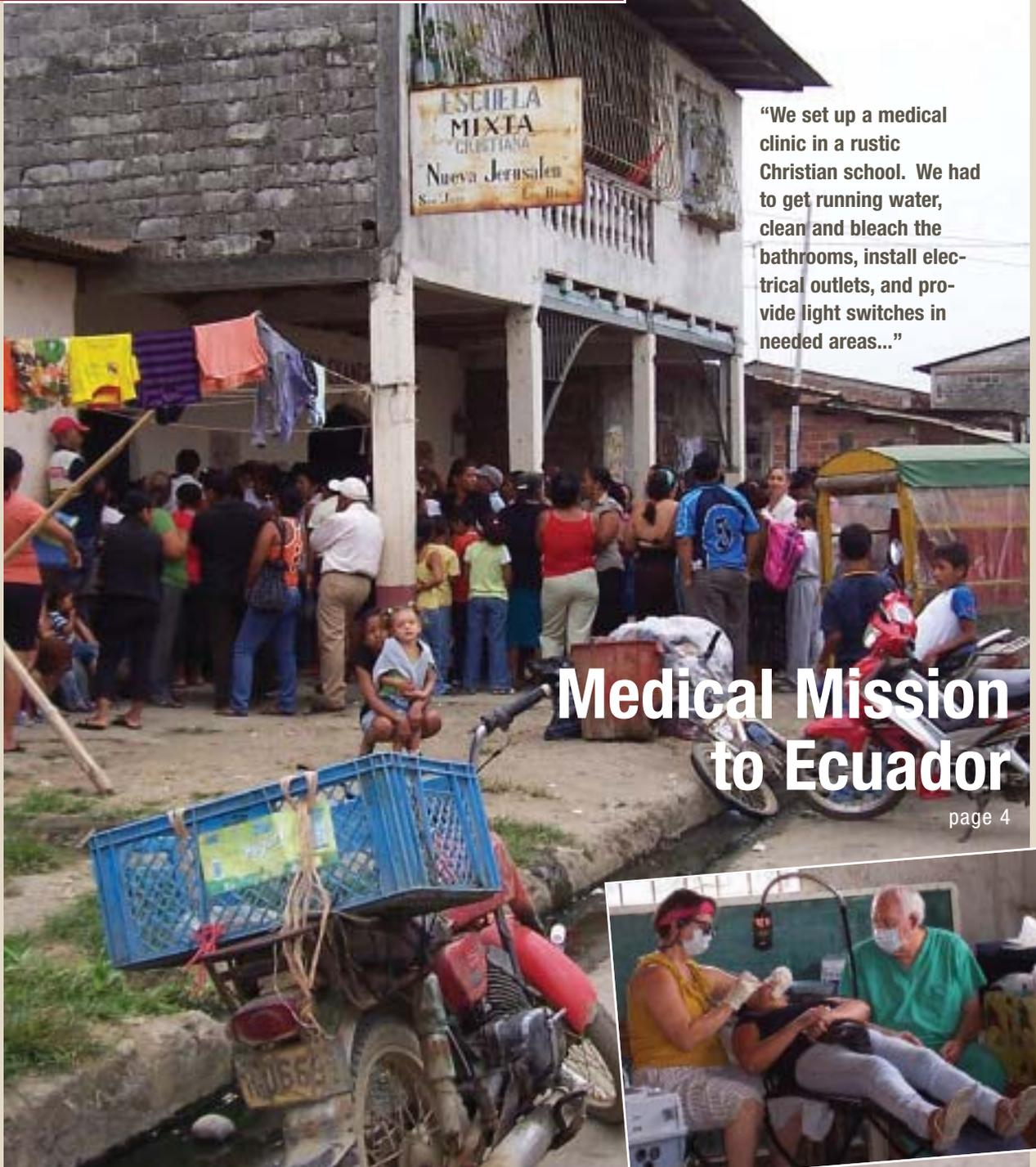


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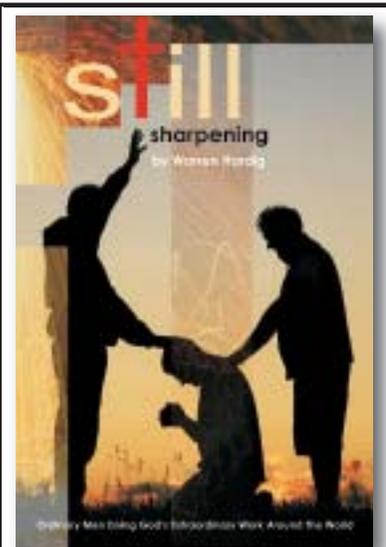
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An excerpt from a new book by Warren Hardig. It is my hope that the stories of the men in this book will inspire and encourage you as much as knowing them has done for me.

— John



# The Law of the Garbage Truck



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**By John H. McLaughlin**  
—CEO, New Way Trucks

The recession of the 1980s were difficult years for many farm families, including ours. Interest rates hit 20 percent, unemployment exceeded 10 percent, land prices fell through the floor, livestock and crop prices tanked, and the weather was terrible for anyone raising cattle and crops. Many banks were in trouble, and showed little or no mercy to their customers.

The manufacturing company I co-founded in 1971 had grown rapidly during that decade then suffered a devastating financial setback because farmers had no money to buy our equipment for handling and feeding livestock. We cut our employees from more than 100 to 14, the bank was ready to foreclose, and I could not cover my own paycheck. But through that adversity, God led us to New Way, a little company in Des Moines, Iowa, that manufactured garbage trucks. The owner had his back to the wall; the bank was after him, too. With no money — but a lot of faith for all of us — we acquired the company. The owner and his wife moved to our community and taught us how to build garbage trucks, and we shared our faith in God with him. This is what I call “a God thing.”

I started seeing garbage trucks everywhere: on my street, on the highway, on vacation, at the movies and on television. I got so I could spot a garbage truck a mile away — and I discovered “The Law of the Garbage Truck.” Let me share...

A taxi cab took off for Grand Central Station in New York City with a passenger, David J Pollay. It was traveling in the right lane when a black car suddenly jumped out of a parking space. The taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car's back end by just inches! The driver of the other car (who almost caused the accident) whipped his head around and started yelling words.

