

# ACTION



**SIGNS OF CHANGE IN HAITI**  
Thousands came together to sing  
praise to the Lord and ask for His healing  
and help for Haiti. One sign reads,  
"Jesus is the King of my life."

THIS ISSUE:  
**MFM Prayer Initiative**  
FIVE YEARS LATER

# MEN FOR MISSIONS Prayer Initiative

By Dick McLeish

As I have prepared this lead article for *ACTION* magazine, I looked at the Men for Missions Prayer Initiative. It has been interesting to look back over the last ten years and see God's hand at work. Yes, I said the last TEN years. Even though the Prayer Initiative is only five years old, it grew out of *Operation Saturation* in Haiti, which began in January 2000. The prayer emphasis that surrounded *Operation Saturation* was the foundation for the Prayer Initiative that followed in January of 2005. The lessons that we learned while praying for Haiti during those first five years of *Operation Saturation* were the springboard to take those lessons and apply them to all the countries where OMS is involved.

As we began the Prayer Initiative in January 2005, there were two guiding principles that we were led to follow: First, we followed the model of prayer we learned in *Operation Saturation*, but we were not confined to the same methods used during that time. Second, we asked God to raise up the country prayer champions of His choice, not ours. As we have seen God raise up specific prayer champions, each one followed the model of the plan; adapting it to his own country to fit the way God leads.

The Prayer Initiative began with five countries that were chosen after prayerful consideration: Ecuador, Haiti, Japan, Mozambique, and Spain. Gene Bertolet, who was the prayer coordinator for *Operation Saturation*, volunteered to continue as country champion for Haiti. Jerry Mattocks was in the cabinet meeting, and immediately after the presentation of the Prayer Initiative, and the cabinet's approval, he volunteered to be the prayer champion for Ecuador. What an immediate confirmation that God was at work. Within a year, two more people stepped forward to be prayer champions for Japan and Mozambique. It would not be until three years of persistent prayer that God raised up an impassioned couple from the United Kingdom for Spain. That was another answer to prayer because all along it was our desire to have the Prayer Initiative be an international ministry. God has raised up three more prayer champions



MFM Prayer Team in Haiti preparing to enter voodoo cave.

in the ensuing years for Ireland, South Asia, and Uruguay. We continue to ask God to raise up a prayer champion for three other countries that want to be involved in the Prayer Initiative: Brazil, Hong Kong, and Russia.

In reviewing the last five years, it is amazing to watch what God has done through the prayers of His people. We give Him all the glory and honor for that which He has allowed us to be a part. We have watched as He has plowed the hard ground of Japan, Spain, Uruguay and softened hearts to receive the Truth of the Gospel. We have stood in amazement as He has worked in ways we could not even imagine in Ecuador and Haiti. We continue to stand and watch Him gather in the harvest fields of South Asia and Mozambique, and look forward with great anticipation to the coming harvest in Ireland. God has called His country prayer champions, and we watch them respond in obedience. He has drawn us to this task; He has bound us together as a team; and has worked in each of our lives in ways we would have never imagined.

As you read some of their stories, I would ask that you pray for each of us and be open to the Lord's call in your own life. Is He laying a country on your heart to accomplish His purposes through prayer?

## JAPAN

By Joe Shannon

Our last prayer team to Japan was in May 2009, and we visited the regions of Kyushu and Shikoku, the only two areas of Japan that had not been claimed for Christ by a country prayer champion. Most of the time we stayed in Hiroshima and prayer-walked against strongholds in the different areas. Stan Dyer, a retired missionary who has spent nearly 40 years in Japan and has a deep love for the Japanese people, joined our team.

While in Japan, we made connections with four different churches in the area and attended Sunday services and prayer meetings during the week. Daily we prayer-walked a different area and witnessed to the Japanese as we had opportunity.

Our first day in Hiroshima, we found our way to an area they call the Peace Park, which is the location where the atomic bomb was dropped. In this beautiful park is a museum with many displays and artifacts that, quite frankly, are overwhelming to view. There is a shell of one of the buildings still standing as a monument to the tragedy Japan suffered. The Japanese have built this place as a reminder to the world that no person or country should ever do again what Japan and the United States did to each other.

