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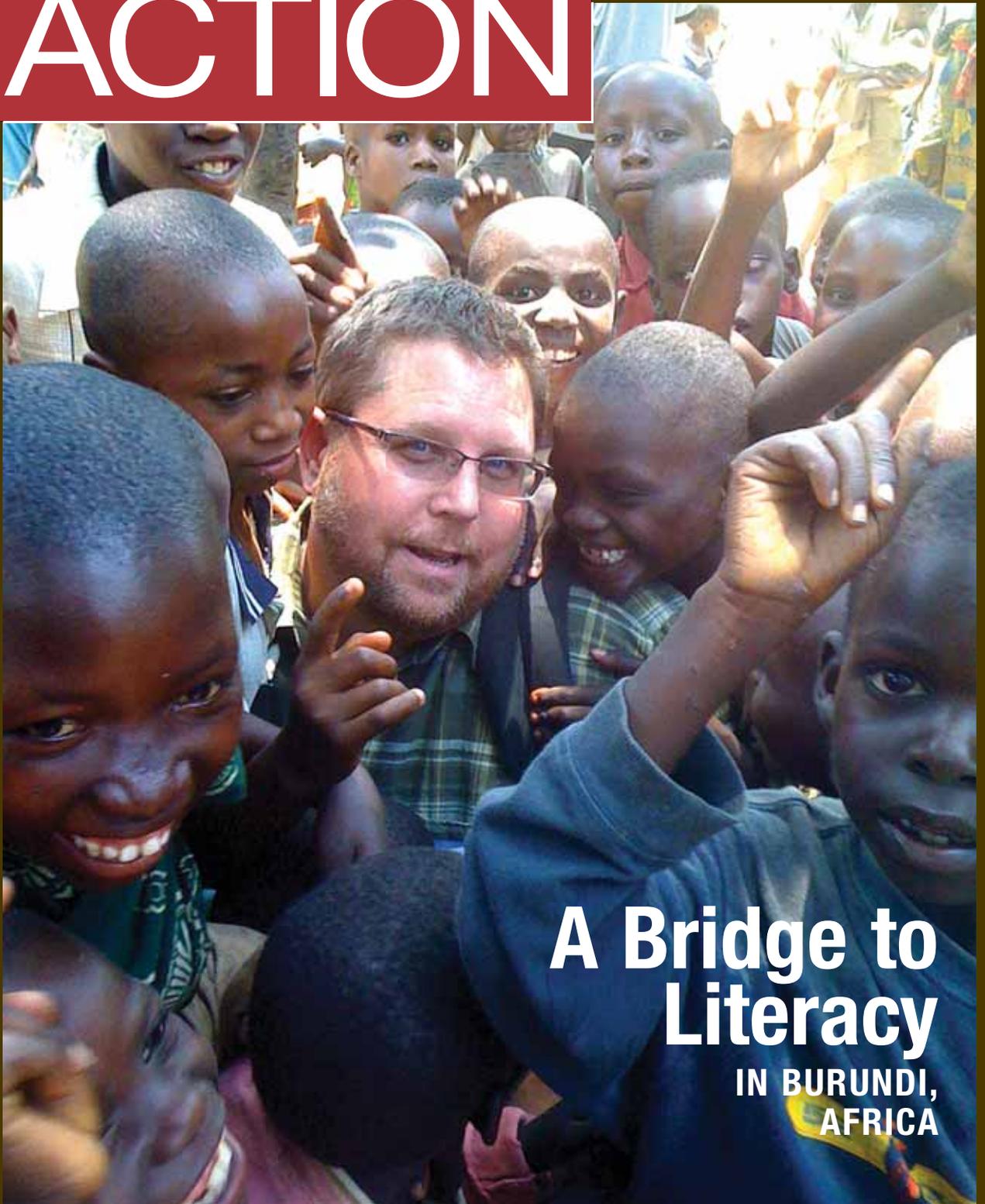


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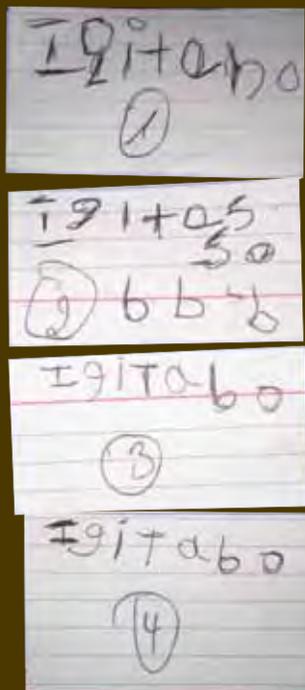
# ACTION



## **A Bridge to Literacy**

**IN BURUNDI,  
AFRICA**

Connie Schwein, Beverly Warner, and John Young went to Africa on a short term mission trip arranged through MFM to train Village Church Planters (VCP) as literacy tutor trainers for a two year pilot project in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Trained pastors now coordinate or lead VCP training centers that will in turn train tutors in 120 villages to teach out-of-school youth and adults to read, write, and do simple arithmetic.



The word "book" written by the woman in Burundi.

## Training Pastors in Burundi A Bridge to Literacy

By Connie Schwein

**"Sister Connie, it works!** A woman who had never had a chance to read or write just read the word, 'Igitabo – book!' Then she wrote this word – 'book!' It works, Sister Connie! Do you understand, this is the answer for the people in the village churches who want to learn to read!"

