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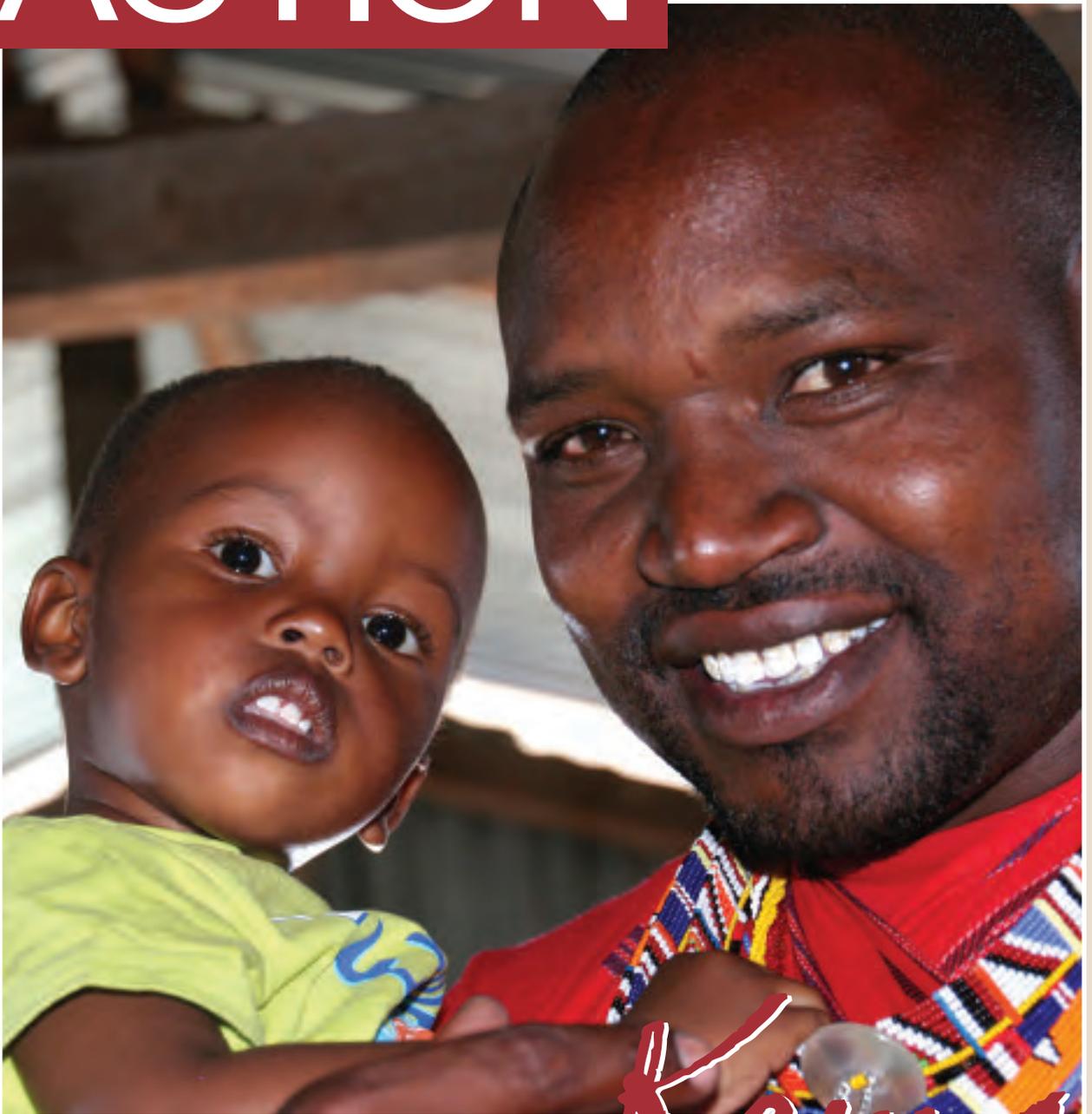


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The Inertia of Evil

By Gene Bertolet

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. (Gen. 1:3-4)

In the beginning was the Word... In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:1-9)

As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. (John 9:4)

This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. (John 3:19)

Do these verses, and many others, refer to physical or spiritual light and darkness? Scripturally, the realms of deception, sin, and evil are often characterized as *darkness*, while truth, purity, and righteousness are portrayed as *light*.

An ancient Chinese philosophy, "yin and yang" and a more modern Star Wars interpretation of light and darkness, suggest that the conflict of the two worlds is necessary, inevitable, and merely the struggle of equally powerful forces, with the victor in the hands of fate.

That spiritually unhealthy view of the world can lead to the false conclusion that evil and darkness are overcoming righteousness and light and the battle is being lost. However, basic reasoning even apart from spiritual discernment should convince us otherwise.

The inertia of evil. Satan, demons, and evil have no control over their intensity, depth, or duration. Darkness does not control itself. It is controlled by light. A flood, for example, is not self-directed but rather limited, guided, harnessed,

and released by barriers and forces outside itself. Likewise, darkness.

In other words, the inertia of evil is predictable and governed by God's spiritual laws. It is always 100 percent evil, 100 percent dark, operating without self-regulation at 100 percent intensity against the forces and will of God.