Two things stand out as encouragement to me since we were first prayer coordinators over a single region of Japan, and now country prayer champions. The churches are more open to prayer-walking and intercessory prayer for their country. We were invited to lunch and attended a Thursday prayer meeting in a Korean Church in Hiroshima, which was totally unplanned and unexpected. The pastor and his wife shared that God called them from Korea to be missionaries to the Japanese people, then shared their burdens and struggles with us. Serving in Japan has caused difficulties with their families in Korea, and it can be hard to be accepted by the Japanese people. It was thrilling to learn that every Thursday afternoon, the pastor's wife and another lady from their congregation have intercessory prayer for Japan. To share in this time, and see God's hand at work was a blessing. We were also honored that three pastors went with us as we prayer-walked Miyajima Island, shared Scripture, and prayed. One of the pastors said that he had visited the island many times but never thought to pray there.

Our hope is not only to walk the land and claim the ground

*Your Life-Changing Journey*

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



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Joe Shannon, Stan Dyer, and Pam Shannon in Hiroshima, Japan.

for Christ, but to come along side our Japanese brothers and sisters in Christ and lay a foundation of prayer on which to build. Our prayer is to see revival and for God to open the eyes of the people of Japan, so they will turn to Christ.

We take to heart the words of Ephesians 2:13-15, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who was made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace."

Jesus is the true peace we all need. Please join us as we pray for the people of Japan to come to know the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

## SPAIN

By Paul Cox

**For the past six years,** Spain has been the blessed beneficiary of a special prayer relationship with Men for Missions. And God has blessed that relationship with fruit.

In 2004, a Spanish pastor was on the edge of burnout and ready to turn the lights out on his career of faithful service with One Mission Society.

Little did he know that Dick McLeish was already headed to Spain for the first time with a small prayer team. Dick and his group met with that pastor for encouragement and prayer, and they spent time with him at a retreat he attended. That Spanish pastor left the retreat recharged and excited about a new season of ministry. Today, hundreds of believers and non-believers are benefiting from the fruit of those prayers.

In 2006, Dick returned with a team that desired to pray over each missionary, national worker, church planting team, and the One Mission Society ministry. A special prayer workshop was held at a local church. Dick and the MFM team challenged the members to prayer-walk the neighborhood for the first time. The next day, which was Sunday, six non-Christian Spaniards from the neighborhood attended the local service. To watch them enter the church door one-by-one was a historical event, because a majority of Spaniards are not interested in entering the door of an evangelical church.

Fast forward to 2008. Two prayer champions were found after a long and prayerful search. More prayer teams have gone to link arms with the Spain team, and the hardness of spiritual soil in Spain is covered once again by faithful prayer warriors.

One of my last assignments as Field Coordinator was to put together an annual field report of what God had done in our midst during the previous year. There were more decisions and more baptisms in a three-month span during the summer of 2008 than there were in the previous six years combined!



A prayer team led by Dick and Judy McLeish praying over Cobeña, Spain.

## SPAIN

By Bill and Margaret Saunders

Prayer Champions for Spain from the United Kingdom

**Over the last 18 months,** there have been many changes, challenges, and - thankfully - fruitfulness on the mission field in Spain. The most significant developments have been among the field personnel, who have known much turbulence. It has proven to be one of those providential turning moments that most of us have known before, in the tides and affairs of men. The Lord is sending more people to serve in Spain as well as opening new doors for others to serve in different places and capacities, such as Paul and Dawn Cox in Greenwood, Indiana at World Headquarters, David and Catherine Cotton with the North Madrid Church Plant Team, along with Paul and Sylvia Cummings. Another missionary couple who have worked many years in Colombia, and trained for a couple of years in the United Kingdom, are seeking the Lord's leading for a possible move to Spain.

The Peace & Hope Network along with David, Gardenia, and Lupita with many others in Albacete and Southern Spain, are seeing the Lord do wonderful things through the marriage talks and discipleship classes.

On our visit last year, we noted the development of a new work among the Bulgarian people. The Peace & Hope movement proves ever-innovative in seeking fresh Gospel opportunities. While we were there with a group from Asbury College and others, we managed to re-paint the network meeting rooms. All worked very well together and the sharing and praying times were a joy to behold. It was a wonderful time of fellowship around the paint brush, along with an evening celebration with the local church.