The taxi driver just smiled and waved. David said, “Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!” And the taxi driver told him of what I call “The Law of the Garbage Truck.” The driver essentially said:

*“Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, anger, disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it. And if you let them, they'll dump it on you. When someone wants to dump on you, don't take it personally. You just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. You'll be happy you did.”*

David's experience started me

thinking, How often do I let garbage trucks run over me? How often do I take their garbage and spread it to other people — at work, at home? I said, “I'm not going to do that anymore.”

Well, now I see garbage trucks. I see the loads they're carrying. And I see them coming to drop it off. But, like the taxi driver, I don't make it a personal thing; I just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on.

Several years ago a man and his wife brought a huge load of garbage into my office; it took them half an hour to dump it all. I just smiled and thanked them for the load of garbage, just as Jesus would do. Do you know what happened? They cleaned up all of the garbage they had dumped and left smiling. This situation has been repeated many times over the years. I've even had opportunities to pray with the garbage dumpers.

I've learned through adversity that love is stronger than hate. I don't bring garbage home and dump it. I bring hugs and kisses. Every time Warren Hardig calls me on the phone, he checks to make sure I'm giving my wife plenty of hugs.

The bottom line is this: Because of the love of Jesus, I do not let garbage trucks take over my day. I encourage you to do the same. With His strength let garbage trucks pass you by. Love the people who treat you right as well as the ones who don't. Believe that everything happens for a reason.

The next time someone dumps on you, just remember “The Law of the Garbage Truck.”

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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.



