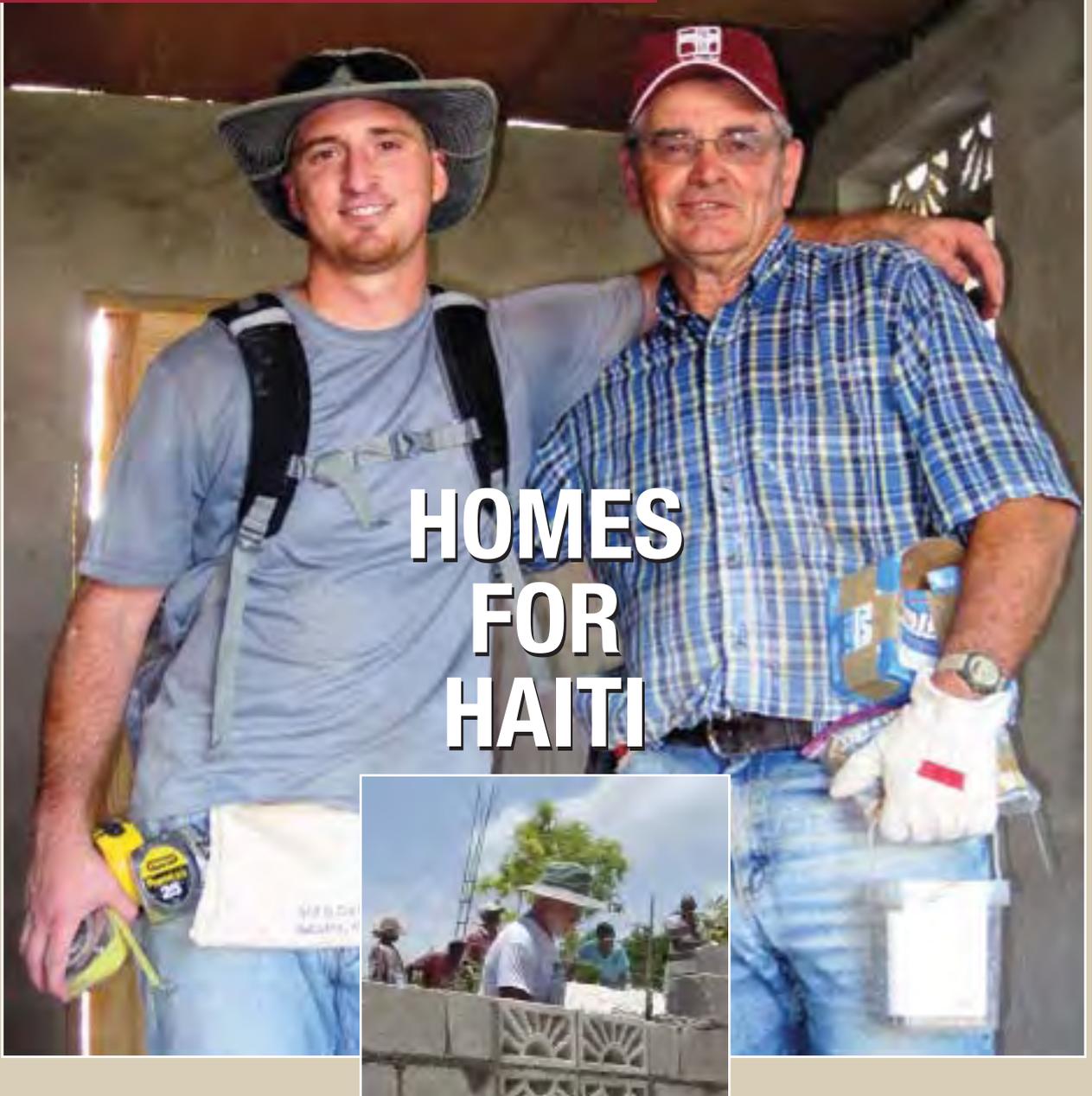


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The Mystery of Prayer

By Richard McLeish
MFM Director of World Intercessors

As I prepared to lead a prayer team to the Republic of Ireland, I reread *The Business of Prayer*, an article in *Quietness and Confidence* by David Roper. It stirred questions in my own heart and mind. “Do I understand prayer and how it works?”

The article is based on Genesis 18:17-19, in which the Lord asks Himself, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?” In answer, the Lord’s desire is to let Abraham in on His deepest secrets, to take Abraham into His deepest counsel. He does this not to get Abraham’s thoughts on the matter or to change His mind because of Abraham’s ideas or to let Abraham have say in what has already been decided. No, He did it to draw out Abraham’s heart for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah but also to show him the matter from God’s holy perspective. Many times we fault Abraham for quitting too early, for not persisting in asking God to withhold His judgment on Sodom. But as Roper points out, “Abraham stopped praying because for the first time he saw the situation

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from God’s point of view; at every step God’s justice loomed larger, and more of God’s justice entered into the man. In the end he was thinking more like God than ever before. Abraham’s prayer for Sodom didn’t change anything—except Abraham.”

Lloyd Ogilvie said, “Prayer is God’s idea; our desire to pray is the result of His greater desire to talk with us. He has something to say when we feel the urge to pray.” Just as the Lord remained standing before Abraham, He stands continually before us, listening to our hearts and waiting to reveal His own heart and change ours to align with His. Prayer is conversation with God. Prayer is talking and listening with God until we get into His mind and He gets into ours. When we pray, we don’t have to worry about what we say or how we say it. As we sit with God in prayer, He will take those prayers and turn them and in the process guide us into His purpose and His will. In our praying, we have been transformed. In His mercy and His grace, we are free to talk to God anytime and present our requests to Him. And what He gives in return is His promise that He will give us His peace that all will be accomplished through His sovereign will.