It is therefore a dependable tool in the hand of God to accomplish His divine plan on earth. It is like black paint on an artist's palette to give depth to an emerging mural; or black ink in four-color process printing to fully develop the range of color possibilities; or the black produced by the absence of light in a television, balancing variations of red, green, and blue lights, generating virtually millions of colors.

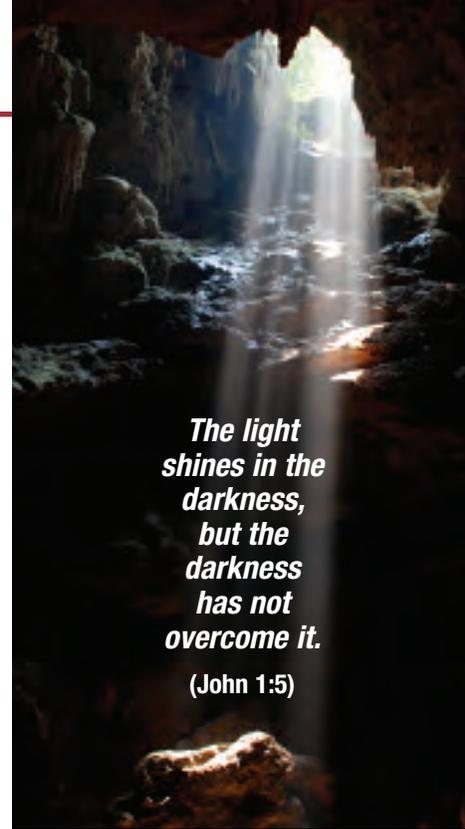
A dimmer switch doesn't regulate the amount of darkness, rather the amount of light to dispel the darkness.

So, as Job suggests, God directs the darkness — calamity, testing, chastisement, etc. — by regulating evil to accomplish His divine purpose (Job 12:22-25).

Prayers for God's intervention in dark situations will be answered to the extent that He chooses to release His light.

The sovereignty of God. While one hand of God might be regulating darkness (personal, local, national, and global calamities), His other hand is reaching out and embracing the hurting and repentant. Both hands are committed to accomplishing the same divine purpose — to cause people and nations to repent and fall at His feet in humble worship, or to effect scenarios that stretch the faith and love of His obedient followers (James 1:2,3).

In any case, God is absolutely sovereign while Satan's agenda



The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.

(John 1:5)

and resources are subordinated to God's divine will. Job expresses it this way, *If He holds back the waters, there is drought; if He lets them loose, they devastate the land. To Him belong strength and insight; both deceived and deceiver are His. (Job 12:15,16)*

To us, Satan and his demonic horde at times seem to be an insurmountable threat. But to our sovereign Lord they are both a vanquished foe and a ready tool to serve His divine purpose.

The cosmic perspective. One of many attributes of God is that He is omnipresent (everywhere present at once). A significant limitation of Satan and demons is that they are not omnipresent.

Spiritual darkness and evil can exist and operate only with God's permission and to the extent that He chooses to restrain them (2 Thess. 2:5-12). Our sovereign Lord can be anywhere and everywhere. But evil requires on-site management. Where evil is manifested is where the troublemakers are.

People and places nurturing sin and debauchery are often given

over by God to the inertia of evil and deepening darkness, thus further resisting His grace and justifying His judgment (Rom. 1:18-32).

However, our omnipresent Lord is there as well. With a stroke of His hand, a word from His lips, and radiance (light) of His presence, the enemy MUST cut and run, releasing their grip on nations, places, situations, and troubled hearts.

Light in the darkness. So, what is it that can shine God's light into the darkened hearts, lands, and places where we believe He has called us to take a stand and tear down enemy strongholds? INTERCESSION!

What is it that can move God's mighty hand to crush evil and sweep it away? INTERCESSION!

Our omnipresent Lord is already there, on site. So, what will enable His divine light to push back the darkness? INTERCESSION!

Yes, He can do it without us, but our involvement through faith and asking seems to be what He longs to bless — as we go, pray, stand on enemy ground, and claim it for Him. Let's ask, and He will give us the darkened nations, places, and hearts of this world for our inheritance (Ps. 2:8; Rom. 8:16,17).

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Radio 4VEH Update: Radio is Impacting Haitian Culture

By Kate Michel

Marketing & Communications Director,
Radio 4VEH/Resounding Hope

In 2012 at Radio 4VEH, we focused on Psalm 116:12. As you read this praise report, will you join us in prayerfully asking, "What shall I return to the Lord for all His goodness to me?"

Praise Report

AM station is back on the air: In August, thieves stole copper wiring and equipment at Radio 4VEH's Petite Anse AM Transmission site (where MFM teams installed radio towers in the 1970s). This meant we were off the air on one of our main stations, 840 AM, the far-reaching signal that daily blesses people in rural areas. Then, after weeks of prayer and hard work, with financial support from inside and outside Haiti, the new equipment was ready to 'go live'. Within minutes, people were calling from across northern Haiti saying, "Yes! 4VEH is back on 840 AM—I'm listening!"

