing they are loved. If you feel the Lord leading you to support a child or an orphanage please e-mail me at cassie@harvestinternational.org or visit our website www.harvestinternational.org. I can't wait to set you up with a little boy or girl to start loving. Sponsorship is \$25.00 a month or \$300.00 for the year. This allows the children to be in a caring environment where they receive shelter, food, clothing, education, support, friendship, family and a knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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see us on YouTube

If you missed the chance to celebrate Harvest International's "Have a Heart for Harvest" 2008 Fund-raiser, you're in luck. You can now view our intro. presentation on YouTube.

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One of my greatest blessings on our trip to Haiti in April was an invitation to witness the Sunday school and feeding program in Renault. We arrived in Renault, after a short ten minute drive from the guest house, and the glory began. Just driving down the dirt road toward the field children were swarming the vehicles, all laughing and screaming, running after the trucks with delight. We got to the field and the Haitian youth workers quickly gathered the attention of the children by making a circle and singing songs and praying. The truck was unloaded by Rod and others and in a matter of about 10 minutes, 3 large tents were erected, a puppet theater was positioned and the children began to enter the CHURCH. They were sectioned off into 6 sections with a very small aisle in between each section. The lessons began. They taught them songs and then a memory verse. How sweet it was to make out John 3:16. I don't speak Creole, but there was no mistaking that beautiful verse.

The team had been told, prior to reaching Renault, that it worked best for the Haitian youth workers to pass out the food. We were told that the children responded better to their authority. I was standing next to the tent when Rod and one of the youth workers asked if some of the team would like to help. I was nervous but very excited at the opportunity. I made my way into the tent to the middle of the 6 sections of children. They all sat, as still as children can seem to manage. Cecile and Brenda were also ushered into the tent and placed along the rows. We began to pass out water bags. While some of them tried to hide their bag of water under their tiny legs in an effort to receive another one, others were helping the very young children stretch their hands up high to receive a bag of water. They were helping to point out those around them who had not yet received water, lest one be overlooked.

The Haitian youth had been given the rice and beans by Rod and Debbie, as has been the custom over the last 2 months. The youth had been up since 4 a.m. cooking for these children. From the back of Rod's truck, small Styrofoam plates were piled high with rice and beans. We began in the front in a sort of bucket brigade fashion, as we had with the water, and each child graciously received a plate of food. Many of them began eating so fast, I was sure they would choke.

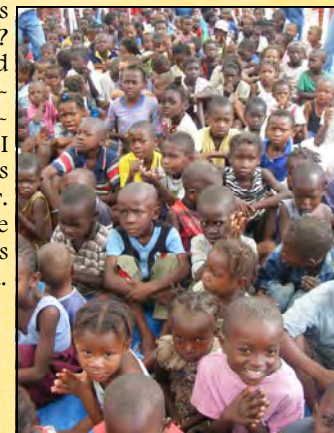
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We made it to the last section and began to pass out the food. We were most of the way through this last section when I heard from the front of the tent that we were finished. I looked down and saw several children who had not yet received their plate. I stood in disbelief, horror, and anguish. No, we are not finished. I heard again from the front, there is no more, it is finished.

These children still looking up at me waiting, so beautifully patient, had no idea the words I had just heard, as it was spoken in English. I heard Rod ask how many more we needed. We quickly counted the empty hands and there were 8. In a flurry of emotion I looked up and saw 4 plates heading to the back section. We needed 4. Again, I heard, "There is no more." I welled up with tears as I looked at those 4 beautiful children sitting so quietly. They knew they were going to get a plate. Why wouldn't they, everyone around them had food and they were just as needy, just as patient, and they had just learned that Jesus loved each one of them. I fought back tears, I didn't want them to see me cry, and then surely they would know what was happening. I began to pray, quietly but aloud. "Lord, please, we need 4 more plates of food. Please, God feed your children". I heard murmuring a little bit away and it was Cecile, she was praying saying, "God, multiply the rice." Then across the section I heard another voice, Brenda, praying, "God, you did it with the loaves and fishes, surely you can do it again." By this time I felt my insides trembling, I didn't know what else to do. Time seemed to have stood still. I looked up to see 2 more plates heading toward the last section. "Thank you God," I prayed. "Please God, just 1 more and these last two children can split it. Please God." I looked up through the tears in my eyes and saw another plate heading back. I placed it in a little boy's hand and he smiled at me. There was one more child. "Just one more God" I prayed. Just one more and they will all be fed. "Please God Please". I looked up and the last little beautiful plate came back, as full as all the plates before it. Of course, why wouldn't it be? It was placed in the last tiny pair of hands and the boy gleamed. He knew it was coming. How could we have doubted? Elated, emotionally exhausted, I stood stunned and ever so grateful at the miracle that God had shown me. In that moment I found truth in the scripture that I had just skimmed over in the past. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the Great Provider in whom we shall trust. From 3 pots of rice and beans over 400 children were fed. It was good.

~ Tracey Herrera



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April 10, 2008

Dear Harvest Partners,

Harvest International's goal has always been to help people on a physical level so that we can earn the right to minister to them on a spiritual level by showing the love of Jesus and what He has done for them. You have empowered us to do that with your financial support of all our missionaries and projects throughout the world.

Our responsibility to you is to be accountable for the funds that you entrust to us. We accomplish that by having a yearly audit from an outside financial firm. The findings are then reported to an independent agency who evaluates what we are doing. Below is a letter from one of those agencies. I trust that you will be as encouraged as I am with our rating for 2007.

God bless you,
Danny Thomas, Director
Harvest International, Inc.



March 31, 2008

Dear Daniel Thomas,

On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate Harvest International on achieving our coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management.

As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars. In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, highlights the fine work of efficient charities such as your own, and provides donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make.

Based on the most recent financial information available, we have calculated a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce Harvest International has earned our second consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 28% of the charities we've rated have received at least 1 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Harvest International outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Harvest International from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

The New York Times, *NPR* and *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, among others, have profiled and celebrated our unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. We evaluate ten times more charities than our nearest competitor and currently attract more visitors to our website than all other charity rating groups combined, thus making us the leading charity evaluator in America. Our irrefutable data shows that users of our site gave more than they planned to before viewing our findings, and in fact, it is estimated that last year Charity Navigator influenced over \$10 billion in charitable gifts.

Sincerely,
Michael Smith
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John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service honoring John and Carolyn Scott Cain

The John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service is presented to alumni in recognition of extraordinary service to his or her community and demonstrated leadership through servanthood in the spirit of Davidson's fifteenth president. The ongoing and dedicated work of John and Carolyn Cain in serving and ministering to children in poverty-stricken Haiti exemplifies the highest ideals represented by this award.

Thirty years ago, Carolyn wrote in her application to Davidson that she had a "deep concern for people and a longing to be a friend to others in any way she can." She told Davidson that she was inspired by her belief that serving others was the best way to serve the Lord. As a young man, John, too, saw service in his future, volunteering his time and energy to help others during high school and at Davidson. Each recognized at an early age that a lifetime of serving their fellow man awaited them.