As I consider the above, I guess there isn’t as much mystery about prayer as I thought. The greater mystery is why a Holy God would even think about wanting to spend time with an unworthy person like me; call me His son and His friend; desire to call me into His counsel; and reveal His deepest secrets to me. When I wrap my mind around this, I no longer need to know how prayer works; all I need to do is bow before Him in praise and thanksgiving.

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The Ireland prayer team.

A Vision of Ireland

By Micah Weaver

“Be thou my vision, O God of my heart,” are the words we sang at the prayer meeting above the Good News 4 U Bookstore in Westport, Ireland. And what a vision our Prayer Team of eight was given! In an indescribably green land of breath-taking beauty; eight million cows; six million sheep; cottages with brightly painted doors; castles and castle-like churches; and the most agreeable climate with a “wee” bit of rain, it is the people we came to love the most. Their warm and polite nature captured our hearts from the start.

We were also given a vision of obstacles in the Irish face; alcoholism, discouragement, disillusionment and abuses within the current church situation, unemployment, lack of Gospel-preaching churches, and many others. With a population of more than four million and over half under the age of 30, many see no need for God. While pastors and leaders are amazingly committed, the progress is slow, and they

are in great need of encouragement and prayer to continue the harvest work in Ireland.

As we prayer walked through local neighborhoods another vision we were given was the many people who need the Lord. On one occasion, we were led to a young couple who had just been praying for fellowship with believers— and there we were! Praise the Lord, we know our Lord can and does open doors that no man can open! On our final Sunday in Ireland, we were given yet another vision at Croagh Patrick. This is Ireland’s “holy mountain” where St. Patrick is said to have climbed and fasted for forty days and nights before spreading the Gospel throughout the island. At the annual pilgrimage, we felt the great spiritual need as we witnessed the heartfelt sincerity and the lengths to which these

dear people will go in order to obtain eternal life. Our hearts broke as we watched people of all ages attempt to ascend a 2,510-foot mountain, some barefoot, some toting babies, some with toddlers in tow, one lady even carried a breathing machine, and each one chanted various penance recitations. They believe the harder the climb, the better for their spiritual ascent as well. It is hard to imagine. Surprisingly, only a few had to be air-lifted off, while most prevailed. As Stephen Williamson, our Regional Director in Ireland said, “If you believe your eternal destiny depends upon it, this is what you must do.” Oh how blessed we are to know that no works are necessary, only simple trust in His saving grace. “What can wash away our sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!”

So what is needed in Ireland? It is the same as it has always been. The harvest is great, but the workers are few. What must we do to change the current landscape? First of all, pray that He will send forth workers with a vision for the lost. As Stephen so eloquently spoke in his final words to us, “We are here for such a time as this. We have today, this moment, this window of opportunity in Ireland and in God’s kingdom.” We are meant to be God’s hands linked together to embrace the world, and together with Christ, nothing shall be impossible.

Your Life-Changing Journey

Every member of Men for Missions is on a journey to share hope at home and around the world. May these reports from across the globe inspire each of us to walk as Jesus, changing our lives and the lives of those we encounter.



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In 1978, MFMer Bill Glace sold his farm in Kansas and moved his family to Haiti where he oversaw the construction of a 25-mile road into the mountains to reach isolated villages with the Gospel. In 2011, Bill and wife, Janie, returned with their children and grandchildren to build homes for earthquake victims and share the Gospel.



MFMer Bill Glace (right) and son, Ben, in Haiti.

Homes For Haiti

By Jeff Walton

How many of Jesus' miracles resulted after an interruption? I mean, how many times was Jesus on His way to do something else when He stopped, changed His agenda, and drastically changed the circumstances of one's life?

As your mind percolates on that one, let me be perfectly clear: the following is not an emotional appeal designed to get you running for the tarmac to catch the next flight to Haiti. As Christians, God instructs us to be witnesses, and that is exactly what I am going to do...tell you what I saw. My purpose, within that, is simple: to encourage you to interrupt the busyness of your life for the opportunity to drastically change the circumstances of someone's life in Haiti.

How it started

If you can picture dominoes falling, you will see exactly how our trip came together. One day out of nowhere my wife mentioned that her dad and brother were taking a team to Haiti to build houses. About a week later she said that her sisters were going and wanted to know if I would mind if she went with them. As days passed by, she began talking about ALL of us going. The demons of self-interest immediately and relentlessly descended on me. What about our annual family vacation? What about the cost? What about Malaria? Typhoid? Cholera? What about Call of Duty? What about air conditioning? Cable? America's Got Talent? Pathetic. I know.

I knew this day was coming; it was inevitable. You see, my wife's family served on the mission field in Haiti for four years when she was a little girl. Even before that, her parents had served for two years in Haiti doing humanitarian work. Her dad, Bill Glace, is a past president on the Men for Missions cabinet. Since our dating days, she has talked about wanting me to see where she grew up. Oh yeah, like it or not, I would be in Haiti someday.

How it Came Together

I pledged to my wife that I would earnestly pray about our going. I did, and God changed my heart almost overnight. In the greatest step of faith in my life, I said, "Let's do it." My fears turned to cheers, and I was fully committed to seeing what God had in store for all of us



Glace team begins construction on a new Home for Haiti.

as well as each of us. Before I knew it, this thing began to take on a life of its own. Both parents (Bill and Janie) and each of Gina's siblings (Kim, Shelly, and Ben) went on the trip along with some spouses and their children. We had seven children participating ranging from ages 6-17. Each member, including the kids, was used in a unique and meaningful way.

