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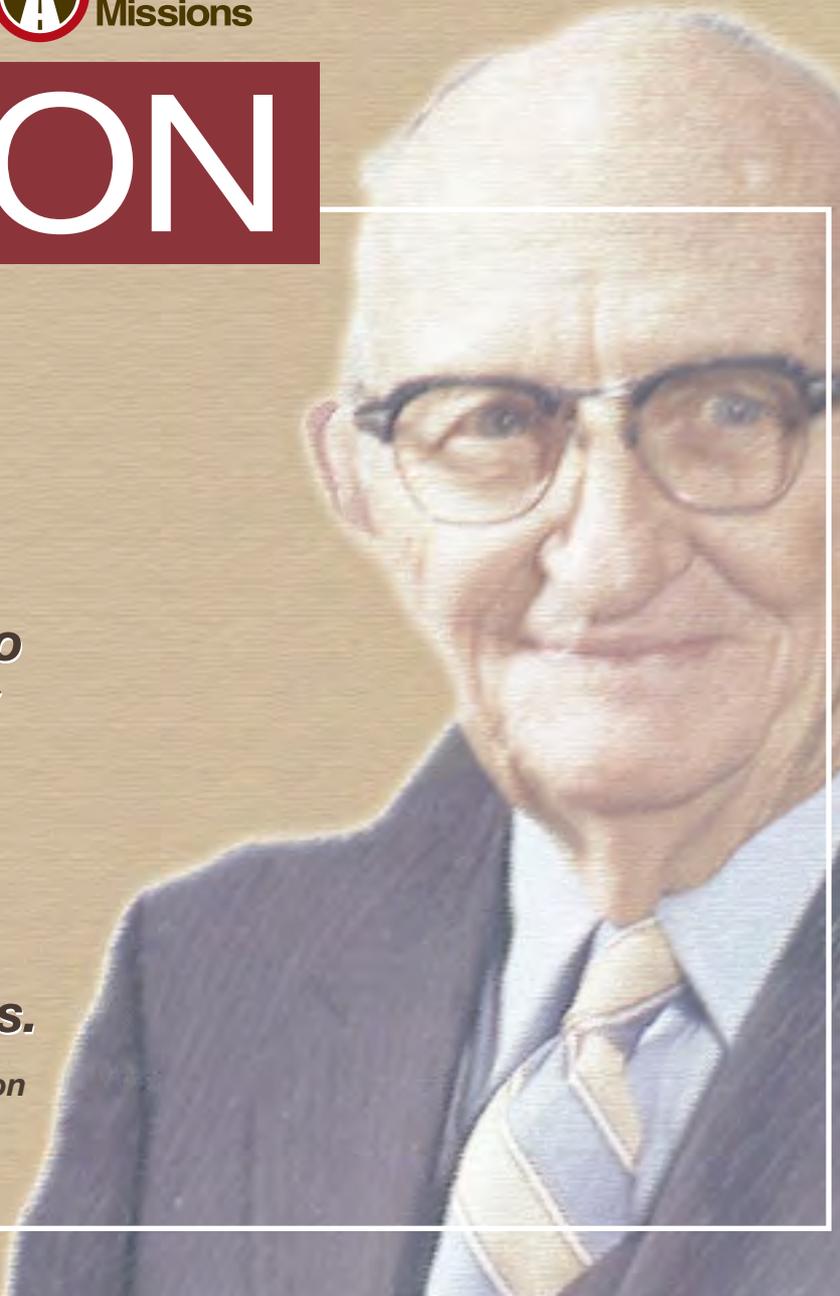
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***Dare we believe
God to put His
hand on a
dozen, a
hundred, or a
thousand men to
obediently carry
out the Great
Commission?***

***This could
revolutionize
modern missions.***

***-Dr. Dwight Ferguson
MFM Founder***



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1954-2014: MFM Celebrating 60 years of doing, going, and giving.

MFM: Ordinary Men Doing Extra Ordinary Work

By Warren Hardig
MFM Executive Director

Men for Missions International is ordinary men who do extra ordinary work. To the casual onlooker, who hears the testimonies of MFMers, may think, "These men live charmed lives. They do not know what I have to live with." In fact, the opposite has proven to be true. Many of these ordinary men may very well say, as a part of their testimony, *It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Thy statutes* (Ps. 119:71). These men have surrendered their lives to the Lordship of Christ.

Since the beginning of time, God has proven Himself faithful. He has given strength to many MFMers to overcome such adversities as the loss of an only son, severe financial reverses, persecution by family and friends, and other trials. It is not without cost when Christ is first in every area of our lives.

There are signature structures: seminar-ies, Bible schools, radio stations, clinics, and missionary housing on several continents across the world that bear witness to

the validity of laymen's involvement. Yet, what cannot be seen is the signature of God on the hearts of men around the world. Those signatures may be found notarizing surrendered lives full of compassion and the desire to follow Christ at all cost. This was the beginning of Men for Missions, and it represents the men in MFM today. For the future that signature must be written on the hearts of thousands yet to come. The most important thing has always been what God does in the heart of a layman.

How else would you explain auctioneers who traveled 2,500 miles from Vancouver, BC to Kentucky to auction items in a U.S. fund raiser for a cooperative project?

Friendships are forged across the world from New Zealand, Australia, United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa, and U.S. Men and women have shed tears together in different countries over those that have no knowledge of Christ's forgiving love as well as over family members, business challenges, and the issues of life. With the apostle Paul, *we die daily* and follow the

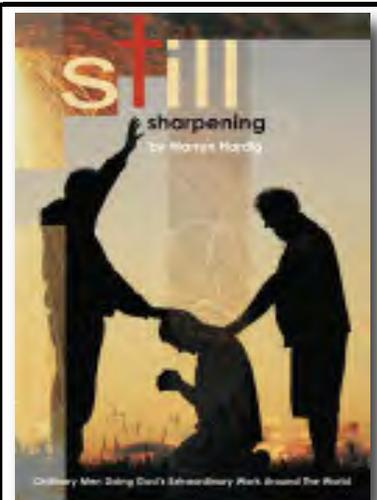
Holy Spirit in obedience (1 Cor. 15:31).

