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editorial

How would you describe your “motor”?

I am a great fan of football! My favorite players of the game are not those of the glory positions like quarterback, wide receiver, running back or even those playing in the defensive backfield. No, I am a fan of the “big uglies,” those toiling in the relative anonymity of the offensive and defensive lines.

While most are watching the movement of the quarterback and the flight of the ball, I find myself focused upon things commentators call footwork, pad leverage, bull rushes and swim moves. I particularly enjoy observing those who are described as having “a motor that will not quit.” These are men who execute one play after another...shoving, pushing and battling others who may outweigh them or be much stronger than they. They have incredible passion for the game and their motivation is demonstrated in action.

While most of us do not employ these terms in thought or speech, each of us has a “motor” for every facet of our lives. How would each of us describe our “motor,” particularly the one that drives our lives for God and His kingdom? Do we have a motor that does not quit? Is our motor evidenced by our willingness to push on in spite of opposition from the spiritual forces of evil that are stronger than we are? Perhaps another provocative and probing question might be, “What is the fuel propelling our engine?” Even the best of engines, built with the most modern technology, will sputter and fail if powered by fuel that is bad or of improper design.

Consider the story of George Muller. Muller was a young man, attending the University of Halle, infamous for his gambling debts, drunken stories and escapades...until his conversion to accept Christ as his all sufficient savior. Then his life changed, and he established an orphanage

to serve the poor vagabond children of Bristol, England. Not only was George Muller's new motor incredible (a passion for ministry), but he also had it properly fueled. According to The Life of Trust: Being a Narrative of the Lord's Dealings with George Muller, "He was impelled to this effort...from a desire to convince men that God was a living God, as ready now as ever to answer prayer." By the time of his death, over ten thousand orphans had been cared for and more than a million and one-half Pounds Sterling were raised strictly by prayer for the work.

There are some truly incredible stories of people whose "Kingdom motor" are inspiring. I am also sure that there are some who demonstrate just such drive and passion whose stories we will never know. I pray that I, and all readers of HORIZONS, will come to know just how much God loves us. I pray this knowledge will create in us an incredible motor of passion and that we might fuel it with the power of the Spirit and Word of God. Then I know many will not only say "they had a motor that would not quit," but also "it was all because of Christ." You think about that!



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MAY 23-24

Forwarding Agent Conference

Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tennessee

Theme: "The Work of the Forwarding Agent -- Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

Contact information: Gerald Mattingly
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JULY 5-8

North American Christian Convention

Cincinnati, Ohio

Theme: "unleashed: the church turning the world upside down"

Contact information: North American Christian Convention
513-772-9970 / www.gotonacc.org

OCTOBER 6-9

National Christian Convention of the Deaf

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Theme: "different"

President: Chad Entinger

Contact information: Deaf Institute
3515 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205
www.nccdeaf.org

OCTOBER 28-30

Eastern Christian Convention

Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania

Theme: "Changed Lives"

President: David Johnson, Colonial Point Christian Church

Contact information: Eastern Christian Convention
410-836-6102
info@easterncc.com / www.easterncc.com

NOVEMBER 17-20

National Missionary Convention

Atlanta, Georgia

Theme: "commissioned: making disciples of ALL nations"

President: Wing Wong

Contact information: David Empson
317-539-4231 / david@nmc-windows.org

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JULY 25-29

Global Gathering of the World Convention

Goiania, Brazil

Contact information: Gary Holloway
615-298-1824 / www.worldconvention.org

part one



Mission Services

Ours remains a vital
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evangelism that
continues to work
behind the scenes.

Since 1946, we have
focused more on
telling the story of
another ministry than
on telling ours.

65

years of ministry • 1946-2011

a brief history

What started as a normal day proved to be something else altogether. Harrold McFarland had just returned home from serving in the Army Airforce Chaplaincy during World War II. While Harrold was busy unpacking books and trying to again bring order to a “study” in their converted attic, Adele, his wife, was planning on a life that would resemble the one they enjoyed prior to his days in the chaplaincy. They would search for God’s leading in finding a located ministry. That all changed at some point in the

morning. Adele paused to ask, “How’s it going?” To her surprise, Harrold looked at her with an intensity she would not understand for some months and stated, “I’m going to start a magazine!” Mission to Youth was incorporated and the first issue of Preach magazine was published in October, 1946.

While Preach was to only last for three years, the ministry that became Mission Services would continue on. During this time, interest in missions was beginning to grow among the churches in



**The McFarland
Family in 1954**

Back: Judi, Carol, Ann
Center: Adele, Harrold
Front: Tim, Claudia, Jon

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America, but missionaries struggled to tell their story. Most did not publish regular newsletters at the time due to a general lack of funding. There was no publication dedicated to mission news, and the Christian Standard could only devote a portion of their space to missions.