We were a little concerned that each of our kids could be used on such a trip, but we found that God had, of course, already worked that out for us. Our prayer before going was that this trip would serve as a personal and spiritual benchmark in the lives of our three kids (ages 17, 14, and 11). We also prayed that it would cast a vision of missions in their eyes and create a love of service in their hearts. This was the first time that my faith was going to possibly put my kids in harm's way; I totally put it in God's hands. It honestly felt good to trust God when the stakes actually had consequences.

What We Did

Without going into a great deal of detail, we had two projects going on in Haiti simultaneously: the kids and moms provided a highly interactive Vacation Bible School for a local church in Port-au-Prince while the dads constructed the house. When the VBS was over for the day, the ladies and kids would join us on the work site for the home.

I saw:

- A 6-year-old and a 10-year-old minister to the children of the missionaries who hosted us. I can still hear the much needed laughs.
- Those same two kids play with Haitian kids while we worked.
- My 11-year-old son carry lumber, shovel dirt, pull and hammer nails, and operate a cordless drill
- My 14-year-old son and his 14-year-old cousin participate in the assembly line of lifting, passing, and dumping concrete; they also hammered nails, carried lumber, and built trusses
- My 17-year-old daughter sing with her mom in front of a Haitian congregation. She also separated forms from the foundation, leveled the dirt that would eventually be the floor of the home, and hammered nails
- My wife and her sisters fill dirt behind the foundation walls, remove forms, and level dirt floors; they also played VBS games with kids in the mountains as we worked on the home
- My father-in-law and brother-in-laws hang doors, measure and cut wood for trusses, pour concrete, and teach God's word to Haitians
- My father-in-law thank a local Haitian man for helping us, put a Creole Bible in his hands, and share Jesus with him in Creole
- Each member of our group interact with a different culture, learn from it, and spread the love of Jesus through service, laughs, smiles, waves, etc.
- A family grow closer by sharing a God-centered project together

During these moments, a strange irony gained a foothold on me: the heat and labor in the tropics brought me some of the greatest comfort of my life.

By the end of the week, I realized a profound truth: this trip wasn't about the home; it was about the heart. We went to free theirs, and they ended up capturing ours. With solemn dread we had to say good-bye to Baba, Junior, Predestin, Anjaylou, Boodnam, and Marko. In one short week, we had built meaningful relationships with some very good people. Michael and Sarah Shaferly, the missionaries who hosted us, were the embodiment of hospitality and flexibility. (Please pray for the Shaferly family; they are an incredible tool in that rocky mission field).

Coming Home

Since returning to the states, I have experienced an unmistakable stirring in my soul. What can I do from Olathe, Kansas, to make a difference in Haiti, or for a Haitian? I don't know the answer to that one yet, but I trust God will show me. We have stayed in contact with a couple Haitians already...on FACEBOOK! Go figure. Hopefully that will be an on-going ministry for each of our family members. The kids have even inquired about learning Creole so they can communicate better the NEXT time we go.

I ate lunch with one of my sons today, and he said, "Dad, I think I know what I got from Haiti; I need to be more content." I nearly choked. I could barely hold back the sarcasm: "Really? What a revelation! We've only talked about that a thousand times." I didn't say that, of course, but I did marvel as I listened to his transparency. God was moving.

So What?

Putting the entire experience in perspective is difficult, but as of today, these are the things that stick out: God showed us up close that He can reach the wealthy of America and the poor of Haiti; we sometimes need a change of scenery to hear what He has been saying to us all along; He can humble the proud and lift up the downtrodden; we can be rich on the outside and poor on the inside (and vice versa); and even though most of us couldn't speak Creole, God spoke clearly through us with a smile, a wave, a hug, a laugh, a hammer, a drill, and a gift.

I pray that you will allow God to interrupt your life. As Philip said to Nathaniel in John1: "Come and see." Who knows? The miracle God performs may be in YOUR heart.



The Bill and Janie Glace team; three generations.

A Letter to the People of Israel

Shalom! I was blessed with the opportunity to visit your country as a part of an MFM prayer team from the United States. It is an honor to give my testimony to my brothers and sisters in Israel.

The experiences we had while visiting your beautiful country were simply indescribable. The places we saw with our guide, Moshe*, were breathtaking. To see the places where our Lord and Savior lived, walked, and taught His disciples was an experience of a lifetime. It made the Scriptures in the Bible come alive. The prayer we had on the mount, where Jesus drew His disciples to Him and taught the Beatitudes, had a special meaning for me. I was able to pray for my daughter, who has breast cancer, on the very mount that Yeshua taught and prayed.

Moshe taught at the worship boat on the Sea of Galilee. The Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed before He was betrayed and arrested brought tears to my eyes. I will never forget the Holocaust Museum. Only after seeing this can anyone begin to understand the horrible tragedy and persecution that your people have endured. I will always remember the prayer outside the museum and remember Moshe and Ilanah, his daughter walking arm in arm down the path. It was a perfect picture of the love between a father and his daughter. I thought of my three daughters, whom I deeply love. Most of all, it made me think of the love between our Father and His Son. That is the pattern that should be the basis of all of our relationships. All of the beautiful places that we saw will someday be destroyed; however, it is the relationships, based upon the Father's love for His children that are eternal.