Radio 4VEH named International Radio Ministry 2013

What an honor! Radio 4VEH has been named "International Radio Ministry 2013" by the US-based National Religious Broadcasters Association (NRB). This award is presented to an organization based outside the United States that "excels in radio or audio ministry, exercising integrity and faithfulness to the cause of Christ, while demonstrating unusual effectiveness in impacting the target culture with the Gospel."

"Radio 4VEH is a ministry of One Mission Society that reaches, teaches, and serves through radio," noted NRB President & CEO Dr. Frank Wright. "Through Radio



Storly Michel (left) and Gaudin Charles accept the International Radio Ministry 2013 award from NRB.

4VEH, hundreds of thousands are being taught, encouraged, and inspired with a wide variety of Christian broadcasts."

To God be the glory! And thank you all for your support since Radio 4VEH first went on the air in 1950.

Solar Radios Report 2012

Through Radio 4VEH's outreach ministry of evangelism and distribution of solar powered radios in 2012, **14,019 people heard the Gospel message**, including this mother and daughter (photo below), as MFM teams joined local believers to share about Jesus.



Mother and daughter gladly receive a radio as MFM team joined local believers to share the Gospel and distribute solar radios.

We praise God for **2,470 people who made decisions to follow Christ**. And we covet your prayers for 4,169 people who said no to God's gift of salvation through Jesus.

There were **1,247 radios distributed to families** to continue to speak His truth into their lives and encourage them in their faith.

Emmanuel Félix says, "Note that the harvest is plentiful but the radios as workers are few. Please help send radios into the harvest so that every home can be blessed with a Resounding Hope radio to teach and encourage them."

You Can Help!

Sustain broadcasting on Radio 4VEH with a monthly donation and you'll help keep us on the air to reach, teach, and serve listeners every month. A monthly gift of \$25 (in the US/Canada/Australia; £15 in the UK) will sponsor a 30-minute radio program. Please mark your gift: Radio 4VEH Broadcasting Project #469960-13G906.

Sponsor a Resounding Hope solar radio (fix-tuned to Radio 4VEH and pre-loaded with an audio New Testament in Haitian Creole) for a Haitian family (for \$60 in the US/Canada/Australia; £40 in the UK). Please mark your gift: Resounding Hope solar radios Project #407870-RASU12B.

Please make your donation payable to OMS and mail to the office in your country (page 3). Thank you!

Note: If you've given to Operation Saturation in the past, please mark future donations for solar radios: Resounding Hope.

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Resounding Hope Team Radio Distribution in Haiti

By Tommie Geohagan

From the moment I heard about the mission trip our church was taking to Haiti, I knew that God wanted me to go. We were going to pass out solar radios that broadcast Radio 4VEH and present the Gospel to the people of Haiti. This was way out of my comfort zone because I am a relatively shy person, but God impressed on me that He would use me, my weaknesses, and this trip to change me.

On the trip we spent two days out in the villages, distributing radios to the people and sharing the Gospel. We were joined by Metson, Janiel, Louis, and Brett who translated and also helped share the Gospel. There were people in the villages that practice voodoo, so I was a little nervous



Radio distribution strategy meeting.



Visiting a Starfish Kids school.



Tommie, Chad, and Carrie at Radio 4VEH.

and not really sure what to expect. Almost everyone we shared with was very nice and willing to listen, but it broke our hearts to see the hold that voodoo and the witch doctors have on the people. Many of them did not want to accept Jesus because they feared the witch doctor's response or because they owed him a debt. As we walked through both villages, we saw many people listening to their radios that had been handed out by previous teams. It was encouraging to see how effective this witnessing tool is in Haiti and to see how the seeds that we planted would continue to be watered as the people listened to their radios. On the days that we were out, we shared the Gospel with many families, distributed 41 radios, and had seven professions of faith.

God showed me many things during this trip to Haiti, but some of them stood out more than others. First, the need in Haiti is great! They have physical needs for clean living conditions, more jobs, health needs, and many other physical needs. But even greater than that is their spiritual needs. This is a country that needs the hope and light that can only be brought by the saving knowledge of Jesus. They need to know that Jesus can set them free from the bonds of

voodoo and the evil forces working in this country. We need to pray for Haiti and the spiritual warfare that takes place there.

Second, God showed me that He wanted to take my weaknesses and use them for His glory. When it was my turn to share, I prayed "God please give me the words!" And, that is exactly what He did. He allowed me to forget

all my weaknesses and gave me a passion to share with a man how much God loved him and wanted a relationship with Him.

If you think God wants you to go on a mission trip, but do not think you have the power to be effective for Him, you are right. But, God can work through us and our weaknesses to change lives and His Kingdom forever. The only question is: Are you willing to let Him?



Presenting a radio.



Another radio presentation.

40 Homes for Haiti...and Counting 40th "Homes for Haiti" Dedication and Celebration

By Bill Evans

On January 12, 2010, a massive earthquake struck Haiti. The majority of the damage and loss of life was in the southwestern peninsula and in the Port-au-Prince area. The Presidential Palace was a total loss, as were many of the government buildings.

The large OMS-related church in Port was destroyed, which left a large congregation without a church home. The church overcame and continued to worship the Lord in the front yard of the pastor's home. Pastor Vengione Vital, a second generation pastor at the Portail Leogane Church, was determined to help his congregation maintain their regular worship. There were also many people affected at one of the Portail Leogane daughter churches.

