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# Jesus Wept

By Warren Hardig

Jesus wept. John 11:35. Most people know the shortest verse in the Bible. A lesser number probably know why He wept. The focus should be on Jesus and his heart of compassion, not on the brevity of the passage.

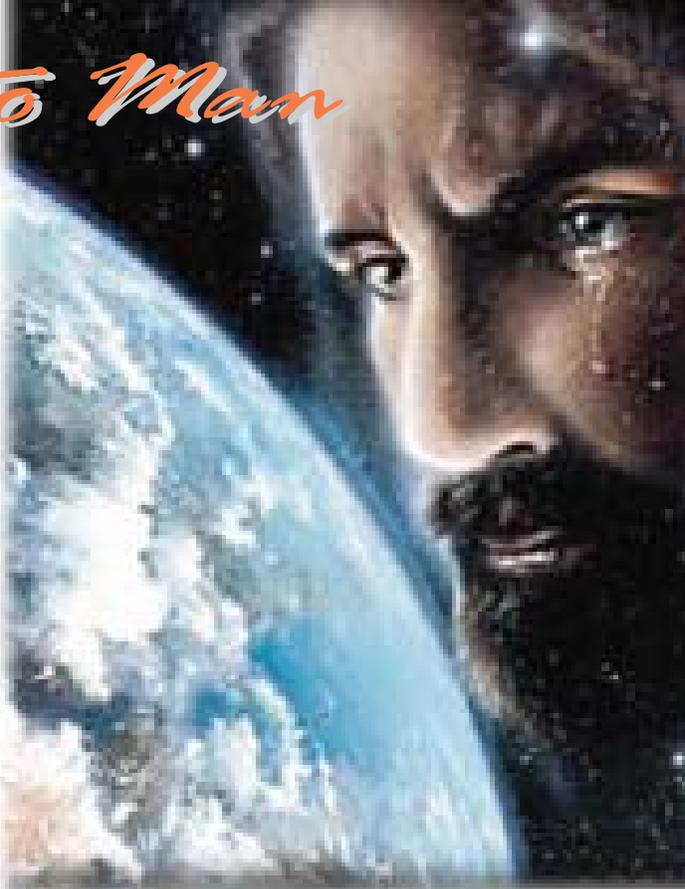
Christ's heart of compassion, filled with love for mankind, took Him to the cross. *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.* John 3:16.

The Psalmist says, *My eyes shed streams of water because they do not keep Thy law.* Psalm 119:136.

Crusty Dwight Ferguson\*, a fiery evangelist, who preached in just about every kind of place, had difficulty with his emotions when he recalled the lepers in South Korea who came to the plane he was boarding and asked him if he only preached to those who were well. Dwight struggled with his emotions as he told how they sat on a cold, concrete floor in the middle of winter, wrote with their stubs that used to be fingers, and sang *Amazing Grace* without pallets in their mouths. Men, who are a part of our legacy, also had such difficulties.

When Enloe Wallar experienced the multitudes of India, he was so broken-hearted that Dr. Wesley Duewel took him to the airport because he thought Enloe was having a heart attack. Dr. Duewel bought him a Coke and took him away from the multitudes so that Enloe could regain his composure (see next page). Archie Porter, Wayne Weaver, and thousands of other men have stepped behind a tree or in some private place and shed tears as they saw the multitudes without Christ.

John McLaughlin was motivated to become involved when he attended a retreat in Iowa. He saw and heard a blind man sing and say, "I would rather be blind and saved, than sighted and lost." After nearly thirty years of involvement, John says that it was the tears of fellow lowans who told of their experiences on a "crusade" (ministry team) that moved him to become involved. The reason we



take men to the mission field is so they will have a new level of compassion when they come home that they did not have when they left. MFMI gives men and their families numerous opportunities to share their faith in Christ. On their return, many times they weep as Jesus did. The people of another country that we previously knew little about and really did not care for that much become real with faces and names, and you long to return to friends that in order to communicate you need an interpreter. Return visits usually result in an embrace and tears from both men.

MFMI must not lose its focus on telling the world about Jesus who is the Christ. Christianity is an exclusive faith because only Jesus can give us eternal life according to I John 5:11-12, *And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.* Every person on the earth is headed for eternity and there are only two choices. When we think of as many people as 500 million in one country who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ, it should cause us to weep.

\*Dwight Ferguson was the Founder of MFMI.