Bob and Sydney Biddulph continue to be heavily involved in the Marriage Encounter weekends, which God is blessing. However, the need for counsellors and couples is indicative of the personnel shortage in Spain. As in all other Western and European countries, marriages, families, and communities are breaking up at an alarming rate. A bulwark is caring for marriage and families. One of the greatest opportunities to express God's mercy, within the Spanish field context of this ministry, has been the local evangelical church and



The Cotton family from Australia praying over Spain.

para-church ministries, such as Chamartin and Manzanares churches as well as the use of La Pena camp resources.

The Lord is opening up the seminary in El Escorial more to the local community. The ancient glass production building on the grounds has been renovated to serve as a prayer and meeting room for the local community. This whole work is symbolic of SEUT's (United Evangelical Theology Seminary) commitment to be more prayerfully open and relationally willing to engage with the local people. Alongside this part of the vision is an increased modeling of prayer and the spiritual life, which seeks to complement the deep love for God's Word that is taught at SEUT. This is important because many of the students are distance learners from all over Spain and across the world. The desire is to create a visible community of faith and practice for the students in SEUT.

As with most mission fields, there is an increase in personnel funding needs. Many need to spend increased times away from the field in order to ensure ongoing appropriate funding levels.

Some of the general challenges of being a missionary in Spain include the increase of secularisation and nominalism.

In recent years, there has been coolness to immigrants from various persuasions. For instance, people from South America are encouraged to return home, while Eastern Europeans are increasingly denied access to Spain. These are the people among whom the Gospel has spread faster and the church has grown. All of this demographic upheaval is occurring against the backdrop of Spain, one of the largest countries geographically in Europe, with proportionally one of the smallest



Construction of new prayer chapel at SUET.

and most diminishing populations.

Individual missionaries and groups often find it difficult to see what God has done and is doing through them. But with each of our visits, we are able to point out specific examples of the faith distance they have traveled and the value they have added to the whole church in Spain.

A blessed and unseen part of our Lord building His Church through and in OMS Spain, is each of the precious people who dedicate themselves in loving prayer to God for this people and place. We thank God for our partnership and fellowship in the Gospel.

## HAITI

By Gene Pollic

### The original Prayer Initiative that began

with *Operation Saturation* in 2000 is the model that is used worldwide for countries requesting prayer. Dick McLeish is now championing this cause for the countries, which to date are: Brazil, Ecuador, Haiti, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Mozambique, Russia, Spain and Uruguay.

Originally, the prayer model was developed by Gene Bertolet, MFM graphic artist, for use in Haiti. Gene asked to be replaced as the Haiti prayer champion in 2005 so he could return to a ministry of praying around the world using an atlas.

I was offered the position and eagerly accepted the challenge. And, what a challenge it has become.

I agonized over how to revive massive prayer for Haiti, since it had waned somewhat over the past few years. When the earthquake happened on January 12, 2010, people all over the world began to pray for this devastated country. However, our

original plan of intercessory prayer for Haiti — especially for their salvation — is the need we must concentrate on.

Now is the time to pray. We must once again lift these dear people up before our Lord, and ask that He send His children to meet their needs, and to present the plan of His salvation. We must pray for God's Holy Spirit to fill the country and push Satan completely out of it. This is what intercessory prayer is all about.

Haiti is in need of a few new sector leaders. Please consider this opportunity to get involved. Is it you?



Gene Pollic in Haiti with MFM Work Team in 2003.

## HAITI EARTHQUAKE

In the midst of this indescribable devastation, thousands of relief workers from many countries have poured into Haiti to bring hope to those who are unable to help themselves. Our One Mission Society team, based in Cap Haitien, (approximately 150 miles north of Port-au-Prince) has joined many other mission organizations to show Christ's love by taking food, water and supplies to the needy. Our missionaries in Haiti have transported several large trucks filled with rice, beans, sugar, water and cooking oil, along with needed medical supplies. A trip from Cap to Port takes seven hours one way due to the poor road conditions, yet they continue to send truckloads of supplies almost daily.

**You can give online or you can mail your check to: One Mission Society, P.O. Box 1648, Monument, CO 80132. Please mark your gift for project #405120.**

# Haiti

## Watch Haiti Find Wholeness

By Stacey Ayars

**As I traveled, my mind took me back** to when Vilnord and I had worked together building an orphanage in Haiti many years ago. I must have been about 19, and while living in Port-au-Prince, I frequently worked alongside him sifting sand, laying block, pouring cement, and the like. When I arrived at the guesthouse on Sunday afternoon after the earthquake, I was thrilled to see him again in the courtyard after so many years - and shocked that he remembered me.

