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editorial

“If I don’t do this, my life will be really difficult”

In another of the now infamous “conversations” of this editor, the above statement was given as justification of a decision. Thankfully, this discussion was focused upon an action that was a matter of opinion, rather than a matter of scriptural disobedience. That being said, it still spoke to the issue of how does one make certain choices.

The person with whom I was speaking asked for my opinion about a choice they had been “forced” to make at work. My initial response was, “Well, the very fact that you have asked for my opinion indicates that you are wrestling with deep doubt, and possible regret, over the decision you reached.” Indeed that was the case. My young friend related that the decision was one with which they did not agree, but one they believed would make their life more comfortable and convenient with her peers in the work environment. As one might easily predict, this atmosphere of “peace” did not linger. Within a short time, my friend was again confronted with the “need” to join the group in action contrary to her actual beliefs and convictions. The nature of these decisions were purely political. Nothing about them bordered on sin or issues of salvation. Still, since she found herself acting contrary to her own beliefs and convictions, I believe they have merit for all of us to consider.

Thankfully, Scripture teaches us that all decisions are not eternal in nature. As the apostle Paul taught, even the Jew can eat meat sacrificed to an idol without fear of judgment (1 Corinthians 10:25-27). However, we need to temper our actions of freedom with the test of integrity. Immediately prior to those verses Paul wrote, “Everything is permissible – but not everything is constructive.”

Perhaps some may say that my advancing years are causing me to become increasingly inflexible, but I am

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concerned about our propensity for choosing the "expedient." My young friend made early choices of expediency that later caused conflict with her beliefs. One should make their choices and base their actions upon their truly held opinions no matter what pressures are surrounding them. While these choices may lead into occasional rough seas with others, that is far better than wrestling with self doubt and internal frustration.

When we choose our words so carefully that we knowingly allow others to draw more than one conclusion, are we violating our personal integrity? When we decide to remain silent, knowingly creating a situation where someone may think we hold an opinion that we do not hold, are we guilty of violating our personal integrity? I am not encouraging anyone to be rude or insensitive. We all need to be careful to wrap the velvet of God's love around the hammer of truth. However, in a world that has thrown honesty and integrity away with both hands in exchange for expediency, can we not simply allow our "yes" to be "yes" (Matthew 5:37)? Together, may we 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"

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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
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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
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Mission Services

Ours remains a vital ministry of service and 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.

our story

65 years of ministry • 1946-2011

our current ministry

The ministry of Mission Services today is guided by its 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."*

One constant with Mission Services has been its role in serving in the background.

As always, there is no desire to draw attention to itself. Instead, by forming partnerships with missionaries, ministries, and congregations, the goal is to promote the work and ministry that God has given.

Ministries of all types and sizes benefit from a partnership with Mission Services. From international ministries to individual missionaries our work touches ministries of all size and scope. From Bible colleges

to medical ministries, from church planters to Christian service camps, and from Bible translators to conventions, money and time are saved for ministry.

In all, more than \$350,000 is saved annually through partnership with Mission Services!

When this ministry began, a newsletter needed only to be easy to read and inexpensive to reproduce. Promotional materials were simple handouts run on a mimeograph machine. That is no longer true. Today, the sheer volume of mail people receive requires the missionary letter to "stand out" so it will be read. Second, since we live in a "visual" society, the appearance of a ministry's communication must convey the quality of their work as much as the words of the story do. Process color printing is very

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expensive when purchased from a “for profit” operation. This means the ministry often either cannot afford it or it would simply take too much money out of the budget. We have worked diligently with our supporters to provide the necessary equipment, personnel and computer software used in the creation of high quality print communication. Because of the existence of Mission Services, ministries around the world can afford to develop attractive and effective newsletters and promotional materials at prices well below those normally found.

The second part of our mission statement, “*partnering with congregations for the fulfillment of the Great Commission*,” is as important as the first. In Adele McFarland’s book, A Family Affair (the story of Mission Services), she chronicled the travel by Harrold to Bi-

ble colleges and churches around the country promoting interest in world evangelism. Once the Bill McGilvrey family joined the work, “Brother Bill” traveled to churches and camps promoting missions in spite of limitations due to his battle with polio. This publication, HORIZONS, also played a large role in keeping the commission before the people of the Restoration Movement. There was never any way to calculate the cost or exact benefits of the travel of the McFarlands or the McGilvreys. To this day, people still tell us how the words of these two men challenged them to give more time and money to spread the gospel around the world.