During an amazing sunset on the Mediterranean, Moshe gave his testimony and vision for his future ministry. This special moment was priceless in revealing God's purpose and how He is working through Moshe to reveal the Messiah to his people. That night and that testimony caused me to realize why God brought me to Israel. He opened my eyes to a culture and a people that will forever hold a spe-

Moshe* of European and South American descent grew up in South America and later disciplined Jewish believers for more than 10-years in the United States. Both sets of his grandparents were Jews from Europe who escaped to South America during World War I (maternal) and World War II (paternal).

Just before his bar mitzvah (when a 13-year-old boy becomes spiritually responsible in the Jewish community), Moshe became a Messianic believer. At that time, he understood that God would use his life for His kingdom. He received his call to serve in Israel while in seminary, more than 20 years ago. But after many years of doors closing, today, Moshe lives in Israel with his wife and four children, where they serve the Lord in a messianic congregation. While living in the United States, Moshe earned a bachelor of arts degree in biblical studies from International School of Theology in Maryland.

cial place in my heart. As special as the places were, it was the interaction with Moshe, his family, and many of you that made this mission a true blessing from God. Batel, Moshe's wife, is also greatly used by God; they work every day to reach those searching for the true Messiah through their family.

The evening discussions at Moshe's home; the youth group; the Bible study and service with the congregation; and the privilege of meeting Shimon and Olla in their home are all moments that only God could have set in motion. Phil Moore, one of our team members who is blind, gave an incredible testimony to the youth group. God truly has a design for each of us and will use us to fulfill His purpose, often through what we believe to be handicaps. All of these moments and experiences have forever changed my life. They have helped me to better understand the Jewish culture and God's chosen people. It is clear that God's chosen remnant is returning to Israel, just as the Scriptures foretold. It is also clear that He has set His servants in place to receive them and expand His Kingdom.

Forever in Him,
Bob McCaslin



Moshe explains tapestry of 12 tribes of Israel.



Moshe and daughter.

Experiencing Fellowship in Israel

By Carolyn Below

I have wanted to see the places in Israel that I've read about in the Bible, but the chance to do so seemed slim. When I received an email from Kent Eller, MFM National Director, asking if I would be interested in going on a Prayer team to Israel, my heart nearly skipped a beat. Could it be that the Lord would allow me such an awesome privilege? Would it be safe to travel to Israel? These questions and more began to enter my thoughts.

God is faithful, and He showed me the answer to these questions in His Word. "Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it." Psalm 121:1-8 gave me a peace that the Lord would guard and keep us safe. Another confirmation was in Psalm 122: 6-7; "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, may they prosper who love you, may peace be within your walls and prosperity within your palaces."

One month before our trip, we met with team leader, Dick McLeish, in Greenwood for a debriefing on our mission and its purpose. On the drive to Indiana, I prayed that the Lord would create a great love and unity between the team members. It was later evident that God had answered that prayer.

On June 24 the team left for Israel. During the next few days, God opened my eyes and heart to His love for His chosen people and the struggles they face.

Fellowship time with Jewish believers in Jesus was definitely the highlight of our trip. We had the unique privilege of staying with Moshe, a messianic Jew, and his gracious wife and family. This allowed us times of fellowship, prayer, and worship with the messianic believers, which encouraged our Jewish brothers and sisters as much as it did our team. It was evident by their strong, unwavering faith that Yeshua had given them the strength to face the persecutions they experienced.

One night we separated into small groups and visited in the homes of various members of Moshe's congregation. What a joy to meet Miriam, a middle aged woman who had just recently trusted in Yeshua as her Savior. This precious believer touched our hearts the minute we met her as she shared her testimony and prayer requests with us. Later in the week, we again had the privilege to fellowship with Miriam at a woman's Bible study led by Moshe's wife. Our shared faith in Jesus gave us an instant spiritual connection with these dear sisters in the Lord.

A time that will always stand out in my memory was the night several of



Team devotions at Moshe's home.



Author, Carolyn Below, with Bible study group in Israel.

Moshe's congregation gathered in his home for a time of fellowship, testimony, and prayer. The room was filled with Messianic Jewish believers of all ages, many of whom had made aliyah (the return to Israel to live from another country). Their intense prayers and their persevering faith amazed me. I looked into the faces of these dear fellow believers who had chosen to sacrifice many things in order to return to Israel. With windows wide open, our praises were going up from the land of Israel into the presence of God. This was a very emotional time for our team members. It felt like we had just experienced a first century worship service and possibly a glimpse of the precious fellowship believers will have in eternity.

We had the privilege of touring many wonderful sites in Israel through our Christian perspective. Whether it was worshiping on a boat in the middle of the sea of Galilee, standing on Masada overlooking the Dead Sea, or walking in the Garden of Gethsemane, our team prayed for the Jewish people.

The last day in Israel, we went to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Center. It is hard to put into words the emotions that one feels walking through each station of the center, listening to the heart-wrenching stories, and seeing actual artifacts from

this horrible time in the Jewish history. After walking through the children's museum, we gathered outside for our final group prayer in Israel. Our tears flowed as our hearts were heavy, not only for what had happened to the Jewish people in the past, but also the challenges they will face in the future. We continue to lift our Jewish brothers and sisters in prayer for the peace of Jerusalem.

"With windows wide open, our praises were going up from the land of Israel into the presence of God."

Knee family in Haiti

A doctor's family from Michigan served in Cap Haitien, Haiti for a summer.

According to
Nathan's Journal...

7/23/11 — Today was our first day in Haiti. It was the most poverty I have ever seen. Homeless people are everywhere you look. There were also tons of tent cities! I saw huge cracks in walls and rubble everywhere! You just have the feeling of scaredness.