Pastor Hermann Mutuzi then showed me slips of paper that were the first writing in the life of a young mother in Burundi. She had knelt on the dirt floor of her village church to use the bench she had been sitting on as her desk. She painstakingly copied a word from her first Bridge to Reading story. After three tries, her printing was clear as she jubilantly read, "Igitabo."

We were in Burundi, Africa, in September. I was working with 15 Village Church Planting (VCP) coordinators who were learning the *Bridge to Reading* literacy model. Our goal was to train trainers to equip tutors for 120 village churches in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The good

news that morning was, "It works! The people are learning to read and write!"

OMS has begun a two year pilot to equip VCP leaders as literacy trainers using a training model from Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey and training materials donated by One Hope. We're teaming with the local Literacy and Evangelism International missionary to provide 1,000 tutors with skills to teach villagers to read. They will also teach writing and math to parents and teens that have no chance of attending school.

How did God put all this together in a church so far off the road that we had to have a guide direct us to the end of a dusty trail? How did He link a literacy trainer and her pastor from New Jersey and a prayer warrior from Ohio with VCP workers in the DRC and Burundi? A few years ago Theo Burakeye, who was the Great Lakes supervisor for

Prayer warrior Beverly Warner with children.



VCP Trainer Celestin tutoring in his own church in Burundi.

the VCP, told my brother, Dean Davis, about giving a Bible to a woman who said, "Thank you for the Bible. I wish I could read it." In many African villages the literacy rate hovers around 20 percent. Bibles were gratefully received, but, for many adults, it was as if each Bible was fitted with a padlock. Parents had no hope of ever learning to read the Word.

As a teenager in Lexington, KY, I had told the Lord that I would do anything for Him but please "don't send me to Africa." In 1979, while staying home with our young children and going to graduate school, I asked the Lord for more direction in my life. I was strongly impressed to prepare to teach people who wanted to read the Bible. Since that time, I've continued as a reading specialist, tutoring dozens of adults and training tutors and trainers with ProLiteracy.

After Dean's conversation with Theo, he asked me if I'd consider training trainers in Africa. I had to laugh since that was the only continent I had ruled out to God! I'd waited all my life to be in a position to focus on teaching people to read the Bible, so was quick to say yes.

Do you know of people who have been literacy volunteers who might like to teach trainers in Africa? Our Father is putting together an awesome plan to open His Word to any who want to read it. The first step is to practice tutoring in your hometown. If you're ready for the next step, please contact me for more details at cdschwein@aol.com. We want to prepare twelve teams, which will each include two trainers to commit to go to Africa on a short term mission. We'll be preparing experienced VCP trainers to teach tutors who will teach people to read, write, and do math in their own churches. You too will be able to hear a pastor cry out, "It's working! She's learning to read!"

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By Sasha Tsutserov

**My parents were members of the Communist Party.** They never spoke of God or the Bible. However, when I was five years old, my grandmother insisted that I be baptized in the Orthodox Church. This was all done in secret — miles outside of Moscow, inside a dimly lit sanctuary. Although I was young, the Holy Spirit touched a hidden yearning in my heart for spiritual reality.

Russia had lost virtually all traces of Christianity during 70 years of Communist captivity. Her legacy to me was one of atheism. I became a member of the Communist Party and secured a position in the KGB. I had a beautiful wife, Natasha, a precious daughter, Julia, good friends, a bright future, and all that I dreamed of as a young man.

Julia befriended an American girl whose father was a missionary in Moscow. Soon after, Natasha was engaged as their private Russian language tutor. As the head of my home and a KGB agent, I felt obligated to investigate these foreigners who had made such an impact on my family. I was awestruck by the humanitarian aid distributed by their church. And I was irresistibly drawn to their joy for life, for each other, and for the Lord. Step by step, I began to realize their generosity and joy stemmed from their love for God. At first, I gave God a 50/50 chance: since no one could prove God's existence, then no one could deny Him either. I stepped away from my aggressively atheistic realm. Then, while praying at one of the church retreats, I had a vision. I saw God standing on the top of a mountain. I felt I was a jar of clay. God was pouring down pure gold of the Holy Spirit right inside of the jar — me. From that moment on, I needed no evidence for God's existence, for I knew God in Jesus Christ. I came back home that



Testimony of Sasha Tsutserov

# From KGB Agent to God's Ambassador



Sasha Tsutserov

day. My wife Natasha met me in the door and said, "What's wrong with you?" I said, "What's wrong with me, honey?" She said, "You are smiling!" You see, I had never smiled before. But that day Jesus made me smile. Now, my smile gave me away. I did not know any better than to admit that I became a Christian. She, in turn, confessed to me that she had become a Christian even earlier than I did only she was scared to death to talk about it with her husband, a KGB agent! In July 1993, I was baptized and openly proclaimed my faith in Jesus Christ.

I soon realized I could not keep both my faith and my job, so I quit working for the KGB. We — as a part of a team of ten converts — planted a church in Moscow. And I also knew God had called me to ministry in education. But there was no school in Russia offering a degree in Biblical studies because the Communists had prohibited theological training. Therefore, I had to study abroad. In 1997, I graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky with a Master of Divinity degree. In 2004, I earned a Ph.D. in New Testament at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. While studying, I also worked at the Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary by consecutively taking each and every position the school had — from a secretary to the provost.