Today, this work continues. The Executive Director of Mission Services has always been (and continues to be) one of a very few “independent” voices promoting missions among Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. Thousands of miles are traveled each year



Adele McFarland, 1998

speaking for Faith Promise and Missions Emphasis Weekends in congregations throughout the US. Each year, invitations are accepted to speak on the status of missions at colleges, camps, conventions and other gatherings. Over the recent past, there have also been international travels to preach the Gospel, teach in college classrooms and visit with missionaries.

HORIZONS continues its role as the sole independent magazine in our brotherhood devoted to missions and promotion of world evangelism. There have also been opportunities to work with Bible translators to produce newly translated individual books of the Bible at highly subsidized prices. All of this is a partnership with our supporting congregations to continue promoting the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Though there will never be any way to place a dollar value on this work, it surely bears fruit.

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Looking Forward**



mission statement

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update:

Safari Insight Mission: Building Hope For The Future

by Al Corson
missionary serving in Mozambique



It has been a year now since Horizons Magazine graciously allowed us to explain our mission program we had developed through our research. My wife and I have been on the field right at a year and want to share with you what has transpired with Safari Insight Mission Inc.

If you read that article in the March 2010 issue, you will remember one of the key elements we talked about a year ago was Human Resource Development (HRD) and what that means. Well over the past 12 months we have set in motion an empowerment program that focuses on HRD.

Throughout the years, the missionaries have done a great job inundating Nationals through western style “what to think” teaching styles with scriptural teaching on salvation, church planting, discipling, baptizing, marriage relationship, eternal life, how to pray, how to worship, the list goes on. Basically all that has happened is we have introduced Restorationalism to Africa not Jesus Christ. Why do I say this? It is easy; where are the reproductive,

generational, progressively stronger fruits that are supposed to develop generation to generation. They do not exist. These are not just my words but the word of many missionaries that are frustrated with this problem. In a lot of ways the Nationals are regressing generationally in Christ. Why again is a fairly easy answer. Missionaries may inundate a generation of Nationals with all this information I referred to earlier in this paragraph and possibly convince some to change their life over to Christ, but more times than not Nationals wind up with all this scriptural information but do not have a clue how to put into practice the information they have been told: this is how you are to think but there is no relational reasoning behind this style of thinking that fits within the cultural style of thinking. To many times Nationals just do what they are told without question, therefore decisions for Christ are made without reason therefore transforming for Christ

has no significance to life style.