As we spoke, I noticed a little canopy set up on the front walk of the crumbled guest house, and quickly realized that this was now his home. I knew the moment I looked into his wife's eyes that the home was not their only loss.

"Tell me," I said, wanting to know...yet not wanting to know.

"It was the late afternoon," Vilnord began, "and we were all home; everyone was sitting in front of the house, except for Emmanuela. She had just finished her homework and was so tired that her mother told her to go rest on her bed for awhile. Then the house, it began to spin and spin, and we could not see well or understand. We all screamed and ran everywhere. I looked in the house for Emmanuela, as everything was falling. I saw her in her room running to me, running...and then I saw the house fall on her. I saw it bury her, and there was nothing I could do."

"Her Mother began to rock herself dejectedly backward and forward on a borrowed mat, as if she were rocking her lost daughter. When the world stopped spinning," he said, shaking his arms to show me the force, "we tried to dig her out. We tried to get her but there was no noise. She did not call out. She was dead. She was 14."

His expression changed as he asked, "Do you want to see her? We have pictures." His boys quickly jumped up and dug two photos from a small pile of belongings. "She looked just like them," he said, pointing to his sons. "And she looked 14...sassy, young, bright."

"Tell me about her," I prompted, and for a few happy minutes, I listened as the family chimed in their favorite things about Emmanuela. She was smart, they told me, and did well in school. She always made them laugh. She never let go of anything you told her. She made you keep every promise. She always borrowed her sister's clothes without asking.

"She was one you do not forget," her broken mother said quietly, finishing the list.

"Did she know the Lord?" I asked quietly. Her mother's worn hands raised immediately to the sky, her fingers waving back and forth like palm leaves in the silent wind.

"Yes," she said firmly, then began to talk to the Lord and forgot about me. "Praise You, Lord," she whispered. "Praise You, Lord. You have saved me, You have saved us, You have saved her."

All was forgotten, and in an instant that borrowed tarp home became His sanctuary.

Ten brown and two white hands were lifted in praise as together - deeply aware that one of us was missing - we worshiped, overwhelmed by His love and salvation. I knew this was one of life's most beautiful moments, and I praised Him. I lifted to Him all I had seen that day, and praised Him with a heart full of His joy.

Because of His love, they will be able to go on. Their daughter, their sister, is dead. She had been buried before their eyes in an instant. And yet they know that He has saved Emmanuela, which is more than enough for them.

And that, dear ones, is hope. That is the beauty rising up from the rubble of Port-au-Prince. He has already saved Haiti.



"Without Jesus, Haiti cannot be delivered."

# In Memory of Gary Dinas

By David Haas

**In 2004, my younger brother and his wife, Steve and Dixie King, joined One Mission Society as full-time missionaries. We traveled together to various countries for about five years when they became full-time missionaries, and we hoped to continue to some extent this activity. When we heard of Men for Missions there was much thankfulness to the Lord and happiness in the family. A short time after moving to the OMS campus an opportunity opened for a trip to Japan to work at Tokyo Biblical Seminary (TBS), and Steve invited me to go with him.**

There were five people on the team; a young couple from Ohio; my brother, Steve; Gary Dinas, the team leader; and me. Gary had visited Japan several times before and had made many friends among the students and faculty of TBS.

Gary was a self-employed painter and lived in Springfield, Massachusetts. When he visited Japan, he usually stayed for a month rather than the usual two weeks for a work team. This gave him the chance to meet and spend time with all those involved at TBS. The rest of us had a very enthusiastic and experienced guide for our first time in Japan. We very quickly began to recognize the affection and admiration Gary had for the Japanese people, as well as those around him.

The experience of the trip was amazing, because traveling to Japan took us out of our comfort zone and made us dependent on God. The camaraderie



Gary Dinas on one of his many work trips to Japan.

within the team and hosting missionaries gave us a reassurance of our personal relationship with God and with the other members of the body of Christ. Much of this was due to Gary's attitude and love for the Japanese people.