Nowadays, I am a full-time minister - director and professor of the Moscow Seminary. We are raising a whole new generation of Christian leaders, so from scratch. Under Communism, more than 200,000 Christian leaders were martyred and nearly 40,000 church-owned buildings were destroyed. I now have realized a new dream. Not the dream I sought as a young man; that dream did not include God. But the dream of you and me together training men and women to evangelize the lost and plant churches across Russia and the former Soviet Union is becoming a reality!

We need your help to see the dream fulfilled.

**Sasha Tsutserov, Ph.D.**

Professor of the Holy Scripture  
Director of the Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary

Sasha and Natasha Tsutserov.

# The Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary

**The Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary (MECS)** was founded in 1993, and on April 28, 1994, was registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia. After many years of work, the Ministry of Education of Russia has issued the Moscow Seminary a federal license to train Christian ministers and religious personnel for the church! It's hard to express the true meaning of this event in words—it is breathtaking.

I was born and raised in the Soviet Union. In those years, if somebody would have told me — a KGB agent and a Communist Party member atheist — that I would have been training Christian ministers at a State licensed Seminary, I would have died laughing. And look who's laughing now. This federal license allows us to finally legalize all the programs the Seminary has been previously conducting "under cover". Although I personally know the minister of education and regularly play golf with him, I have not asked him for a favor (even though I was often tempted). Now, if the Iron Curtain comes back I probably will

With the license in hand, the Seminary went ahead full speed and launched several specialized programs, among them: Director of Christian Camp, Director of Rehabilitation (Alcohol/Drugs) Center, and School of Preaching (for pastors), and Bible School (for laity).

Alcohol and drug abuse has become a national disaster in Russia. The official statistics recognize that an average Russian (including infants) consumes an equivalent of 36 pints of whiskey a year. This is without fac-



Caps in the air at Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary's graduation, class of 2010.

toring in the consumption of homemade products like moon-shine. Vodka costs less than soda and is readily available to minors. Almost half of all deaths in working age men (15—54) in a typical Russian city may be accounted for by hazardous drinking. And, as Russia is situated at the crossroads of the drug traffic (going east-to-west and south-to-north) then Russia naturally gets the major bulk of drugs as well. According to the UN, in the World Cup of drug consumption, Russia takes the bronze medal, after Iran and Afghanistan, with at least 2,500,000 drug users and 30,000 drug-related deaths a year. The effects on family life and society are staggering. To meet the challenge, the Seminary has launched the Director of Rehabilitation (Alcohol/Drugs) Center program.

Outreach to youth repays a hundredfold in souls being saved. Some say that 80% of converts accept Christ while teenagers. Others estimate that more children accept Christ in one trip to a Christian Camp than in one year of attending Sunday school. In addition to the fruitful Youth Ministry program, this year the Seminary intends to accept nine to twenty-four Christian Camp directors. Our intentions are eventually to train all 151 of them.

Preaching produces conversion, as it is written, "How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14

Our newly established School of Preaching and Bible School should accomplish these goal of converts being able to defend their faith and live godly lives.

Accomplishing the tasks described above takes team work. We are excited to be on the same—Jesus' team—with you! Please, pray for us and support training ministers at the Moscow Seminary. For proper receipting, you can designate donations to Moscow Seminary Project #301710.

**Graduates of Asbury Theological Seminary ministering at 2010 Moscow Seminary graduation: From left, Dr. J.B. Crouse, Dr. Andrey Blinkov, Mr. Sergey Koryakin, and Dr. Alexander (Sasha) Tsutserov.**

# The Great Physician in Haiti

By Cindy Lenker

**The last words you want to hear** from your pastor on an early Saturday morning when your husband is on a mission trip in Haiti is, "Cindy, there's been an accident...Bud's all right, but they're waiting for the U.N. ambulance to arrive."

We had been to Haiti several times as well as served two months as the One Mission Society (OMS) compound host and hostess during four major hurricanes. I was confident of two things: Everyone would do everything they could to get Bud the care he needed, and secondly, it must be bad or they wouldn't have called the U.N.

It wasn't until days later in a hotel room in West Palm, Florida with our good friend and team leader, Darin Jacobsen, that we pieced together the story. We were awed and amazed as miracle after miracle unfolded.

On Saturday, January 17, 2009, team members and visitors piled in the back of the transport truck and headed for a day of rest and relaxation at Cormier Beach. About one-half mile from the beach, the familiar "Branch!" warning sounded and Bud obediently ducked. In rapid succession, the front rider lost his balance; crashed into two other passengers; and sent them to the bed of the truck. As they fell, Bud (who was still ducking), was launched between the tailgate and safety bar out the back of the truck.

Bud said he remembers flying off the back of the truck, hitting the ground, and seeing the truck drive away. He tried to stand, but collapsed. Darin, an emergency rescue volunteer and Ruth Babcock, a registered nurse from Canada, jumped off the truck to care for Bud's injuries. A Haitian man on a motorcycle stopped and offered to go to the beach to get help.



Bud on the ground after accident.



U.N. personnel offer assistance for Bud.

The resort owner spoke to a hotel guest who was in charge of communication for the U.N. throughout the entire country of Haiti. Two phone calls were made and within a few minutes approval was given for the Chilean U.N. to send a trauma ambulance.

The U.N. people were a blessing. Not only did they provide assistance, but when offered payment, they declined saying that next time they might need OMS. After they sutured the gash in Bud's head, they transported him back to the OMS compound.

Dick Snook from Missionary Flights International, and their staff was in Haiti for a retreat. Therefore, their plane was on the tarmac in Cap Haitien and Bud was transported to Florida the following day.