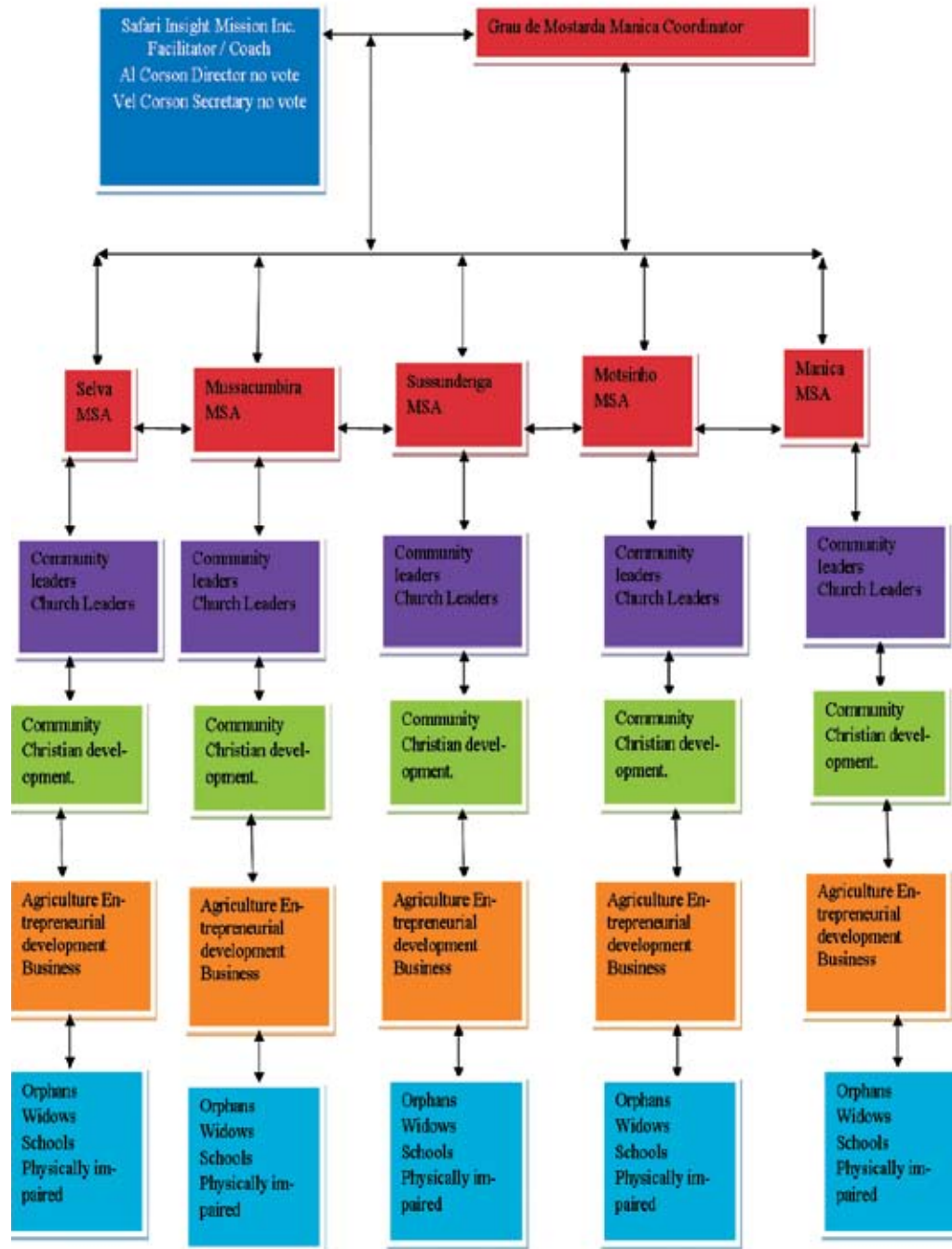
What Human Resource Development does, is to give Nationals rational reason for changing thinking styles. Vel and I do not teach, we facilitate / coach. When we have meetings with the Nationals for learning purposes we do not lecture, we do not tell them what they should or should not be doing, that is their decision based on their own ethical development. You cannot teach ethics by the way. Ethics is a thinking style based on reasoning and rationalizing of information retained within one's cultural standard and applied through one's actions. Morals by the way cannot exist without ethics. Paul put it this way in Romans 12-Transformation of the mind. Thinking style transformation. This is a process that is not teachable but coachable.

Ok, how do we do this? Our pilot program is becoming more and more successful. This is what Vel and I have done. We are working with 5 church leaders and from 4 different African cultural backgrounds and focused ourselves on learning from them. The first few times we met with these men, they looked to us for all answers. What projects they wanted to do, what areas they wanted to work in, etc. These men put an association together call the Grao de Mostarda. They asked that we be a part of it and we agreed but told them we

would not retain any rights to the association as it needed to be totally Nationals that owned it and ran it. This means we have no voting rights to make decisions. This empowerment immediately opened the door to ethical reasoning by way of problem solving sessions, or developmental thinking skills. Again thinking skills cannot be taught they are developed over time.

These 4 men have developed a plan to spread the gospel within 5 communities. It is all based on how to think problem solving and community incorporation. These men are taking the gospel they have been taught and applying ethical reasoning and thinking styles and coaching / facilitating church leaders in these communities to take Christ driven ethics to community leaders and facility community programs that Grao De Mostarda is introducing that address the needs of Orphans, Widows, and physically impaired. I have attached a flow chart that shows how this is working. The preliminary results are formidable. We are now scheduling problem solving skill development sessions within these communities for the Church leaders and the community leaders based on biblical ethics. Although these Nationals that have accepted Christ before, they now have a defining reason to transform their Mystical thinking styles based on the ethics of Christ.