Shortly after the earthquake devastation, OMS went to help with relief work. Medical professionals were deployed. Water, food, and shelter were shipped to the affected areas and a vision was given to start the home building project called Homes for Haiti (H4H). The intent was to help the families of the OMS churches who could prove land ownership or land rights.

OMS World Headquarters assembled a team of leaders, who designed plans, generated a bill of materials, and the plan to build high-quality, durable homes in Haiti. In September 2010, home number one was completed, dedicated to the Lord, and given to a needy family. The primary vision OMS has for each home is for it to be a lighthouse in the community for Jesus. OMS determined that each house would require a \$10,000 sponsorship to go from start to completion, including employing Haitian laborers. Shortly after this decision, the Korean Evangelical Holiness Church (KEHC) in South Korea donated \$400,000 to the project, enough for 40 homes.

Bonnele St Godin and his wife lived near Pastor Vital. Before the earthquake, Bonnele wanted to become a Christian but would not attend church because he felt as though he did not have adequate clothes. After the earthquake and the death of his cousin, he decided he would go to church no matter what clothes he had. He didn't know his neighbor was a pastor, but after seeing that he had a worship service in his yard, he decided to visit. Shortly after attending he and his wife became Christians. Over the next year God worked out things in Bonnele's life so that he, his wife, and 8 year old son were able to get land and have a H4H home built for them. Today they are living as home owners (house #5) in a community where they can have Bible studies and



Bonnele St Godin and his wife with Korean delegates and MFMs.

share their faith.

As of March 1, 2013, Men for Missions had sent 531 people to Haiti to help build 39 homes in various places in and around Port-au-Prince. Plans were made and special guests were invited to help dedicate the 40th home and have a grand celebration to thank the KEHC for their sacrificial gift and support for the people of Haiti.

House #40 was dedicated at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12. Five Koreans from the Evangelical Holiness Church, David and Lori Long, and the wife of the home owner cut the ribbon. David Long and Elder Yoon, Vice General Superintendent of KEHC spoke. Deacon Jun gave the owner the keys and prayed the prayer of dedication.

After seeing the newly dedicated house and where they previously lived, the large group of worshipers walked down the road about 100 yards to the Gressier church (OMS daughter church) where representatives from each of the 40 homes were assembled for the Grand Celebration of their completion. The Mayor of Gressier greeted the group and thanked KEHC and OMS for their contribution to the community.

There was much singing and praying followed by speeches from Harold Brown, first Director of Homes for Haiti; Warren Hardig, Executive Director of Men for Missions; and David Long, OMS President. Gifts were given by each group and then a speech was given by Elder Yoon and the closing prayer by Deacon Ko.



Eddie accepts Jesus.

A special part of the celebration was a Haitian band that played the Haitian, American, South Korean, and Canadian national anthems at appropriate times. Each of the international guests was impressed by hearing their



Gina rededicates life to Christ.



Joclyn steps out on faith.



Pippen shares testimony.

own anthem played and the glory to God given.

It was touching when all of the representatives from the 40 completed homes stood to their feet and one of the recipients, Frankie, expressed appreciation on behalf of everyone.

Many people have come to Christ throughout this project; some neighbors, some of the workers, and others in the community. Here are a few of the stories.

Tuesday, February 12.

Eddie, one of the family members who now lives in home #37 and who has worked with us, came forward to accept Jesus.

The work that was done the rest of the day seemed to pale in significance compared to having a new brother in Christ.

Wednesday, February 13.

Gina, one of the Haitian workers, came forward to rededicate her life to Christ. The Holy Spirit was moving and it was a spe-

cial moment!

Thursday, February 14.

Wow, the Lord blessed us with an amazing day! I wish I could adequately describe this day in words for you. Pastor Peter shared his testimony, and we had five people come forward to put their trust in Jesus. The Holy Spirit was moving in a mighty way. One of the guys, Joclyn, has been working with Homes for Haiti since the beginning. So many people have prayed for this ministry, the teams, and the people of Haiti, and Joclyn has probably heard over 150 devotions from all the work teams. Many seeds were planted by many people, and February 14 he took the big step. It is such a blessing to be part of this ministry!

Friday, February 15.

This morning Pippen, one of our translators, shared his testimony. His solid faith and trust in God was an encouragement to all of us. Afterwards, three believers came forward wanting prayer for physical or spiritual healing and other life challenges.

Action magazine interviewed delegates from the KEHC about the 40th home dedication.

Even though over three years have passed since the earthquake, the lives of the people in Haiti do not seem to be much improved. Jesus came to the lowest places in this world, and it seems that one of those places is Haiti. I think that we need to pray to comfort our Lord's broken heart. As He allowed the lowest places in the world to show the work of God, I felt that loving hands have reached out to a country which was off the radar through this. I am going to go to Cambodia, and I want to share in Cambodia the feeling that I felt in Haiti. Also I was touched by the passion and devotion of the OMS missionaries. I really appreciate them. "As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.'" (John 9:1-3)

— Deacon Jun, Youngwook

The love of God is everlasting. I saw a lot of tents which were without end. Though we came to Haiti to show our love, it looked very small. So I hope that Christians



Banner celebrating dedication of KEHC and OMS-MFM Homes for Haiti 40th home.