It appears that repetitive visits to the same location are not the norm. The usual experience is to visit, complete the project, and go on to other projects, perhaps in the same country, perhaps not. For this reason, it seems special when God gives the opportunity to return with the same group to the same place more than once. And so it was with this group of five. As we worked together the two weeks of our first trip, we became aware of a special bond between us—very much like that of a family. But this was a keen awareness that we were connected in some way, and that we shared concern for each other. As God would have it, the same five of us returned to Japan in 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Gary and I found we had much in common besides our love of God and our fellow man. I found Gary to be humble but firm in his conviction, well grounded in Scripture, and possessed a genuine concern for others and their relationship with Jesus. We wrote to each other occasionally between trips, but we prayed each year that we would meet again in Japan along with the others. Until 2007 the Lord granted our request. Gary was always an encouragement to me.

I remember visiting a church in Japan where the pastor and congregation graciously thanked us for taking the time and incurring the expense to come to Japan to help with the work that needed to be done. After commenting that it was an honor and privilege for us to come, worship, and share God's love, Gary replied, "When someone beholds a fine painting he exalts the artist and not the brush." This was Gary's reminder that we were only the instruments of God's greater work.

In looking back, I think the most subtle memory of Gary's spiritual condition was in 2005. I probably would not have noticed except for the fact that in February 2005, on a trip to the Dominican Republic,

I gave a short devotion on loving your enemies based on Matthew 5 and Paul's concept in Romans. My point was how difficult this is for anyone, even born again Christians to do. I personally look on this characteristic as a guidepost in my own walk with Jesus and to my spiritual maturity. The point I am belaboring is that out of this experience I was more aware that Gary really held no malice toward anyone and prayed for those that wished him ill.

The last trip that we were all together was 2006. It was another great trip, as the Japanese people are such an encouragement. In 2007 there were no scheduled trips as my brother and his wife assumed permanent assignment at TBS. There was a trip planned for April 2008, and Gary was sched-



Gary Dinas

uled to come, but he had to cancel. Then in November 2008, Gary was scheduled to come with Doug Wolfe, another member of his MFM council. Gary had to cancel that trip because of respiratory problems and further medical examination. Later, after the trip, I heard that Gary had been hospitalized in poor health and not responding well. In March, 2009, God took Gary home and before departing, he spoke of his love and devotion for the people of Japan and his joy in serving his Master there.

All of us that had the privilege to know and work with Gary are very aware that God has called home a good soldier. We know also that Gary touched many lives, and count it a blessing that ours were among them.

## JAPAN

By Sachiko Kanoshima

**It is God's present for me** to have an opportunity to write some thoughts and memories of Gary Dinas

When I close my eyes and think about him, lots of delightful moments come to mind one after another, and my heart is filled with a peace of the Lord. Gary visited us for about eight years as a member of MFM work teams to bring God's blessings, and he worked at Tokyo Biblical Seminary (TBS).

The more he visited Japan, the more I got to know his love for Japan and TBS, and thanked his willingness to come.

I have been working in the kitchen of the dorm for 18 years. I didn't know much about MFM before, but I got to know its ministry little-by-little through the work team.

The ministry of Gary and his work was just like a person of

God. He taught us love through his each effort and work. His volunteer work, with love for eight years, expressed his love for Japan, TBS, and the seminary students. His eyes toward the seminary students were as if they were his brothers and sisters. One time he said, "I think the building should be made bright for the students who are serving God." I was so thankful to hear that, that tears rolled down from my eyes. When Gary saw my tears, he blinked his big eyes and nodded deeply. Even years later, I remember clearly this moment with emotions. It was a moment God's love was handed beyond the language.

I think he faithfully came back for several years to fulfill his wish. When I walk through those places of his memories, they bring his gentle, friendly smiles and the sounds and tones of his voice to mind. Every time those memories warm and strengthen my heart.

I am sure that many other people who knew him felt his love and have a wish to love others like him. I think that must be what God's love wants to tell us.

The ministry was accomplished not by himself but by the cooperation with other members. Through this, I learned it is precious to learn and obey God's love with the seminary students.

We received a lot of blessings from Gary and the work teams. Their ministry will surely be handed down generation to generation to glorify the Lord.

Thank you, Gary. See you again in heaven.