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## ACTION Remembers Enloe Waller's Legacy of Compassion and Intercession

### COMFORTING REMINISCENCE

By Irene Wallar

*"I never got thrilled about going to a knitting party with my grandmother! If any of you men want the Holy Spirit to give us a (men's) counterpart at this breakfast (led by women), meet me in the room over yonder."*

These words by Dwight Ferguson at a 1954 Winona Lake Prayer Breakfast (led and sponsored by ladies of World Intercessors) were the call that brought Men For Missions into existence.

I look back on those days with tender memories. My late husband, Enloe Wallar, was one of the men who followed Dwight into that room. It not only changed his life, but mine as well. As our participation in this new movement increased, the Holy Spirit convinced me that every Christian is to accept the Master's invitation to "go and make disciples of all nations." As a result, MFM became a very special part of my inner being.

As a family we dedicated ourselves to do, go, and give as divinely directed. Being part of the extended MFM family, who evidence their love for missions by their lives, has provided great comfort and fellowship over the years. A companion who faithfully "lived" MFM for 28 years and daughters who've served in Haiti, Ecuador, Hong Kong, and their local churches, assure me of one thing: The greatest heritage one can bestow upon children is love for the gospel message and the doing, going, and giving embraced by MFM.

I have been called to intercessory prayer because of traveling missionaries who graced our home. Bible studies in my home have resulted in many participating in crusades, thereby enlarging our global vision. All this, plus supporting MFM through Lifeliners and numerous projects, reminds me that as a feminine contributor I have unique responsibilities. But I love these responsibilities because I accept Christ's words: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." God has abundantly blessed me over the years, and much of that blessing has come about through MFM.

Though physical disabilities have slowed my activities, they cannot steal my joy, nor keep me from reaching out to a needy world through MFM. No suffering has the final word when we have the empty tomb as our proof that He is risen.



In 1989 Irene Wallar shared the feminine perspective of her late husband, Enloe (1959 archive photo), whose tender heart of compassion bathed his fervent intercession for missions with tears.



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# Four Grandfathers and Two Blondes in Haiti



## By Dr. Vernon E. Hall

Our original medical team to Haiti was made up of Dr. Elton Lehman; Stephen Grigsley, surgical technician; Jay Kelley, a non-medical seminary lecturer, and me.

However, two weeks before our departure, we were asked to integrate two young women into our team--Chelsea Higgins, a high school senior planning a nursing career, and Kara Yoerger, a college freshman, studying nursing at Morningside College.

Although the men on our team were well acquainted with each other, we were willing to expand our group if they felt they could work with us.

We were to leave Fort Pierce, Florida on October 30, 2007. That was our plan, but we had not planned on the weather giving us trouble. Over the weekend tropical storm Noah blew in and blocked the Missionary Flights International (MFI) flight path to

The four grandfathers, from left: Stephen Grigsby, Jay Kelley, Dr. Vernon Hall, and Dr. Elton Lehman. The two blondes, from left: Chelsea Higgins and Kara Yoerger.

Cap-Haitien. It was my responsibility to find accommodations for the team as a result of the flight delay.

Fortunately, I had been with friends in Kissimmee, Florida who live in the Good Samaritan Village, an Evangelical Lutheran Retirement Center. The other three men in our team were able to stay in one of the guest apartments. My friends, Wayne and Barbara King, provided a place for the girls with her brother, and I stayed with the Kings.

After a trip to the Orlando Airport, we picked up the three "grandfathers" of our team and found the two blondes without mishap. The next morning I called MFI only to discover that the storm had not moved, and we were still in a holding (waiting) pattern.

Our frustration and impatience was somewhat relieved by a visit to Disney World. We decided to

use the time of waiting to get better acquainted and integrate our hearts and lives as a team. We had prayer and devotions together, and we watched videos of the work in Haiti. These were the tools we used. We also visited the Village to get better acquainted with its facilities. Kara, one of our "Iowa Blondes," works in a nursing home that is part of a Good Samaritan Village near her home.

Thursday dawned a beautiful, sunny day. Surely this would be the day of our departure. But, after calling MFI, I was told that we could not go today but tomorrow, November first, looked good. The storm was predicted to be out of the flight path.

After renting a vehicle, packing up, and saying our good byes and thank yous to good friends who had graciously provided for and tolerated us, we were on our way to Fort Pierce. We were to be at MFI at 6:00 a.m. the next morning. After further delay, we boarded the plane and were all exalted when it finally soared heaven-ward three days and several hours later than our original plan.

God's plan and time is always better than ours, and I realized that the time spent in Florida was very profitable. We had met as strangers, two in our group, but had become a unit, prepared by God for the work He had for us in Haiti.

