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Have a Heart for Harvest *2005 Fundraiser*

We recently celebrated our "Have a Heart for Harvest" fundraiser which was held on Valentine's Day-February 14th at First Baptist Church in Ocala, Florida. We had missionaries and guests from Ukraine and Romania. Lela Steel (Harvest's Missionary in Ukraine) traveled to the US with Dr. Mykola Bayazitov and his wife, Dr. Mariya Bayazitova. Randy Bullock (Harvest's Missionary in Romania) traveled to the US with Dr. Gabriela Miculschi and her husband, Dr. Tony Miculschi.



**Dr. Mykola
Bayazitov**



**Dr. Gabriela
Miculschi**

At the banquet, the doctors received a proclamation from Ocala's City Council President, Kyle Kay, honoring them for their work on behalf of Harvest International in their coun-

tries. The speeches educated the audience of their tremendous appreciation for what Harvest has helped them accomplish in

their homelands and to the great need for equipment and medical supplies.

Bonnie Rickel, a friend of Harvest, hosted the doctors in

an open heart surgery at Munroe Regional Medical Center (MRMC) in Ocala. Needless to say, they were astounded by the technique, procedures and facilities, and how much more advanced we are here in America. We can certainly be proud of that facility. Fernando, at MRMC, graciously allowed them to tour several floors and visit with American doctors and nurses.

Dr. Carolyn Cain, one of our board members, took our guests on a "behind the scenes" visit to Ocala Pediatrics. The doctors were fascinated by the procedures and equipment. Since they work primarily with children, their hearts were moved at the compassion of the staff and employees toward the children.

Next, we were off to Gainesville to visit the congressional office of Cliff Stearns, a dear friend of Harvest and Lela Steel. Mary Johnson, Cliff's capable and most helpful assistant, shared some time with us. She was instrumental in obtaining visa's for our guests to travel and they were very appreciative of her

efforts on their behalf. It is thrilling to have friends such as Cliff and Mary who are always willing to help in any way they can.

We strolled through the O'Connell Center at the University of Florida and even walked out into "the Swamp." Our guests had a new appreciation for that since they had visited Silver Springs Theme Park the day before and seen their very first live alligators!

Probably the most intense and exciting visit was to

Shands Teaching Hospital. Cecilia Fury, a wonderful employee of Shands, arranged for Ukrainian and Romanian doctors on staff to interpret. As you may know, the equipment and buildings are state-of-the-art at Shands and the finest anywhere in the world. Cecilia had arranged for tours through the new neo-natal intensive care unit and the oncology/hematology wards. Everyone was overwhelmed. Dr. Fricker, chairman of the pediatric department, and Dr. Slayton, chairman of the pediatric cardiology department, graciously

gave tours and answered questions. Great contacts and friendships were made which will certainly be beneficial in the future for our guests. The American doctors gave our guests many books which they seemed to treasure most. What we take for granted is *certainly* a luxury to be treasured in most of the rest of the world.

Picture Gallery

Thank you to everyone who was a part of this exciting event; to everyone who contributed your time and help; and to those of you who continue to bless us through your financial support, encouraging words, and continuous prayers.

Here is an overview of pictures from our Fundraiser. We hope you enjoy!



Danny & Sandy Thomas
Director of Harvest International



Dr. Mykola Bayazitov
on stage giving his speech



Thomas & Malinda Bledsoe (Left) and Robert Ranew (right) enjoy a salad before the fundraiser begins

Lela Steel warms the audience's hearts with a speech introducing our special guests from the Ukraine



Student volunteers from local high schools helped with the serving of the food



Jodie Johnson, in charge of the Children's Ministry at Harvest Int'l, stands with her husband, Aaron.



Dr. Mykola (right) gives his speech while Uri Kholodkov (left) interprets his words for the audience



Drs. Tony & Gabriela Miculschi (left) and Drs. Mykola & Mariya Bayazitov (right) with Mary Johnson (middle), assistant to Honorable Cliff Stearns.



Danny Thomas and Tom Ranew stand with the doctors in front of the Florida Farm Bureau where Honorable Cliff Stearns' office is.



Dr. Gabriela Miculschi with Randy Bullock, Harvest's Missionary to Romania and the "treasured" books.



Drs. Mykola & Mariya Bayazitov with Lela Steel, Harvest's Missionary to Ukraine.