Prayer Safari to Kenya

By Dick McLeish

On a recent prayer safari to Kenya, we met with men of a church plant in Kawangware, a slum area of Nairobi. This small church is an outreach from the Kileleshwa Covenant Community Church, which Silas and Rahab Waweru attend. Silas and Rahab are the national OMS missionaries in Kenya. The pastor of the Kileleshwa church had a burden to reach out to other areas, calling it Tendaza (sic), which means spreading out.

Rahab led a worship and prayer time. We received prayer requests and prayed individually for the requests. We came back together and each person shared a Scripture that the Holy Spirit revealed to them during their individual prayer time. Very powerful! The church also reaches out to people addicted to drugs and alcohol and provides a rehab program, literacy training, job skills training, and offers help in broken homes. All of this is covered by the proclaiming of the gospel to the needy people. Three of the men had graduated from the rehab program for alcoholism. There was no shame, only victory for Jesus setting them free.

We prayer-drove through the downtown area, concentrating on the government buildings and businesses. Driving through other areas of the city gave a feel for the prayer needs of the various communities — everything from the government and commerce, to very poor areas, to wealthy and embassy residences, and to a large, local fruit and vegetable market.

We drove 20-30 miles from Nairobi to a Maasai church in Kisaju where the pastor and some of the people were in traditional dress. Pastor Steven was one of Silas and Rahab's students in their first class in the Bible school. It was their weekly prayer service, which usually lasts for several hours, and we experienced a much different style of worship with prayer, singing, and dancing.

To end the service, we asked for specific prayer requests which we prayed for.

At a ladies prayer meeting in Limuru, outside Nairobi, women have prayed for 10 years for the nation. They prayed in earnest for the national elections held last March 4. Since this was their first meeting of 2013, a pastor preached, another led a prayer time, and we celebrated communion together. These ladies are very dedicated and serious about intercessory prayer.

Not far from Limuru, we visited a boy's orphanage where Lydia, from the ladies prayer group, runs an orphanage for 30 boys who were either orphaned or abandoned street kids. They have very little but are fed, clothed, have a place to sleep and relax, and are provided an education. Silas and Rahab have been involved with this orphanage for several years. We ate lunch with the boys and enjoyed being with them. Lydia also wants to start an orphanage for girls if she can find the funds.

On Sunday we worshiped back at the Kileleshwa Covenant Community Church and went to lunch at the home of Rahab's mother, which was a highlight for the team. The traditional house is in a small village outside Nairobi and sits back off a dirt road on two and a half acres of trees and garden. She grows corn and vegetables and raises goats. Esther and Paris, Rahab's mother and sister, cooked a delicious meal. We toured the large garden and met several family members. Earlier in the week we had prayed for rain, just as Elijah had done, and when Rahab's brother, Elijah, walked into the room, it started raining. We ended our visit by praying for each other's request and sang "Amazing Grace"— in English and in Swahili. What a wonderful way to end an amazing visit, not soon forgotten.



Some of the orphaned or abandoned boys in orphanage near Limuru.



Pastor Steven leads traditional worship service at Maasai church.

sa•fa•ri

An expedition to observe or hunt animals in their natural habitat, especially in East Africa.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)



Silas and Rahab.

Silas and Rahab Testimonies

Silas was born in Embu, on the southern slopes of Mt. Kenya. His peasant parents had a big family of nine children. Putting food on the table was many times a challenge. They had to learn to build their faith in God to provide their daily bread. He received Christ in high school and was disciplined through student ministries. He started to sense the call of God in his life as he got involved with outreach and evangelism while attending Kenyatta University for his undergraduate degree. After graduating from college, he taught high school. During this time he got involved with an evangelistic ministry, which partnered with churches to do discipleship and plant biblically-based churches in many parts of Kenya. After marrying Rahab in 1992, they planted and pastored a church in Limuru. He also served as a denominational administrator.

Silas continued as a tent-maker pastor until 2000, when he heard the call of God to quit his teaching job and get seminary training so he could train others to reach and disciple people for Jesus Christ. His seminary training took him to African International University (AIU) in Nairobi for his Master of Divinity and Asbury Theological Seminary (Kentucky, U.S.) for his PhD in Intercultural studies.

Rahab, like Silas, was also from a big family of ten children born to peasant farmer parents. Rahab made a decision for Christ when she was eighteen years old; this completely changed her life. She received hope and joy and knew that she could do all things through Christ who is able to strengthen her.

She trained as a teacher and then went on to teach at a primary school in Limuru. While attending an evangelistic meeting in Machakos, she met Silas. Together they planted a church in Limuru which they pastored until

they left for seminary in 2001. She then quit her job to join African International University (AIU) in Nairobi for an Associate degree in Christian Ministries. In 2005, together with her family, they moved to Kentucky, where she attended Asbury University for her Bachelor of Science in Management and Ethics. She ministers to women and children in many parts of Kenya through economic empowerment, discipleship, and VBS. Rahab and Silas have a son, Solomon, who is 18 years old.