The need for Men for Missions is greater today than ever before in our 60-year history.

- In Haiti, countless people are waiting for MFM to build a new home for them.
- Strategic and tactical intercessors are needed for every country.
- Evangelism and medical teams have many opportunities.

There is no limit to what God can do through a surrendered life. *The eyes of the Lord go to and fro across the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His* (II Chron. 16:9).

Accounts of ordinary men doing God's extra ordinary work.



Still Sharpening By Warren Hardig

Men for Missions is a ministry that has brought the men of this book together to use their skills and talents to change lives around the world. In that process, just as iron sharpens iron, each man has learned the value of *Still Sharpening*.

Still Sharpening: Accounts of ordinary men doing God's extra ordinary work around the world.

Price: \$9.95 + \$3.00 shipping.

To order: Contact Warren at 317.881.6752 or e-mail: whardig@onemissionsociety.org



MFM-Canada: Ordinary men doing extra ordinary work at home, on OMS fields, and in countries officially 'closed' to missions.



Reprinted from Action 1971.

Fellowship at 270 Feet



Part of the 1971 tower erection crew. Missionary Os Heinrich is at left and Bob Castanien is third from left.

Clinching a two-year project, a team of nine MFMers, several missionaries, and a crew of Haitian workers struggled to raise the last section of antenna for Radio 4VEH. Stateside experts predicted that novice

climbers and ground crews could never erect the antenna, but they didn't consider God's will. Missionary Phil Chandler was the only person experienced in erecting a tower. As they were winding up the massive job, most of the crew wanted to finish the work the next day at a leisurely pace. However, one MFMer persuaded the rest to stay and complete the job. A few hours later it began to rain. Using a winch, the 11-ton antenna was raised section by section. Each section was then bolted in place by a climber, a very dangerous job. Phil, who had accumulated and assembled parts for two years, shouted an easily heard "Praise God" as he placed the beacon atop the finished tower. It was a great day for Radio 4VEH and its Gospel outreach as well as for these 1971 work crusaders. A year later MFMers Bob

Stateside experts predicted that novice climbers and ground crews could never erect the antenna...

Castanien and Fred Stolfus, assisted by missionaries Dave Graffenberger and Claude Beachy and Haitian Edner Hilaire, began a 25-minute climb to the top to give

the tower its final coat of paint. Novices at climbing and unaccustomed to heights, they wisely paused for prayer each morning before beginning their climb. Experts said it couldn't be done but it stands today, a monument to a miracle—proof positive of the powerful message it broadcasts across the Caribbean. (See page 6 for update.)



Team carries a heavy antenna section. Pictured in (1971) archive photo are: Chet Bartram, Bob Castanien, Ed Gibbs, Glen Haber, Richard Jones, Ray Pottschmidt, Don Stanifer, Bill McKinley, and Merrill Weichmann.

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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.

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When Faith Walks

By Greg Carlson
Church Multiplication Facilitator
for Colombia and Ecuador

“As I stepped toward the first house where we were going to evangelize, I was flooded with peace,” reported Daniel. Many identify with the nervousness 15-year-old Daniel felt as our witness team hit the streets in Colombia in the summer 2012. Only those who act in bold obedience ever experience what Daniel did, for when faith walks, God anoints and pours blessings from heaven. As you read, I invite you to pray, “God, prepare a place for me in the Harvest and lead me to it.” And, oh how ready the Harvest in Colombia is today!

By prayer Colombians in Antioquia are claiming God’s promise that *“the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea”* (Isaiah 11:9). Their goal: train multiplying disciples who will start 28,000 worship groups (churches or cell groups) where on average, 15 people meet. The project Saturation Antioquia equips and motivates every new believer to share their faith with others, trusting God that each will witness to at least 17 people, thus saturating Colombia’s second most populous province with the Gospel.

MFM united with this vision and sends ministry teams to join Every Community for Christ’s evangelistic church planters. Partnered with an interpreter and a Colombian believer, you can be a part of forming new house churches simply by sharing your testimony and the plan of salvation. You can never imagine how God will use you and the confidence He will give you until your faith walks.

In the first 24 hours after Daniel’s father arrived in Medellin, he repeatedly told me, “I don’t know what I let you talk me into.” Jeff is an accountant with little travel experience and a mature faith. The Colombian evangelism team in the coal mining town where we spent our first day told us to be prepared for rejection, and I thought, “Lord, why are we starting the week here?” Jeff’s first encounter marked the day as one divinely prepared. As Jeff shared his testimony at the first home, the woman began crying. Through his interpreter, Jeff learned she had attempted suicide just days before he appeared at her door. As his interpreter phrased it, “You saved her life!” She opened her heart to life with Jesus. When faith walks, God anoints and pours blessings from heaven. What assurance filled Jeff to experience God’s plan for his visit to Colombia at that moment! Our team experienced miraculous openness with everyone that day.

In March, I returned to evangelize in an area this team

visited in 2012, and God unfolded an extravagant plan to reach a young teenager. Luis’ world confines him to “8 de Marzo,” an area of Medellin precariously inclined on a hillside inhabited largely by refugees from the country’s violence.



Luis begins to walk a new direction.



Daniel shares his testimony.



Jeff and Daniel witness door-to-door.