Mustard Seed Safari Insight Mission Moz Church Relationship



(see flow chart explanation at right)

Safari Insight Mission and Mustard Seed Association (MSA) relationship flow chart explanation.

This shows job responsibility, accountability (to whom), and services rendered along with expected results of each. The Mustard Seed Association of Manica Province has put AI as director and Velma in as secretary. The key to these positions is we have NO voting privileges. This keeps MSA of Manica clean and Mozambican run.

All connecting arrows indicate two way feedback. This means all levels are facilitated not taught. This also means that the accountability will be two way as well.

Starting with the blue box upper left hand corner with SIM Inc (AI and Vel Corson --- Job. Facilitator / Coach)

We are taking the stand of developing the thinking potential of the Nationals. We do this through ethical application of the knowledge they already have. Good thinking skills with the correct biblical ethics will sort out good thinking styles from bad. We have concentrated on learning the difference between thinking American and thinking Mozambican as there is a huge difference in the logic base. As you can see by the flow chart we do the following not only with the MSA Coordinator but we follow through beside him through applying the following development program bullet points and some level all the way to the beneficiaries at the bottom of the flow chart.

The red box that says Mustard Seed Association Manica Coordinator

The Coordinator presently is a man named Jose' Rupia. He heads up 3 other men and 2 women and between the 6 of them developed the program you see below on this flow chart. It is all Christian African biblical based ethical development.

The next row of red boxes that show the locations of the different MSA groups

Each area has a MSA leader in most cases this leader is a church pastor or elder that is coached by Jose' and facilitated by both us and Jose'. We, along with at least one of the 4 MSA leaders, hold seminars at each of these locations to help them develop their projects.

The purple boxes are the leaders of the community.

The local MSA leader develops a relationship with local community leaders. This foundation is critical for the biblically ethical development within the community and to reach out for funds from the Mozambique government.

The green boxes show the MSA facilitations of Biblical ethical development between the community and church leaders.

Now that we have these ethics in place at this level the church influenced / MSA facilitated community can develop the next stage as a community not an individual.

The orange boxes show the results of the biblically developed community practicing biblical ethics.

They are developing all types of projects that will develop funding for those individuals that are in need. We have only listed a few potentials. (Community farm projects and other business developments.) This will develop local economic growth.

The final blue boxes list the targeted people groups in need.

The MSA is working as a go between the orphans and the government to help the orphans find homes within their community /culture and help those in the homes that are willing to help. The communities are combining the widows and orphans so the orphans have an adult cultural figure. They are finding ways for the kids to get an education that they could not afford before. The physically impaired get help that they have never had before.

true stories
from African nations:

Country #1

Recent news from (unnamed country) is only worse. The incumbent president continues to bully his way to stay in power. About 1,000 women peacefully marched in the capitol to protest his refusal to step down.

Forces defending the incumbent president fired on the women, killing six of them on the spot.

In the past when women protested,

they were respected and no violence was taken against them. Now, defenders of the incumbent are killing anyone who shows contempt for his actions, including unarmed citizens. We hear little about this in the news because of the grassroots rebellions against corrupt governments taking place in the Middle East. Pray for this country!

Country #2

The (unnamed) College is having to pay for its land twice plus pay extra legal fees. This is a common problem in (unnamed country) due to poor laws governing land ownership. Both the government and the original occupants claim control of land that has never been documented by survey and legal papers.

Often a family will sell a land and later the clan of which the family is a member will claim the family did not have the right to sell it. It is difficult to know who has the original right of occupancy and the right to sell. **Many times families and clans work together to deceive buyers so that they can get paid twice for the same land.**

The original occupants can

only sell the right to occupy the land because the government claims to own all land. Once someone has settled with the original occupants, they can get a certificate of occupancy from the government. If the government has plans to use the same land, you cannot get a certificate of occupancy. You need to check with the government first, but even then there are misunderstandings and corruption.

These cases often go to court to be settled and then you can run into corruption in the legal system where the highest briber gets the verdict in his favor. It can be very difficult and complicated to get legal rights to occupy a land.

In the case of the College, the

land was purchased from the family that occupied it, but later the clan claimed ownership. **In the court decision, the family that sold the land did not have to give back the purchase price and the college was ordered to pay the clan for the land thus paying for the same land a second time plus paying legal fees.**

In addition to this, if you do not

build a wall around it quickly and start using it immediately, the clan or family will try to claim it back. As it stands now, **the College owes \$4,000 to cover legal fees and the amount to be paid to the clan for the land and then they need \$20,000 to build a wall around the land** so that the clan will not claim it back. Please pray for this college!