Drs. Tony & Gabriela Miculschi in front of a "Gator" mural at University of Florida.



All four Missionary Doctors stand together outside the Florida Farm Bureau.



Karen Warren (Board Member of Harvest-middle left) and Debbie Bullock (Missionary to Romania-middle right) with Drs. Tony & Gabriela Miculschi



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Harvest and the Hurricane!

*"THE WIND BLOWS WHERE IT WISHES AND YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF
IT, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHERE IT IS*

A VIEW OF HURRICANE KATRINA - "LIKE THE WIND" by Mike Dinkins

Used to be a Highway



AS I WAS WRITING AN ARTICLE FOR MY CHURCH A FEW DAYS AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA HIT, I WONDERED WHY I FELT LED TO FAST THAT NIGHT. IT SEEMED STRANGE THAT I INTENSELY WANTED TO TRAVEL TO THE AFFECTED AREA TO HELP OUT. WAS MY FASTING AND THIS INTENSE DESIRE RELATED? I WASN'T SURE. BUT THE WAY THINGS WERE, I KNEW THAT IF GOD WANTED ME TO GO HE'D HAVE TO PROVIDE THE WAY.

SOMETIME AFTER MIDNIGHT I FINALLY FINISHED AND POSTED THE ARTICLE ONLINE. I THEN RECEIVED AN EMAIL AN URGENT REQUEST TO HELP KATRINA VICTIMS FROM A FRIEND WHO WAS TRAVELING UP THERE WITH SOME OTHERS. I NORMALLY WOULDN'T READ MESSAGES THAT LATE BUT THIS ONE CAUGHT MY EYE. I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE A PART OF GOD'S PLAN SO I SHOT BACK A REPLY ASKING IF I COULD GO ALONG WITH THEM.

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING I MET WITH SOME MEN AT THE HARVEST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FOR OUR WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING. WE PRAYED ABOUT MY POTENTIAL ADVENTURE. AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT? WHEN I GOT TO MY OFFICE I HAD AN EMAIL SAYING I WAS APPROVED TO GO. BEFORE LONG, I FOUND MYSELF ON A WHIRLWIND TRIP LEAVING FOR GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE REASON

FOR MY FASTING SOON BECAME EVIDENT. AFTER A LENGTHY JOURNEY, I EXPERIENCED ALONG THAT

BATTERED MISSISSIPPI COAST SOME COMBINATION OF WHAT IT MUST BE LIKE TO WORK AS A WAR CORRESPONDENT, A MISSIONARY, AND A MEMBER OF THE RED CROSS.

HAVING DISCOVERED I WAS A VIDEOGRAPHER, THE DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION WE WENT TO JOIN, COMPASSION ALLIANCE, ASKED ME TO SHOOT WHATEVER FOOTAGE I COULD TO HELP THEM WITH FUNDRAISING. SO, BESIDES UNLOADING TRUCKS ONE OF THE TRAILERS WAS SENT BY HARVEST, PACKING FOOD BOXES, AND COMFORTING FAMILIES IN LINE FOR SUPPLIES, I SHOT FOOTAGE ALONG THE DEMOLISHED COASTLINE AND INTERVIEWED A RANGE OF VICTIMS AND VOLUNTEERS. ONE MAN I PICKED UP ON THE ROAD SAID HE WANTED TO RESCUE HIS DROWNING FRIEND BUT HE COULDN'T SWIM WELL ENOUGH TO SAVE HIM. A LADY ON THE COAST SPOKE TO ME OF HOPE AND FAITH IN FRONT OF HER HUNDRED YEAR OLD HOME WHERE ONLY THE SLAB REMAINED. A LITTLE GIRL TOLD ME THE NAMES OF ALL HER COUSINS IN NEW ORLEANS HER MOTHER HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH. BUT THE ONE WHO MOVED ME THE MOST WAS A