*Sachiko Kanoshima serves as head cook at Tokyo Biblical Seminary. She is married and has four daughters and is the only Christian in her family. She works hard to make the dining hall a pleasant place for students and is always happy to extend hospitality to MFMs. Gary and other team members helped renovate the dining hall as well as dorms and classroom space.*

# ECUADOR

By Jerry Mattocks

**For more than fifty years**, One Mission Society has been at work in Ecuador spreading the Gospel message through intentional evangelism, church planting, training national leaders, and strategic partnerships. Countless numbers of missionaries and national workers have labored to communicate the Gospel message to the people of Ecuador. During this time, faithful intercessors have prayed for the health, safety, and effective witness of those engaged in the ongoing battle against darkness, and has faithfully carried the work and the workers before the Lord's throne.

Five years ago, the Men for Missions Prayer Initiative prompted a renewed emphasis on tactical and strategic prayer for OMS work around the world. The Prayer Initiative strategy adopted in Ecuador is to enlist intercessors and provide them with "hot-off-the-press" prayer requests and ministry information so they can pray in real time for ministry needs and celebrate successes.

The tradition of careful planning, hard work, and persistence continues to advance the cause of Christ in all parts of Ecuador. Commitment to intercession is foundational to the ongoing success of the mission to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to Ecuador.

**Prayer is Uplifting.** A prayer team visited a church's evening service for the first time, and shared with the pastor that though they had never met him, they had been praying for him and his church (a missionary had sent a photo and requests). The pastor was quite emotional as he

shared the news with his congregation, "These visitors have been praying for us." Your prayers are touching hearts of people you will never meet.

**Prayer is Encouraging.** When a prayer team passed through a town in the South Coastal District, they stopped to visit with a pastor who was alone in the church, praying for direction, and seeking the Lord's will. When the team knocked on the door and said, "We have stopped by to pray with you," they were warmly welcomed. Only later did the pastor reveal that he was in the church because he and his family were at a crisis point - financially, spiritually and emotionally. He was greatly encouraged and strengthened by this unscheduled stop.

**Prayer is Enabling.** An early prayer team in the North Coastal District visited a church with a new pastor. This young man lacked experience and sufficient training for the assignment, but his call from God and commitment to the job ahead as servant to the Lord, to the congregation, and to the community was more than evident in his testimony.

**Prayer is Relied On.** On a recent visit to one of the rural churches in Ecuador, a missionary asked, "Do you have any prayer requests that I can share with my prayer support team?" In response, she received fifty pieces of paper with prayer requests on them.

### Will you join us in praying for Ecuador?

Information on Upcoming Prayer Teams is available from:

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Azogues, North of Cuenca, which is one of the locations for VCP (Village Church Planting) in Ecuador.



Baptism of new believers.

## 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 52 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 MFMs who meet periodically to pray for missionaries, help support their projects, and acquire greatly needed items. They also financially assist their members to join teams heading to foreign mission fields of OMS.

Men for Missions is One Mission Society's life changing journey, asking men to do, go and give whatever God asks. MFM nationally has organized and helped over 20,000 men and women serve on OMS mission fields during its 55-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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**We have a great opportunity here at OMS Headquarters for work teams to come and help with demolition and rebuilding of the main administration building. This started January 15, 2010, and is to go through May 1, 2010. We need people for that time period. Paul Jones is heading up the project, and we want to invite you to help us update and remodel the building for the future. Food and housing will be available at the OMS campus, and we would like for teams to come for a few days or a few weeks. If you are interested, please contact: Bill Evans at 317-881-6752, or email: bevans@onemissionsociety.org**

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## MOZAMBIQUE

By **Karlene Clendenning**  
Prayer Champion for Mozambique

**Mozambique, a country** in southern Africa along the Indian Ocean, is a little less than twice the size of California. Its population is about 22,000,000. Formerly a colony of Portugal, the official language is Portuguese.

One Mission Society has had a presence in Mozambique since 1996. The programs expand from the development of worship groups and a Christian school to include: development of a Mozambican evangelical denomination, Village Church Planting, a seminary, community health, micro-credit development, and women's discipleship programs.

The Prayer Initiative program has prompted short-term mission prayer trips to Mozambique, which have had wide effects. These trips have a direct effect on Mozambicans and on field missionaries by providing encouragement and service as a symbol of God's love for them.