After serving as an officer in both Davidson's pre-medical honorary society and at Sigma Alpha Epsilon, John graduated from Davidson with a degree in physics and attended Duke Medical School and specialized in radiology. Carolyn was active at Davidson with the Davidson Christian Fellowship and with the Y Service Corps and left Davidson with a degree in German. She attended the University of South Carolina Medical School and now is a pediatrician in Ocala, Florida.



John and Carolyn, joined by their two daughters, have been on nearly a dozen mission trips to Haiti on campaigns to fight malaria, provide free medical services, and to raise funds to allow children to return to the United States for extensive medical treatment. Guided by their faith and their commitment to their fellow man, they have transformed countless lives and provided opportunities to hundreds of impoverished children. They have served indigent citizens around the world through their leadership on the Board of Directors of Harvest International. Their actions exemplify what it means to devote one's life to serving others.

Because you have been called to minister to some of the world's neediest children and adults; because you are living a life of merciful and compassionate service to others; because you are providing your own children with an example of selfless commitment to humankind; and because you are living out the humane instincts that brought you to Davidson, the Davidson College Alumni Association is proud to present you, John Maloney Cain and Carolyn Scott Cain, members of the Class of 1983, with the John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service on this 26th day of April, 2008.

Cuba Short Term Mission Trips

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Travel to Cuba is not only legal, but a life-changing experience. It is a chance of a lifetime to bring humanitarian aid to Churches in the last-standing Communist country in the Western Hemisphere.

Learn first hand about the situation and life in Cuba. Meet various Christian ministries. Observe ongoing mission programs and interact with Christian leaders working with local churches, children in need, the elderly and the handicapped.

Harvest International, Inc and ECHO Cuba are providing the structure and legal documents for mission trips to Cuba for the purpose of encouraging and assisting the Christian Church.

ECHO Cuba has been recognized as one of the most successful humanitarian organizations doing meaningful ministry in Cuba since 1992. Our experience and passion for the Cuban people are unmatched.

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Haiti Children's Bible School

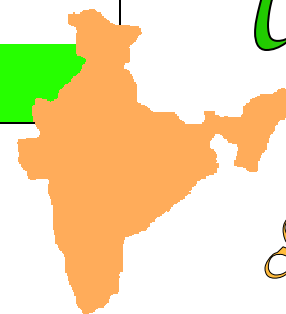
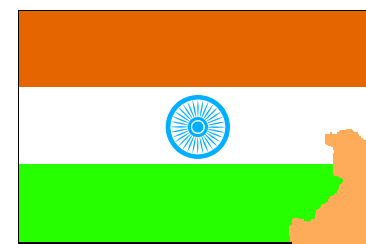
On April 5, 2008 a team of eleven from Trinity Baptist and Good Sheppard Lutheran Church, embarked on a missions trip to Gonaives, Haiti. We were able to pack along some supplies donated by various sources which included 100 pairs of shoes, a year supply of vitamins for each orphan and foam egg crates to serve as mattresses.

Our plan for the week was to coordinate a children's Bible school for Charlie's Champions and In His Hands orphanages. Over 120 children attended the camp. We had the awesome opportunity to bus everyone out in two trips to a beautiful piece of land outside the city. It was a large open area to run and play that was shaded by huge mango trees. Activities included music, dance, skits, crafts, sports and Bible lessons.

Everything didn't go according to plan with plane delays, missed flights, sickness, protests and language barriers, but the Lord took excellent care of each one of us. We were a witness to several miracles that took place, from fundraising to having every supply we needed even when we didn't think we would have everything.

Unfortunately, with the rising cost of food and gas we could tell there is still a huge financial need to support each child. They are special and beautiful people in everyway. We look forward to returning very soon.

If you feel the Lord leading you to give a gift that changes lives and would like to support a child please return the bottom portion of this article. I can't wait to set you up with a little boy or girl to start loving. Sponsorship is \$25.00 a month or \$300.00 for the year. This allows the children to be in a caring environment where they receive shelter, food, clothing, education, support, friendship, family and a knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



The Children of India

Daniel Et Betty Edwin
Bangalore, India



Health



Daniel and Betty Edwin's ministry is focused on helping people in the village with health problems. Many people suffer from skin infections that are often left untreated. A common infection is Streptococcal which can lead to nephrological problems and non-supportive skin complications.

They also distribute food to the poor children and families in the village. Many children survive only on what they are given. Rice and beans are their main food supply. As you can see the children are very grateful for what little is given to them.

School



The Edwins conduct school workshops on the side walks of the city streets. Slum children gather around and participate in educational lessons.

They want to buy a piece of land near the slum to build a proper school for the children and to provide free hospital care. The land is 3600 square feet and cost \$80.00 per square foot. If you feel the Lord leading you to help with the purchase of this land, please send your donation in and indicate that it is for the "India - School Land".

Food



Day Care



The newest addition to their ministry is a day care for children with HIV positive parents. Most of the children do not know that their parents carry this deadly disease. Daniel and Betty plan to have each child's blood tested and pray for their negative results. Eventually they would like to find a building to house these children.

The Children of India are joining Harvest's Child Sponsorship Program. If the strings on your hearts were tugged after reading this article and you would like to begin supporting this ministry please fill out and send in the form below.

YES ! I want a child to Love
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YES ! I want to support an Orphanage
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I want to make a one time gift of \$_____ to go to:
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Yes! I want to support The Children of India

Monthly donation of \$25.00

One time gift of \$_____

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Cassie's Children's Corner

Introducing

Jerusalem School

Jerusalem School is located in Gonaives, Haiti and has over 100 children attending classic or technical classes. When Hurricane Jeanne destroyed the city in 2004, many children were scattered and went without an education. Today, the children are able to return to school. Now they have prospects for a brighter future, one shaped by their own determination, ability and the new skills they are learning.

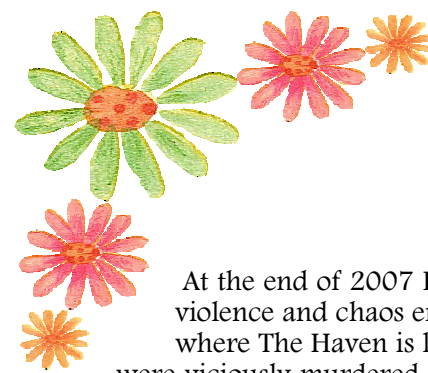
Many families are facing economic problems daily that prevent them from sending their children to school. For this reason Jerusalem School has joined Harvest International's Child Sponsorship Program. Now the school can offer education to children who cannot afford tuition.

Jerusalem School is administered by Wilsoner Jean. Wilsoner has been with the school for many years and is eager to help educate children. The school is blessed to be able to provide textbooks, supplies, food, tuition and a Christian education.



There are over 130 students at Jerusalem School who are on our Sponsorship Program. If you feel the Lord leading you to help support one of these children please don't hesitate to become a sponsor. E-mail me at Cassie@harvestinternational.org.

I can't wait to set you up with a boy or girl to start loving.