I arrived in West Palm Beach just before Bud's flight landed. He was diagnosed with two fractured vertebrae and a separated shoulder. After shoulder surgery, therapy, and several weeks of recovery, Bud said that he felt better than he has in years!

In January 2010, we led a work team from our church back to Haiti. One year later, we wanted to thank everyone who had helped get Bud safely home and especially for everyone's prayers! The day after Bud's fall, when they were preparing to transport him from the OMS compound to the airport, more than 40 of our Haitian brothers and sisters came to his window to pray for him. It was phenomenal to greet many of them and hear their cries of "Merci Jesus, merci Jesus!"

The day we arrived on this trip was January 12, 2010 – the day of the earthquake! We were greeted by Julian, who we had met on a previous trip and who was on the truck the day Bud fell.

Julian's greetings poignantly reminded me again of God's great mercy and faithfulness to us when he said,

"That's the closest I've ever come to seeing someone die before my eyes."

Bud gave his testimony in church shortly after he returned, "There is no amount of money, power, or resources of man that could have put everything into place perfectly to provide what I needed. It was totally and completely by the hand of God and by His grace that all the details fell into place."

Of course, since being in Haiti during hurricanes, personal injury, and a devastating earthquake, we are continually asked if we will continue to return to Haiti and Bud is always quick to reply, "We have to go back, our hearts are in Haiti."



U.N. prepares Bud for transport.

## HAITI UPDATE

**With your ongoing prayers** and financial support, One Mission Society continues to minister to the people of Haiti as they recover from the devastating earthquake, and recent outbreak of cholera, in addition to ongoing ministries. As medical staff provides life-saving treatment for cholera patients at Bethesda Medical Center, Radio 4VEH presenters are broadcasting vital health information to teach people across the country how to easily prevent the infection and get help when needed. Find out how you can be part of exciting new OMS and MFM Haiti initiatives; Homes for Haiti (see page 10), and Solar Radios (see page 15).

**You can give online or you can mail your check to: One Mission Society, P.O. Box A, Greenwood, IN 46142. Please mark your gift for project #407860 (Homes) or #407870 (Radios).**

Letter from Louis Destine in Haiti

## Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord!** To God be the glory, great things He has done.

This is another wonderful miracle performed by our wonderful God for our family. Dr. Vince Petno was obedient to God by coming to Haiti with Dave Shaferly to work on a construction project for people who were affected by the earthquake and to repair generators to keep Radio 4VEH on the air. It was at this same time that my daughter, Elizabeth, was diagnosed with a low frequency heart beat. It was critical that a pacemaker be installed to bring her heart beat to normal frequency. Elizabeth was one month pregnant and lost the baby, and Dr. Vince thought that might have been the cause.

I feel Dr. Petno was in Haiti at this time for this very reason. I contacted him while he was in Haiti because he is a close friend, cardiologist, missionary, and man of God. I asked him to examine Elizabeth and see if he would confirm the diagnosis done by the cardiologists in the Dominican Republic. After seeing the electrocardiogram (EKG) and examining her, Dr. Vince saw the urgency in getting Elizabeth to a good hospital in the United States as soon as possible as he considered her situation very dangerous.

We did not know what to do because we did not have the finances for this or know where to find the right place to have it done. We began praying and the Lord used His servant, Dr. Petno, to find all kinds of contacts to make it happen. We started working to get Elizabeth to a good place where the surgery could be performed to install the pacemaker.

Dr. Vince worked his way through the American Consulate and his contacts in the United States with his colleague doctors at the Ohio State University Hospital and other places in conjunction with One Mission Society to make it happen. We flew out of Haiti on September 4 on American Airlines under the careful care of Dr. Petno. The Lord gave us a wonderful trip. On September 7, the surgery was performed by one of the best specialists in heart surgery, Dr. Charles Love, a Christian doctor and man of God. Elizabeth is now recuperating from the surgery, to God be the Glory.

We had a number of people praying in many different places and prayer centers. We do not have the words to adequately thank everyone who has been in prayer for us. Men for Missions (MFM) worked hard to make flight arrangements; friends of Dr. Petno worked together with him in terms of making contacts; and Dr. Petno was guided by our wonderful Lord because so many of you have been praying for us. Valeene Hayes woke up so many other people by sending them e-mails asking for intercession. Louisa, my dear wife and Elizabeth's mother, made so many phone calls to friends and relatives, asking for prayers. Praying made it happen.

We cannot take it for granted. All the glory is for our wonderful Lord for doing things beyond our expectations. This is a testimony of what the Lord has done for our family, and He is showing that He is Lord. Praise His holy name!



Dr Vince Petno examining patient during one of his many visits to Haiti.

# Mountain-top Experience

By Lucas Pulley

The conversation happened on a Saturday night at about 1:00 a.m. in early January. One of my best friends, Casey, and I had just returned from a week long mission trip to Mexico to build some houses, and we were reminiscing. Casey mentioned that he would like to go somewhere and serve the Lord for the whole summer to get a better taste of real missions work. I completely agreed, and we made a pact that night to serve God somewhere, for a few weeks during the summer.

The Lord directed us to Camp Pallatanga, an OMS owned Christian camp ground in the mountains near Guayaquil, Ecuador. We are both blessed by incredibly generous supporters, and after four months of fundraising, God provided for all our trip expenses. The camp ground is currently operated by Kim and Guido Orellana along with their two daughters, Isabel and Elana (cutest girls on the planet).