F.Y.I.....

At the last annual board meeting of White Fields Overseas Evangelism, Reggie Thomas formally retired from the Director's position. Installed as his successor as the new Director was Tom Mullinex.

This ended 65 years of a continuous preaching ministry.

Reggie was given the title "Director/Emeritus" by the board.

In his new "retirement position," Reggie plans to continue as a preaching evangelist and plans to make himself available to help Tom in any way that he is called upon to do so.

Please keep Reggie and his wife, Esther, in your prayers as they find ways to continue serving our Lord even in retirement. Their goal is to be "faithful unto death."

Memorial Gifts

in Memory of:

Sarah L. McGuire

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Dr. Robert Reeves

Given by:

Rosella Reeves
Columbus, Indiana

Gladys M. Thompson

Given by:

Robert E. Thompson
and family
Erie, Illinois

short-term missions:

Sparks teens making a difference

edited from an article by Jessica Camer
as printed in the January 30, 2011
Daily Sparks Tribune, Sparks, NV

SPARKS — A church group from Sparks has been working several years to raise money to lend aid to some of the poorest people in the world, and last year some of the group got a chance to travel to Africa to experience firsthand the difference their contributions are making.

Summit Christian Church's youth ministry, 1-Life, has raised more than \$55,000 during the past few years to directly assist a slum region near Nairobi, Kenya, called Kimaiko.

"With an overall goal to develop a holistic approach to poverty alleviation, the money raised has helped to start an elementary school, currently with an enrollment of 230 children," said Michael Shigeta, photographer and Sparks resident. "Additionally, the funds have been used to partner with Christian Missionary Fellowship (CMF) to bring healthcare personnel into the area to educate the community on basic hygiene and nutrition. In an effort to help the residents gain increased independence, a micro-finance business group has also been created."

Shigeta said more than 70,000 people live in Kimaiko, most of them residing in 10-foot by 10-foot shacks comprised of sticks and metal sheeting.

"The shacks are devoid of plumbing,

flooring and electricity," he said. "Forty percent of the population is HIV positive or currently has AIDS."

In August 2010, nine teenagers and 10 adults from Summit Christian traveled to Kimaiko. "The youth and their leaders worked hand in hand with CMF employees," Shigeta said. "They met and saw firsthand the residents who are directly benefiting from their fundraising efforts."

Among the short-term missions team was Jenny McCaffrey, who said being able to go to Kenya in person was an amazing experience. "We really believe in sharing our love with others," McCaffrey said. "It is amazing what is happening over there."

McCaffrey said children in Kimaiko desperately want an education. "There are kids waiting to get into school," she said. "But they need a bigger school."

The majority of the 11 days the group



David, Eriin, and Dave Maccaulay meet Felista Nyambura, 7, a Kenyan girl the Maccaulay family sponsors. The family sends money each month so Felista can go to school and get two meals per day. (Photo courtesy of Dave Maccaulay.)

was in Kaimaiko was spent in the school, she said, but many afternoons were spent out in the community.

"Mostly our project focused on kids," McCaffrey said. "We spent a week at the school teaching Bible studies, school lessons and just loving on them."

Dave Macaulay and his son David, who was 17 at the time of the trip, and daughter Erin, who was 14 at the time, also went to Kaimaiko as part of the group.

"It was quite the experience," Dave said. "We are all going back in June, but this time my wife (Renee) is going too, so it will be a family trip." The Summit group is returning to do work similar to what was done last year, Dave said.

He explained Summit sponsors a school for children up to sixth grade, and that all the students are sponsored by people who pay a monthly fee of about \$35.

"We sponsor a 7-year-old girl, and we got to meet her," Dave said. "The kids get two hot meals a day and get to go to this school." At night, the children return to their homes in the slum, but they are taking their knowledge of important concepts such as hand washing before meals back home with them, he said.

Erin said the church's youth ministry wears "prayer bracelets" featuring a photo of a child in the school. The bracelet reminds the Sparks teens to pray for that child. While in Kenya, the youth got to meet the children they pray for. "It was really cool meeting the kid you pray for," Erin said.