7/24/11 — Today we had church. It lasted 3 hours! Plus it was super hot. I was sweating like crazy! We got there by riding a plane from Port-au-Prince to Cap-Haitien where we are now.



Kids signing Nathan's cast.

7/25/11 — Today we worked at VBS! So many kids signed my cast. It was fun. It was sad when someone came up to my dad and asked if he could buy his daughter. In VBS we sang a ton of songs, had a break, preached, and the kids had competitions. During break I played soccer with my dad and Haitian boys. It was hot. Overall it was a sad and happy day.

7/26/11 — Today was a fun day. I made two good friends named Elvinese and we called the other one Club 3 because he was in Club 3. It is so sad to think about how sweet they are and how bad their lives are! We love them and they love us. Dad and I tried to teach them baseball and they swung weird but hit it. They loved baseball and I mean LOVED it!!!



Nathan with new friend, Club 3.

7/27/11 — Today was the last day of VBS and it was super sad! First Elvinese got her fingernails painted and they were pretty and she loved it. Then she wanted her toenails painted and she stuck them out and she had a big sore that was open but not bleeding. When she stuck her sore out gnats came from everywhere and turned the lightly pink flesh to black in a second. They were biting it like crazy and would not leave! Everyone there laughed at her. She quickly stuck her foot into her shoe and started crying!!! I felt so bad for her!! She just ran right up to me and held my hand! Then another girl came to hold my other hand. So I took Elvinese straight to Lisa (another missionary) who painted her toenails where nobody else was present and Elvinese felt somewhat better, and she liked it. I told her that they looked pretty and she gave me a huge smile.

Next — something else made me cry! Club 3, the 3-year old that loved me and dad would always run up to us and do hand shakes awesomely. He was also very nice! When we had finished VBS, we were getting into the van, and I heard crying! I turned around and Club 3 was looking at us and bawling! He didn't want us to go!!! My dad and I went to him and he grabbed for my dad and stuck his hand out for me to do the hand shake with him. My dad picked him up and he did the hand shake with me 2 more times, his hands were shaking because he was crying so much!!! Then we had to go so we set him down and started going back to the van! I turned back and he had stopped crying.

Today we told people about JESUS on a mountain. We split up into groups. It was me, Terrie, Bob, and Jennifer. First you go into their houses if they let you. Then you told them about God and gave them a Christian radio...

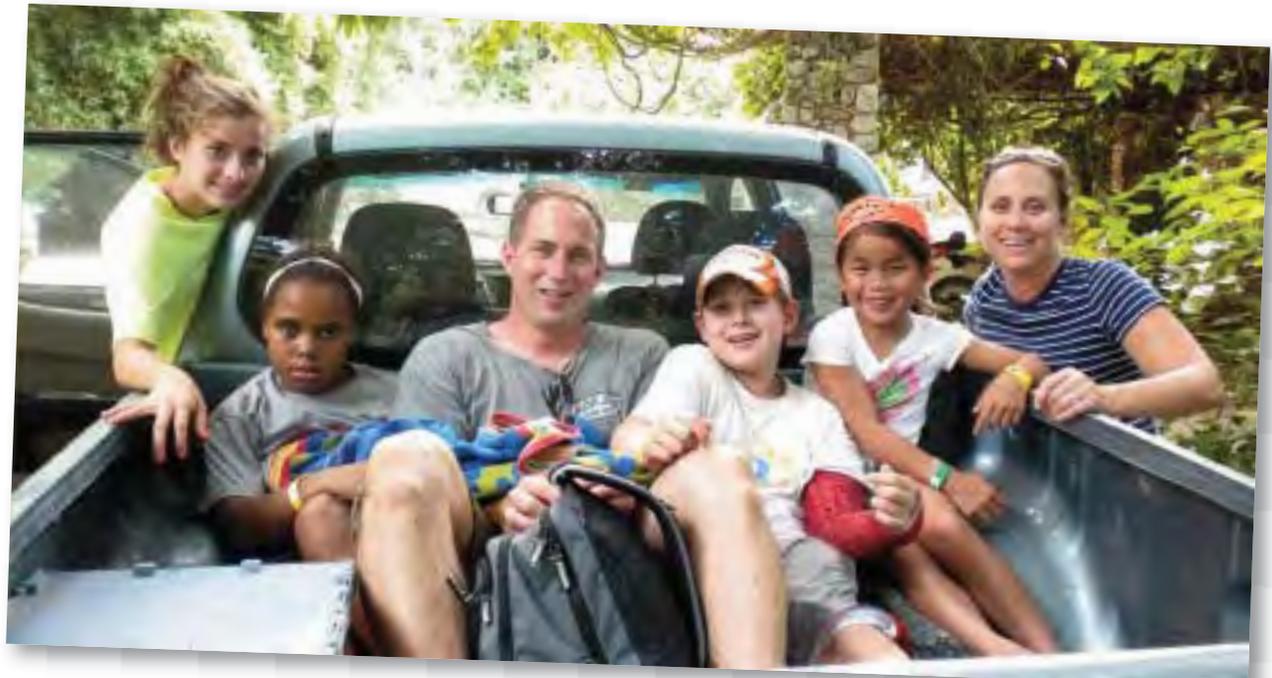


VBS kids with freshly painted fingernails.

7/28/11 — Today we told people about JESUS on a mountain. We split up into groups. It was me, Terrie, Bob, and Jennifer. First you go into their houses, if they let you. Then you told them about God and gave them a Christian radio. Later at night our group asked for prayer requests and I talked about Club 3 and Elvinese. I cried and so did half of the group. I was so sad, but now people are praying for them.