Two years ago Luis enthusiastically tagged along with the MFM witness team to every house, often opening doors because neighbors recognized him. When I met him in the street this year, Luis hung his head as he confessed falling away and getting into drugs. He had stopped going to church when some of the kids judged him for his mistakes. Luis accepted the invitation to join our team for the day, and God anointed and poured blessings from heaven. All day the Colombian evangelists walked side-by-side with Luis and embraced this “little brother” listening, challenging, dreaming, and praying with him. God lovingly restored Luis to Christian fellowship as faith walked the sidewalks of that Colombian hillside.

Common to each of these teams are those who are faithful and available to venture into circumstances where only God can produce the results; where the anxious witness becomes bold; where the everyday believer becomes passionate; where the unfruitful Christian becomes a disciple-maker; where the unlikely missionary becomes God’s messenger. That’s when faith walks and God anoints and pours blessings from heaven.

What Are Your Plans for Spring Break?

By Steve Rehner
MFM Director of Ministry-Latin America

What are you doing over Spring Break? This is a common question asked in early March on the Asbury University campus. This year Jonathan Rehner, Allison Rehner, Suzie Tumblin, Dana Nurge, and Jay Smith responded by saying, “We are going on a mission trip to Medellin, Colombia.” They joined Gabe Lawson, Brandon Spencer, and me on an MFM trip March 14-22.

We had a dual purpose on this MFM trip. First, we wanted to partner in an evangelistic outreach with the MFM Saturation Antioquia, a church planting effort in the Medellin area. Secondly, we wanted to help spruce

up the campus at the OMS related Biblical Seminary of Colombia, for the 70th anniversary celebration a week later.

God was so faithful. Our group of eight bonded together early, even before we left Wilmore, Kentucky. All of us were apprehensive about our planned

arrived in Medellin, we met with Richard and Gladys Herrera, coordinators of OMS’ Saturation Antioquia, and we practiced sharing our testimony, and presenting the Gospel using the EvangeCube. For months we had prayed for the Colombians who we would have the chance to share with. We knew we could trust the Lord to speak with, for, and through us.

For three days we worked with Iglesia Cristiana Confraternidad del Norte, 8 de marzo, and Iglesia Interamericana de Itaqui. In these three local churches, we had a morning session, broke for lunch, and then spent the afternoon visiting homes. We worked each day in groups of three; one of our team, one translator, and one member of the local church. We trusted the Lord, but we were encouraged knowing we had each other. The local church member introduced the English speaker; we shared our testimony, and presented the Gospel using the EvangeCube. If the listener made a decision to follow Christ, they prayed the sinner’s prayer.

It was great to see the Lord lead each discussion. Not everyone took the time to visit with us. Certainly, all did not pray but that seemed to be okay with us as we knew we had given them the chance to hear the Word of God. The first day 50 people receive Christ, the second day 60, and the third day another 80. Praise the Lord. Each person that prayed to receive Christ gave us their name and contact information. The local churches are all following up on the contacts we made.

We also helped with maintenance and painted the chapel at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia, which helped prepare them for the 70th.

God answered our prayer. While we felt inadequate to share the Gospel, God’s Holy Spirit went before and prepared hearts. I would encourage you to consider an MFM trip to work with Saturation Antioquia in Colombia. You won’t regret it.



Work day, preparing for 70th Anniversary Celebration.



Asbury team in Colombia.

activity of spending three days in door-to-door evangelism. The plan was to use the EvangeCube as a tool to help share the Gospel message. It is simply a little box, looks like a Rubik’s Cube, which you twist, turn, and move in different directions exposing different scenes, allowing us to present the Gospel story to the listener by referring to the pictures.

None of us had any prior experience so you can imagine that we were a bit nervous. But after we

Saturation Antioquia

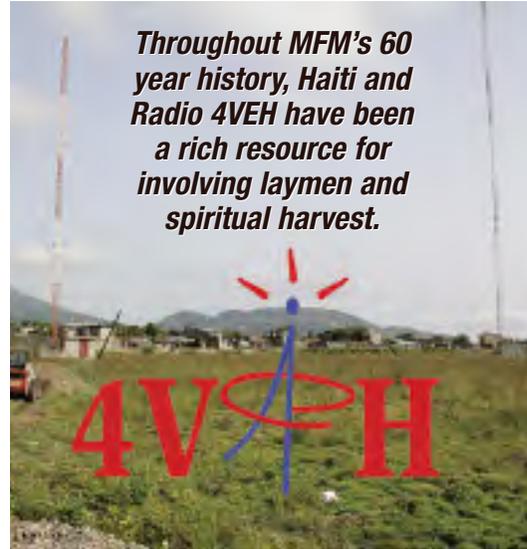
Saturation Antioquia intends to give every man, woman, boy, and girl the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel through the witness of the local church.

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.

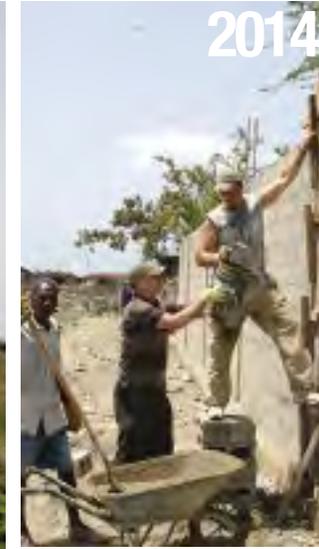
After 43 years, It's Time to re-Build!



1971
In 1971, MFMs dared to erect 270 ft. radio towers at Petite Anse, Haiti. (See page 3.)



Throughout MFM's 60 year history, Haiti and Radio 4VEH have been a rich resource for involving laymen and spiritual harvest. Today, the towers erected 43 years ago are in need of replacement and a new crew of brave MFMs to erect them.