I was surprised and delighted to discover that the men would be staying in the home that my wife, Lois, and I had occupied for most of our time as missionaries in Vaudreuil. Since we arrived in Haiti on Friday afternoon, we did not have time to do more than get acquainted or re-acquainted with the place and dis-

OMS missionary physicians – loving the people of Haiti into the Kingdom. Below: on the way to church. Above: on the way to mountain clinic with visiting doctors.



cuss our work plans for the week and a half that we would be there.

On Sunday, we worshipped in the Haitian Church at Gaudin. Finally, Monday came, and what a pleasure for me to again be in the clinic, have devotions with the Haitian staff, and then begin the day of "who knows what."

Steve, Dr. Lehman, and Kara started in surgery. Chelsea helped the Haitian staff to take vital signs and miscellaneous tasks. This was the schedule we followed for most of our time there, except that Chelsea worked in several different areas and even spent some time in surgery. I was responsible for the triage of the surgical patients and helped the Haitian nurse practitioner with problem patients. I also acted as an interpreter for our team. I was kept more than busy and saw some very interesting, though fairly complicated cases.

Dr. Lehman and Steve were able to do 21 minor surgeries during our week and a half. In addition, Steve accompanied another physician on a weekend medical caravan trip into the mountains. He came back elated about what they had done for the people there.

During our stay a new nurse from Canada named Amy came to join the missionary team in the clinic. We were impressed with her nursing skills and help in surgery. She will be a great asset to the clinic and staff.

Unfortunately, Jay, who was teaching a class at the seminary had to return home early due to a family crisis. The time came for our team -- the four grandfathers and two blondes-- to separate. We had enlarged our original team with trust that God would make us a workable unit. And He did! Not only had He bonded our hearts to reach out to the Haitian people with the love of Christ, but He had also bonded us personally during frustrating



The MFMI Medical Team and other guests at breakfast before heading out for various assignments for the day.

waits in Florida. We realized we were one in the Spirit and in the body of Christ, and He used our group effort to serve Him in Haiti. So it was an emotional parting. I believe that our trip was a successful effort both individually and as a group.

Although we retired as missionaries 12 years ago, and I have made 15 trips since then, there were some firsts for me this time. It was the first time weather caused a delay in departure. It was also the first time I had been the leader of a team such as this. It was a pleasure to help others see what God is doing in Haiti and to watch them participate in the great work of the Holy Spirit.

## Low Tech, High Touch in Haiti

By Dr. Vince Petno

Lee and I began week two of our two month stay in Haiti at the Bustins in Deyemon, Haiti. The first week flew by with so much to do every day. Each day there are unexpected things that happen, which takes priority. It is amazing and a blessing to see how the missionaries handle it day-after-day.

We found it remarkable to be in this low tech and high touch environment. I have no idea what it was like earlier in this remote area.

However, the missionaries keep up with the state of the art technology. They have a wireless router and a satellite disk for broadband, and the world was at our finger tips. Lee and I took a new laptop just for the trip so we could communicate.

One of the purposes for being in Haiti was to start training Jacqueline as a medical assistant, which we did. She is a joy, very attentive, focused, and quick to learn. Each day we started with devotions. One



Dr. Vince and Lee Petno ministering in southwest Haiti at site of Radio 4VEH downlink station.

day Jacqueline read Psalm 121, and I followed along on my Palm Pilot Bible. We went back to verse one—I will lift my eyes to the mountains... and talked about how beautiful the hills looked from

where we were sitting. We find that there are powerful ways to apply the Scripture in Haiti. We also discussed the disease that is in those hills and that there are children dying from diarrhea and need help. Daily, patients walk through the gate without appointments and that gives opportunity to teach and help.

We reorganized the pharmacy. Then Lee, Jacqueline, and I

left to help with another mission team, from our church, in the Northeast of Haiti. By then, Jacqueline was ready to see patients along side me and the other two doctors. I taught her how to count a pulse and respiration, but she did not own a watch. How do you think she said she would be able to count the pulse? Well, by her cell phone clock, of course. Thank goodness I brought an extra watch.

## New US-MFMI Project: Mozambique

Mozambique has had a diverse history over the past thirty years starting with a strong atheistic Communist regime, which did its best to suppress religion. However, discontentment among the people resulted in a change of leadership during the 1980s, bringing freedom and an openness to the Gospel. As a result, OMS opened a work there, and in November 1996, MFMI brought in its first Intercessory Team to pray for the evangelistic outreach. MFMI also raised \$30,000 for the purchase of a vehicle for the OMS workers. Field leader Bruce Callender praised the team for helping open up the work and help them fulfill their vision of reaching the nation for Christ, especially the poorer regions in the northern part of the country.