The first day, we helped paint a church on the way to the camp, and then the rest of the work was done at the camp. We stabilized all the bunk beds in the dorms; tore down rotted and dangerous playground equipment; dismantled the wood and saved anything salvageable; built two new swing sets; designed and constructed a huge teeter totter; repainted the mower, basketball hoops, soccer goals, and volleyball poles. One of my favorite memories was the midnight mission to seek and destroy four different bee hives using a sprayer with gasoline and a steel pole. We also helped Maurice, our Canadian friend weld 40-feet of steel stairs up the zip line to fix the tractor, etc. On the side, we did a lot of basic maintenance including yard work, cleaning, installed soap dispensers, and other small jobs. The Lord was with us day after day. There is no possible way on earth that either of us could have woke up each morning with the strength and proper mindset without



Casey Heimer and Lucas Pulley at Camp Pallatanga.



Casey poses with new playground equipment.

the help of Jesus Christ. I continue to thank God for his faithfulness to effectively accomplish what we were designed to do for his glory on this trip.

Casey and I expected to spend three weeks working and serving in anyway we could. We didn't expect what God had in store for our personal spiritual growth and what we learned. The last full day at the camp, we had the opportunity to climb a mountain. Once we reached the peak the Lord overwhelmed us with the beauty of his creation and left us in awe. It reminded me to never take for granted how big our God is and how majestic is his creation.

We also had a couple opportunities to go to the local church in Pallatanga to worship and pray with the people. I had the opportunity to give a sermon on grace during the week, and later that weekend several of the men of the church came out to the camp for a game of soccer. I truly believe it was divinely appointed for Casey and me to meet and build a relationship with Guido and Maurice, two incredible men of faith. We will never forget all the late night talks around the fire, sharing testimonies, sharing wisdom, letting God move through our fellowship and teach us. Nor will we ever forget playing with the kids, especially all the fun times with the Orellana girls. Therefore,

whether it was taking in wisdom from a 50-plus year old man or being encouraged by six and nine year old girls, we both learned that the Lord can teach his servants through unlikely sources.

In the beginning, we anticipated bringing love, encouragement, and wisdom to the people of the camp. However, in the end we were the ones who were loved, encouraged, and given wisdom that made us better men of God. God truly did a work in our lives. We had hopes of blessing others, and God turned the tables and blessed us instead.

# The Gift of Gymnastics

By Rachel Neville

God works in amazing ways. He gives each one of us gifts and in turn uses those gifts to fill the desires of His children's hearts. Growing up, I would not have guessed that God gave me the gift and ability to train ten years in gymnastics to serve him in Ecuador in April 2010.

I was a little anxious about what to expect on my first mission trip. I do not have any construction background, and I was going on an MFM work team to do general maintenance. I met Greg and Maurice for the first time the day we stepped onto the plane. Through out the trip, we bonded and created friendships, which I'm positive, will last a life time. By sharing our stories and experiences, God also brought us closer to Him.

Prior to the trip, I received an email from Kim Orellana that changed me and changed my purpose on this mission trip to Camp Pallatanga in Ecuador. This is what it said.

*"As missionaries with One Mission Society, our family is assigned to work in a very rural area in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador. There are many great benefits to being missionaries, like seeing the world and meeting with God in new faces. In truth, there are more benefits than one could ever imagine. But as with any coin, there are always two sides. Sometimes there are things that we give up or sacrifice in order to be where we are and to do what we do. We live over two and half hours from a major city. We live where there is not adequate schooling for our children, so we home school. There are no "extra curricular" activities for our children to be involved in; it is just mom to keep them busy! Last year during a two week vacation in the city, our oldest daughter Isabel fell in love with gymnastics. We were able to put her in a class during our time there and she not only loved it, she was really pretty good at it! Since that time, Isabel's love for gymnastics has grown by "leaps and bounds" but her instruction in the sport is limited by only what mom and dad can offer. I have looked into a program for her in the nearest city and actually considered driving her the 2.5 hours twice a week so that she could be involved. But for obvious reasons, that won't really happen. I never considered praying about the situation, after all Isabel is just 6 years old and it is only gymnastics. There are greater things to pray about. Still, a mom's heart always yearns for even the smallest things for her kids. But today as I opened my email, I read through tears of joy about a young lady who wants to come to the field for a short term mission's trip. As God would have it, this young lady is on her city gymnastic team and is looking for how she can serve! What a loving God we serve! We "know" that God loves us so much that He sent His son to die for us on the cross. Yet, something about the fact that He loves us so much that he would also send us a gymnastics partner for our 6 year old just drives the message home. And to think, I did not have to pray for it, He already knew!"*



Rachel with aspiring gymnasts at Pallatanga gymnasium.

It has been about ten years since I practiced gymnastics, although I help cheerleaders. To do this I refreshed my memory on beginner gymnastics. The first evening at the camp, Isabela, Elana, and I headed to the gymnasium where we pulled out some old mats and started our lessons. By the third day Isabel had mastered jumping jacks. We worked on handstands and back bridges; we even progressed to back and front handsprings. We had great conversations, played games, and did gymnastics almost every night for two weeks straight. I fell in love with those girls, and they were so excited that we could spend some time together working on gymnastics. By the end of the trip, Isabel had improved so much—she is very good! On our last day in Ecuador, I gave Isabela one of my gymnastic outfits and ask her to practice with her mom and dad, and when I come back she can show me what she has accomplished in her outfit. She agreed and the look on her face said it all.