There are direct effects on people who make the prayer trips, many of whom will never be the same as they return home with hearts filled and broken for the people in Mozambique. This overflows to people with whom the travelers have contact in their home countries as stories of experiences and needs in Mozambique spread. Funds have been raised for projects such as preschool facilities, wells at village churches, Bibles, mosquito nets, and bicycles for church planters.

The biggest impact is gleaned from prayer itself. As our great God works through answers to the fervent, continuous prayers that are lifted to Him from those who have experienced and those who have heard of the physical and spiritual needs of these precious people.

On one of my trips, I was privileged to go with three others from our team on a 3,000-mile flight with Mercy Air, which took us to eight of the ten provinces in Mozambique to claim them for Christ. The place that most touched me was at Montepuez, in the northernmost province Cabo Delgado (the northern area has the highest percentage of Muslim population in Mozambique). We were greeted by a man who had papers for our pilot to sign. We explained to him that we were there to pray for the people, and we wanted



**OMS missionaries, David and Ann Dedrick, ECC Coordinator Juka Fernando, Theresa Nacuatianna, prayer champion Karlene Clendenning, and trainer Antonio Nacuatianna.**

to present a stake with a verse (Zechariah 4:6) carved on it as a reminder that we would continue praying for them. He responded that yes, we could pray, but we needed to find someone else at a higher social level to agree to accept the stake. This was typical – they tend to avoid making decisions on a solo basis. As we talked, about 40 men gathered around us. We prayed together in Jesus' name. Then I asked if they had any special prayer requests for us to take with us, since we would continue to pray for them. They gave me a list of requests, which ranged from help with diseases such as malaria, cholera, and AIDS to tangible items such as Bibles and pencils for school children. Some of them gave their names for prayer. As we flew away, it crossed my mind that these people, with whom we had prayed in Jesus' name, might be expecting immediate results. What would they think of our God? What was I to do? Then I remembered God's promises — my job was to pray. God would handle the rest. And so I invite you to please pray with me.

One experience that will always stay with me occurred following a prayer-walk on the land for the Mocuba training center. The group gathered after sunset at the home of the trainer, who lived near the land. It was a mud house with dirt floor, thatched roof, no electricity, and water hand-pumped from a well perhaps 50 yards away. We sat around a table with only the light of one candle perched on an old inverted can. They talked in Portuguese, which I did not understand. The presence of God was there with us, and in that moment, I realized that these dear people, who had essentially nothing, actually had everything.

## Mozambique Well at Picocco

By **Dick McLeish**

**One of the most exciting parts** of our recent trip to Mozambique was visiting the well and the church at Picocco, a very small village out in the bush. We have prayed for Pastor Nehlio and this church ever since we heard of its beginning.

The nearest source of well water for this village was at a Muslim mosque some distance away, and conversion to Islam is required in order to get water at the well. Pastor Nehlio desired to drill a well at the church property to provide free water to the community, and at the same time, share the Good News of the living water offered by Jesus. There were many obstacles throughout the process of arranging for and drilling the well, but it is finally finished and in operation. We had prayed for the project over many months, so to actually go to the site with Pastor Nehlio and see it in operation was such a blessing.

When we arrived, there were several people at the well taking turns pumping and filling containers with clean water. We were there for about an hour and a half, and during that time, there was a steady stream of people who came to draw water



**Southern ECC Coordinator, Abel Miamba, helping villager get water from the well at Picocco.**

and fellowship around the well. As we watched and prayed for the people at the well, Pastor Nehlio was inside the church building conducting a baptism class with several people who were to be baptized the next week. Pastor Nehlio invited us to meet them, and Dave Dedrick shared a brief message with them.

As we considered what we experienced, we could not help but remember the account of the woman at the well found in John 4. The Samaritan woman came to the well to fill her container with physical water but went away with the living water that only Jesus can give. Just like the Samaritan woman, we watched people come to the well to receive clean water, but many found living water in Jesus and were going to be baptized in His Name. What a blessing to experience that first hand and to know that God allows us to be part of what He is doing in this world through our prayers - even in a remote little village in Mozambique.

**We want to thank you** for your prayers and your financial support. Please pray about going on one of the teams next year to support the ECC teams through Merrill Evangelism for Mozambique\*, so we can help the church planters keep sharing the great news of Jesus Christ. We all know prayer is the key, and we would love to have you join us in praying for Mozambique.