7/29/11 — Today we woke up at 6:30 and went to breakfast at 7:00. Then we said our goodbyes to the other missionary people and then left. The one who liked me the most was Terrie. Our family went to the beach. Me, Dad, Sadie, and Annie sat in the pickup truck. One guy in a tap tap said "was up Blancs". It was funny. At the beach I went snorkeling with my broken arm and saw like 5 fish in 10 minutes. Today was Awesome!!!

~Nathan Knee



The Knee family in Haiti.

Praying on Site with Insight

By Dean Davis

Praying on site with insight is what they say prayer walking is all about. Many of us have prayed while we walk. We've gone through our prayer list while we've power walked around the neighborhood or strolled through a park. But prayer walking is more than simply walking around praying.

I had the joy of joining a Men for Missions prayer team and prayer walked in Ruse, Bulgaria. After Bible study and group prayer, I set out with my wife, Gail, to pray for the city and as the Spirit led. Other groups of two or three went in other directions. We are always open to speak to people whom God brings across our path; however, our primary task was to intercede for the city. Gail and I had great fellowship together and with the Lord. We prayed out loud, we silently prayed, we prayed as we walked, we stopped to sit and pray, we worshiped God in prayer, and prayed for the people we saw.

God gave me a lot of insight into his love for the people of Bulgaria. At one point, I greatly sensed that I was indeed interceding for those dear people. I was standing with and for Bulgarians, calling down God's grace for them, pleading for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done.

Because of our group preparation in prayer and with the Word of God, and because we took time to intentionally listen to the Spirit's voice, Gail and I found



The Bulgaria prayer team in a multi-church prayer meeting.

prayer waking to be a powerful experience.

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The Bulgaria Prayer Team

By Bill Hayward

Mission trip to Bulgaria? We have always gone to South America on previous mission trips. However, when the opportunity to go to Bulgaria came, God burdened our hearts to go. I thought—what an unusual place to go on a mission trip, but God knows where he wants us to serve Him. So, how can we argue about that?

We had little idea of what we were in for. All we knew about Bulgaria was from its former Communist days. Of course, the people of Bulgaria would surely be in great need after living under Communist rule for so long. When

we left our home on June 3, we had many questions of how we would be received. We traveled as tourists because of the religious restrictions. To our delight, we were treated with kindness, much respect, and love.

We started each day with prayer and devotions after breakfast, met in house churches, and prayed for the people as we traveled. As we visited house churches, we attended a baptism of about twelve believers in the river. The people in the house churches were appreciative that we would come to support them by our presence and prayers. It was somewhat of a miracle that people of four nationalities and three languages could pray together with such peace and love in our team as we traveled around the country together. In the southern part of Bulgaria, we prayed around a Mosque for the people that their eyes would be opened to the truth of the Gospel.

God is good, and we received a blessing from our journey through the country of Bulgaria. Keep Bulgaria in your prayers as there is a great need for the Gospel of hope, with few workers to spread it.

What is MFM?

Men for Missions (MFM) is a ministry of One Mission Society (OMS), a faith mission headquartered in Greenwood, Indiana, serving Christ in 58 countries. MFM is comprised of laymen for the purpose of helping more than 400 OMS missionaries evangelize, plant churches, develop Christian leadership, and eventually partner with the national churches that evolve.

MFM accomplishes its task through men from every walk of life who are willing to make this spiritual commitment:

I will do whatever God asks me to do;
I will go wherever God asks me to go;
I will give whatever God asks me to give.

The commitment between an MFMer and God manifests itself through a variety of MFM opportunities. Missionaries are served within the U.S. through MFM area representatives and MFM Action Groups (formerly called Councils). A local Action Group is comprised of MFMs who meet periodically to pray for missionaries, help support their projects, and acquire greatly needed items. They also financially assist their members to join teams heading to foreign mission fields of OMS.

Men for Missions is One Mission Society's life changing journey, asking men to do, go and give whatever God asks. MFM nationally has organized and helped over 25,000 men and women serve on OMS mission fields during its 57-year history. A current team list appears in this issue (see list at right).

MFMs help missionaries by releasing their personal skills and abilities in a variety of practical, direct ways. Included are work and medical teams, teams which help with local evangelism, teams that go to pray and distribute literature, and other opportunities for those who are prepared to teach. Teams are often involved in one or more of these ministries.

MFM has no dues nor formal trappings. We exist to serve Christ by assisting OMS. Our mandate is compassion, pure and simple. Our priority is establishing the Lordship of Jesus Christ in each man's life, and our goal is to provide opportunities for personal obedience to the Great Commission. For more information contact the MFM office in your country (page 3).

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Our goal is to make the ACTION worthy of its message and welcome in your home. As MFMs share their experiences, you can better grasp the magnitude of God's use of laymen throughout the world and also keep informed of major events, which impact OMS, MFM, and the Great Commission.



Warren Hardig
MFM International
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MFM Homes for Haiti work team (see opportunities below).