The US-MFMI Cabinet decided at their January meeting to undertake support for a new project in Mozambique to:

- Support and fund four Every Community for Christ (ECC) teams.
- Provide new motorcycles for each team.
- Establish a new Training Center.
- Provide Bibles, tracts, and the Jesus film.
- Provide other necessary equipment and supplies.

We have chosen the Merrill Evangelism Fund for Mozambique as the project name to honor the late Chuck Merrill, who had a heart for evangelism and was himself a traveling evangelist for many years, in spite of being blind. Chuck passed away last year.

A goal was set to raise \$185,000 over the next three years to fund four ECC teams

Cabinet members expressed their hope and prayers that this new project will give encouragement to the Field and result in many new souls for the Kingdom. It will allow for expansion of ECC teams to include three of the four associated provinces and provide a foundation for growing the outreach in Mozambique. In addition to building a training center, the books, desks, and materials will be provided for evangelism, discipleship, and lay leader training. Each team will also have an assigned set of equipment for doing evangelism with the Jesus Film. With the new teams in place, and the training centers, the work will be enhanced as well as the ability to grow in this field of harvest, for the glory of God.

**This is a vital project for the people of Mozambique and for Men For Missions International. You can become an important part of the future of the people of Mozambique by sending your contributions to the Merrill Evangelism Fund for Mozambique, Project # 406630.**



Berry and Lois Johnson from Montgomery, Alabama are the champions for the Merrill Evangelism Fund for Mozambique, which is a joint effort of MFMI and ECC. In 1994, Berry retired from the US Army National Guard as a full Colonel and Lois retired from a nursing career. Shortly thereafter, they joined the CoMission and spent a year as leaders of the team in Vladimir, Russia. They then served in Mozambique as Shepherds of a CoMission team from 1998 to 2002, returning later to bring in lay teams to participate in the Into Africa Project.



Above: Chuck and Juanita Merrill in concert. Below: An ECC team in Mozambique.



# Colombia

The project before us was to paint the classrooms of Colegio Interamericano. All 32 classrooms were well worn, graffiti laden, and in desperate need of paint.

(and eventually a hug) and wished us good night every evening. The love he demonstrated was uplifting. We were appreciated, and he made sure we knew it. Naomi fixed our meals and plenty of coffee, too. She served us with a joyful spirit. I was tired at the end of every day from painting, and I imagine that Naomi was exhausted, too. But she was there with breakfast before we arrived, was there in the evening after supper, and she always had a smile.

The Colegio Interamericano impact is far more reaching than just the employees and the students. A prime example is the Fajardo family who lives in an apartment on the same floor that our mission team was housed. We spent the evenings playing board games and sharing our stories. Marcos Leonardo painted with us every day, and we adopted him as our guide and interpreter. The family shared their testimony. Yarida, the oldest sister, as a young girl asked her father if she could attend the school. After figuring the cost of the school and the availability of scholarships her father Marcos signed her up. Yarida, as a student at C.I. was the first in her family to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. She is now a nurse in a maternity hospital. Through parent meetings and evening Bible studies at the school, her father, Marcos, was saved. He shared that his marriage was rocky, but his wife, Doris, saw a change in him and also came to know the Lord. Marcos and Doris' children Yarida, Marcos Leonardo, and Karen as well as niece, Alexandria, all know the Lord. The love that this family shows is contagious. Marcos is now a pastor of a small but active church in Bogota. This family and many others were changed because of Colegio Interamericano. I have been blessed by being a small part in that ministry and hope to return soon.



The MFMI Work Team: Millie, Laurie, Don, Doug, Russell, Joe, Ken, Susan, Joel, and Marcos Leonardo.