2014
MFMs are also taking the lead in rebuilding a wall around the site.

By Kate Michel
Marketing & Communications Director,
Radio 4VEH/Resounding Hope

Thank you!
We praise the Lord, and we thank you, friends around the world for all the ways that you support and encourage the staff, listeners, and ministry of Radio 4VEH through your prayers, giving, and coming to Haiti to help.

Evangelism and Solar Radios Impact:

- Over 3,700 people made first-time decisions or commitments for Christ on the day teams visited.
- Over 1,000 people made appointments to learn more about Jesus.
- Teams talked with more than 12,000 people, but lacked enough radios to leave one for each family.
- Team members distributed 2,610 radios to people in homes, prison cells, and hospitals. Each radio is estimated to reach about six people with Christian radio programs, and a built-in audio version of the New Testament in their Creole heart language.
- Even as we work to replace radio towers and restore the strength of the far-reaching AM signal, we're thankful for a strong FM network that continues to reach towns and cities that are home to more than 500,000 people.

Petite Anse AM Towers and Site Update: It's Time to re-Build!

Pray for God's help in completing the restoration of the site, for the funds, skills, and labor needed for:

- Construction of the perimeter wall. The wall needs to be repaired or rebuilt to secure the tower site.
- Replacement of the AM radio towers (erected in 1971) to enable the signal to reach the widest possible listening area for Christ across Haiti and beyond.

You Can Help!

Donate to Radio 4VEH broadcasting. Please mark your gift "4VEH Broadcasting #469960-14G902."

Donate to Petite Anse AM Towers and Site Restoration Project. Please mark your gift "4VEH Petite Anse #407990-14G903."

Donate to Resounding Hope Solar Radios. Please mark your gift "Resounding Hope #407870-14G904."

Pray for security and protection of the tower site. You can join many on the "Prayer Wall for Petite Anse." For information and updates, please contact Dick McLeish: rmcleish@onemissionsociety.org

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

Please visit www.radio4veh.org for updates.

The Flip Side of Acts 1:8

By Kent Eller
MFM U.S. National Director

Your Life-Changing Journey is MFM's tagline. For 60 years MFM has had the privilege of helping people go on short term mission trips; a life changing journey into a deeper walk with Christ.

"And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth" (Act 1:8b). Let's go to the "end of the earth." We often see Christians who are not experiencing the work of Christ in their lives. They are bored with church, not sure what an exciting Christian life is, and then they go on a ministry team and see how God is changing lives around the world. They see the sacrifice, commitment, and the cost of being a Christian in other countries. They come home with a passion to reach their Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria.

It usually starts with how God works before they go. It might be help with provided financial support in ways only God can provide. Family and friends will pray for them and help care for children or businesses. Employers have released team members from a job so they can go on a mission trip. Then, they see how God uses their talents and testimonies in an amazing way on the mission field. God puts them in places to share their life experiences and uses their testimonies to reach people who are going through the same trial or challenge. Their talents might be desperately needed to fix, build, or repair something that God will use in a special way.

Many times the hardest thing is when they come home and start to realize what Acts 1:8 really means in their lives. For many who go to the "end of the earth," it gives them a passion to reach their Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. When they return from a work team and see how they helped the missionary, built a new home, built a new church, or prayer walked, they realize that God can use them the same way at home.

Men and women start sharing their testimony when they return from an evangelism team and have seen God use them to bring people to Christ. They often ask, "If God can use me in another country, why can't He use me in my community?"

On prayer teams we pray with missionaries, pastors, co-workers, and prayer walk. Upon return home, team members pray for neighbors, community, and their country as never before as well as the

country God has put on their hearts.

A pastor shared with me the benefits of the trip and what happened to men of his church after they returned from building a church in another country.

1. Talents and gifts are used to encourage missionaries.
2. Builds a deeper understanding of missions.
 - a. By a better prayer life.
 - b. By purposefully giving.
 - c. By seeing another culture and sacrifice of believers
3. Builds better laymen.
 - a. Greater burden for the lost.
 - b. Lifelong friendships.
 - c. Greater desire for home community.

I am thankful for the changed lives of those who go and those we minister to. These are the best days to be a Christian because the opportunities and open doors are greater than ever before. We have a responsibility to the Great Commission. We are God's plan A; there is no plan B. We have different talents and gifts to take the love of Christ to every corner of the world. We are in a battle for souls, and the results are eternal. When a business doesn't do well it loses money or customers. When we don't do our job as Christians, we lose people to an eternity apart from God. I am thankful that for 60 years God has let MFM help men and woman reach their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.

One Man's Story...

By Brad Boozer
Waco, Texas

I had just returned from a mission trip to build a house with the Men for Missions—Homes for Haiti project. After what I saw in Haiti, I began to think how I could help local impoverished families and decided to give back to someone who was less fortunate.

Our family is very fortunate, so we looked for a worthy cause to grant somebody's wish—not just an Xbox 360 gift. I wanted letters about local families truly in need of holiday cheer. My plan was to place a mailbox in front of our jewelry business and select at least one family that we could make a Christmas wish come true.

Some requests were typical Christmas wish lists from children. But many were heart-breaking pleas for help, often from friends or acquaintances of the person in need. In all, about 500 letters were dropped off in the mailbox.

Mrs. Barbara Jones and her children and grandchildren were among some 35 families whose Christmas wishes were fulfilled. One of the boys reportedly nearly burst with anticipation after gifts were delivered.