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Ourselves, the predecessor of HORIZONS, was begun in January of 1950.

The “services” side of the ministry began soon thereafter. Tom Rash, missionary in Kulpahar, India, was the first to ask for the publication of a regular newsletter. It was evident to him that it was beneficial to give that work to the McFarlands, freeing time for ministry in India and achieving efficiency through maintenance of the mailing list.

From 1946 to the present,

The McGilvrey Family in 1956

Back: Ruth
Center: Rachael, Claudia, Bill
Front: Mary, Martha, Mark



“And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others ...” (I Cor. 12:28, NIV)

Mission Services has called several cities "home," and has benefited from the faithful service of many people. The first seven years were spent calling the Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, area home. During those years the work was blessed with missions-interested students from nearby Minnesota Bible college.

In September of 1953, crowded conditions in the mission home forced relocation, and the work moved to Joliet, Illinois. It was in Joliet just three years later that another name synonymous with Mission Services, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGilvrey joined the work.

In 1971, the work moved to Kempton, Indiana, situated between Indianapolis and Kokomo. The old school building that served as home to the ministry in Kempton was discovered to have sufficient asbestos to require condemnation. The search for new property led Mission Services to move to Knoxville, Tennessee in 1982.

Next issue -- Part Two:
Our Current Ministry



mission statement

Our mission is to
glorify God by
partnering with
missionaries and
ministries
for effective
communication
with supporters
and with
congregations
to promote
the fulfillment of the
Great Commission.

focus

Giving Hope

by Dwain C. Illman, M.D.

Nothing has changed.
I almost lost hope.

These were the words of Annie Kotto, M.D. who spent the first 20 years of her life in a traditional African village in the country of Cameroon and then had opportunities to attend university and medical school in the United States. Now she is a pediatrician in Maplewood, New Jersey. Dr. Kotto made this statement when she returned to Africa after being gone for 20 years.

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As leader of a team of fifteen Americans sent through Global Health Outreach (GHO) to the community of Agbeve, Ghana, much was done in the treating and care of 1,220 patients. The key result was that of giving hope.

What we do on GHO outreaches in developing countries is to give hope. For many people this is the first time they are pain free after being given acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Others had marked relief of back ailments or shoulder disabilities with maneuvers and instructions by our marvelous



physical therapist Saralyn Switzer. Some small children were taken on emergency runs to the district hospital to a community that is mostly never visited by our Agbeve patients. These small lives were saved from the ravages of cerebral malaria and dysentery with dehydration.

We gave hope as treatments and lifestyle changes were offered for the endemic public health disaster of hypertension. There were 108 patients diagnosed with hypertension and most of these were given this information for the first time.

Hope was given in practical public health instruction to individuals as well as to the waiting crowds. 407 pairs of reading glasses and sunglasses were dispensed, offer-

ing hope for the seeing impaired and relief from the torrid sun. Our morning Bible studies focused on first and second Peter that majestically sets forth in 1 Peter 1:3 that we *"have a living hope through the resurrection from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade kept in heaven for you."*

Over all that was done, the American team (we truly were a team) and our Ghanaian translators shared the living hope that only comes through Jesus Christ. Over 50 people made the decision to become Christians during the clinic week.

Hope was seen in the eager faces waiting each day to see the doctor. It is hard to imagine waiting all day only to receive 30 ibuprofen and



Boys at Agbeve clinic patiently waiting for treatment.

maybe some vitamins. Hope was often more in the medical and spiritual teachings.

Some patients left without hope. I had a 40-year-old female who said, "I'm not going to church. I have my fetishes." A fetish is a belief that spirits may dwell in anything. Even a rock or a stick may be worshiped as powerful and spirit-indwelled. When the person believes these inanimate objects have power, they will worship them as idols and offer sacrifices. In fact, our tripmaster, Raphael Gunu, is from this area and told me that in the 1970's his mother feared for Raphael's life if he was out after dark because fetish practitioners were known to take small children and sacrifice them to their idols.

I sent a 30-year-old male with back pain to Saralyn in physical therapy. I saw the man after his treatments and asked



Doc Dwain examining a little patient



Mary Allhands, an RN, from Cincinnati, OH

“My office was a jungle. I worked outside under the trees all week and loved it. I focused on the patients, but couldn't help noticing all the chickens running around!”

him if he were doing better. With one of the biggest and most genuine smiles of the week he said: "Oh,yes!" Some really left with more hope for the future.