THE HAVEN



At the end of 2007 Kenya held peaceful elections, but when the results were announced widespread violence and chaos ensued. People of the Kikuyu tribe were targeted for killing. The town of Eldoret, where The Haven is located, was one of the worst areas. Many people fled for their lives while others were viciously murdered. Alan and Pam May, our in-country missionaries, chose to leave their home and return to the United States due to the instability and violence in Kenya. We thank the Lord they arrived safely. Sadly, the children at The Haven had nowhere else to go. They hid inside the walls of the orphanage, praying for peace to return to the land.

On February 28th, 2008, we received word that the devastation that had plagued Kenya for over a month had finally died down. It is hopeful that the government is coming to some sort of peace terms. The children at The Haven are all well. Although at times they were frightened, not one child was harmed.

Since many store owners in Eldoret have packed up and moved away, there are limited places to gather supplies. Food costs have increased dramatically. Before the country's unrest the cost of four bunches of greens was 20 shillings. At times the cost rose to 700 shillings. It will be a long time before the economy in Kenya returns to normal.

Alan May recently returned to Kenya for a visit. The children are doing well and are on a break from school. They are enjoying the relative peace since Kenya has adopted a coalition government which has brought a near end to the post-election violence. The Haven took in several displaced children during the height of the chaos, and one little fellow, Dennis, is going to stay. He's quite a precious little boy who needs a permanent home. He seems to have fit in very nicely with the rest of the family.

The construction of the new children's home is still going on nicely. Allan visited the site during his visit and it looks as though it is more than three-fourths of the way towards completion. The dining hall is finished, the girls' dorm (Fresh Start) has two stories completed, and the roof is being put on now. The boys' dorm is about to have its second floor poured. As you can imagine, the cost of building materials (as well as food, petrol, etc.) has shot up significantly since the skirmishes in January, but we are still hopeful that the construction funds we have will complete the job. Please pray that it will.

Considering the great need to care for more children, we would love to be able to furnish the new orphanage as soon as it is completed and then bring in more kids. We'll have room for 80 more children after the Fresh Start and The Haven children move in, but we cannot take in any of these additional children without funding to feed and clothe them. Please, please help us find more people interested in sponsoring children or generally donating to the support of the children's home.

Although the children of The Haven need many things, most pressing is their need for support. If you feel led to help The Haven, please send in your donations as soon as possible. Indicate on the bottom of your check: "The Haven - Support". If you would like to help The Haven in a specific area of need please indicate: "The Haven - Construction", "The Haven - Furnishing", "The Haven - Food". If you would like to begin sponsoring a child I'd love to set you up with a little boy or girl right away. God bless you.



Love A Child Be A Sponsor



There are so many lost, lonely and needy children in the world. All children should feel safe and secure, knowing they are loved. If you feel the Lord leading you to support a child, school or orphanage please e-mail me at cassie@harvestinternational.org or visit our website www.harvestinternational.org. I can't wait to set you up with a little boy or girl to start loving. Sponsorship is \$25.00 a month or \$300.00 for the year. This allows the children to be in a caring environment where they receive shelter, food, clothing, education, support, friendship, family and a knowledge of our *Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*.



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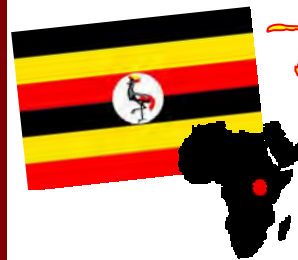
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*"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."
~ Romans 8:26 ~*

THE STORY OF BABY STEPHEN



December 2002 - In Margaret's weak and pregnant condition she lifted herself up to Jesus asking for forgiveness, repenting of her sins and placing her trust in Jesus. The birth of Stephen occurred in early January of 2003 and within two weeks Margaret his mother had died of Aids, but she went home to be with our loving Savior Jesus Christ.

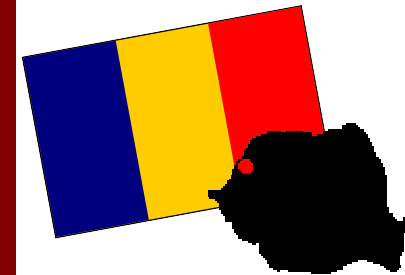
February 2003 - Baby Stephen was found to be HIV positive and grandmother Florence could not give him the care he required. A home was found for Stephen in Jinja, where an American woman who goes by the name of Mama Jackie looks after children from birth to the age of four. Our prayers began asking the Lord to change Stephen from HIV positive to HIV negative.

March 2004 - The Jinja baby home calls to tell us that Stephen can no longer stay with them because they needed the space and that baby Stephen tested negative for HIV. Tears of joy Praising our Lord! Now we began praying that grandmother Florence will take Stephen back into her home. Pastor Sam Kasule talked with Florence and we promised to supply milk and vitamins to help Stephen grow and stay healthy.

August 2008 - So here is baby Stephen, now a young boy who we have placed in Primary one at the Hope Primary School. On the first day of school Stephen cried, for you see he had seen so many others going to school leaving him behind but, no more!

Dick and I have no children of our own, but each year when we visit grandmother Florence, who by the way takes care of so many other grandchildren, comes with Stephen and says to us, here is your child! God has blessed us through our prayers and His love for each one of us.

It only takes \$28.00 per month to change the life of one child forever. The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project has been in the Ft. Portal area of Uganda for over thirteen years now, supporting children from Primary one and in many cases through the University. Won't you pray and consider investing in the life of one child?



The Bullocks Oradea, Romania



It is so awesome to see and be a part of God's marvelous plans He has, not only for us, but also for the children and the teams who have traveled from the US to share their love for Jesus Christ with children in Romania....It never ceases to amaze me at how He is always at work! Even though we make specific plans for the camps, it never really happens that way. But in the end, looking back....WOW....how He can change lives.



We have completed our first two camps of the summer and by the time this newsletter reaches you we will have finished the third and fourth one. Our first team was from our home church, First Baptist Church of Ocala. They even managed to sneak in a special guest for us. Our oldest daughter, Jessica, actually made the trip with the team. Needless to say, we were surprised and very grateful to FBC Ocala for this very special blessing. The second team was from Thomasville, NC - Richfork Baptist Church. Both of these teams were well prepared and ready to give everything they had to the children. God was good and children's lives were changed in addition to the US folks. No one who was at these camps will ever be the same.



One young girl gave her life to Christ but is afraid of what she will go home to because her family is Orthodox and she has been told that if she gets baptized, she will never again be allowed to come to the Church. Another one was struggling with the fact that if she accepted Christ, she would have to face her friends and change her lifestyle because they were doing things that she should not be doing....These are just a couple of examples of how God moved in the lives of the children at these camps! Each of them did accept Christ and will be struggling to grow in their faith in Christ. Please pray for the Pastors and Missionaries who will be discipling these kids after camp.