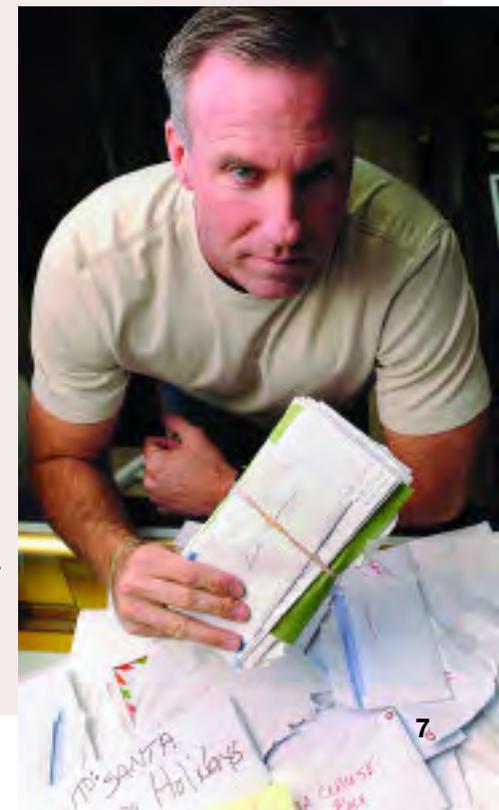
One family has two blind children who use wheelchairs. They spend most of their time indoors. But, because the house did not have a heating or air-conditioning system or adequate insulation, temperatures were not much better inside than outside. The family's home now has insulation and an air-conditioning system.

Another family's mobile home got major repairs and people put them in a hotel while

the repairs were finished. Children who needed beds were helped by a local school teacher. Fulfilling wishes was possible because people with special skills, such as construction, and professionals offered help.

Originally, we intended for our family to choose just a few wishes to fulfill. But numerous friends, business associates, and even complete strangers offered help once they heard about the project. Together, we brought Christmas to about 35 families. It turned out much bigger than I anticipated.

Brad Boozer with some of the letters deposited in the mailbox.



The Korean Connection

A saga spanning more than forty years and touching many countries.



Henk de Vries.

By Henk de Vries
Dutch Businessman

What does Korean connection mean? Good question, especially when a Dutch guy shares his connection with Korea, “The Land of the Morning Calm.” Several miraculous circumstances have guided my life.

My first trip to Taiwan in early 1970 was for business and to check on some business for my colleague in Korea. It was a smelly arrival in the old Kimpo airport in Seoul, Korea, and security in a country still at war was frightful. An officer tried to speak to me in English, but I didn’t understand. Then, staying in the Korean Airlines Hotel downtown Seoul was not too fun. However, the flight to Pusan that landed on an American airfield in the middle of the city was just great. What came after that is another story.

I stayed only one night in a small rat infested hotel. Needless to say, I was happy to leave the hotel. After inspecting my friend’s business, I flew back to Seoul and the next day to Taiwan. I left Korea hoping not to return.

However, the company had a huge contract, and I had to return to Seoul to do quality control on textile orders.

While traveling so far, so long, I struggled with my consciousness of God, the past, the present, the future, doubts, sin, and emptiness. I spent days, nights, and weeks asking God to reveal Himself. For many years, it seemed heaven was made of copper. But God is everywhere and has servants, even in Korea. I had two miserable experiences in Korea that year.

Connection actually means two ends or two people brought together. The factory-connection was bad—vicious and false. We became part of a bank loan scandal. In the midst of all the factory troubles and searching, God had other plans. I met someone who was a God-connection; although, I didn’t realize it at the time. I met an American Army colonel, in the lobby of the Chosun Hotel, who became the key in my first steps with God. I got his phone number, but we never met again.

Four months later I was back in wintery, cold Seoul to solve impossible problems in a factory. The management was involved in fraud and fled the country. It was miserable because nobody was left in the factory. I cried out to God, “If you really exist, then help.”

I found the phone number of the Army colonel in my



The little Fiat.

Highlights of Henk’s Journey



Henk meets Bill Gaither in 2010 at Gaither Center in Alexandria, Indiana.



Henk in Korea in 1974, just hours after “surrendering to God’s grace.”



Henk at OMS headquarters in 1976 meets MFM founder, Dwight Ferguson, and Korea missionary on furlough, Ev Hunt.



Henk in Holland is embraced by a loving church and is baptized.

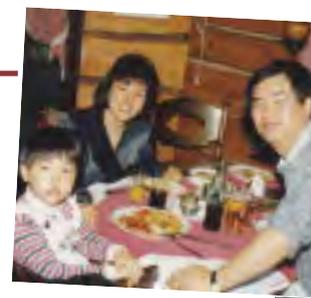
By Gene Bertolet

The lone figure shuffling toward the university campus gate did look dejected and in need of a hug. He had introduced himself to the church congregation, meeting at the university, simply as a businessman from Holland visiting Seoul. Now he was dead ahead nearing the busy street and a taxi stand. Soon the man, whose name I had already forgotten and the face I would soon forget, would be in a taxi headed for a hotel in Seoul and out of our lives forever. There were already seven of us in my little Fiat, and Jerry Sandoz in the second car, also had a full load, but we stopped, and the man from Holland accepted our invitation to Sunday dinner and piled in.

Inconvenience of the moment nearly blinded us to one of God’s “divine appointments.” Had the little Fiat driven on that day, our lives would be less enriched by having never met Henk, a lonely and searching businessman from Holland.

wallet. Instead of him, a lady answered and invited me to Seoul International Baptist Church where I heard the truth. I did not accept Christ then, but walked outside and said to God, “Send somebody right now because I need you.” Two cars stopped almost beside me as I was on the road leaving the church. The cars were packed with people—Americans, Koreans, and kids—but they

Hoon Shin at home with his family in Korea.



invited me to dinner and afterward we talked for hours. It was a wonderful gift. That was the Korean connection. I finally surrendered to God’s grace and forgiveness.