2012 World Ministry Teams

Dates	Field (Project)	Depart	Cost
01/07	01/15 Haiti (H4H Work)	Findley, OH	1425
01/07	01/21 Colombia (Work)	Newark	1400
01/10	01/19 Haiti (Work)	Salem, IL	1550
01/19	01/26 Haiti (Work/Med)	Columbus	1450
01/31	02/09 Haiti (Work)	Erie	1450
02/02	02/19 Haiti (Work @ Cap/H4H)	Pittsburgh	1550
02/11	02/19 Haiti (H4H Work)	Des Moines	1450
03/10	03/18 Haiti (H4H Work)	Lexington	1450
03/10	03/18 Haiti (H4H Work)	Lexington	1425
03/13	03/21 Ecuador (Women Evang)	Indy	1650
03/31	04/07 Colombia (Evang/Ch Plant)	Indy	2650
05/04	05/15 Israel (Prayer/Vision)	Indy	3200
05/18	05/29 Central Asia (Prayer)	Indy	2550
06/19	06/27 Ecuador (Women Evang)	Indy	1650
07/14	07/28 Ukraine (English Camp)	Denver	2250
July	July Ecuador (VBS)	Indy	1150
08/04	08/18 Ukraine (English Camp)	Denver	2250
August	August Ecuador (Prayer)	Indy	1550
09/15	09/29 Ecuador (Evangelism)	Indy	1725
10/11	10/21 S Korea (Women Evang)	Indy	2250

Millie Young, OMS missionary in Colombia requests two teams to fabricate tables and chairs (steel frames and wood tops, seats, and backs) for the classrooms in Bogota.

Needed are welders, carpenters, and others to sand and paint. Additional painting is needed in one of the schools.

TEAM 1 is scheduled for Dec. 2-16, 2011. Estimated cost from Indy is \$1550. TEAM 2 is scheduled for Jan. 7-21, 2012.

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Japan Breakthrough in Hokota

By Kevin G. Verett

On March 11, 2011, when I heard that a massive earthquake had struck Japan; then, watched the video of the powerful tsunami destroy everything in its path, and I cried out to God for mercy and grace for the people.

● Hokota

I received an e-mail on March 17, that One Mission Society (OMS) and Men for Missions (MFM) would be organizing work teams to Japan to help with clean-up and rebuilding. I knew that I should plan to go, so I signed up for the June 10-25 trip. Steve and Dixie King, OMS missionaries in Tokyo, were our team leaders. They had made several trips to the devastated areas to deliver relief supplies and had worked with the Japan Holiness Church (JHC) leadership to select churches in need. Ours was the first trip of this effort, and we worked with the church in Hokota, located about 87 miles northeast of Tokyo. Upon arrival, it was obvious that there was more work than our team of three people could accomplish in two weeks. Steve prioritized the work to what we could accomplish with the resources we had.

We spent two weeks repairing the home of Ogima, a Hokota church member. He is the only Christian in his family, including his wife, daughter, and mother. Ogima and his mother were in the home each day, and our relationship grew as we worked. Each morning and afternoon, they insisted on serving us tea, snacks, cantaloupe, and watermelon. Ogima spoke English and served as our interpreter for the rest of the family.

During the second week, the Hokota pastor and his wife came with Dixie King to check on us. I



OMS missionary, Steve King, repairing earthquake damage.

noticed they sat around the kitchen table drinking tea and talking. The pastor's wife asked to pray for the elderly mother, who had chronic pain from a previously broken leg. The mother agreed and said that her pain was less after prayer. The next day, she said that she appreciated the prayer and was happy to have less pain. Immediately, I felt led to pray for God to complete the healing that He had begun the day before. Ogima interpreted my intent, and after I prayed for God to complete her healing, she moved her legs around and began to smile. I shouted, "Hallelujah," and she did likewise. Ogima explained that no false god such as Buddha could do what Jesus had just done for her. We finished our work, and as we left, she was dancing around in the yard still trying out her pain-free leg.

When Steve and I arrived back at the Hokota church building, there was a women's Bible study in

progress, and we were asked to join them for tea. Dixie already knew about the mother being healed so she asked us to tell them the story. They all became excited, and I encouraged them to step out in faith believing that every day God wants to bring people into His Kingdom. That night we prayed that God would complete the work and bring the mother to faith in Jesus as her Savior.

The next day we went back to work, and the pastor's wife and Dixie came by to check on us again. It was not long before they were again talking around the table. At lunch, the pastor's wife told me the mother had just professed faith in Jesus, and she planned to come to church with Ogima on Sunday! We had a great time of celebrating the new birth.

The next day was our last day in Hokota, so Steve and I went back to finish our work and pack the tools and supplies. As we were



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leaving, the mother invited us into her kitchen for one last time of tea together. We gave her gifts and motioned that we wanted to pray over her. She grabbed our hands and began to passionately pray. Even though we could not understand her, I knew in my heart that she was praying to the one true God. She then let me give her a hug, and she buried her head in my chest and cried. After a long embrace, we indicated that it was time to leave, but none of us were ready to go.

That night we shared this with the pastor's family over a meal. It was then that I began to understand how significant the previous days' events had been. The Lord had used the faith of the pastor's wife to make a significant breakthrough in the cultural roadblocks

to the Gospel in Japan. We would not have been witnesses to this miracle of God if we had not been willing to go and do what we could with our hands to show how great the love of our Father is for the Japanese people. We simply believed that God had the power to do what he had promised when he told us to pray, "Your kingdom come and your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven." That Kingdom is of righteousness, peace, and joy. We witnessed the Holy Spirit bring His righteousness, peace, and joy to Ogima's mother.

Will you allow these stories of the work of God to stir you to go where he sends you and believe that He will do even greater works than these?



Author and drywaller, Kevin Verett, making repairs at Ogima's home.

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- Work Team
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- Prayer Team
- Medical Team
- Homes for Haiti Team
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See current list of 2012 teams on page 11. New teams are constantly forming and may not yet be listed. So for the latest schedule, information and updates, call MFM at 317-881-6752, or e-mail bevans@onemissionsociety.org

Our Partnership is Producing Results

in Russia

By Sasha Tsutserov

Director of the Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary

I praise God and thank you for partnering with us in the venture of reaching Russia and the former Soviet Union with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary (MECS). There are two aspects of this partnership I want to emphasize.