On the US side, one of the students on one of the teams had just graduated from high school and came to Romania with an attitude that he was not going to change his way of thinking and looking....He had several large earrings in his ears in addition to a bushy beard. We did ask him to take out his earrings for Sunday morning church in the village, which he did, but he wasn't very happy about it and even mentioned that he was going to wear them in camp. However, the Lord dealt with this young man in such a way that by the end of camp he had actually shaved his beard off (which made him look very handsome) and told Randy the day before they flew home that he was never going to put the earrings back in his ears and was changing his major from Sound Tech Engineering (which is where the \$\$ is) to Elementary Education because he realized how he could make an impact on a child's life. AWESOME!!!

God is so Good! Thank you to all of our supporters and those who participate in our ministry, not only through financial ways but mainly for the prayers that are lifted to our Heavenly Father on our behalf. God bless ya'll and enjoy our pictures!!!



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The Guerriers La Gonave, Haiti



We have returned from our month long mission trip in Mapou Village, La Gonave, Haiti with a renewed affirmation that we are to continue the work the Lord has set before us. Praise the Lord for a successful trip. We obeyed and left our comfort zones with three small children. The Lord showed us that He was in charge and we should only keep our eyes on Him.



Current Church



Future Church

The building construction is looking great! The walls are completely up and the lintels were poured. Now we wait on the roofing materials to be bought and placed. After the roof is placed, it will be used to collect rain water which will be used to mix concrete to pour on the ground.

Dominique had Vacation Bible School (VBS) with the children. We had no idea of what to expect, but we knew God was going to do a great work. Dominique

took one week to train young men/ladies to become teachers to work alongside her. During the four daily morning sessions the children traveled miles and miles to hear the message to "Choose Jesus." Everyday more than one hundred twenty children came and listened to how they can choose to believe, obey, act, forgive, and to ultimately choose Jesus. The children had a wonderful life changing experience. For some, it was the first time ever sitting and listening to God's Word. Many stated how they had fun and clearly understood what was being taught from God's Word, but most of all they had unconditional love. Pray that God will bless us with Bibles so we can give them to those who accepted Christ Jesus as their Lord.



The Wrays Les Cayes, Haiti



For ten days in July a youth team from Valleyview Bible Church in Kamloops, B.C visited us in Haiti. They worked together with our Haitian youth team and did Vacation Bible School. They also worked on the orphanage which we are building for children who have aids. They poured the very top cement roof, and now the building is ready for the finishing touches. We are hoping to open the orphanage early in the fall.

The youth team also worked really hard to build a new cement sports court at the local MEBSH college. It took three long days out in the hot sun, but the final result is beautiful. We held a grand opening volleyball tournament to celebrate the new sports court. The people of Simon are very excited and thankful for the new facility. Our Mothers and Daughters Missionary Volleyball Team won the ladies championship.

Last Sunday was our final Sunday until September down at Renault where we do Sunday school / feeding to the children. We made up and distributed over 700 gift bags, with toys, clothes, and food (rice cereal packets) in each bag. The visiting team from Kamloops prayed in small groups the whole morning while we ministered. The Haitian kids ate the dry cereal right out of the packets.



The Lalsees Zimbabwe, Africa



"Will you at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?" Jesus' followers were looking for a human solution to their national crisis but Jesus taught them that the true solution to their problems was through union with His Father. He did not want his disciples to be so caught up in the circumstances around them that they became blind to the plentiful harvest and the need for workers.



Visiting Pastor from Ghana



Children taking their offering to the altar

God has graciously brought us to this absolutely beautiful country. We marvel at the richness of the soil, enjoy the beauty of the flowers, flowering shrubs, the louries feasting on the msasa trees, and the short-tailed crombecs feeding off the palm seeds. It's a birdwatcher's paradise!

We have also been enjoying the love and hospitality of our Christian brothers and sisters as we have laughed and cried together. The certainty for all of us is our hope in Him and His eternal purposes. "For WE KNOW that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28, NIV). Our hearts have been greatly encouraged in our sharing times with our brethren - our call, their own ministry goals and struggles, and how we could work together. We find that, to a large extent, we have a common sense of mission. They speak of many people turning to the Lord and demonstrating acts of repentance.

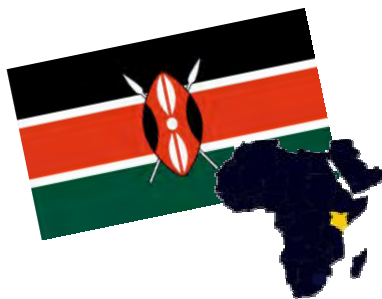
We marvel at how God has sensitized so many of these pastors and leaders in encouraging us and helping us as we seek God's direction and guidance in knowing where He wants us to begin our work here. We have already met with several pastors, attended many teas, lunches, coffee mornings and prayer groups at various locations in Harare and Banket. We continue to seek out and to meet with others whose input we greatly look forward to. Already, we have the opportunity to start working with the leadership of one denomination in



Testing the potatoes on a farm in Banket

Harare and two others in Banket, two hours away.

Please pray with us for wisdom as we continue meeting with leaders, and for faithfulness as we present Christ and His Grand Design for the nations. Thank you for your prayers, financial support and concern for us which you demonstrate in so many ways.



The Mays Kenya, Africa



Mary, our African pastor's wife, has visited the US several times, and she has noticed that pink is a "girl's" color. Kenyans do not have such associations as "pink for girls and blue for boys." Mary expressed to Pam and me that she would love to have the girls' rooms painted pink. We agreed that would be nice. Apparently, she also decided to paint the exterior trim pink. I wonder if the plan is to paint the boys' dorm blue...but I don't know.

In the living room, you will notice what look like doilies covering the furniture. This is a huge part of Kenyan culture. When visiting in a Kenyan home, it is common for the hostess to make sure you have such a covering over the back of the seat, and she will adjust it several times during your visit to make sure it doesn't fall off the chair or couch. Such attention to these things seems silly to me, but what do I know?

The photo of the safety window was sent to me specifically because early in the construction process I made a big deal about the need to open the security bars on the windows in the event of a fire. In most buildings, there is no way to get out of window, so people just burn up. That's why Ben sent me a photo to assure me that the window grates can be opened in an emergency.

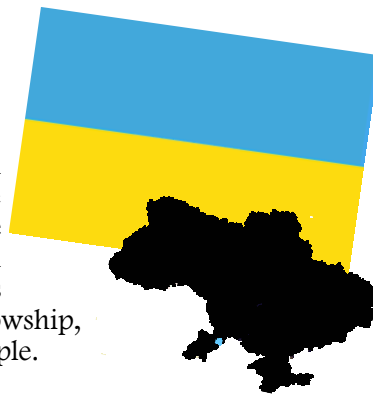
Ben, Marry and all the children pass along their greetings and their appreciation for such a fine new home. I, too, cannot say thank you enough for all you and your families have done to support this work. We may never know, this side of heaven, the impact that has been made in the hearts of these kids, but I like to think you will be met in heaven by many Africans who will say, "you don't know me, but I came to know Jesus because you gave me a home when I had no home, and you fed me good food when I was hungry."