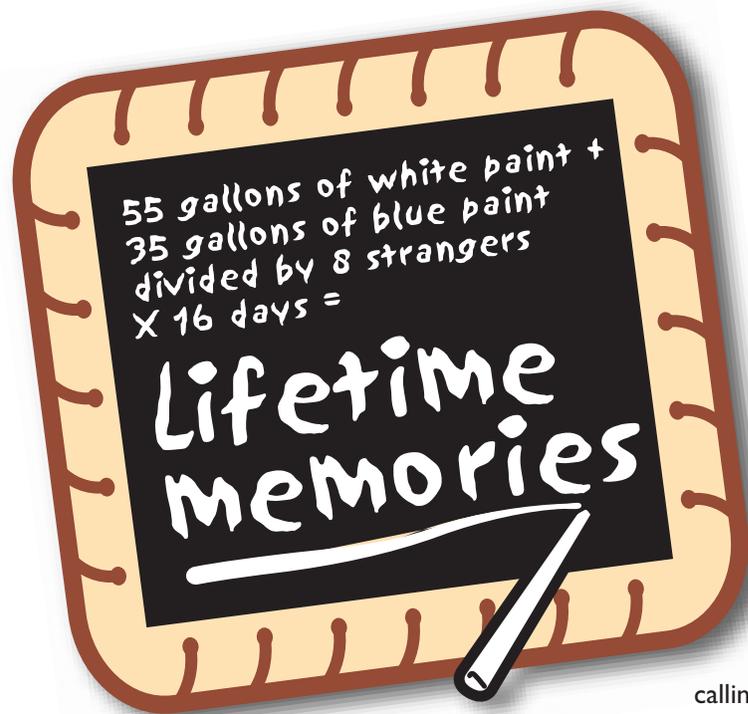
calling to mission work for as long as I can remember, since even before I knew Jesus as my Savior. Should I go on this trip? Don Thomas, a friend with much experience in short-term missions, met me at the back of the church and asked, "So, are you going to Colombia?" I had scheduled vacation for those weeks months earlier with no plans in place. I wanted to go, but was it of me, or of God. I asked my husband and several of my friends to pray for me to make the right decision. Within a few weeks, I knew for sure I would be going overseas for the first time, with no idea of what to expect. I told MFMI I was interested and requested the application information.

When the package arrived, it was better than Christmas morning. There were to be eight people on our team. Five of us were staying both weeks. Joel Jette, a contractor from MA, was the team leader. A couple of the men are engineers. There was a fellow from Florida, two more from New England, a couple

from Texas, Don and me. I was one of only two women, and we are both registered nurses. I also noticed that I was about 20 years younger than everyone else that had an age listed. That made me wonder how God was going to use this unlikely bunch of people. I wasn't worried, I knew God has used some unlikely people before.

The project was to paint the classrooms of Colegio Interamericano. All 32 classrooms were well worn, graffiti laden, and in desperate need of paint. On Monday morning, Joel divided the work and assigned teams. For not knowing any of us, the people assigned to teams meshed together wonderfully. Divine intervention, I am sure. Granted, I had some sore muscles, but the work went very smoothly.

Of course, mission work is always more than the job itself. I met some amazing people on the team and Colombian nationals. Alfonso, the school's doorman, greeted us every morning with a smile and handshake



## By Laurie Sheriff

When I told my family and friends that I was going to Colombia on a mission trip, I was asked some interesting (and somewhat unexpected) questions. Why? Aren't you afraid? Isn't that a city in Ohio? Colombia, what's there besides coffee and cocaine? I knew I was being called to go. No, I was not afraid. Columbus is in Ohio, Colombia is in South America. There is a lot of coffee in Colombia and illegal drug use is a social issue, but I was going because a Christian school needed painted. This was a perfect first-time mission experience.

Millie Young, retired missionary to Colombia, spoke at our church in Pittsfield, PA. At the end of the service she added, "There is an MFMI Work Team planned for December if anyone is interested." I have had a



Marcos making arepas.



Joel taping for paint crew.



Russell scraping window sill.



Missionary Millie Young and Alexandra.



Leonardo and Laurie at phone store.



Doug and Naomi the cook.



Joe painting ceiling.



Laurie painting classroom.



Yarida looking for Don's heart.

# The NEW Haiti: Caught in the Lingering Grasp of Voodoo



An illiterate witch doctor in Haiti with a new, prized possession: A radio fix-tuned to Radio 4VEH, speaking God's Word in his native language.

Many visitors from the United States and Canada go to Haiti on short-term trips. Often their efforts revolve around building a school or working in a clinic. However, the visitors greatest satisfaction comes when they share their testimony with a Haitian, resulting in a "new name written down in the book of life." But, what happens when they leave Haiti? Who will disciple the new believers? This is when RADIO 4VEH steps in.

Keep in mind the "Old Haitian" steeped in a culture of voodoo and superstition, went to the witch doctor for medical help, blessings for a new business venture, advice from the departed, vengeance over an enemy, blessings for a good crop of food, and a multitude of other services.

How will the "NEW Haitian" ever learn of all that God has for them if they can't read, or if there is no one to tell them of the way found in the Bible.