CLINIC LOCALE

The clinics were in a beautiful site at St. Martin's Catholic School in a region consisting of mostly traditional African housing. We were 150 yards from a major tributary of the Volta River. One evening we walked through a nearby village to the river and admired the sandy beaches and the palm trees loaded with coconuts.

Mary Allhands and I put our clinic tables under a giant Acacia tree where temperatures ranged from 78 degrees in the morning to 90 degrees

in the afternoon. We were refreshed with strong breezes most of the time. Those in the school building were 5-8 degrees warmer and didn't always share in the breezes. Never in Ghana have I worked in such a comfortable environment.

In the classrooms, Drs. Hanna, Kotto, and Alexander had the warmer conditions. Marilyn and Van, along with pharmacists Rhett and Teela, had their "office" in the classrooms. Lauren, Suzie, Zach, and Jennifer were under large trees working in triage.

ILLNESSES & PROBLEMS

The illnesses, problems, and chronic diseases varied. Certainly malaria, hypertension, skin disorders, respiratory problems, and musculoskeletal derangements dominated. We did see some with elephantiasis each with a huge swollen leg from filaria that will never recover. Others had the parasite bilharzia

"It's not about me. I was talking with a patient about Christ who noted: 'Jesus must be really important if you came this far to talk about Him.'"



Zach Smiley, a pre-med student at IU, from Bloomington, Indiana

that presents as bloody urine. Many children had a belly full of worms. Sixteen men had significant inguinal hernias.

Sad cases and histories were common. I remember a 95-year-old woman who had had ten children. But all have since died -- some early and some later in life. She is cared for in her village by some grandchildren.

Another grandmother was caring for her 2-month-old grandchild as the mother had died during childbirth. This is a

huge problem in a country where baby formula is rare and expensive.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Sunday evening services were a highlight. They were held on the school grounds close to our clinic location. Tents were set up. 900 people came to sing, dance, pray, and listen to speakers. Twenty different churches were represented. Several came with choirs.

I gave a message from the account of Jesus falling asleep on the boat as the



Team photo taken by the Volta River.

disciples and He crossed the Sea of Galilee. As the storm came up, the disciples had FEAR. They woke Jesus up who then overcame the POWER of the storm and PEACE resulted. It was a focus to assist people to overcome superstitions and fears by calling on the power and peace of Jesus.

MORE REFLECTIONS

Saralyn described her week as “the coconut and the cross.” She

treated a man injured by coconut falling on him. As she was demonstrating exercises to the patient, which consisted of putting her hands together and then lifting them above her head, she noticed an observer doing the same things followed by the sign of the cross. The observer evidently was sure Saralyn was doing some type of prayer exercise! Saralyn said:

“Expect the unexpected and keep God in anything.”



memorial

Helen Myers Morse



Helen Myers Morse, 87, died at her home in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on December 30. She was born in Terre Haute, IN, July 30, 1923, to Oscar and Julia Myers and grew up in the Maplewood Christian Church. She attended nurse's training at the Union Hospital in Terre Haute.

Helen met Eugene Morse, whose family were missionaries in China, at the National Missionary Convention in Springfield, IL, in April, 1948. They were married in June, 1948, and returned as missionaries to China in February, 1949, to work with the Lisu people. After the Communist takeover of China, they relocated to Burma to continue their work as missionaries to the Lisu, Rawang, and later on, other ethnic peoples of Burma.

Ordered to leave in 1965 by the new military rulers of Burma and unable to leave by air due to a number of circumstances, they traveled overland to leave via India but ended up living for nearly 7 years in the Himalayan jungles with Lisu and other groups of Christians inside Burma near the border before finally being able to leave in 1972. Their experiences in the jungle are recorded in the book Exodus to a Hidden Valley by Eugene Morse.

In 1973 they returned to do pioneer evangelism and church planting work first among the Lisu as a gateway people group in Thailand and slowly expanded that effort towards other groups as well. This work continues on today, with extensive outreach efforts throughout the region.

Helen was much loved by all the Lisu and Rawang as well as other brethren in Thailand, Burma, and China; they called her "mother" because she represented the kindness of our Lord Jesus, one who left her own country to be a part of a team to bring the Light of the Gospel to them. She wrote her own life story in the book Once I was Young and extensively edited The Dogs May Bark but the Caravan Moves On, the lives of her mother/father-in-law, Gertrude and J. Russell Morse.

In addition to her husband of 62 years, Eugene, Helen is survived by her sons David (Norma), Tom (Debbie), and Ron (Patrizia), and daughters Marilyn (Joel) Khopang and Jeannette (Walter) Ridgley, all living in Chiang Mai and doing missionary work under the auspices of North Burma/Thailand Christian Mission, as well as her daughter Margaret (Randy) Todhunter of Barling, AR. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Chiang Mai on January 5, 2011.