I was the same age as Isabel when my parents introduced me to gymnastics. It grew into a passion of mine, and I could see how much Isabel loved it, too. She threw her body around, got back up, and tried over and over again. I plan to return to Ecuador for five months, and by then, maybe I'll brush up on some other things we can practice together. God blessed me with the gift of gymnastics, and through Him, I was able to pass on what I could remember to a little girl whose passion is growing.

That trip changed me in many ways, brought me closer to those little girls, closer to friends who are now like family and closer to God. I am so fortunate to have been able to experience what I did and so happy that I was able to make those little girls smile. I thank God for putting it into my heart to go on a mission at just the right time, and I thank the Orellana's for making that mission trip everything it could be. I can't wait to go back!

# Homes for Haiti

ONE MISSION SOCIETY has been ministering in Haiti for more than 50 years, so when the earthquake hit in January 2010, we immediately thought of ways to help.

Right after the earthquake, OMS sent relief supplies and medical teams to help meet the immediate needs of the Haitian people.

As time progressed, OMS started looking for ways to contribute to long-term needs as Haitians rebuild their country.

Some estimate that there may be as many as 2 million Haitians who are still homeless. OMS wants to help by partnering with national churches in Haiti in the OMS Homes for Haiti project to provide durable, quality homes for Haitian families.

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Your church can put together a team of 4-6 people who will work alongside Haitian workers.

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Construction experience is preferred but not required. Part of this ministry is training the Haitian workers in quality construction.

Trip cost is \$900/person from Miami. The trip is eight days, and housing is provided.

For more information, contact Bill Evans:  
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## 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).

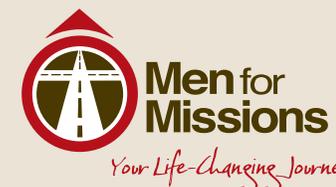
MFMs help missionaries by releasing their personal skills and abilities in a variety of practical, direct ways. Included are work and medical teams, teams which help with local evangelism, teams that go to pray and distribute literature, and other opportunities for those who are prepared to teach. Teams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

## About ACTION Magazine

MFM's *ACTION* magazine mailing list and readership continue to grow. We've been successful in keeping this unique missions-focused men's publication coming to you without a required subscription fee because you've consistently helped in its production and mailing. Please designate gifts for *ACTION* to proj. #444520 and send to office in your country (page 3).

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



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MFM Homes for Haiti work team (see page 10).

## 2011 World Ministry Teams

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01/18	Haiti (Work)	Fort Pierce	1500
02/03	Haiti (Work)	Pittsburgh	1650
02/05	Haiti (Prayer/Evang)	Indy	1750
02/12	Haiti (Prayer/Evang)	Indy	1750
02/19	Haiti (Prayer/Evang)	Indy	1750
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03/11	Colombia (Evang-Soccer)	Indy	1550
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04/02	Thailand (Praye-ECC)	Indy	2350
04/05	Ecuador (Dynamic Women)	Indy	1450
04/08	Japan (Work)	Detroit	1250
04/09	South East Asia (Prayer)	Indy	2350
04/22	Japan (Work)	Detroit	1250
05/01	Ecuador (Camp)	Miami	1550
05/05	Korea (Dynamic Women)	Indy	t/b/a
05/13	Israel (Work/Prayer)	JFK	t/b/a
05/17	Ecuador (Abstinence)	Indy	1750
06/05	Bulgaria (Prayer)	Indy	2100
06/14	Israel (Prayer)	JFK	2550
07/05	Hungary (English Camp)	JFK	2850
07/09	Ukraine (English Camp)	Denver	2250
07/16	Russia (Work)	JFK	2650
07/24	Ireland (Prayer)	JFK	2150
07/30	Ukraine (English Camp)	Denver	2250
08/01	Haiti (Work/Evang)	NJ	1400
08/04	Colombia (35 Yr Celeb)	Rochester	1500
08/05	Ecuador (Work)	Lebanon, PA	1650
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# Out of My Comfort Zone *in Trinidad*

By Kelly Haigh

**“No thanks. Maybe I will go next year.”** This was my usual response in years past when asked if I would like to go on a mission trip. Truthfully, I really had no intention to go next year or the year after. You see, I was a “comfortable Christian” contented to “attend church” each Sunday morning, serve on a couple of committees, and just wanted to “get by.”

Why would I want to leave the comforts of the USA and travel to some country where I didn’t have the luxury of air conditioning and a hot shower each day? Besides, I had never once tried to witness to a non-believer because that would make me very uncomfortable. Carpentry skills...well, I could drive a nail with a hammer but that was about all. I asked myself, “What could I possibly do to help these people in a foreign country?”

This year, something changed. As usual, the mission team leader asked for team members to go on the annual mission trip. My wife,

**Construction team working on the Dump Road Church site.**



Melinda, and daughter, Katie, suggested that we all go this year. I told them I would think and pray about it. Well, I did think about it but don’t recall praying. Since I was just a “comfortable Christian” I wasn’t in the habit of praying very much. However, something was stirring inside of me that I really couldn’t explain. I felt this strong urge to take a leap of faith and go on this trip...so I said, “Okay.”

When I found out our mission trip destination was Trinidad, I thought, “Well, this could be interesting and perhaps fun.” The mission team from our church would join two other

groups from Indiana and Colorado. Once at our destination, we would combine forces and have two missions: One group would teach Bible School in the mornings at a local church then evangelize in the afternoons. The other group would perform construction work on a small church in the country. My initial plan was to join the construction crew group. It is fun to help with Bible School, but the thought of evangelizing really did not appeal to me as it would put me way out of my comfort zone.