Radio 4VEH teaches and encourages the "New Haitian" 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. But only if Radio 4VEH can remain on the air. The need is urgent and immediate!

Please continue to support the ministry of Radio 4VEH. Your contribution to project #404890 will truly help free the captives in Haiti.

You can sponsor radios and/or air time. Complete and mail the coupon at right, call MFMI, or visit the website.

## THE NEW DAY IN HAITI PLAN:

- Maximize radio potential through programming, distribution of radios, and new coverage areas.
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- Continue the offensive prayer initiative that is largely responsible for dramatic changes there.
- Fund the budget of Radio 4VEH. Events like the one at left, increased fuel prices, and worn out equipment are seriously hindering the ministry. You can help by PRAYING, GIVING, and GOING.



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## What is MFMI?

Men For Missions International (MFMI) is the laymen's voice of OMS International (OMS), a faith mission headquartered in Greenwood, Indiana, and serves Christ in 43 countries. MFMI consists entirely of laymen for the purpose of helping 375 OMS missionaries evangelize, plant churches, develop Christian leadership, and eventually partner with the national churches that evolve.



Warren Hardig,  
MFMI Executive Director

MFMI 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 MFMI opportunities. Missionaries are served within the U.S. through MFMI area representatives and MFMI Action Groups (formerly called Councils, see page 9). 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.

Known as "The Short-term Mission Specialists," MFMI has organized and helped over 20,000 men and women serve on OMS mission fields during its 50-year history. A current team list appears in this issue.

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.

MFMI 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 MFMI office in your country (page 3).

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



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MFMI Prayer Team in a "closed country."

## 2008 World Ministry Teams

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# Our Mission in Haiti: FLEXIBILITY

By Marjorie Morningstar

Motivated by the need for a construction crew to help build a new seminary in Cap-Haitien, a team of eight individuals left comfortable Colorado to labor in the heat and humidity of Haiti. Our goal was to lay cement blocks for dormitory buildings at the new Emmaus Biblical Seminary. Little did we know that those plans would be shelved and our efforts would be doing other necessary tasks.

We flew from Denver International Airport as scheduled to West Palm Beach as scheduled. The next morning we boarded our dependable – but ancient DC3 – and flew to our refueling spot at Exuma in the Bahamas on schedule.

We were transporting 771 pounds of luggage including our personal luggage and eight suitcases of medical supplies for the Bethesda Medical Clinic. From Exuma, Haiti is about a two hour flight. We enjoyed the hospitality of the Missionary Flights International crew, who served us donut holes and beverages during the flights.

Once in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, The schedule seemed to become less predictable. We went through immigration and inspection of the items we were leaving behind in Haiti, gathered up our 24 pieces of luggage, loaded them into the back of a large open air truck, and climbed up into the back of the truck for the ride to the OMS mission compound. The sights and smells along the way made it very clear that this is a world quite different then the one we came from. Garbage in the streets and the lack of sewers were evident. Roads in Haiti – some gravel, some partially paved – are an obstacle course. We dodged pot holes, bicycles, animals, people, and vehicles. And we wondered if there were any rules of the road in Haiti.

We certainly are blessed to live in a country where we often take sanitation for granted. We also take the Gospel for granted. Millions of people in Haiti need to hear and understand the Good News and thus the need for the seminary to train Haitian pastors. With the old seminary buildings crumbling, it was decided to purchase land and build a new



David Clark (l) and Dennis Reifschneider ponder how to get the stuck dump truck out of the septic tank hole.

Construction workers from Faith Evangelical Free Church of Fort Collins, CO, work on laying block, a new entry gate to the clinic, and concrete pad for a new incinerator.

campus.

After lunch, room assignments, and orientation, we settled into our first night in Haiti. The sound of rats outside our building didn't keep me awake very long.

The next morning we got a clear view of our mission: Dr. Bill Cooper, director of the seminary, showed us the current old classrooms, library, computer room, and dining facility. Then we toured the Bethesda Clinic, Cowman School, Radio 4VEH station, and the new seminary site.

One of the unexpected events on our trip happened on this day. The man in charge of the building project for the new seminary got news his father was near death, and he needed to leave for Canada in the morning. Another missionary had left the

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Dr. Stoddard and Cindy Kampen at the Bethesda Clinic.