Lela Steel - Ukraine

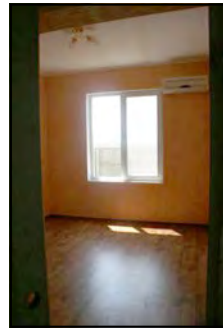
It's hard to believe that summer is in full swing. It's been very hot in Odessa, but I praise the Lord that I have an air conditioning unit in the window of my bedroom. I am able to get a good night's rest with the a/c on. We have just finished being with a team of students from San Antonio Christian Academy who were here for 2 weeks. The students fell in love with our boys at Fontanka and it was a great time of fellowship, bible study, and even hospital visits. What a great group of young people.



House of Hope Picture Update



House of Hope continues to move forward and I can't wait until we are ready for the first group of boys who will live there. Please continue to pray for this project as we still have lots to do to finish. Viktor is working hard to be done and is just as excited as I am about the future. Pray that the Lord will provide the right house parents for these boys.



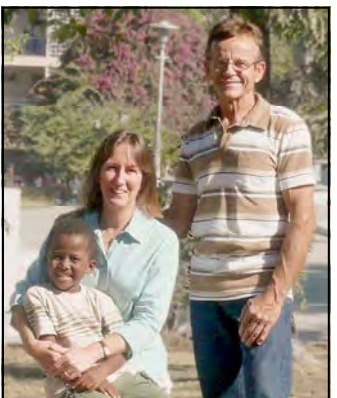
ECHO Cuba



ECHO-Cuba will be hosting a humanitarian team trip in mid to late November. We will be delivering valuable aid to various ministries and social projects as well as hearing testimonies from our brothers and sisters in Cuba. There will be visits to Christian ministries ECHO-Cuba supports, as well as to non-Christian projects currently helping the needy in Cuba. All lodging, transport, and guides will be provided by ECHO-Cuba. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$900.00 plus airfare from Miami. If you are interested please contact Miguel Gonzales at 352-884-0441 or via e-mail at miguel@echocuba.org



The Woodalls Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me. ~ Psalm 66:16



Not that many years ago, as young people, we were singing *This Little Light of Mine, I'm Going to Let It Shine*. Now we find ourselves serving in Haiti singing *Trust And Obey* and *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. We are kept busy meeting the mechanical needs of the missionary community, various building projects and working with the church and children's program. We are reminded daily that God is our protector, our helper, our source of strength, our provider and He is faithful. It has been exciting to witness children that were toddlers come up through the programs at church. We have seen young teenagers mature into leaders in the program. In being able to repair roofs, provide basic medical help, pay tuition for children to attend school, we are blessed. God is using you and us as instruments to fulfill His plan. Lord, continue to mold, cleanse and purify us until You return.



The Edwins India



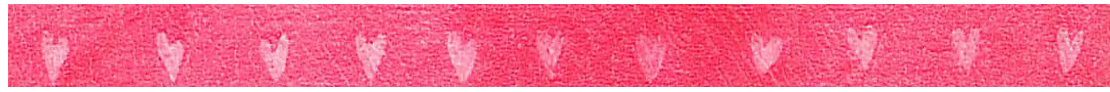
India is in dire need of prayer. Recently, two pastors were beaten up. When the police were called, they refused to file a report or pursue the extremists. Churches are being stoned, windows and doors are being broken. People are being pulled out of prayer and the young boys who are in Bible college have gone into hiding. I have started a prayer fellowship in my college and have approximately 70 students participating. We gather on Mondays, Thursdays and all other days one hour in prayer. Our hearts are broken and I am requesting everyone to join us in our prayers.

In our ministry, our baptismal tank is outside. Our government is not in favor of this and views it as an insult. We need to build a room to enclose our tank. The area is 40x70 and is 2,800 square feet. We approximate that we will need \$12,000 to erect this enclosure. The room will also be used for our Sunday school children, who are nearing 80. If you feel led to help us in our building fund, please send your donations to Harvest International and indicate "India - Building". It is His grace which sustains us and we know the Lord will write these souls into your account. God bless you.





Cassie's Children's Corner



FOOD RELIEF

The average family in Haiti cooks one meal a day. They begin by placing sticks or charcoal in the middle of three rocks on the ground. When the fire has started, they then place a 5 to 8 quart aluminum pot over the rocks to heat and pour in rice and beans.

A year ago a 50 lb. bag of rice cost \$50. Today that same bag is \$80. The rising cost of food and fuel has not only hit Americans hard, but has damaged Haitians who depend on imported supplies.

In a country where unemployment is high and families earn less than \$2.00 a day, **food is UNAFFORDABLE.**



This holiday season help our Haitian children fill their hungry bellies. We have also gotten several requests for new clothing for the children. please Fill out and send in the below support slips with your donation OF \$25.00 to Harvest International and indicate on your check "Food Relief" or "New Clothing". Every gift impacts the life of a child. God bless you.

Food Relief **New Clothing**

YES! I want to help feed and/or clothe the children

Please send my \$_____ donation to:

- Charlie's Champions
- Garden of Joy
- In His Hands
- Jerusalem School
- New Life Children's

OR help the children in:

- The Haven - Kenya
- India

Garden of Joy update

July 30th was an exciting day for me. Ann Farquharson, Coordinator of Garden of Joy School in Haiti, was visiting in Florida and came to meet me for the very first time. It was wonderful to finally be able to talk face to face. We discussed many things about Garden of Joy. I am happy to give an update to all our supporters.

The construction at Garden of Joy is still under way, but moving along nicely. The children have finally been moved out of the church section and into classrooms. The church is now being used for services.

This summer Ann's daughter and granddaughter visited her in Haiti for the first time. They spent a week seeing all that Ann does. During their visit, Ann conducted a food giveaway to many Haitian families. There were many happy faces as they gave out 120, 41 pound sacks of food. Families came thinking they were only getting financial help to buy the children's textbooks, but what a surprise awaited them! They had a praise service then made some announcements regarding school opening. Then they made the announcement that the supporters had helped with giving food in the middle of the summer. Each family received rice, beans, corn meal, millet, sugar, a half gallon of oil, garlic, tomato paste, tinned fish, tinned milk, toothpaste, soap, and chicken boullion cubes. Many children and their families had enough food for more than three weeks depending on the size of the family. Every parent said thank you many times. During the praise service every sponsor or sponsor group was prayed for. Each parent is very thankful and appreciative of your support. They always pray for you and ask God to bless you so you can continue to help. Ninety-five percent of these parents could not afford to send their children to school without your generous gifts. We are thankful for your out pouring of love to help these children during the summer.