They both serve in East Africa as OMS missionaries in the areas of training national leaders, Church planting, and building Kingdom partnerships to edify the church for the glory of God!

Ministry Opportunities in Kenya

Men for Mission teams have various opportunities for ministry when they come to serve with us, including:

1. VBS in elementary and middle school
2. Medical teams
3. Church construction teams
4. Evangelism teams
5. Microfinance and business empowerment
6. Children ministry in orphanages
7. Pastoral training
8. Holistic ministry to seniors
9. Purchase of land and building team for OMS office in Kenya
10. Holistic ministries to unreached people groups



The prayer team in Kenya.

“My Heart Hurts for the Children of Haiti” A Teenager’s Perspective

By Briana Emert

I am 18 years old, a freshman in college majoring in Elementary Education, and from Sabetha, Kansas. Bill Glace talked about Haiti in church, and I hung on every word he said. I'm not exactly a home builder, but I knew God wanted me to get out of my comfort zone. Later that week I told the church that I was interested in going. Immediately, they sent an email asking for a picture of my passport so they could order the tickets.

Pictures can only show the poverty of Haiti. I have had the chance to see the Haitian hearts, which for the most part, are filled with love, pride, and happiness. They seem to be content with very little to live on.

We strive for materialist things, but they strive for everything else in life. There are children in Haiti with literally nothing, sometimes not even a pair of shoes and pants, but they still go out of their way to make others happy. One child was given a piece of gum, and he split it up to share it with all of his siblings and parents. A piece of gum!

Something happened that I will never forget when we went to the first house to finish the construction. The truck pulled up, and I could hear children yelling my name as I was the official keeper of the children that day. I had a supply of crayons and gave each child only one crayon and half a sheet of paper. They all colored pictures for me. Then later I walked with a little girl, and saw her put the neatly folded piece of paper and the crayon in a small zip-lock bag. It touched me to see her cherish and take care of something so small, which we take for granted back home. Before we left, I pulled her away from the rest of the children and put more crayons in her bag. I pointed to the crayons, then to her, and she smiled big and gave me a huge hug. I am blessed to have gotten to meet her.

Also that day, I taught the children to play Duck, Duck, Goose, or what actually ended up being Sheep, Sheep, Goat. With the help of Bill Glace, who speaks fluent creole and has a lot of patience, we finally got the game down! These kids have touched my heart.

When we got back to the Villa Ormisso, where we stayed, there was a couple with two very little Haitian children. Both children were going through the adoption process and waiting for it to be finalized. The little boy had been found left in a suitcase to die. At 14 months old he only weighed eight pounds, but three months later, he was almost back to good health. The little girl was about the same age but was walking and more developed. Her mother had tried unsuccessfully to abort her three different times. Obviously, she wanted nothing to do with her, so a family in Canada is trying to adopt her.

Hundreds of illegal orphanages throughout Haiti have been shut down by the government. Unscrupulous people start orphanages just for profit with little concern and care of the children. It can take several years and thousands of dollars to legitimately adopt a Haitian child. The adoption of Haitian children is difficult and nearly impossible because of their popularity and value on the black market. It is known that children worldwide, including some from Haiti, are victims of human trafficking.

My heart hurts for the children of Haiti. I can't share all my stories or explain all my experiences. However, I know God has changed my life.



Briana with Haitian children.



Briana learning a skill at construction site.



Briana sifting sand for mortar.

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 70 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.



Warren Hardig
MFM International
Executive Director

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;
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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 your life changing journey, that asks 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 59-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.

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07/13	07/21	Haiti (H4H)	Union City IN 1550
07/13	07/27	Ukraine (Camp)	Indy 2350
07/20	07/27	Colombia (Evangelism)	Indy 1850
07/20	07/27	Haiti (H4H)	Waco 950
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08/03	08/11	Haiti (H4H)	Niceville 1550
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10/12	10/19	Haiti (H4H)	Indy 1650
10/19	10/26	Haiti (H4H)	Waco 950
10/19	10/26	Haiti (Work)	Portland 1750
10/26	11/02	Haiti (DWM Evang)	Indy 1800
10/26	11/02	Colombia (Evang)	Indy 1850
11/02	11/09	Haiti (H4H)	Indy 1525
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Tulsa Team Tackles Two Homes for Haiti

By Rob Searcy

I have been on several mission trips and relished the idea of a new experience in Haiti on a construction project. I went with friends, who are seasoned veterans of short-term mission experiences, and expected to encounter God, meet new Haitian friends, and learn from my brothers, and I was not disappointed.

Haiti could be a tropical paradise with rich resources for its people. Instead, I found a troubled nation, considered to be the poorest in the western hemisphere with approximately 10 million population, 70 percent unemployment, annual income of \$310 USD, life expectancy of 62 years, and religious history of voodoo. Some slow progress is being made on several fronts. Foreign governments have financially and materially infused the country. The Christians have made tremendous efforts to evangelize the population, share the Good News, teach vocational skills, provide medical care, and openly confront voodoo to break its hold among the various people groups.