The Colorado team from left: Ryan Kelley, Dr. Andrew Stoddard, Seth Forwood, Cindy Kampen, David Clark, Marjorie Morningstar, Dr. Bill Cooper, Dennis Reifschneider and Thomas Rodine.

country to be with a newly born grandchild. This was a test of the team's flexibility. Our team brought a pharmacist, a doctor, and a nurse who worked in the clinic. We came to serve the Lord, not just to lay cement blocks. The team worked at demolishing an old incinerator and poured a cement pad for the new one. Some of the team counted pills and placed them in bags to be dispensed by the clinic pharmacy. Walls of the clinic were washed in preparation for painting. Others worked on replacing wheel bearings and tie rods on a mission truck. The roads in Haiti will test the best of vehicles!

The team also worked on taking down the entrance gate to the clinic, so that a new one could be installed later. More challenges; several vehicles

got stuck in the mud while trying to dredge a drainage ditch to help the water drain off the mission compound and a water line was accidentally cut, which made getting the vehicles out of the mud more difficult. To top off the day, a gravel truck making a delivery on the compound drove over a buried septic tank and nearly tipped over. This necessitated unloading the gravel by hand and bringing in another vehicle to pull the truck out of the pit.

Another unexpected project was to plow a field used to grow produce for the seminary. A man on our team was proficient at running a tractor, so the task was completed.

Saturday we went to a local beach. The bumpy, hilly ride was worth the view – a beautiful beach with very clear, cool, water to enjoy. Sunday we attended a rural Haitian church and enjoyed seeing the people dressed in their best coming to praise the Lord, singing their hearts out, and listening to Scripture and preaching in their own Creole language.

A highlight for me was visiting one of the Starfish schools. OMS partners with church schools and donors to provide shoes, books, and meals for over 1,800 elementary school children. I was able to meet the boy I sponsored after a trip to Haiti in 2002. So many children are packed into classrooms with minimal equipment for the teachers and students. But the Gospel is given to the children and the hope is that the future leadership of Haiti will come from some of these educated children.

Another highlight was meeting with seminary students who are learning English. They spoke with us for a few minutes to learn something about us, then they introduce us to the rest of their classmates. It was fun for us and seemed to delight the students.

Although we were often off schedule and didn't accomplish what we thought we had come to do, it was a joy to see things get done that really needed to be done. We all came away with a greater appreciation for the missionaries who deal with daily challenges but continue to trust God to deliver Haitians from a life of fear in voodoo to Christ and a life of peace and joy in Him.

# Project "Sunset"

**A Brazilian ministry team launches an MFMI-style outreach to Panorama.**

By Sandro Candido – Ministry pastor at the OMS Central Maringa Missionary Church (translated by Fran Noah)

Pastor Jaco Vieira, president of the OMS church in Brazil and senior pastor of its largest church in Maringa, dreamed about trips for people of varying abilities to help churches within the denomination. This dream was partially answered through regional weekend encounters, which brought together members of our churches for training seminars and fellowship, but he dreamed higher.

In June 2007, the Maringa Central Church began to dream about taking a group to another Missionary church to help in a variety of ways: professional courses opened for church members and non-Christians, medical attention, church remodeling, and evangelistic presentations throughout the city. The pastoral team prayed and planned a trip to Panorama in the state of Sao Paulo where OMS' first camp was begun. The city has about 18,000 inhabitants, and the OMS church has about 60 members.

Jaco and the pastoral team challenged the Maringa church and quickly had a group of 55 people, some who invested their own money and vacation time, to participate. Other church members also wanted to help in some way and another 30 people donated money, construction materials and materials, for the professional courses.

The trip occurred January 22-27, 2008. Courses were offered in cake decorating, puppet making, decorative box-making, storytelling, and hospital chaplaincy. The group also held two open-air presentations for children and youth. Approximately 600 people attended. Remodeling was done in all of the children's Sunday school classrooms and in the church. Door-to-door visitation was done in almost the entire town.

The Maringa church volunteers believe they had an impact for Jesus in Panorama. They, themselves were impacted even more with the realization that they could give a helping hand and be used by God. They named their trip "Project Sunset" because that is the theme of the town of Panorama.

The group is dreaming of future projects and praying about where God will have them go next.



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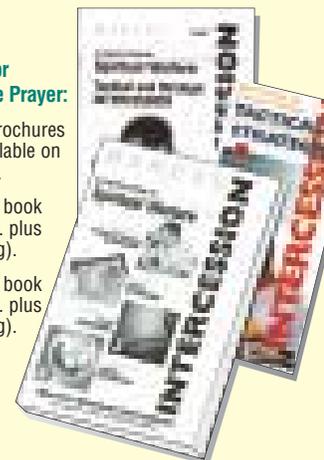
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## Keeping it Together in Australia

By Bruce Kelly

During his recent visit to Australia, Warren Hardig, the MFMI Executive Director commented, "The small choices we make add up." His two MFMI co-travellers were Jim Acheson and John McLaughlin. Jim, a down to earth retiree with a farming, construction, and engineering background commented, "You wonder why you come to OMS? You come to a meeting like this and you know why!" John, a businessman and Retreat speaker, challenged us to "Keep it together."