Garden of Joy Construction Progress



Services in the NEW church



Ann's Granddaughter distributing food sacks



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There are so many lost, lonely and needy children in the world. All children should feel safe and secure, knowing they are loved. If you feel the Lord leading you to support a child or an orphanage, please e-mail me at cassie@harvestinternational.org or visit our website www.harvestinternational.org. I can't wait to set you up with a little boy or girl to start loving. Sponsorship is \$25.00 a month or \$300.00 for the year. This allows the children to be in a caring environment where they receive shelter, food, clothing, education, support, friendship, family and a knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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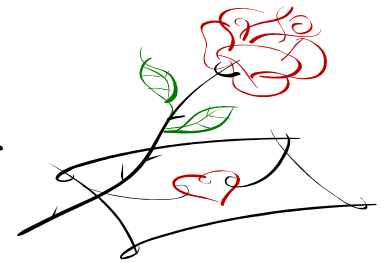
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The Johnsons with Sam & Zoe Kasule



Praise the Lord, we have just returned from two weeks ministering with Pastor Sam and wife Zoe to the children of the Good Samaritan Project, Hope Primary Christian School along with other ministry related activities. Upon arrival the first day we distributed 636 donated school T-shirts to all the students of the Hope School including the teachers. We were so blessed to be able to go into each classroom and take pictures of the students receiving their T-shirts. There was a great deal of excitement and as we told the Deputy Headmaster Patrick, we seem to always cause a disturbance. He responded however, "But it is a good disturbance!"



We think you will be astounded to hear about the school. You see just eight short years ago they were meeting in a temporary log cabin structure with just a few students and now, well, God has done a great work. We think you will also be astounded to realize the size of the classes. The whole school is managed by 15 teachers, which includes the Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster and a male secretary.

Once where there were only wild animals and bush there is now the sound of children, hundreds of them and once where there was great resistance by the community, they are now talking of a high school and maybe even a University. It could happen, God is able!





The Guerreirs



We are very glad to share with you the journey God is taking us on in La Gonaive, Haiti. After two years of ongoing short term mission trips to Haiti, our roles have changed. God has touched our lives to go to Haiti as full time missionaries. By going full term, there are some preparations to be made.

We are thanking God for what He is doing in Mapou. We thank you as well for your financial support and your prayers. We are now in the process to erect the metal roof. We will have a mission team going to Mapou on Dec 15 through Dec 22, 2008. Please pray for safe travels. We know some of you can

not travel to see the wonderful job God is doing in the lives of the people in village, however, you can check on our webpage at: <http://www.harvestinternational.org/guerrierfamily.html> to see more details. Funds are also being collected for the construction materials. For more details how to donate, please contact Harvest International 352-622-1818 or visit the above website; call Benis and Dominique Guerrier 352-687-2625, or email: bguerrier1@yahoo.com

This past summer, our family spent one full month in Haiti getting to know the people and working on the church/school building. There were several people who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Among them was a young 24 year-old voodoo priest. He called us to tell us his life has changed and he is going to get married. Praise the Lord! Please pray for this young new believer in Christ. His name is Onique Leandre.



These are three needs to pray for us:

- Pray that we will be able to get rid off our mortgage, to be sold or rented out to a good family.
- Pray that God will give us enough financial support to help us in the remote area and for provision of our primary needs.
- Pray that God will prepare a place for us to live with our children in Mapou.
- Pray that God will send people to help us on this Journey.



The Wrays



The entire South of Haiti, including Les Cayes, remains somewhat cut-off from Port au Prince and the rest of Haiti. We are thankful for the small airline service but travel by road has been difficult ever since the four hurricanes this year. At first, people and big trucks were shutting off their engines and having their vehicles pushed through the 300 meter long section of flooded road, but now it is too deep and unsafe, so everybody is relying upon the bypass detour which has been built. Unfortunately, it is a very steep road only suitable for 4X4's so the large tanker and container trucks are still not able to come out to Cayes. Fuel, and many supplies have been difficult to find. As I write, it is raining again, and we have had non stop rain since yesterday at about this time. Things are starting to flood again.

Thankfully last week we were able to get fuel and so on Monday of this week, I bought rice and all the beans I could find in Cayes and headed out to transport the food to St. Martin where Harvest has the feeding program at the school. I managed to get close to St. Martin, but the river was still flooded where you have to cross at the beach, so we unloaded the food in a nearby house, and Pastor Voltaire made arrangements to take the food across by dugout canoe, and then the rest of the way by donkey to St. Martin. I am really glad that I went when I did as the rains have returned here this week and the roads are probably not passable at all again.

The orphanage for children who are HIV positive is progressing extremely well. Together with Max, we are planning for October 24th as the date when we will move the children in. Earlier this week a director from Cayes General Hospital contacted Max after she heard about the orphanage. A cute little two year old boy named Giberson was abandoned at the hospital and they didn't know what to do with him. The poor little boy has no parents, (they both died) and his grandmother abandoned him as soon as she found out that he has the HIV virus. The director at Cayes General hospital was very excited that we will take Giberson into the orphanage and she will work together with us in the future.

The Sunday school program at Renault is going very well. Tom and Ginger visited the new area with us, where an older man has given us a piece of land to use. We had the land closed in with Palm branches and now we have much better order and respect from the children. Pray for the direction of the Sunday School ministry. It seems that God is perhaps leading us to build a more permanent type facility for the children in the Renault area.



The Lalsees



It truly is my Father's world

This morning, I am being reminded that we can be so wrapped up in our personal lives that we fail to grab the way out that the Word of God speaks of in I Cor. 10:13 or the rest in Psalm 23. I woke up to get online when all sane homo sapiens were asleep. This has worked well for me in the past so this morning I was rearing to go. There was power, the phone was working and I thought everything else would be a breeze. But this was not to be. Daybreak came and I still could not get a connection.

Meanwhile, life continued outside! As I stood in the doorway and took in the beauty of it all, I could feel the peace of God ministering to my heart and peeling off my hours of frustration. *"This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise."*

Here in Zimbabwe, we Christians are daily learning that "all things" in Rom 8:28 means just what it says even if we do not understand where God is taking us. For many of us, Luke 11:3 is our reality yet there is nothing as beautiful as the blend of Shona voices singing "Wakanaka, Jesu;" (Jesus is wonderful) or "Tinotenda Jesu" (Thank you Jesus) at a worship service giving God thanks for the daily provision of food items, bus fares, water and all the basic commodities that overnight have become luxury items. *This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.*

The world's economy is imploding around us, bringing with it fear, uncertainty, and untold human misery. Like Jacob (Gen 42:6) it would be easy to give in to despair and say, "All these things are against me". But our hope is in God who sits on His throne bringing all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ (Eph 1v 10). *"This is my Father's world, the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one."*

On October 18th we said, "Tinotenda" to Jesus as we celebrated Dhan's 64th birthday. It was a quiet beautiful day with family and friends and the added blessing of calls from his siblings throughout the day. Thank you also dear friends for your greetings via email. *"This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought."*

For our dear friends, family and adopted families in the US who will soon be celebrating Thanksgiving. We trust it will be a special time for you all. We will miss the fellowship we enjoyed as we shared those lovely dinners together, and the great time we had last year delivering meals to the less fortunate. *May His presence be evident as you "Gather together to ask the Lord's blessing."*

"Wakanaka Jesu", "Tinotenda Jesu"



The Mays



The children of the Haven and the Fresh Start homes have been enjoying their new home in the town of Jua Kali (which means 'Fierce Sun') near Eldoret. They are enrolled in the local school and are a welcomed addition to the community. Pam and I are working with our Missions Pastor to plan a trip to visit Jua Kali December 26th through January 5th. We anticipate holding a camp event at the new orphanage site. The children in the community will be invited to join the children of the Haven/Fresh Start homes to participate in

Bible studies, praise and worship, arts and crafts, soccer matches, other recreational activities and of course, satisfying meals.