In 1979/80, I worked for another footwear company in Taiwan and factories in Pusan, Korea. Due to a sell-out, I left that company. The new management was of the opinion that I should sell Bibles rather than shoes. That became the start of our own company. While finding new suppliers, I met Sung Hoon Shin a manager in the Samsung organization, and under his supervision, many shoes left Pusan harbour enroute to Rotterdam and other ports. Our families are now close friends and share the same faith in our Father in Heaven, We enjoy the Korean connection as much as kalbi and kimchee.

Years went by and many of us retired. Hoon started a consultant firm and works for his church. Last May 1, I received a phone call from Hoon about working with a worldwide project of RBC’s Our Daily Bread special edition for the 2014 World Cup Soccer Tournament in Brazil.

I questioned, how much time it would require to translate a 60-page English script? Moreover, Lord, do you want me to do that and how? Seven translators from my small church have helped with the translation. We have been working on translations, corrections, and now in the process of making it print-ready.

By next April, we’ll receive approximately 50,000 booklets for distribution. It is also being translated into Portuguese, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and others. The booklets will also be



Today, Henk and Jenneke are enjoying a busy “retirement” in Holland.



Hoon Shin with Henk in Korea discussing business over meal.

sent in the Dutch language to Brazil for the 2015 Olympics. We never expected something like this as the result of our Korean connection. A miracle!

We have paid all the expenses of this project. Then an email came from Korea. ODB/Korea wanted to help us. They are sending money we didn’t ask for. I am flabbergasted how God is providing money, providing organizations, churches, and people for distribution of the booklet. We were able to get a small warehouse to store materials, to pack them, and to send them out. Still a lot to do, I am a bit nervous, but we are on the right track. Because it is His track. Our Korean Connection is working out to be God’s work.

Be connected, perhaps God has more and different work for you to do.



A Dutch translation of *Our Daily Bread* is being readied for distribution in Holland and to soccer players and fans at 2015 olympics in Brazil.

An Interview with Archie

The name Archie Porter is synonymous with Men for Missions. As charter member, cabinet president, 15 field-trips participant, 30-year council leader, key donor, and soul-winner, he's truly an MFM prototype.

Archie, when did you awaken to missions?

Though I attended Bible School, had been very active in our church and local ministries, I was not exposed to missions until 1954 when one of my salesmen told me I must go to hear a pastor/evangelist in St. Petersburg, Florida. The following night my wife and I went, coming face to face with Dwight Ferguson, who had just returned from India, pouring out his heart and passion for those who had not heard the name of Jesus. His message spoke to our hearts and Mary Lou and I went to the altar together. When it hit, it hit us both! "What do we do, Lord, to make up for the years we have lost in the harvest, not seeing a world for whom You died?"

What did you do?

Dwight Ferguson was at our front door the next morning. I will always be grateful for his persistent way in capturing men for missions, and his convincing sales pitch. In a few months we were attending an OMS International missions conference in Indiana and witnessing the birth of *the laymen's voice of OMS* – Men for Missions International. We heard a missionary from Hong Kong whose message "hit home," confirming what God was doing in our lives. Suddenly my heart and prayers were focusing on a world.

How did you know how to pray for a world?

At that first Conference I met a mint farmer from Oregon, Eldon Turnidge, who found that his life's priorities had also been changed. Through Eldon's sensitivity to God's agenda, I was invited to be a part of an historic first MFM mission trip to Peru, Colombia, and Ecuador. Something deep and permanent transpired in my heart. I would never be the same again. Since then I have taken 15 exciting mission trips with Men for Missions to a number of countries.

What has this done to your home life?

MFM altered the focus of our prayers, and it changed the way we gave our resources. Vacations together changed from resorts to mission fields. Then there was the final change in our home life. We bought a roomy house to entertain missionaries coming from or going to the fields. In 1976, I relocated our MFM council meeting to our home and invited the wives. That was one of the greatest things we did.



Valeene Hayes interviewed Archie Porter for ACTION Magazine in 2006.

Friends began to bring friends and the attendance shot up dramatically. This was also a blessing to Mary Lou, for she loves hospitality. Laypeople have heard missionary challenges, made commitments, accompanied MFM teams to the field, and increased their prayer commitments as a direct result of these meetings, – which totaled 240 before we had to bring them to the "finish line" in September 2006. We are humbled before the Lord at His faithfulness in performing miracles in response to prayer during our home meetings. We are also grateful for the financial support we've been able to raise for OMS projects and missionaries through those who have attended the meetings these past 30 years.

We can never thank the Lord enough for leading us to MFM. God awakened us to the most important investment of our lives—"doing, going, giving, and praying" in His Name.

Archie Porter, one of the remaining architects of MFM, entered Heaven on April 16, 2014, at the age of 96. He was a man among men who never lost his passion and drive to enable everyone to experience forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. He traveled extensively to speak of Christ's redeeming love. He gave generously for the purpose of propagating the Gospel. He leaves a wonderful legacy to his family, MFM, and friends. No doubt he was welcomed into Heaven by his Lord and many people who knew forgiveness through his influence.



Archie and Mary Lou's hospitality in their St. Petersburg, Florida, home is legendary. This 2006 photo was taken at their last missionary home meeting.

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;
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 MFMers 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 nearly 30,000 men and women serve on OMS mission fields during its 60-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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MFM Work Team building Homes for Haiti (H4H).

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07/19	Mexico (Work for MEFI)	Bethany, OK	1250
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10/02	Israel (Prayer Team)	Indy	3550
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10/17	Mexico City (Work)	Tulsa	1250
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11/08	Haiti (H4H)	Indy	1550
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THE BON REPOS PROJECT

First United Methodist Church

McAlester, Oklahoma

We are thankful that OMS provided us this opportunity through Men for Mission. A preacher, student, stay-at-home mom, mortician, accountant, electrician, contractor, and welder had never been to Haiti but answered the Great Commission call. Although not well acquainted with each other, we are bonded by this incredible experience.