Uganda

Dick & Barb Johnson

I & DICK HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A TWO WEEK TRIP VISITING PASTOR SAM, ZOE AND THE CHILDREN OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN PROJECT. THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ON BREAK BETWEEN TERMS OF SCHOOL AS THEY PREPARED FOR THEIR FINAL TERM OF THE YEAR AND FOR THOSE IN P 7, S 4 AND S 6 THEIR PREPARATION WAS FOR THE YEAR AND NATION TESTING. THIS TRIP WAS FILLED WITH SOME COUNSELING AND DISCIPLINE WITH THE CHILDREN. NO MATTER WHAT THE AGE OR WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE CAN BE REBELLION AND DISOBEDIENCE IN SOME OF THE CHILDREN. BUT PRAISE THE LORD THAT ALL LEAD TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING IN THEIR HEARTS. WE EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS NOT PASTOR SAM OR DICK THAT THEY NEED TO SATISFY BUT GOD'S PLAN THAT THEY NEED TO BE FOLLOWING IN THEIR LIVES. THEY ALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A FUTURE AND FAILING TO DO WELL IN SCHOOL AS WELL AS UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR COULD RISK THEM BEING DEPRIVED THE PRIVILEGE OF ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT. THIS COULD MEAN FORFEITURE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THIS IS A MESSAGE THAT CONTINUALLY NEEDS TO BE REPEATED. SIN IS SIN, REBELLION IS REBELLION TO GOD WHETHER IN THE US OR AFRICA. PRAISE THE LORD HE HAS GIVEN US GREAT LOVE FOR HIS CHILDREN



Kenya

Alan & Pam May

New to the Field!

PRAISE THE LORD. PRAISE THE LORD AGAIN! THIS IS THE WAY KENYAN BELIEVERS BEGIN EVERY TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GOODNESS. SOME SPEAK ENGLISH, SOME IN SWAHILI AND SOME IN TRIBAL LANGUAGES, BUT THE EXPRESSION IS THE SAME. PAM AND I HAVE BEEN ON THE FIELD IN ELDORET, KENYA SINCE MID FEBRUARY. THE LORD HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO US TO STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN US THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT TRANSITION. HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH THROUGH THIS MINISTRY IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. SHORTLY AFTER WE ARRIVED, THE FIRST CHILDREN'S HOME WAS OPENED. GOD PROVIDED GODLY, DEVOTED KENYAN PARENTS, HILLARY AND LINET INGOSI, TO LIVE IN THE HOME AND RAISE THE CHILDREN AS THEIR OWN. WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO HOST SEVERAL FEEDING PROGRAMS TO MINISTER TO STREET CHILDREN. I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TWICE A WEEK IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND I USE THE BIBLE AS A RESOURCE FOR MUCH OF MY TEACHING. THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A TEACHING MINISTRY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO US. INDEED THE LORD IS AT WORK IN THE LIVES OF BELIEVERS HERE.



CURRENTLY, WE HAVE 13 CHILDREN IN THE HOME TWELVE BOYS AND ONE GIRL. OUR LITTLE GIRL, NORINE, WAS BROUGHT IN WITH HER BROTHER DOUGLAS SO THE SIBLINGS WOULD NOT BE SEPARATED. WE HAVE A SECOND HOUSE WITH BEDS READY TO FILL UP WITH GIRLS AS SOON AS THE LORD PROVIDES THE NEEDED SUPPORT TO BRING THE GIRLS

Romania

Randy & Debbie Bullock

THIS LAST SUMMER HAS BEEN A WHIRLWIND! IT STARTED IN JULY AND NEVER STOPPED UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. IN JULY, WE HAD THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MINISTER WITH THE YOUTH AND LEADERS FROM THE WEST ST. CHARLES BAPTIST CHURCH IN BOUETTE, LA FOR TWO WEEKS. IT STARTED WITH THE TEAM SPLITTING UP THE FIRST WEEK WITH THE GIRLS LADIES HAVING A VBS FOR ABOUT 60 VILLAGE KIDS 21 OF THEM CAME IN ONE SMALL CAR FROM ANOTHER VILLAGE SEE PHOTO AND THE GUYS DID SOME RENOVATION WORK ON A GYPSY CHURCH. THEN THE NEXT WEEK, WE HAD A SUMMER CAMP IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR THE GYPSY CHILDREN FROM TWO VILLAGES. WOW! WHAT A BLAST!



Thomas & Amy Kay

New to the Field!