Jim and John were referring to the MFMI Retreat held at the Upper Plenty Conference Centre (UPCC) during the November Melbourne Cup holiday weekend. The UPCC venue and precincts located in a beautiful bushland setting are skilfully handcrafted by its owners, Howard and Wendy Stokes.

This Retreat, organized by the newly formed Melbourne Action Group under the leadership of Francis Wong, Australian MFMI Director, was the first held in Australia for many years. Some fifty supporters and missionaries attended at various times. Our theme was 'What God expects of us.' The music, singing, and worship were excellent. It was a time for new and renewed friendships. The interaction created eye opening connections with MFMI activities.

Warren addressed several men regarding the possibility of forming other Action groups. He also challenged us to consider short term ministry team visits to OMS fields next year. The men responded positively to both suggestions and expressed a desire to be kept informed.

God used this retreat to encourage us to do, go, and give whatever He wants. Small choices (and bigger ones) snuggle neatly into the MFMI mission job description. They contributed to the organization of this most successful Retreat. Continued intentional prayerful action-packed choices will lead to ever widening circles of ministry.

For more information on Action Groups or short-term overseas ministry teams, please contact the OMS International, PO Box 897, Ringwood 3134, tel 03 9872 4209 or e-mail [MFMI.Aust@gmail.com](mailto:MFMI.Aust@gmail.com)



MFMI Retreat organized by newly formed Melbourne Action Group.

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Men For Missions International (MFMI) has arranged a full slate of teams to go to OMS mission fields in 2008 to work, observe, witness, and pray. Utilization of laymen is critical to OMS as it seeks to expand its ministry throughout the world. Last year alone, over 259,000 came to know Jesus as their personal Savior through the efforts of OMS and its national churches.

Many laymen are now forming teams to go to the mission field. You can be part of this great movement of laymen as they seek to honor Christ by giving personal obedience to the Great Commission. Call MFMI (317) 881-6752, or the national director in your country (page 3), for team dates and costs.

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# The Jewel of the Caribbean

By Marlowe Janke

**T**he Caribbean is known for its beautiful beaches, vintage cars, cigars, and mild climate, and a place for Canadians to go to escape the frigid weather in January and February. There are also friendly people, house churches, and explosive evangelism.

In the Caribbean there is a seminary that has existed for 80 years.

They know what it is like to go through good times and bad. They have experienced times of peace as well as times of unrest. At one time, they were stripped of their property and churches. By the grace of God, they survived. Today, they are producing quality pastors, teachers, evangelists, and leaders who are hearing God's voice and are spreading the Gospel throughout the entire country. They are well educated and skilled, but the people are poor. The church needs financial help from outside of her borders in order to spread the Good News and train leaders. This is a door of great opportunity. We do not know how long this door will be open so now is the time to go and now is the time to give.

Men For Missions International in Canada is partnering with them by sending teams into this beautiful country in order to work with the church. What is our objective? It is to partner with the church to meet her goals of evangelism, church growth, and leadership training. This is done through the means of building relationships with the people through English conversation, testimonies, construction, maintenance, renovations, teaching, speaking, and friendship.

In spite of difficulties, the church is growing both in quantity and quality. Experiencing growth through an OMS initiated program, which is training and multiplying leaders in order to grow the church. We have witnessed many mother churches that have daughter and granddaughter churches. Mostly, the church growth is happening through house churches, where a believer gives part of his residence to be used as a church. This is happening in both rural and urban areas.

With the churches, that we are involved with, each year there have been thousands and even tens of thousands responding to the call to follow Christ. A church leader told me that their biggest need is to train quality leaders to serve the church.

## **You can:**

- **Pray that this exponential growth will continue throughout the Caribbean so that many more will learn about the good news of God.**
- **Bibles are in short supply. You can help with this through your giving to OMS International.**
- **Transportation is extremely primitive and cars and fuel are too expensive for the average person.**
- **Pray for safety as pastors and other leaders travel through the country, many times with a personal risk to themselves.**

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— Marlowe Janke lives in Calgary, Alberta  
and is the National Director of MFMI-Canada.