**Our total project goal is \$183,000. For the project-to-date we have received \$93,400. You can help us reach the 2010 year-end-goal of \$89,600 by:**

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# MFM Action Group

## Winning Souls to Christ

By Don Thomas

**Time certainly** does pass quickly, and few can attest to the old adage more than short-term missionaries who go back out into the field. It always seems like you just returned from your last mission before you are leaving for the airport once again. For one group of laymen in the quiet foothills of the Pennsylvania Allegheny Mountains, short-term mission work is not a once-in-a-lifetime experience... it's a way of life.

Within the United States, MFM sponsors many Action Group programs. The MFM Brokenstraw Action Group is a dynamic group of MFMers who travel around the world to help and support One Mission Society missionaries as they evangelize, plant churches, and develop Christian leadership. While the group specializes in short-term mission work abroad, they are equally hard at work on US soil, praying regularly for missionaries and eagerly supporting mission projects with local fundraisers, dinners, and special events. They also assist their members financially in both local and foreign mission fields.

Organized in 2008, this group - 52 strong - has experienced eight mission trips together, including one to Hungary; three to Colombia; one to remote Kenya, Africa; and three stateside to Kentucky and New Orleans. They have sponsored eight dinners and financially helped eleven MFMers realize their dream of going on a short-term missions trip. As a council representative, I have



Sharing a meal at the Bogota Christian High School.

had over 37 years of experience in short-term missions. I like having our own group, because we get to meet people who are going on mission trips with us. I have done this for many years and have received much more than I have given and I want to share this experience with everyone.

Through short-term missions, I have introduced many new missionaries to the field.

One of the best things about MFM is that it allows men and women from every walk of life to respond or contribute to short-term missions as directed by the Holy Spirit. Today, missionary homes, schools, churches, clinics and so much more exist because of the obedience of individual laymen to this calling. "Mission work is a gift from God. Once you feel the stirring in your heart to make a mission trip, the experience transcends anything you've ever done or even believed you could do. You return a different person and you are blessed forever," says Brokenstraw Action Group member, Christina Knisley.

God's hands hard at work.



MFM Brokenstraw Action members have come together from various churches and different walks of life to find a common path to build and support work teams. Every year brings new awakenings and fresh inspiration for winning souls to Christ both abroad and at home. It's a great way to discover what you're able to do with God and be where God wants you to be. Just one of the perks is to meet and love new people on the field.



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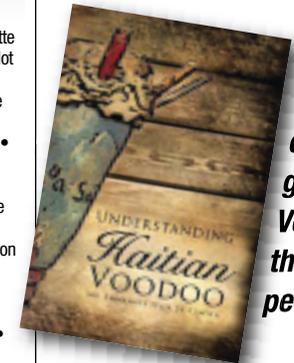
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# Haiti

***“I Just Can’t Wait Any Longer.  
I Am Bursting With Hope.  
I Have To Give It To You.”***

By Stacey Ayars

**After the January 12, 2010, earthquake,** I saw and experienced enough during my 48 hours in Port-au-Prince to share with you an abundance of hope. I sensed that I was on holy ground and quite unexpectedly found tears dripping from my chin. Ah, what beauty!

Sunday morning, I stumbled upon all kinds of church services — many were taking place in front of ruins that must have been the normal place of worship while others were being held outdoors for fear of another quake. I could hear praise no matter where I went. And despite the circumstances, people were in their Sunday best. The area surrounding the church was full of curious onlookers searching.

But it wasn’t just Sunday morning that the streets were full of praise. It was as if a new song was on the lips of the people of Port-au-Prince, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord,” the Bible says (Psalm 150:6), and everywhere I went people were following that command - those who love Him and those who barely believe He exists. Everyone I met quickly attributed their survival as a grace of God, and all spoke of the Mighty Hand Who alone can shake the earth, Who alone can save or destroy, Who alone merited their praise.

I expected to find some of them angry or some leaving their survival to chance, but I found not one. Even the man that blamed the earthquake on “something bad the earth had eaten, and it gave the earth a stomach ache, and its stomach keeps rumbling” praised the Lord in his next breath that the Lord had not allowed this stomach ache to kill him.

The tent village right next to the OMS Villa radiated praise music every evening, ringing out in perfect harmony over and over and over, and as I lay awake I heard...

*Glwa pou Bondje – Glory to God*

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