WE ARRIVED HERE IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA LESS THAN A MONTH AGO AND CULTURE SHOCK IS IN FULL SWING. WE PLAN ON WORKING WITH ABANDONED CHILDREN AND DOING MEDICAL WORK HERE IN THE BUSY CAPITAL OF A POST COMMUNIST NATION. HOWEVER, WE ARE LEARNING THAT IN ORDER TO DO THE THINGS THE LORD HAS LAID ON OUR HEARTS IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, WE MUST LEARN TO TRUST HIS TIMING THINGS HERE DO NOT WORK ON WESTERN TIME. GOD, HOWEVER, EXISTS AND WORKS BEYOND OUR CONCEPT OF TIME.

AS OUR FAMILY ADJUSTS TO THIS NEW LIFE, WE FIND OURSELVES THANKING GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS HE HAS

Ukraine

Lela Steel

GREETINGS FROM ODESSA! I RECENTLY TRAVELED HOME TO FLORIDA TO VISIT MY CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME IT WAS FOR ME. I ALSO HAD MY EYES CHECKED BY THE "BEST IN THE BUSINESS" AND DETERMINED MY PROBLEMS WERE SMALL. I COULD NOT WAIT TO RETURN TO ODESSA TO SEE ALL MY FAMILY HERE. KATHLEEN KILLOREN FROM ST LOUIS TRAVELED WITH ME AND WE HAVE VISITED THE CHILDREN SEVERAL TIMES. THEY MISSED ME .AND I MISSED THEM. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE THEM AGAIN.

SCHOOL HAS STARTED AND EVERYONE IS BUSY. WE ARE PLANNING SOME EVENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS THAT WE WANT TO SHARE WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND THE RETIREMENT HOME FOR OLDER LADIES. THE CHILDREN LOVE TO

Haiti

Cullie & Sandy Woodall

HELLO FROM THE WOODALL FAMILY IN HAITI. IT HAS BEEN A BUSY SUMMER FOR US HERE IN PORT AU PRINCE. WE WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE BRIDGE PROJECT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IT WAS COMPLETED JUST IN TIME FOR THE RAINY SEASON. THROUGH THE HELP OF OUR SUPPORTERS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING FOOD FOR A FEEDING PROGRAM IN THE PROVINCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PASTOR BESSA WHO TEACHES AT THE FEEDING PROGRAM AND HAS STARTED A SCHOOL IN THE SAME AREA. WE CONTINUE TO GIVE OUT SHOES, CLOTHES, BEANS, RICE, DIAPERS, WATER, MEDICAL HELP, ETC. THIS YEAR WE ARE PUTTING TWO GIRLS THROUGH SCHOOL TUITION, UNIFORMS, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES. AS VOLUNTEERS WITH MFI WE MEET THE PLANE EVERY THURSDAY TO UNLOAD THE INCOMING MAIL AND PACKAGES AND LOAD THE OUTGOING MAIL. CULLIE AND I HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY WITH MECHANICAL WORK ON VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT. PARTS HAVE BEEN MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND IN HAITI DUE TO THE UNREST FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. CULLIE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE STATES WITH CONTAINERS FULL OF DESPERATELY NEEDED PARTS.



Luther & Carol Hansley

WE ARE DOING WELL AND ARE INVOLVED WITH MANY ACTIVITIES AS ALWAYS! IN MAY, OUR FAMILY ATTENDED OUR SON, MARCUS', COLLEGE GRADUATION. LUTHER HAD SEVERAL EYE APPOINTMENTS BEFORE WE RETURNED TO HAITI ALONG WITH MARCUS, WHO SPENT A MONTH RELAXING AND HELPING LUTHER WITH HIS TWO TEAMS DURING JUNE. DOUG BRADBURY AND MIKE LEININGER BOTH HAD GREAT TEAMS WHERE GOD WORKED IN SPECIAL WAYS!

HURRICANE DENNIS HIT HAITI'S SOUTH COAST HARD IN JULY CASTING SOME DESTRUCTION. WE HAD THREE TREES ON OUR HOUSE AND SOME WATER DAMAGE. THANKFULLY, IT WASN'T ANYTHING WE COULDN'T REPAIR. IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE MARCUS THERE TO HELP CLEAN UP THE MESS. CHOPPING TREES WITH A MACHETE AND HAND SAW IS

Children's Ministry

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Jodie@harvestinternational.org, or visit us online!

www.harvestinternational.org.

COMING SOON: Sponsorship in Ukraine and Kenya!