Now that Pam and I have relocated back to the States, we are hopeful to lead a team or two to visit the children each year. After the December trip, the next one is planned for July 29 – August 7, 2009, so let me know if you are interested in joining us (pam_n_alan@yahoo.com)! The specific focus of the mission trips will be developed according to the skills, gifts and talents of the respective team members. Generally we anticipate engaging the children of the home and the surrounding community in Bible studies and other above mentioned activities, but we also look for opportunities to provide medical, dental and optometric checkups; construction of playground equipment; training for adults and children in healthcare, hygiene, computer, business, and occupational skills.

The children of the Haven are in good hands. Ben and Mary Bahati are our ministry partners. While living in Kenya, Pam and I were under their ministry's umbrella, and now they oversee the work in our absence. Their ministry is huge and far reaching throughout Kenya, so please join us in praying for them. Pray for wisdom, stamina and protection as they seek the Lord's will in reaching Kenya for Jesus.

The Kenyan culture places great emphasis on greetings. So, I would be remiss if I failed to pass on the 'greetings' of Ben and Mary, Joseph and Lilian, and all the other caregivers and the children themselves. They want me to let you know how much they appreciate your love and support, and they welcome you to come for a visit!



Ben & Mary Bahati and Family



The Kays



This fall finds us settling into life as normal in Bucharest, Romania. We never thought we would say that, but here we are with a normal life of taking trams and subways to appointments, homeschooling, getting produce at the open market, and serving God in a foreign place. Amy and the children are doing well - doing lots of schooling, homework, learning - as is the case with young families. God continues to open doors of doing mobile medical clinics in villages around Bucharest as Thomas organizes, sees patients, and, most importantly, creates a way for village pastors to reach out to their communities by meeting medical needs. Some of the pastors have really

caught the vision for using this time to reach their villages for the Lord. Thomas has added to this project the idea of handing out dollar store reading glasses and it is a HIT! People will come from miles, gladly meet pastors and pray with them, all to get a pair of glasses. It is wonderful to be able to meet needs as simple as reading glasses and also know we are meeting greater needs by getting the local church involved in their lives. We continue to trust God to lead us and plant one foot in front of the other. We treasure all your prayers and thank you for your love and support.



The Bullocks



God has been so faithful. It is so awesome to watch the Lord work in the hearts and lives of these children and young people in Romania.

I would like to share with you a little about the Hospice Camp and the fact that this year, Shannon Lyles, a young lady whom we have watch grow up in our church; she is a Pediatric Nurse who works with diabetic children; and loves kids, was able to come to Romania to help with this camp.

One of the children, Geta (Get-a), is 11 years old, she has leukemia; has lost most of her vision because of chemo; and she needs help getting around. This

was her second year of coming to camp and last year she was very shy and didn't participate much. This year, because there were extra youth from England helping, I asked them to try and encourage her to get more involved. That's all it took and she was unstoppable from that point forward. She played games; participated in water day; she got involved in the small groups asking questions and answering questions; and did the hand motions to all the songs. The neat thing is that even though she could not read the memory verses, she first listened carefully then just kept repeating them to herself over and over. She was the always the first one to raise her hand when it came time to recite them. WOW! On the last night of camp, Geta accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior! We were all so excited, but this is not the end of the story. A week or so after camp, Lidia, one of the Hospice nurses, went to the village where Geta lives to give her some medication. Geta's Grandmother (who is Geta's caregiver) was so excited to see Lidia and with tears in her eyes she asked Lidia what happened to Geta at camp because she is not the same as when she left to go to camp. She is now having to read the Bible to Geta and Geta is praying. Lidia said that she then had a chance to share Christ with her.

Another child is Fabiana who is 8 years old and has Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa which is a skin disease and is very irritating. She does not have the use of her fingers because they are fused together. On Thursday all of the kids go on a hike up a mountain behind the camp to a fortress that was built in the 1500's. We take it slow for these kids because of their illnesses and for most of them it is the first time they have the opportunity to walk through a forest and up a mountain. Fabiana's mother came to help her at the camp and was concerned about her trying to make the hike. We encouraged Mom to let her come and volunteered to help with Fabiana if she needed it. We didn't get far before Fabiana got tired so her mother started carrying her. We stopped and wanted to help but Fabiana didn't want anyone to carry her but her mother. Her mom was so tired and we kept stopping to give her a rest. Finally, Fabiana let someone else carry her up the rest of the way and Mom got a break. What is so amazing about this story is the love and patience Fabiana's mother had for her daughter and she was prepared to carry her all the way to the top of the mountain even though she was physically exhausted. She gave all she had for her child.

This was Fabiana's and her mother's first time at camp and their first exposure to Jesus Christ. All week long they were like sponges - soaking in every word. Marinella, the Hospice Director, had an opportunity one day to talk to Fabiana's mother about what she had heard and she had a lot of questions. The last night at camp Fabiana and her mother came to accept Jesus Christ. What an amazing experience that was. All week, Fabiana's mother fleshed out God's love for us at camp and that is exactly what our heavenly Father wants to do for us. He wants to come into our lives to help us with our struggles and carry us when we can't go on.

Praise God, there are now children who have Jesus walking and carrying them through their journey with their illness!! Yes, it was an awesome summer.

Ephesians 3:20 - God can do anything, far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!



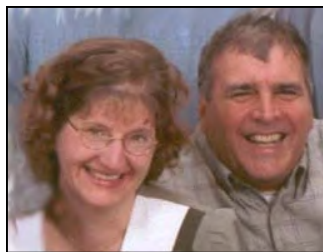
The Woodalls



This had been a wet year before hurricane season arrived and then four storms came one right after the other. Haiti experienced heavy flooding, erosion and much wind damage; several bridges washed out and many homes destroyed. The low lying areas were the hardest hit and could only be reached by boat or helicopter for weeks. We teamed up with the Haiti Baptist Mission in a relief effort to help meet the needs. Samaritan's Purse purchased 21 tons of food: rice, beans, salt, canned fish, corn meal, sugar, spaghetti, cooking oil. 1200 families received the relief kits which consisted of two bags of rice, one bag of

beans, one bag of sugar, one bag of cornmeal, two packages of spaghetti, one bottle of oil, four aluminum plates, cups and spoons, a bottle of water purification tablets and Christian tracts. Over 1000 buckets were purchased/collected for distribution. Several hundred kits were flown into remote areas that could only be reached by air. The recipients were very thankful for the compassion shown them in their time of need. We want to thank those of you who contributed items in the Ocala area. In Miami, Cullie, with the help of our son Ryan, packed over 4200 lbs of buckets, tools, clothes, hygiene kits and food that is being shipped to Haiti. Thank you to those who contributed funds to help purchase and ship these items. We are grateful for your prayers for our safety through the storms; we were aware of God's presence.

**Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.
For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness
of the LORD endures for ever.
Praise the LORD. Psalm 117**



The Schmidts



Recently, my wife Ginger and I went to Haiti to visit the families and projects Harvest is a part of. Because of the hurricanes that have devastated areas of Haiti, I was concerned about getting to the places we needed to visit.

Our first stop was to Les Cayes where our missionaries, the Wray's, live. This area was hit hard by the storms and had been cut off from the capital for weeks. There were shortages in everyday products such as food, water, fuel and cement. The hurricanes washed away land, crops, bridges, vehicles



and homes. We visited the MEBSH Hospital projects Rod is working on as well as the children's new Aids Orphanage where teams have helped. We looked at the erosion that took place at the Canadian sponsored dam Rod built with his crew. The dam withheld most of the flood water, protecting many families, but it needs to be repaired before the next hurricane. We visited the river areas, seeing some of the washed away river banks, that took parts of the stick pole built homes of the poorest people in Les Cayes. Lastly, we visited the village where the Wray's Sunday School feeding program is. They give hot meals to between 500 and 800 children weekly.

Next, we traveled to Gonaives where the most devastating hurricane damage occurred. The roads had just re-opened after many bridges and roads had been washed away. There were hundreds of people in lines waiting for food. The damage to walls, homes, cars and trucks was severe. The roads were barely passable. While visiting with Pastors Charlie (Charlie's Champions orphanage) and Sylvestre (In His Hands orphanage), we saw the school/church buildings first floors were being cleaned out of mud and sediment left by receding waters. School was postponed until November because of the damage and displaced people living in the school/church buildings. I visited the Pastors and their wives, along with the orphan children they care for. They have lost all their belongings and some do not even have shoes and clothes. Pastor Charlie's home is still under water and severely damaged.

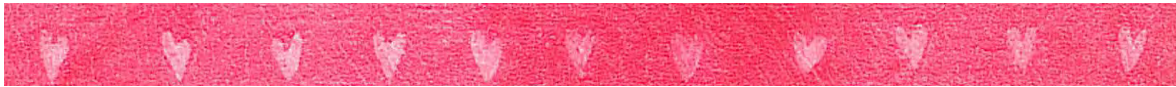
We returned to Port-A-Prince and visited with the Woodalls who have been helping people in the areas of destruction high in the mountains. There were many trees, utility poles and wires down and many homes destroyed with large amounts of erosion visible. It was clear that the storms and heavy rain effected Port-A-Prince as well as the people living there. Lastly, we spent time at World Harvest, the orphanage that we lived in for a time with all our children. We saw growth and positive changes in these children's lives.

Harvest will continue to help with supplies, teams and funds as God enables us through your support. After seeing so much damage, it was encouraging to see the strong faith these families have living with no basics that we take for granted. They have only water, a little food and their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and His provision through fellow believers. Seeing them faithfully reading their Bible and trusting by faith that it is His Word that sustains us all inspires hope. Please pray for not just the turning of Haiti toward Jesus Christ and from voodoo, but that rebuilding of the many destroyed lives and property would happen soon.





Cassie's Children's Corner



Haiti Holiday

This Christmas help the boys and girls in Haiti, India and Kenya receive extra food to fill their starving bellies and new clothing to replace worn out rags. Give a special \$25.00 donation to go towards purchasing these items. Every gift impacts the life of a child.



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- The Children of India



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Lela and The Johnsons



We continue to visit the children at the Internots, sharing the love of Christ through Bible lessons and spending time building relationships. We are so thankful for the opportunity to be here. You have been a huge blessing to us through your many prayers and support, and for this we thank you!

Praise the Lord! House Of Hope now has house parents that feel called by God to commit themselves to overseeing the boys. Funds have been sent to begin purchasing furniture. Everything seems to be falling into place. We're praying for the opportunity to see these boys move in before we leave.



Marc and Igor have begun holding Bible studies with the street boys that Igor has been helping. It is important to help feed and provide job opportunities to those in need, but without giving them the gospel message of hope, our efforts are incomplete.

We have also been looking into other ministries in the area in order to better understand the needs, as well as their approach to meeting these needs. We visited a homeless center downtown for street kids, a ministry run by Canadian missionaries. They have three feeding programs per weekday, one for the younger kids, one for the teens later on, and then one at 7:30 p.m. for the older teens that have jobs. They have a clothing storehouse that keeps a large supply of clothes, shoes, coats, blankets, and other personal needs. These children can come and sleep,

take showers, get haircuts, eat a hot meal, and most importantly have a Bible lesson followed by prayer. They are taught how to read and write and may even sit and color. Many of these children have never known what it is like to simply be a child. In exchange for the help they receive, they do chores around the center. At night the center must close their doors and the children go back out on the streets. This is due to the fact that the government does not allow children outside of the Internots to be housed overnight. Though



these children are encouraged to go to the Internots to receive permanent housing, many of them refuse because they have either been beaten or heard stories of others that have. It is difficult to know whether these stories are genuine, or if they just do not want to give up their freedom to do as they please. Many of these children are referred to as sewer kids. They hide out in the underground sewers at night or in abandoned buildings, seeking shelter while trying to hide from the police or just cruel people. The police pick them up because they steal from food stands.

They may spend an entire year at a children's detention center while awaiting a trial. It is so sad to see the oppression here!

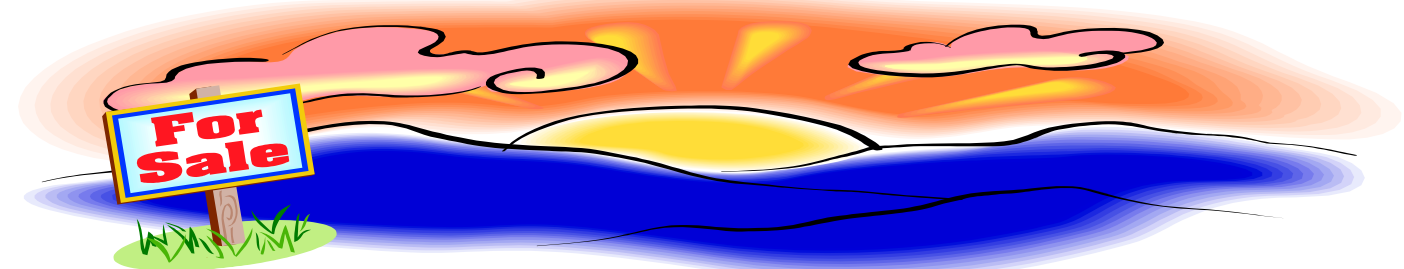
Please continue praying as God gives us discernment concerning the direction of our lives. We are more than willing to come back if this is where He wants us. Thank you in advance for your continued prayers. May God continue to bless you!



Street Children



Lela's Land



Our beloved missionary, Lela Steel, has a residential property for sale in Mars Hill, North Carolina. Located in beautiful Wolf Laurel subdivision, .62 acres is available on a private lot in a wooded area. Close to ski slopes, it's the perfect vacation spot. Subdivision provides private gate entrance and community water system. Asking price is \$35,000. If you are interested in more information on "Lela's Land" please feel free to call (352) 622-1818 and speak with Danny Thomas.