Our team of six men from Tulsa, Oklahoma area churches landed at the Port-au-Prince airport and met our hosts and OMS Homes for Haiti (H4H) project coordinator. At the OMS Villa Ormiso there were maintained gardens with tall mango trees, and the falling fruit targeted each of us as we made our way from the bungalows along the perimeter to the dining facility around the edge of a pool. The Villa's staff was marvelous and deserves the highest thanks for making our time most beneficial and for feeding us healthy, delicious Haitian meals. Our hosts provided briefings, answered questions about history, governance, religious development, and current project status.

Our project was to complete one home and start a second home. Traversing Port-au-Prince



Tulsa team preparing forms for cement.

in the back of an open two-ton truck each day to the project site was an adventure in unique sights, sounds, and fragrances. We were moved daily to compassionate prayer for the struggling people we passed. The first house was nearly 75 percent finished except for the roof and ceiling. I treasured seeing the Haitian and American men working together and learned that power tools can be bridges to faith. The shared work and effort

transcended language barriers as we shared laughter or frustration without using our languages. Each day the Haitians and our team shared testimonies together. We were amazed and moved to know the extent to which Jesus works in their lives and families. After a day and a half, our team had the first house ready for dedication and began looking to our second house.

The second house was to be on a beautiful location overlooking the capital's bay. Footings were dug and we bucket-brigaded the 50 pound cement containers to the location. Although exhausted, we were satisfied to have laid the foundation.

It was time for us to depart, but none of us were anxious to leave. Short-term missions are like that. They often end before we feel that we have fully given all we want and find ourselves compelled to return. Our team resolved to:

- Pray for spiritual bondages to be broken; replaced with freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for godly leaders.
- Pray that OMS and other churches influence will continue to expand.
- Pray for Christian leadership training and increased effectiveness for local pastors.
- Pray that Homes for Haiti project will be a model to show the love of Christ in a tangible, meaningful way to the people of Haiti.

"Our project was to complete one home and start a second home."



Tulsa team at site of 34th Homes for Haiti project.



Tulsa team takes a break at job site in Haiti.

Multitasking in Haiti

By Lance L. Ziesch

You can see the level of need from the plane window and feel the intensity of it before your feet hit the tarmac. When the door opens, you smell it—you're in Haiti. This 'tropical island paradise' is the poorest country in the western hemisphere with broad and conspicuous contrasts. Beside walled and gated residences of the wealthy, vast slum areas exist where people wash their clothes in murky streams of water contaminated by human waste.

We were overwhelmed by the smells: Raw sewage, rotting garbage, livestock, smoke, food, and the salty smell of the Caribbean. Our team of 16, from Hodgeman County, Kansas, headed into this environment for our 10-day stay in Cap-Haitien.

The three focus areas were construction, medical care, and schools. We filled a variety of roles in all three areas.

Concrete, Goats, and Evangelism

The construction team members helped a Haitian and Canadian crew level a work site to pour a cement floor in a new church project. Although the Haitian building practices—such as mixing concrete on the ground—were not what we were accustomed to, we got the job done.

The Jetmore and Hanston United Methodist Churches raised money to purchase 16 nanny goats, which we distributed to needy families around Cap-Haitien, and we went door-to-door sharing the Gospel. Several indicated decisions for Christ and prayed for salvation.

Mobile Medical Clinic

The medical team mainly worked at the Bethesda Medical Clinic and conducted a mobile clinic in the remote area of Flavil.

We set up clinic, which was basically three examination rooms and a pharmacy in the small, dark classrooms of the Flavil School. Those who were not health-care professionals worked in the temporary pharmacy. Although there were few people around when we arrived, word quickly spread throughout the village and soon dozens of all ages crowded into our makeshift clinic. The medical team and two nurses from the Bethesda clinic treated nearly 270 people. For some it was the first time in their careers that they had treated people with malnutrition, typhoid, tuberculosis, and AIDS, and the first time they openly and unashamedly prayed with patients during their consultations. A single mother of five, suffering from malnutrition, admitted to choosing each day which of her children would get to eat.



The three focus areas were construction, medical care, and schools.

Ebenezer School

The school team distributed school supplies, backpacks, and sports equipment to area schools and taught a few classes and activities. One day we traveled an hour into the mountains to the primitive Ebenezer Baptist Church and School. It was heart-wrenching to see the children sitting quietly in the broken-down school that was more like a livestock barn than a school or church with no electricity. There were a couple of chalkboards but no bright, colorful teaching aids that adorned the walls and no books. The furnishings were a few crudely constructed desks and long, backless wooden benches. In spite of the crude surroundings, the students were brightly and neatly dressed in school uniforms, waiting patiently and expectantly to learn.

Ebenezer School is now part of OMS Starfish Kids program, and students can be sponsored for \$25 a month.

We went to Haiti to help people and tell them about Christ. However, we came home with far more than we gave. It was an incredible blessing to experience the joy of the Haitian people in the midst of the chaos they daily experience. It was also a good reality check, as we were reminded that true and lasting happiness is not found in things of this earth.

Team Finishes Church Near Voodoo Site Illinois Church Team Roofs New Church in Plain de Nord

By George Nattier, II
Salem, Illinois

Salem First Baptist Church sent a work team of ten to the OMS facility in Cap Haitien, Haiti. Prior to departure, the church prayed and commissioned the work team to represent our church for the Lord and to the people of Haiti. We also were to minister to the OMS field director's family, Brett and Angie Bundy and their children. Salem First Baptist Church is Brett's home church where he grew up as a member.