The Helen Morse Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established to help students training for Christian service. Memorial gift checks may be made out and sent to North Burma Christian Mission, c/o Doris Farmer, P.O. Box 3313, Terre Haute, IN 47803, with a separate note indicating the gift's designation.

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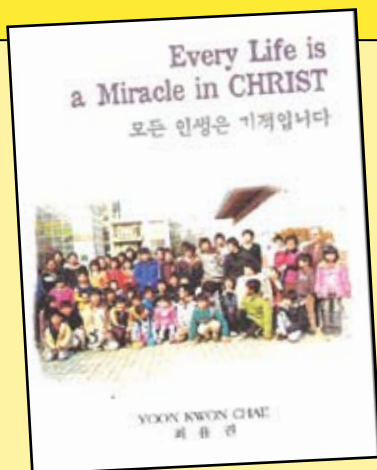
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Around the World

- D & L (restricted area) request prayer for efforts to send evangelistic materials into “Bugis” homes. Pray for the booklets to be received into the hands of people seeking the Lord.
- Charlie Budd (Ghana) requests prayer that, while on home assignment, he plans to make multiple trips to Haiti this year to help in ministry and outreach.
- Bill & Karleen Crandall (Ecuador) request our prayers for the stability of the Ecuadorian government and God’s guidance as new laws are being formed concerning religious activity.
- Ask God to raise up young professionals with a heart for reaching the Arab & Muslim world.

Arizona Reservation Ministries

- Pray for God’s leading for the newly elected Tribal Council in our area.
- Pray for the Lord to provide servants to join the A.R.M. Team and wisdom reviewing applicants.

Australia

- Delroy & Marilyn Brown (Toowoomba) request prayer regarding additional flooding in their area. News reports show the critical situation as many homes and lives are affected.
- Darryl & Carol Krause request prayer for the flooding situation in Australia as well. They served over 32 years in Queensland and are deeply concerned about the people in that area. They also have 3 sons and 7 grandchildren still living there.

Celebrations

- Praise and rejoice with Mission Services as 2011 marks 65 years serving missions, ministries, and churches worldwide.
- Congratulations to Jim & Caranita Wolsieffer who will celebrate 40 years in Italy in 2011.
- Give praises that Madonna Burget Spratt recently completed 50 years as a missionary.
- Congratulations to Bana & Marguerite Uriah (India) as 2011 marks their 40th year serving the Lord together.
- Join in giving prayers of praise as the Polish churches celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Fellowship of Christian Churches in that country.

Thailand

- Beverley Kalnin (Frontiers Labourers for Christ) requests prayer for evangelistic outreaches in tribal villages reaching into Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos.
- F.L.C. is also involved in sewing, building, and Bible teaching programs in Thailand with a team from Fresno, California. Pray their efforts will bring spiritual revival to the villages they reach.
- F.L.C.'s Barefoot Doctor Program is beginning another session soon. Pray that all students will receive their Thai visas and arrive safely in Chiangmai for training.

Medical

- Pray for Paul Clark (Japan) recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is also battling high cholesterol and a concern for heart disease.
- Pray for David Kalb (Ghana) who is scheduled for out-patient laser surgery on March 17th to remove kidney stones. Previous procedures have failed to break up larger stones.
- Pray for Jim Wolsieffer (Italy) who recently visited a liver specialist and will undergo trial treatments to boost his immune system as he continues to battle hepatitis C.

Praise

- Wayne, Martha Elba, and Vicky Hayes (Mexico) give praise that, in 2010, 47 people were immersed into Christ through the church at Aviation Colony. The church now averages attendance around 350.

Team Expansion

- Pray for Steve Dye (Venezuela) as he prepares church leaders to serve. Praise God for a new church plant, Impacto.
- Pray for Sam & Hilda Schutz (Venezuela) who were recently married. Pray that the couple will be able to obtain a visa for Hilda to travel to the U.S.
- Pray for Rebekah Hannum (Venezuela) as she works with new cell studies and church plants in Araitha and Cauagua.
- Pray for healing from heart arrhythmia for Matt Johnson (Venezuela). Praise God for his recent marriage to Elsa and for several youth baptisms.
- Praise God for blessing Dave Linn (Venezuela) as he traveled and spoke on behalf of the National Missionary Convention and Restoration Revolution while on home service.
- Ask God to raise up prayer and ministry partners for M & S (sensitive field). Pray for their house to sell and for wisdom concerning next steps.
- Pray for D & M's new friend in a sensitive field. She does not believe in God but appears willing to listen. Pray for open ears and an open heart.



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