The first sights from the airport to Villa Ormiso were incredible. The number of people, food in the streets, trucks and buses stuffed with people, animals everywhere, and trash made us appreciate the oasis of Villa Ormiso. Our commute to the worksite was along the same route. By the end of the week, we saw beyond the surface to the Haitians' pride by their immaculately clean clothing, women providing food for their families, fathers walking their children to school, men working long hours to earn a living, and women sweeping the dirt in front of their tents.

The people welcomed us during Sunday worship. It was beautiful to witness a person accept Christ for the first time and others recognized for recently receiving Jesus.

When we arrived at the Bon Repos site, Haitians had already dug a trench for a property wall and poured part of the foundation for the first house. During devotions and prayer, we trusted the Lord to unite us in Christ with fellow Haitians. Haitian men—Bob, Antoni, and Gabriel—shared how blessed they were, which humbled us.

Energy was high and everyone threw themselves into work. Wood was cut and nailed into roof trusses; door frames were built, and cultural barriers were narrowed as cement bricks were set. We worked side-by-side, hand-to-hand, and spoke through smiles and gestures. The walls went up as buckets of wet cement were passed between hot, sweaty, and sore American and Haitian

men working together. Trusses were placed, roof attached, interior walls plastered and smoothed, a drop ceiling secured, cement poured along the property line, and we continued to share the love of Jesus.

Some children had no shoes or pants. Some stopped on their way to get water at the well. Others stopped returning home from school. Some were Haitian workers' children. We shared our lunches with children, and they helped hammer nails. A bit teary eyed, Woodrow stated, "I have done mission work of about every kind in many places using my strength and building skills, but never have I felt the hand of a child doing mission work until today."

The women walked the entire property using topography equipment to record the slope of the land. It was exciting and humbling as we stepped every 15 paces or so around goats and cows over the future site of homes. When the happy, excited foreman's new goat gave birth to twins, we were humbled by the differences in our worlds. The last two hours in Bon Repos we poured the foundation for the next house. We arrived at Bon Repos to a foundation and left with a house completed upon it and a new one poured for another team to complete. The work continues.

We weren't able to participate in a home dedication because the house had not yet been assigned. However, we heard the amazing story of the foreman, Gabriel who was miraculously saved by God in three life threatening situations.

We went to help; we were the ones blessed. We shared smiles, hugs, handshakes, and heard incredible stories of faith while working in Bon Repos. The warmth and grit of the children's hands has left a permanent imprint in ours. The satisfaction of providing shelter for a family, and trusting God to use us in Haiti to further the Great Commission is rewarding.

Teams usually finish one home and pour foundation for the next home.



The Project Plan

The BON REPOS PROJECT will help "the poorest of the poor" people who cannot afford property.

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- A secure perimeter wall and much more

The Site Plan



What's Your Plan?

There are many opportunities to volunteer with MFM to help build one of these houses. If you are interested in participating on a trip (as an individual or a group), please contact Bill Evans at: bevans@onemissionsociety.org, call Bill at 317-881-6752, or register online at www.menformissions.org.

The Building Plan



Dig and pour foundation.



Build walls.



Build and install roof trusses.



Finish exterior and interior.

Journey on the Ancient Paths

By Richard McLeish

I recently returned from Israel and have reflected over the last nine years of my ancient paths' journey. It began in 2005, when Judy and I and friends, Phil and Patti Moore, planned a trip to Israel. In Bible study together, we were drawn deeper into the Jewish roots of our faith. Along with a Christian guide and a Palestinian driver, the four of us went where we wanted to go and spent as much time as we desired at each location. When we returned home and resumed the Bible study, the Word came alive as never before, and we came to understand more the Jewish roots of our faith.

Moshe, a Jewish believer, spoke at an OMS chapel. OMS was just beginning to partner with Moshe to plant churches in Israel. As he spoke in that chapel, my heart was stimulated. Moshe pled for the OMS family to get behind him and support him, and I responded. As I began monthly support of Moshe and his family, the Lord continued to deepen my love for the people of Israel and for their salvation. We talked with Moshe about a prayer team to Israel, and in May 2011, we took our first team to experience Israel; the land, the people, and the ministry. It was a powerful experience. We did not just see the sights and learn history from a Jewish believer's perspective, but prayed over the land and meet with believers. It also sealed Moshe and his family in my heart and began a wonderful friendship. From this trip Phil and Patti felt God's call on their hearts to become the country prayer champions for Israel.

On another trip Norm Cox and I drove the length and width of Israel, walked on the land, and claimed it for Christ. These experiences have deepened my heart for the people, Moshe and family, and the ministry. They have also shown how plainly Scripture has laid out the roots of our faith.

Moshe asked me to speak at the one year anniversary of Beit Avi House Church in January. This time in Israel was so different compared to any other trip. Without the responsibility for a team, I was able to be with the family and experience their everyday, normal life. I visited friends made on previous visits and saw how they are growing in their faith. Moshe and Batel and I talked in depth about all God is doing, the challenges and hurts of ministry, rejoiced in God's grace, and made plans for the leadership and direction of Beit Avi. As we thought back over the last couple of years, we were amazed at all that Father has done, and the privilege they have of being His hands and feet in advancing His kingdom in Israel. It is a special privilege to be involved with them and to enlist others in investing in their ministry.

My journey has taken me from wanting to see the land to investing in peoples' lives; from investing in Moshe and his ministries, to investing in the eternal lives of those that are being reached for Jesus; from praying for Israel and the people, to praying for specific people. The journey on the ancient paths continues, and I would love for each of you to join the journey and hop on the path. It is an exciting path like nothing else you have experienced, and a faith deepening journey.