David said he was taken aback by the kindness the children showed and how the Summit group was welcomed upon arrival.

"We rounded a corner and saw this valley of tin houses and dirt," David said. "And the kids gathered around us and sang a welcome song." It was surprising to receive such a cheerful welcome from people living in such sad conditions, he said.

The Summit group worked with the school children in the morning, and then while the students were napping, would go outside and play with children in the neighborhood, Erin said. "They were very creative," she said, as she explained that the children made up a game involving balancing a ball. "But they didn't have a ball. They pretended to have a ball."

Also, as part of a project called "Bring the Light," fiberglass skylights were installed in the tin roofs (since many do not have lights or electricity) while the Summit group visited with families.

McCaffrey said part of the funds raised for Kenya go to finance a micro-loan development program that helps the people of Kaimaiko start their own businesses and get out of poverty. Kenyans who utilize the loan service are quite diligent about repayment, she said. "Their loan repayment rate is something like 98 percent," she said.

During a Sparks City Council meeting Monday, Mayor Geno Martini recognized Summit's youth ministry for their efforts, and youth pastor Bryan Smith accepted the commendation on behalf of the group.

"I am truly blessed by the opportunity to work with these kids who are making a difference in the lives of many others," Smith said, adding that it was "really cool to see kids think about the world outside of themselves."

focus on

Prayer Needs & Praises

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.
- C.Y. & Patricia Kim request prayer for their safety from “the evil one” in North Korea.
- F & DL ask prayer for God’s grace and wisdom as they complete tasks in the U.S. and prepare for re-entry and a new work in a sensitive area.

Northeast India

Billton Sohkhlet gives the following praises:

- exciting new work in Arunchal Pradesh among worshippers of satan and multi-gods.
- with IDES’ help, a poultry-raising project will help support a Christian school
- for 150 teenagers taking part in weekly Bible study
- thankful for God’s guidance in working with people of Hindu, satanic, and muslim backgrounds
- thankful for 3 new village churches
- thankful for securing a visa

Ukraine

Dr. Ray & Pam Trantham request prayer for a new ministry, **Hearts 4 Ukraine** -- ministering to:

- women through maternity care
- children through sports
- youth through small groups
- adults through Christian education

Celebrations

- Praise and rejoice with Mission Services as 2011 marks 65 years serving missions, ministries, and churches worldwide.
- Disciplemakers, Inc. is celebrating that the church in Jalapa, Guatemala opened the doors of New Hope Christian Academy. This is the 3rd Christian school Disciplemakers has opened in Central America.
- Celebrate with Marek Sobotka (minister) and the new congregation which was birthed in Warsaw, Poland on March 6th.
- Join in giving prayers of praise as the Polish churches celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Fellowship of Christian Churches in that country.

DaSilva Ministries, Inc.

- Praise God for the great things accomplished during 2010 with new Hispanic congregations in East Tennessee.
- On January 2nd a new Hispanic congregation began meeting in Fountain City, Tennessee. Pray for its continued success.
- Valdecy & Myrna DaSilva give praise for the Christian growth among the large Hispanic community in the Knoxville and East Tennessee areas. Pray for more workers.

Medical

- Pray for Paul Clark (Japan) recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is also battling high cholesterol and a concern for heart disease.
- Please pray for Bob Baird as he battles a situation with his eyes (a glandular issue).
- Pray for Geraldine LaQua (daughter of missionary Elizabeth Young in Washington State) who is in kidney failure. Pray for positive dialysis response and a new kidney soon.

Japan

- Pray for the entire country of Japan as they continue to recover from the recent earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear radiation aftermath.
- Pray that aid agencies will be able to provide necessary assistance in a timely fashion to those most in need.
- Pray for IDES as they receive funding and coordinate with Japanese missionaries in providing aid from the Christian churches.
- Pray that Japan as a country will remain strong economically and able to continue their vital contribution to global economics.