Due to continued prayers, we were kept safe during the installation of the new roof on the church at Plain de Nord. The Lord gave us safety and productivity. Other groups before us had poured the floor and all walls,

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doors, and window openings were in place for the 30 foot by 70 foot church. We had all the resources necessary to complete every task, and the Lord helped us accomplish what we needed in the time available.

We praise the Lord for His presence with us as we manually installed the sheeting on the roof. The following Sunday, the Plain de Nord church met under a new roof and dedicated their new building to God and for His glory. We trust new souls will be



The Illinois church team at Plain de Nord church site, hoisting roof trusses into place.

added to God's Kingdom in this area where dark spiritual influences are present.

The women spent each day assisting at Cowman School where Angie Bundy is principal. They also visited the Bethesda Clinic, Emmaus Seminary, and Radio 4VEH studio.

Each evening a different missionary family joined us at our evening meal. Their testimonies helped us to see how God uses each of us with our "ordinariness" to serve Him if we are willing to serve. We felt a sense of accomplishment to complete the tasks we were given.

The Lord impacted our lives spiritually and we grew measurably as we served Him. May He be honored and glorified.



The Salem First Baptist Church team in Haiti.



A sacred Voodoo site, Pool of St. Jaque, is in Plain de Nord.

What's to like about missing a flight?

By Bill Glace

All of us on our Haiti work team were disappointed when we missed a return flight connection and had to spend the night in Dallas. But God apparently had other plans.

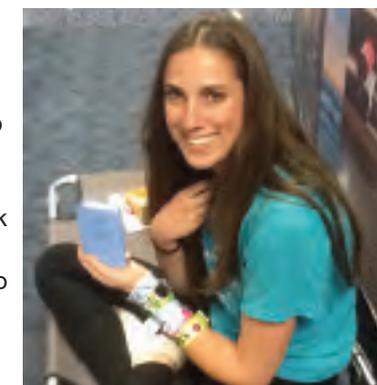
While sitting at the computer kiosk to plug in my iPad to charge it and view photos, I had the opportunity to chat with a young lady named Megan who also was stranded.

Megan goes to school in New Mexico where her father lives, her mother lives in New York. As we visited, I sensed an empty heart and together we probed a little into her spiritual experience.

Megan had attended a Catholic school and been exposed to biblical instruction but had no idea that God wanted her to be His child. I had a Gideon New Testament that had been given to me just before leaving home. I used the little New Testament to show her several verses about God's love and plan for her. She then asked if I had another that she could have. I told her I didn't but she could have that one and she just smiled. I asked her if she would like to take Christ as her Savior. She said, "I don't know why not." It was very touching to hear her pray a simple, from the heart, prayer, asking Christ to forgive and to fill her life with new purpose.

Megan was alone in the airport and staying the night as she had also missed her plane. I asked her if she wanted to sleep with our group as we had Briana with us and an extra cot. I didn't want to see her alone all night in a large airport. She smiled again and said sure. Please pray that her life will be changed and her walk with God will glorify HIM.

When God is in control, I suppose there can be much to like about missing a flight.



Megan with Gideon New Testament.

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Succession and Multiplication

By Sasha Tseuterov

The Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary was inaugurated in September 1993. Now 20 years old, two terms characterize this anniversary time span — Succession and Multiplication.

Succession works at the Moscow Seminary. Succession is in the Bible as John the Baptist pointed out to Jesus, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” Two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. Andrew, one of the disciples, found his brother Simon Peter and told him, “We have found the Messiah.” Jesus called Philip, “Follow me.” Philip found Nathanael and invited him to, “Come and see.” (John 1:21-51) Jesus discipled and commissioned them. And then the church in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth was strengthened and grew in numbers (Acts 9:31).

Father to son: Victor Kabachevsky enrolled in 2004, graduated in 2007, and became a missionary. Victor comments, “I have had an opportunity to evangelize in nearly 40 cities of Russia. My son also wants to study at this seminary.” Sure enough — Sergey Kabachevsky, his son, enrolled in 2008, is graduating in 2013, and will be a pastor.

Native to native: Roman Sean came to the seminary in 2004, graduated in 2008, and planted a church in Moscow. Roman Sean recommended Evgeny Kan who enrolled in 2011. In turn, Evgeny Kan recommended Victor Kim who entered the seminary in 2012.

Brother to brother: Artem Popov-Kazennyh enrolled in 2006, and heads up a mission agency. Then Stepan, Artem’s younger brother, entered in 2012. And nowadays Vasily, the youngest brother in the family, is applying to the seminary to begin in 2013.

Multiplication is in the Bible. Jesus multiplied bread, wine, fish, and fishers of men: 12, 70, 120, and 500 (Luke 6:13, 10:1; Acts 1:15, 2:41; 1 Corinthians 15:6).

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Some of the 118 student-ministers training at Moscow Seminary.



Victor and Sergey.



Roman, Evgeny, and Victor.



Artem, Stepan, and Vasily.

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