I am planning for another prayer team to Israel in October 2014. If you would like to join the journey through doing, going, giving, and praying, let me know, and I will get you further information. Please contact me at 317-881-6752, ext. 207, or e-mail rmcleish@onemissionsociety.org



Ancient path leading through an olive grove of Nazareth Village is trod today by pilgrims and tourists.



A young couple from the congregation has come to the Lord in the past year through the ministry of Moshe and Batel.



Moshe baptizing a new believer in the Mediterranean.

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Heartfelt Thanks from Russia

By Vladimir Kobelev
Student in Moscow Seminary

I enrolled as a student at the Moscow Seminary in 2013, and must say that studying is hard. Neither the reading load nor the assignments are too difficult, rather studying cause's changes in me—the way I think, choices I make, and things I do. I find that it is impossible to get to know the Lord better and not change in my heart.



Vladimir preaching the Word in Tarussa, Russia.

While at the seminary, I minister at the Gospel Church of Tarussa, Russia, which is 85 miles south of Moscow. The pastor of the church died last fall, and this added to and completely changed the scope of my responsibilities. As I take leadership of the church, I ask the Lord for wisdom—Lord knows, I need it! I cannot handle it all—the premises, people getting into trouble, teaching, preaching, praying, counseling, and most difficult of all is to maintain a healthy balance between church members caring for each other and relying on the Lord. My ultimate goal is to lead the flock to where they know for a fact; they are family to God.

The Lord is merciful and keeps adding people to the church. Three new members have fled their home in Uzbekistan due to persecution and have nothing. However, they are excited about the Lord and have plunged into ministry. A family of eight former members has returned to the church. The family was devastated because the father had become an alcoholic. It took a lot of prayer to convince him to check into a rehabilitation center (run by a graduate of the seminary). The members of the church financially helped with the trip. We are now counseling the rest of the family, the wife and six children as they are co-dependent on the situation with their husband/father.

It is amazing to see the Lord change the lives of people as we care for them. A woman who had an elderly mother would never let anybody from the church into her house. After a lot of prayer, counseling, and preaching, she invited church members in to pray and to help care for her mother. Two very quiet members finally expressed their desire to serve the Lord—one of them joined the praise and worship team and the other one started working with the youth.

Studying at the seminary goes hand-in-hand with ministering at the church. Our professors teach courses like Old and New Testament Survey, which gave me a completely new level of understanding of the Lord's design as described in the Scriptures. I actually worshiped the Lord while taking the classes! Discipleship and Church Planting teach very practical skills. Systematic Theology was truly fundamental in providing a firm foundation to build on at the church and for me to stand upon before the Father. I especially appreciate the fact that studying at the seminary is not all about acquiring knowledge but also provide skills to help build character through small groups, prayer meetings, and singing hymns together. We all open up and grow in Christ as a body of believers to then pass it on to converts.

I am having a WONDERFUL time at the seminary as it relates to the church. And so I want to thank you wholeheartedly for making this precious experience of learning possible for me.

During the purchase and remodel of the present seminary facilities, MFMer Koy Bryant went to Moscow and installed the central heating. Many MFMsers have contributed heavily to the seminary and continue support to students and related ministries. MFMsers have also taught classes and seminars at the seminary.

To support Vladimir Kobelev's studies at the Moscow Seminary, please, donate online via www.onemissionsociety.org/give/express-donations (project #301710 Moscow Seminary), or by check made payable to One Mission Society and send to One Mission Society, P.O. Box 1648, Monument CO 80132-1648.



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“Start a Care Package Ministry”

By Abby Williams

The recent ministry trip to Haiti opened my eyes and heart in a way I did not expect. Although I had been on another Grace Church mission trip, this one was different.

Our team members had a wide variety of talents and skills, and I wasn't sure how God would use me. However, when we got to Haiti, the missionaries needed help with some specific tasks from our team.

I helped Kate Zlotnicki with the second and third grade class at the Cowman School. The OMS missionaries hosted a seminar weekend for parents of the Cowman school, and we helped cook and served meals for them.

The Sunday morning services at our partner church, Grace en Sion, were amazing and intense. Both sermons felt like a call to action for me. Our Pastor Miguelson preached on giving thanks without complaining in difficult times. Pastor Derek talked about using spiritual gifts within the ministry and in the body of Christ.

God began working in my heart in the Haiti airport as we left for the U.S. I started questioning what my spiritual gifts are and was somewhat embarrassed that I didn't know how to find the answer. I swallowed my pride and asked Pastor Derek, “How do you know what your spiritual gifts are?” He suggested I could take a spiritual gift profile and encouraged me in leadership and encouragement.

God has directed us to start a Care Package Ministry for missionaries. The ladies that went on the Haiti trip picked missionaries from the OMS group, and we are sending packages every other month. Our first ones have been sent, and I trust the gifts will bring encouragement to them.

I like to know what I'm doing next week, next year, and five years from now, but I'm learning God has different plans. Just before I left for Haiti, I read a bumper sticker, “If you wanna make God laugh, tell him your future plans.” We all have a ministry or gift to share, and for so long I didn't let God use me. I realize I don't have to have all the answers or know my next step. I simply have to open my heart and be led by my Savior. I pray you find your ministry and take the first step to allowing God to lead you.

Grace Church has a lengthy history with Men for Missions and OMS. Don and Debbie Sweatman have taken many teams to Haiti and served in Haiti for extended periods in hospitality. Bud and Jan Dennington have done maintenance in Haiti, Kate Zlotnicki has served with OMS as an MK teacher for years.



The Grace Church team with some Haitian workers.

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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 one million people came to know Jesus as Savior and more than 5,500 churches were planted 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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