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Hudson Taylor is also quoted as saying, “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.” Do you believe that? We do. And this year we are asking you to do something of significance, to give a gift on the Ed Stevens World Missions Offering Sunday, September 19. We have a goal of $76,543. Often in the past we have designated the offering for a special project. But sometimes the best projects are the ones we are already doing. If you have given $1 in the past, your gift has gone toward the children of Faith Home, the students of GBBC, or MBI, the Dorcas Sewing Centers, church planting, leadership development, women’s ministries, pastors conferences, food distribution, campus outreach, medical ministries, VBS and children’s evangelism, widows and orphans. In short, one undesignated dollar allows us to fill in the void in so many of these important ministries that historically have competed with one another for support. This year please designate your gift “WMO” (World Missions Offering).

We also understand that the economy is in a crunch in the United States and that many of you have been hit financially this year. Your faith is being tested. It has been said, “When the United States sneezes, the world catches a cold.” And what is difficult here to us can be devastating to others around the world. Please, this year on September 19, prayerfully consider what your significant part will be in this offering. Your gift may very well be the one that touches and transforms a life who desperately needs Jesus. Remember that when you are writing your $1,000 check!

Sean Warren
Consolidation

The Personnel Committee, with input from the Executive Committee and the Leadership Team, acted under the provisions of Article VI of the Council of Associations' bylaws to temporarily consolidate National Missions and International Missions, effective June 17. Sean Warren will lead the consolidated Missions Department to ensure oversight to the current work of National Missions and to develop initial plans for church planting in 2011 and 2012. The Leadership Team will report progress of this consolidation in November, and the full council will consider it in May 2011.

In light of the temporary consolidation our communication pieces, such as the Capsule, will reflect a consolidated missions department.

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-Dick Eastman

Summit Visits

International guests for the M&M Summit were Dr. Pamu & Jemima Prakash - India; Roger, Teresita, & Nathan Abe - Saipan; and Rudolph Lennards - Jamaica. During their visit they not only attended the Summit, but also spoke at several General Baptist Churches. Please continue to pray for them as they have returned home to continue their vital ministries across the globe.

Sympathy & Prayers

We send our sympathy and prayers to the Greg Dickerman family on the passing of Greg's mother, Virginia Dickerman, on July 24, 2010. She was buried at the Jefferson Barracks Memorial Cemetery in the St. Louis area. She was a member of Cedar View General Baptist Church, mother of six sons and three daughters, and grandmother of 22 grandchildren. Greg and Sandy returned to the U.S. from Saipan July 21 to attend the Mission & Ministry Summit and for furlough in August and September. They can be contacted at (618) 550-3716 or at pastor77@juno.com.

Faith Home

Excerpts from the journal of Patti Thornton.

Day 7, Friday

Morning: God, prepare my heart for what I will see today. Typical for me is the “why not” way of thinking in the negative vein: “Why wasn’t I made pretty?” or “Why wasn’t I given more hair and less thighs?” But in a place like this one wonders at the “why not’s” in a different way. Why do I have so much when I am no more deserving than these impoverished people?

Evening: I am having a difficult time formfing words in my brain that will make sense at the end of my pen. There just aren’t sufficiently descriptive words for what we saw today.

The distance to the government run orphanage was short, but the change in scenery was breathtaking. Not the good kind of breathtaking; the kind where you gasp and feel as though the world turns before you inhale your next breath.

I was – well, none of us were – prepared for the onslaught of small, outstretched arms and the scars of abandonment and disfiguration that quickly replaced the mental images of smiling faces of Faith Home children skipping to school that same morning.

The point of the visit was to deliver large sacks of rice and beans to add to the shrinking inventory of food in the home’s pantry. We were led by eager children around the building and into the kitchen, stepping over human feces to get there. 150 children are housed at the facility and 50 pounds of rice a day feeds them all. The three large bags we delivered would keep bellies full for three days. The orphanage is terribly under-funded; I have to believe that God will provide for the fourth day and forward.

We continued our tour through a courtyard to fairly normal, albeit stark, classrooms full of young students. More of them had bare feet than not, and it was explained to us that they often throw their shoes over the prison wall in exchange for food that is thrown back. The children were polite and reacted with giggles to the exchange for food that is thrown back. The distance to the government run orphanage was short, but the change in scenery was...
The Revolution is Here

For more than a year, we have been shouting about the Revolution coming to White House - and now, we can say the Revolution is here! September 12, we will officially kick off a new church with a mission to LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE as we see the love of Christ turn lives around!

Our goal this summer as a team was to create a buzz in the community for being "that church." The vision to be "that church" took off as we served 800 people at the city park on the Fourth of July, handed out bottled water at several events, put door hangers on thousands of homes, pumped more than 2,300 gallons of gas in two gas buydowns, sent 1,700 Bibles overseas for troops and served 200 breakfast sandwiches. The outreach doesn’t stop now, as we are planning tailgate parties for high school football games and a community block party and movie night, along with handing out another set of door hangers and mailers one week before launch.

What is "that church"? It’s the church known as the one who serves people and takes the love of Christ to every place we can go. Every dollar we have spent doing outreach keeps coming back to us.

We had 19 people from our team with us at the M&M Summit Commissioning Service and collectively attended around 20 workshops. It was neat to watch the buzz follow our team through the Summit. We will also be attending New Walk Church as a team for a weekend of training in Florida. And let me just say, our team is not only passionate about Jesus, they are also FUN. We have a blast serving God together! We are building volunteer lists. Would you consider joining us for our Kickoff Service September 12? Even if you can’t be here, please join the prayer effort. Visit our website and download the 30-day prayer journal from August 13-September 12 at www.myrevolutionchurch.com. There are also outreach opportunities Labor Day Weekend for your church.

Get on board, the Revolution is here!

Kris Freeman, Lead Pastor

Relevant Church Launches 10/10/10

As I write this article Relevant Church is exactly two months away from public launch. October 10, 2010, is a day we have prayed and fasted over for more than a year now. With 60 days left and tons of work to do, let me share a brief story with you.

In early July I received a Facebook message from a lady named Kim. She said she had been watching what was happening at Relevant Church, and she and her fiance’ wanted to be involved. I had never met Kim. In fact it took me a few days to figure out how she even knew about us. Come to find out, she was a long-lost friend of a relative of ours.

Over the next few weeks, my wife and I built a relationship with Kim and Roger and set up a time to have dinner together. However, before we could make the dinner date, Kim’s younger sister, who was was eight months pregnant, died tragically and lost the child as well.

The last few weeks have been very difficult for Kim and Roger; but in the process, they have begun attending church again and have recommitted their lives to God. They are both excited to be a part of Relevant Church and have also reached out to several others during this difficult time. Would you join us in prayer for Roger, Kim, and Jeremy (the husband and father who lost his wife and child)? We are mourning with them, but excited to see how God uses their lives to impact this community.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support. God is doing really cool things here in south Atlanta. For more information and the countdown to our launch visit us at www.GoRelevant.com.

Carl Nichols, Lead Pastor

“The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches.” -C. Peter Wagner

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