## CRISES UPDATE

### Japan

The OMS related churches in Japan are still standing with only a few with minimal damage. The OMS personnel are safe. Please pray for the calming of fears for the Japanese people as many have panicked and bought more food than they really need causing shortages. The emotional impact is great due to the vast number of people still missing, and the death toll is taking horrifying leaps as many bodies are found. Please designate donations to OMS Japan Relief Project #404180.

### Haiti

The clean up continues to be slow from the earthquake, by American standards. However, progress is being made and OMS and other agencies continue to bring much needed relief and help. Men for Missions has several people preparing to go on teams to build homes. There are still openings on these teams to build homes there. Please designate donations to OMS Homes for Haiti Project #407860. Also in Haiti, solar radios, fix-tuned to Radio 4VEH, are needed to minister to thousands who have lost most other possessions. Please designate donations for Haiti Radio Project #407870.

### New Zealand

All of our OMS personnel have survived the earthquake and the massive damage on the South Island. Please pray for various ministries at work there.

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# Medical Mission to Ecuador

By Douglas Wolfe

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, Your God reigns! Isaiah 52:7*

The last week of September 2010, the world news reported that Ecuador had been declared a state of emergency as hundreds of police and soldiers protested wage cuts and blocked roadways. The airports were shut down for several hours and tear gas was sprayed on President Rafael Correa.

We often read of or hear news regarding issues in Mexico, Colombia, or Venezuela, but not typically in Ecuador. Our medical team was scheduled to travel to Guayaquil, Ecuador, in just about a week. Therefore, this news prompted me to turn to God and His Word in an earnest effort to gain some insight into how this world news situation would possibly impact our team. I also met with Red Haskins, my friend and MFM mission mentor. His response was, "Doug, you can expect things like this to happen anytime you go forward to share the Good News of Christ to people in need." I thought to myself, "Okay, thanks Red for those uncomfortable, but comforting words." In essence, Red's spiritual advice was to expect great things from God in the services we would provide people in San Juan, Ecuador.

As days proceeded after this political event in Ecuador, the country reopened its airports to international travelers and the political situation seemingly stabilized. Our team readjusted as one person was unable to go and two other people amazingly filled the gap. One of the late-comers was a mother of two children

and a relatively new Christian. She stepped out in faith at the last minute to heed God's call in her life. Her fresh insight and love for our Lord and Savior was refreshing. The other was Ellen, a dentist and an invaluable gift to the people of San Juan and their care.

The medical team flew into Guayaquil on October 9, 2010, and the following day went to San Juan, a village of 10,000 people. Our team consisted of an RN, a paramedic, a nurse practitioner, a dentist, an American physician and his wife, two Ecuadorian national doctors, and six OMS missionaries.

We set up a medical clinic in a rustic Christian school. First we had to work on the plumbing to get running water to the bathrooms while we also cleaned and bleached them. We installed electrical outlets and provided light switches in needed areas. A triage/in-processing room was set up in the downstairs area. On the second level, an area was sub-divided to create four examining rooms. Another area was designated as the pharmacy and next to it a room for fitting eyeglasses. An adjacent room became the dental office and the hallway was the waiting room. A corner area was marked for spiritual counseling for the patients. During the evening we organized and packaged all medical and non-medical items brought in from the states in preparation of our opening day of the clinic.

Each day we arrived at the school/clinic and were greeted by hundreds of people waiting in line to be seen—children, young mothers with babies, families, and the elderly. Some traveled in the early hours of the morning to be seen. My job as a layman was to work in triage to take blood pressure, weight, temperatures, glucose, and urine tests including pregnancy tests. Angie, the paramedic, worked with me and basically

gave me on-the-job (trial-by-fire) training on how to use the instruments and do the various tests. Our other important job was to hand out gifts to the children and bookmarks and cards that had Spanish Gospel Scriptures on them. Kelly, an OMS missionary, wrote down the patients' complaints, we checked them, and sent them upstairs to the doctors to be seen. In some cases, we worked with the doctors to get the elderly and wheelchair patients seen in our area. Overall the team worked flawlessly despite the poor working conditions.