Team Expansion

- Join C & A and their team (eastern Europe) in praying for a visa.
- Please pray for J & J (International Services) as they prepare to lead a team of college students to eastern Europe as part of the Pathways internship program.
- Pray for good health for SD in Asia. He is experiencing tiredness, even after cutting back on activities and taking a short break.
- Please join D & M in a sensitive field, praying for Mehmet. Ask God to give them more opportunities to share.
- Pray for Dave & Jeanay Stiles in Taiwan. Pray that God would be glorified as they develop deeper relationships with Taiwanese people.
- As April Houk prepares to leave Italy, pray that the logistics of her move will be completed successfully. May God be glorified by her time served in Verona.
- Join Kyle Koval (Italy) in praying that God would raise up community leaders in Ancona who have a passion for His Word.

in memory:

Audrey West

September 22, 1908 - January 27, 2011

After 102-plus years of life, one month short of 58 of them serving the Lord in Japan, Audrey Irene Isaacs West has gone home to be with the Lord she has loved. On January 27th, at 7:00 a.m., her mortal heart stopped and her heavenly life began.

Following is a brief history of her life as told to Keith Summers (fellow missionary) through the years.



archive photo, circa 1990

Audrey was born in Dodge City, Kansas, the oldest of five children. When she was 19, she became a school teacher at a one-room schoolhouse in Kansas. She taught in Kansas for about 12 years. When her family moved to Oregon, she moved with them and lived briefly with her parents before heading to San Jose Bible College in San Jose, California. She started there the year World War II started. She often talked about how she worked washing potatoes on the graveyard shift. The potatoes were for the soldiers. She started at the college both as a student and as a teacher of bonehead English. As time passed, she taught other subjects such as Personal Evangelism.

Due to the war, Brother "Daddy" Madden could not return to his mission work in Japan and was at San Jose Bible College. He talked to Audrey about going to Japan as a missionary and so she decided to "heed the call." She remained at San Jose until the spring of 1951.

Audrey married Robert West who had graduated from San Jose Bible College in 1950. Together they embarked on their missionary journey to Japan, setting sail on January 30, 1953 from San Francisco, California and arriving in Yokohama, Japan in February.

Their first order of business was to start language school in Tokyo. After about two years, they decided to go to a country area that had no active mission work. They chose Hayashino in Okayama Ken.

In one of their newsletters dated December, 1957, the Wests wrote:

"The great lesson of the foreign field is this, 'OUR FATHER IS AT WORK' -- He is calling out from the nations of the world a people to be His own. The Living God at work causes us to know above all else that

'THIS IS GOD'S WORK' and that we are a part of a dynamic, tremendous, and divine movement which IS reaching around the world. . . .

Language study was necessary before we could preach and teach the wonderful Word of Life. Therefore, we studied Korean and Japanese for the first two years. During this same time we helped in evangelistic meetings, taught in the Tokyo and Seoul Bible Seminaries, and worked with the Mabashi and Kamiyama churches of Christ. It was at this time we met our present co-workers -- Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura.

After much prayer, preparation, and trust in the guiding of the Holy Spirit, the Father opened unto the four of us a great field that was ready for the Gospel. During the past three years, hundreds have been taught, and now every week three to four hundred people hear the message of salvation. Twenty-one classes per week in six different places keep us busy and so men and women are being trained in special classes to enable them to take leadership of the four congregations being formed in the northeast Okayama area, an area where the Living God and His Son are not known. Paul expressed our feelings: 'I have therefore my glorying in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God . . . they shall see, to whom on tidings of Him came. And they who have not heard shall understand.' May all glory be His -- for this is what He has done!

After several years of work and starting churches, the Wests returned to California. It was during this period that Robert divorced her. Yet Audrey was determined to return to Japan and continue the work, even though some thought a single lady shouldn't go.

She did return and it was her dream to start a Christian Center where she could teach Christians to be preachers, elders, deacons, and Sunday school teachers. Through the help of the then mayor, Mr. Mizushima, and his Christian wife, she purchased land and began building the Okayama Christian Center, finishing it in a year and paying for it all within a year, thanks to support from the States. The Center was finished in 1970. From that time on she worked and breathed for the Center work. Christ was the center of her life, but after that came the Christian Center and the people who came and studied there.

Audrey's work is now finished. But what she has done will continue on through the lives of the people she touched and the Christian Center which she built.

Audrey had an adopted daughter, Nobuko, who predeceased her. She has one surviving brother, Jim; a sister-in-law, Elise; four nephews and two nieces.

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