**Ryan Reisner, youngest member of the team, helping with the VBS program.**



**Kelly, author of the article, was a vital part of the VBS program.**

**“When the time neared for our group to depart for our destination, I kept getting this feeling that I had forgotten something very important. Then it dawned on me...I had not been praying to God that He would give me the courage and strength to let Him use me in any way he wanted. I prayed several times about this and finally got an answer: I would step out of my comfort zone and join the Bible School group and try my hand at evangelizing.”**

The trip to Trinidad was uneventful. We arrived at our motel on Saturday night and had a good night’s rest. Sunday morning a bus took us to the Saint James Wesleyan Holiness Church for worship service. It was a small, open-air cinder block building. As we entered the church, we were warmly greeted by the people. They gave us front row seats...and then it began...WHAM!! These people knew how to worship! The temperature was hot, the emotions were high, and I sat on the front of my seat for two hours experiencing worship like I have never seen before.

The week was full of surprises. I discovered that evangelism was eas-

ier than I thought it would be and was not too uncomfortable. God gave me the strength to give my testimony to our group...and it was not too uncomfortable.

In the end, I found out that it was not about “What I could do for the people of Trinidad” but rather “What the people of Trinidad did for me!” With their help, I discovered that I had been sitting in a church pew for twenty years hearing about the good things that God has done for me but was missing the most important part...a personal relationship with Him.

## MOZAMBIQUE

### Walking with Cemetery

By Dave & Ann Dedrick

**One of the things we enjoy the most** in Mozambique is traveling the country encouraging our church leaders and seeing firsthand what God is doing in the unreached areas of this country we love. On one of those trips, we arrived in a church near the town of Mocuba. We had visited this church many times in the past but this particular service included testimonies of some of the church planters being trained by Pastor Antonio, who is training church planter/pastors. As we sat in the packed church, we worshipped the Lord in song and were introduced.

This particular service was a time of testimony by the leaders of the church pastor/planters as one after the other came to the front of the church to testify to what God had done in their lives.

I was reduced to tears when two men professed their rolls in terrible atrocities during the civil war several decades ago. They confessed before the church and praised God for the change in their lives and how they had been transformed, released from the sorrow and regret of their past. They were enthusiastic in their faith and the community testified to the change in their lives. The community had noticed and desired to have what these men had experienced.

And then, there was a different kind of silence as an older man approached the front of the church to give his testimony. He was much older than the expected life-span of 40, but with a sparkle in his eye and joy in his step. As the sun sent beams of light through the door and the dust, children gathered at a safe distance to hear what this man had to say. Everyone knew this man for he was a witch doctor known as ‘Cemetery’ because he was thought to be responsible for sending many people there!

Pastor Antonio, one of our Village Church Planting (VCP) Trainers, had taken some of his students to this man’s house



**Pastor Antonio, left, translating for Cemetery. Photo by Ann Dedrick.**

and presented the Gospel. God had gone ahead of Antonio and Cemetery readily accepted Christ and immediately wanted to burn all of his witch-craft related materials. Antonio was cautious and taught him more about what it meant to be a Christian, promising to return in a week. A week later, Antonio returned to find Cemetery had burned his witch-craft related materials and was teaching a group of people in his home what Antonio had taught to him! Through the VCP program, Cemetery began to receive regular training and discipleship. Soon, his son, who had actually fled to a far city out of fear of his dad, heard about the tremendous change in his father’s life and returned to see what had happened.

And as only God can do, Cemetery (now Barnabe) led his son to the Lord and today, they are working together spreading the Gospel and planting churches in rural Mozambique. This is the power of God, doing a work in which only He can receive the Glory. This is the same God at work where you live and work.

What about your life? Have you asked God what He would have you do? God is in the transformation business!

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...”* Romans 12:2

# Mission Church Gets a Home

## in Carrickmacross, Ireland

By Jim Grosser

Seventeen years ago a small mission church was born from a home Bible study in the border town of Carrickmacross in the Republic of Ireland. As in the rest of Ireland, deeply-rooted religious traditions in Carrickmacross for some time have given way to more material pursuits and to a thoroughly secular outlook. The social and spiritual fallout of these trends have dis-oriented many – and particularly devastated young people, who are growing up without a sense of purpose or a framework of faith.

As the small group of believers in Carrickmacross grew, the new church met in a succession of rented facilities: an old monastery, a hotel basement, a school classroom, and a community band hall. In 2005, the fellowship was officially constituted as a Baptist Church, but the cost of Irish real estate made it impossible for the young church to ever own its own property.

However, against all odds, the congregation initiated an aggressive property search, began systematic and sacrificial giving to a new building fund. When the property market in Ireland collapsed two years ago, it became possible to seriously consider properties within the town centre.

Late last year, for a fraction of its previous selling price, the church purchased “Woodlands House,” a well-maintained structure on nearly an acre of prime land. It had excellent potential for conversion to a functional and attractive centre for worship, ministry, and outreach. Members of the church were eager to begin work on renovations as soon as the sale was finalised.

Renovations, however, turned out to be much more extensive and challenging than originally projected. But by God’s grace, Herbie Dunn and his Men for Missions volunteers in Northern Ireland were also waiting to spring into action. Within a matter of weeks, floors, ceilings, and interior solid block walls were demolished, and a new steel framework was erected. By early spring a brand new facility began to take shape!