Statistically, we saw 822 people in 4-1/2 days. Most people were in relatively good health. Many had high blood pressure and diabetic problems. There was some obesity, probably caused by drinking too much Coca-Cola and eating sugar cane. Many children as well as adults had poor teeth due to poor dental hygiene and too much Coca-Cola. Many teeth were extracted or filled by Ellen, the dentist. Also the majority of people had parasites and dehydration that caused them to have fungal infections and stomach problems.

We ran out of the bigger toys for the children the first two days and the eyeglasses and tooth brushes were gone the third day. The fifth day we ran low on meds for hypertension, diabetes, treatment for amoebas and fungal infections. We all gained a better understanding of why the Lord sought solitude after doing miracles in His ministry on earth. After we had so much intense human intervention and contact, we thought we needed some alone time to physically, mentally, and spiritually regroup and reenergize. I agree with Amy Carmichael, missionary to India, "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

During the trip, I met Elly from Pennsylvania. Prior to turning her life over to Christ, she worked in the TV broadcasting business in Philadelphia. Back in 2002, she suffered severe head trauma with brain damage in a



Medical team to San Juan, Ecuador, from left: Darryl Chambers, Mike Shrode, Ellen Sheridan (dentist), Doug Wolfe, Laurie Benoit (RN), Kelly Chambers, Lila Peckham-Wichman (NP), Susan Stiles, Bonnie Shrode, Angie LaFrance (EMT), Tom Stiles.

bicycle accident. Despite the prognosis from her doctors that she would never walk again, breathe without aid, or speak, she defeated all the odds with prayer and self determination. Today she walks with the aid of a cane, breathes on her own, and is able to speak. Elly's mission to Ecuador was to interview for a teaching position for missionary children. After this conversation with Elly, I pondered the responsibility of Christians to have that inner self-drive and determination to get out of their comfort zones to do the will of the Lord, whether in America or in distant lands. I determined it comes down to a matter of our heart's condition verses our self-indulgence. We met with Elly during our last night in Guayaquil and heard the exciting news that Elly got the appointment and will be taking on this teaching position in the near future in Ecuador. God is good!

John Keith Falconer wrote, "I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land of darkness than in a land flooded with light."



Doug Wolfe registers patients before seeing doctor.



Old man and Dr. Hal Kime.



Evangelism by Church Planting worker.



Dr. Ellen Sheridan with dental patients.