First, this partnership does produce results. Each of the recent graduates went straight into ministry. Ilya Vasilyev, a church planter, moved 5,775 miles away to the Sakhalin Island, which is the most remote part of Russia. Jesus' instructions to, "be ye my witnesses ... to the end of the world" applies here, at least from the Russian standpoint.

Pavel Sadaev ministers in the village of Mrakovo, Bashkortostan. The Russian term "Mrakovo" in English means "Darkness" – what a suitable name for a place for the Light of Christ to shine upon!

Second, this partnership is efficient. It multiplies the investment as we simultaneously train 111 students. It decisively operates economically, as we are frugal with your money. (Some say even to the extent of being monastically ascetic. Well, true – there are no winter gardens or swan lakes at the Seminary.) But what resources we have, we utilize to the limit: students worship, study, and play, in the chapel.

The chapel in MECS serves as a multiple venue for study, play, worship, and graduation. The funding for the operational budget of the seminary is crucial and by multiplied investment will keep the seminary efficiently running to produce results.

So, our joint venture functions just as it is written, "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence." (2 Peter 1:2-3)

I prayerfully hope this fruitful partnership continues, to Him be the glory! Please, donate online via www.onemissionsociety.org/give/express-donations (Project #301710 - Moscow Seminary), or by check made payable to One Mission Society (Please designate Proj. #301710 - Moscow Seminary) and send to One Mission Society, P.O. Box 1648, Monument CO 80132-1648 (donations are tax-deductible and will be properly receipted by OMS). Thank you!

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Seminarians study in MECS chapel.



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Seminarians worship in MECS chapel.



Seminarians graduate in MECS chapel.

In Action

Saturation Antioquia

The DNA of OMS has included saturating countries with the Gospel ever since our beginning in 1901.

MFM and ECC (Every Community for Christ) will partner in a saturation launch in Antioquia, Colombia; OMS is partnering with nine ministries and churches to share the Gospel and plant churches.

Saturation Antioquia intends to give every man, woman, boy, and girl the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel through the witness of the local church.

The goal of this project is to train 4,000 Colombian church members to start house churches; plant a second and third generation church. In five years there will be 20,000 house churches in Antioquia.

In 2012, we will prepare and send teams to Colombia for 8-10 days to prayer walk; evangelize using the EvangeCube; form new church groups; work with E3 Partners (e3partners.org) using the *I am Second* method (iamsecond.com).

Our first opportunity will be March 31 – April 7, 2012 as we go to Cali, Colombia, to help with evangelism and church-planting.

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Introducing Robin Sloss

MFM in the United Kingdom

In June 2011, I was appointed as the new Men for Missions-UK National Director.

I was born into a Christian home and reared on a farm just outside the little village, Coagh, in Mid Ulster, Northern Ireland. My parents faithfully took me to Curglassan Mission Hall, and I became aware of my need for salvation.



The Robin Sloss family.

Jim and Grace Smyth, OMS missionaries to Columbia, were home on furlough in 1979. I was in my early teens, and on the 2nd December 1979, Jim led me to the Lord. After leaving school, I spent one year at Loughry Agricultural College, Cookstown, and then came home to work on the family farm.

In July 1990, I married Audrey, my wife, and we have two daughters, Stephanie and Leanne. The BSE crisis struck the cattle industry in the early 1990s, so I took a job in the local furniture factory to help pay the bills.

The Lord began to work in my life, and I became unsettled in the work place. I enrolled on a day-release course at Belfast Bible College in 2002, and felt the Lord had called me to go into full time study. I sold our family home and our farm and moved to Moneymore, our current residence. We also changed churches and are now members of Magherafelt Independent Methodist Church.

I spent the next three years seeking a diploma in Theological Studies and had the opportunity to go on placement to Mozambique. One year later, I took an OMS team to Mozambique.

In May 2009, I enrolled in a correspondence course with Cranmer Memorial Bible College and Seminary and graduated in May 2010, with a Bachelors Degree in Theology.

Our family has been involved in OMS since the early 1990s and have always felt blessed because of it. We attend the local OMS prayer meeting, and I also attend the MFM Council in Craigavon. Through the MFM involvement, I have had the opportunity to go on teams to Spain and the South of Ireland.

Stephanie is 20-years old and is in her final year in Loughry College, Cookstown, where she is studying BSc (Hons) Food Management and Marketing. Leanne is 18-years old and going into her last year at Magherafelt High School where she is completing her A' levels.

We would appreciate it if you could remember us in prayer for:

- Wisdom as I take over the MFM National Director responsibilities
- Safety in travel
- Opportunities in the right churches and meetings
- Divine appointments with people
- Daily protection for my family at home
- Good health for us all
- God to supply our financial funding needs
- God's leading, guiding and protecting hand upon our lives each day.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10

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Simply check the list of MFM teams and the reply coupon in this issue.

Men for Missions (MFM) has arranged a full slate of teams to go to One Mission Society (OMS) fields to work, observe, witness, and pray (page 11). Utilization of laymen is critical to OMS as it seeks to expand its ministry throughout the world. Last year alone, over 416,115 came to know Jesus as Savior through the efforts of OMS and its national churches.

Many laymen are now forming teams to go to the mission field. You can be part of this great movement of laymen as they seek to honor Christ by giving personal obedience to the Great Commission.

Call MFM at (317) 881-6752, or the national director in your country (page 3), for latest team destinations, dates, and costs.

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