Their expert help greatly speeded progress on the project and stretched the financial resources God wonderfully provided through the generosity of church members, sister churches, and Christian friends.

Woodlands Christian Centre, the new home of Carrickmacross Baptist Church, is not only a dream come true,



Steel arrives for renovation. MFM work team builds underground storage area. Inset photo of completed Woodlands Christian Centre.

**On numerous occasions throughout the renovation process, large groups of Men for Missions volunteers arrived from Northern Ireland, brimming with energy and enthusiasm.**

it is a modern-day miracle for which the young church praises God and thanks all those He has used to bring about this new day of spiritual opportunity.

The church offers many new possibilities for ministry to the people of Carrickmacross and the surrounding villages. Since the dedication of the church building in May, new people are visiting the church and several new ministries have begun.

It is a passion of the members of this fellowship to reach out in friendship and loving service to their neighbours, to bring people to Christ, and to make disciples of every nation represented in this multi-national community. When we see all the amazing things that God has done to bring this place into being, it is exciting to imagine what He is about to do with it for His kingdom.

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We envision reaching one million new listeners through hand-held solar radios tuned to Radio 4VEH. Will you join us in this renewed effort to put solar radios into the hands of 160,000 Haitians and their families in Haiti?

### How You Can Help:

**Pray** that God would prepare the hearts of all who will receive a solar radio and use those who are broadcasting to reach people for Himself.

**Give.** A gift of \$60 will allow a face-to-face Gospel presentation and put a Radio 4VEH solar radio into the hands of a Haitian and their household. Your gift will also contribute to the immediate and longer term broadcasting of radio programs to reach, teach, and serve listeners every day. Please mark your gift for Radios for Haiti project # 407870.

**Go.** Join an evangelism and radio distribution team to work alongside Haitian brothers and sisters as they share the Gospel in communities across Haiti.

**Network.** Become a Radio Sponsorship Ambassador in your church or community by sharing this vision and inviting others to join.

**To learn more** about this new initiative: Visit [www.radios4haiti.org](http://www.radios4haiti.org) Or contact Kate Michel at [kmichel@onemissionsociety.org](mailto:kmichel@onemissionsociety.org), or call 347.575.5223.

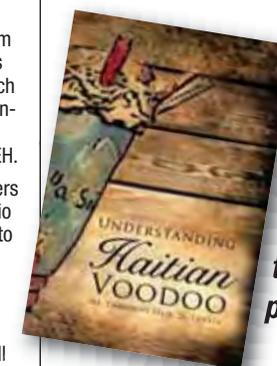
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With One Mission Kids, you can continue exploring what God is doing through One Mission Society. Our first destination is the land of castles and bull fighting. Can you guess where we are going?

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**Emmanuel Felix examines grip of Voodoo on the Haitian people**

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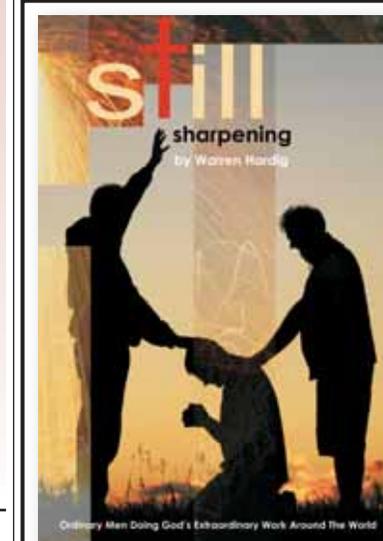
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**Speakers** will also include President David Long; past OMS presidents; Randy Spacht, executive director of International Ministries; Men for Missions team; Every Community for Christ team and former OMS missionary and musician, Frank Gorsline.

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# Report from MFM Council in Wales, UK

## Miles of Smiles for Missions

By Jeff Jones

The past few months have been an exciting time for the West Gwent council. The group ranges in age from 18 years to 86 years. They faithfully pray for missionaries, for special requests, and give thanks for the answered prayers. The men are eager to be a part of all the wonderful things that the Lord is doing throughout the world.

Two of the younger members of the MFM group, Chris Palmer, OMS Regional Representative and Clive Bevan decided they would like to do something special and send a gift to the children for the sports activities in Colombia, South America. They put together a 10-mile sponsored walk. The day started a little damp and cloudy. After walking about half way, they were greeted by family and friends. I had the privilege to pray with them as they continued on their way. They were sponsored by a number of local churches, and as a result, the Action group sent 780 pounds for the children's work in Colombia.

Early in May, Warren and Velma visited Wales, and the MFM group quickly decided to organize a meeting with people of several churches. A large number attended, and everyone was blessed as Velma spoke about the qualities of Esther and Warren told how MFM first started through Dwight Ferguson. Then he gave an up date on how MFM is used throughout the world.

Bill and Lillias Anderson were also with us, and Bill gave a challenge for the need of Bibles for Africa. The whole meeting was a challenge as we heard of God's blessing and the need for helpers throughout the world.

As well as some new enquiries about MFM, some of the local group have decided to take the challenge of Bibles for Africa as a project so that God's Word can be distributed to the African people. Money has already been donated for this cause and more promised. We are trusting God for great things in the future.



Clive Bevan and Chris Palmer at the half way point of their 10-mile walk.

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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 313,163 came to know Jesus as Savior through the efforts of OMS and its national churches.

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

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

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