# A Haitian Returns Home

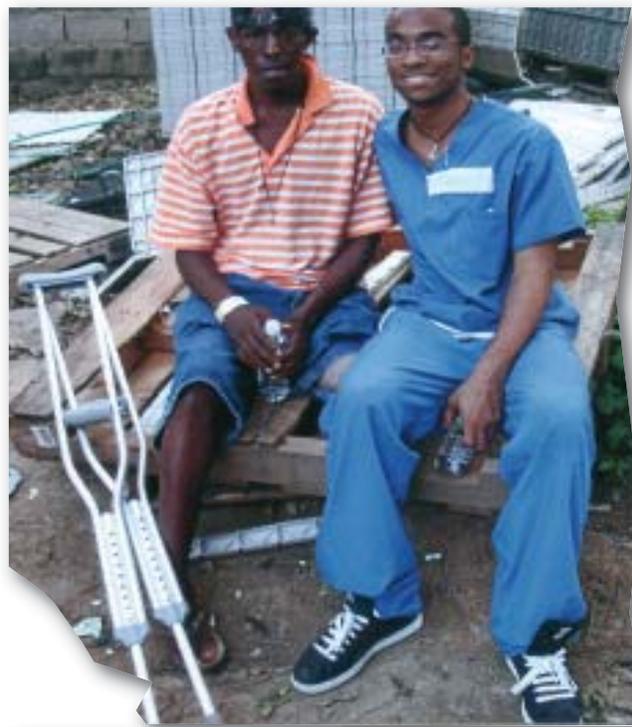
By Cedrick Alexis

On January 12, 2010, Haiti was struck with a massive earthquake that ravaged the capital Port au Prince. This news really struck me as my family is from Haiti. Our hearts were broken after we saw the devastation. I cried and prayed over the people in Haiti but felt that it wasn't enough. Ideas such as fundraising concerts or donations for the cause of Haiti were in my mind, but still I felt I had to be there. So I decided that I would help the relief in Haiti.

God led me to contact my missionary pastor so he could lead me to the right place. Through One Mission Society (OMS) and Men for Missions (MFM), I was given the opportunity to help as well as to visit my family in Haiti during my spring break. I am studying physical therapy at school. I arrived on March 12th, in Cap Haitian at the OMS Compound and was privileged to spend a week with a couple from Lake Erie, Pennsylvania, and three Canadian nurses from Edmonton. Right away, I started to work at Sacred Heart Hospital in Milot, which is about one hour away from Cap Haitian. This hospital housed many refugees from the quake because either the hospitals in Port au Prince were too full to occupy wounded victims or too damaged or destroyed. So I saw with my own two eyes the suffering of the people. Many Haitians had lost their arms, legs, fingers, etc., yet even in the midst of adversity, the love of Christ still remained in their hearts and they still clung to their faith.

Despite losing almost everything, they prayed and gave glory to Christ. I met many people who told of their heart rending stories. One lady related her story to Job in the Bible. She said, "Despite losing my family, my stuff, and my friends, I know it's true — the Lord gave and the Lord takes, but my heart will still truly say, 'Blessed be the name of the Lord.'" I went to a corner and started to cry. I did a lot of physical therapy on patients and all of them shared their stories. My last day at the hospital, I said my goodbyes to everyone. So many invited me to stay with them a while longer. That absolutely touched my heart, but I had to go be with my own family.

I traveled to Port au Prince to see the devastation and spend the last few days with them. The city is in ruins with buildings destroyed, including every government building and the White House. It is hard to believe, but much good has come from this tragedy. People are still living in tents and many churches are either damaged or destroyed, but what stood tall was the cross. I can't tell you how my life changed after visiting my home country. As I drove through the ravaged city, I noticed that on every single street corner there was a church service



Cedrick with patients after earthquake in Haiti.

going on. A slogan that I often heard was *Christ for Haiti—Haiti for Christ*. The last night I was with my family was precious because whatever happened to the country, I still felt I was at home.

When I made my decision to go to Haiti, I was convinced that I was going to help and change lives in Haiti, but in reality, it was the people of Haiti that changed my life for the greater good. My experience was a bittersweet experience, but never will I forget what Haiti gave to me.

# Christmas in Bogota

By Sara J. Jernigan

**What a Christmas experience!** Never, in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would experience the Christmas story in real life in Bogota, Colombia, on a work/vacation Bible school team last December.

First of all, it was great to get away from the commercialism of Christmas for two weeks. Rather than being pushed for deadlines to go to parties, buy presents, and get the kids to all the hustle and bustle, we instead brought a little peace on earth and good will toward men. Instead of standing in lines to get the latest and greatest stuff, we spent our evenings listening to the testimonies of the people who ran the school. Each testimony was extremely heartfelt. The love the administrator, principals, and pastors had for the Lord was incredible. It made us thankful that we were there to serve them, so they can continue to be on the front line battling for the Lord.

We had so much fun painting the school, and interacting with the parents and children. They enjoyed seeing the American gringos who were joyfully serving them and their school. Under Michael Dragon III's supervision, we were able to make 100 desks and chairs from scratch. Single handedly, Mike cut out 1900 pieces of steel. Not bad for a man with 51 years of experience who acts as though he is 26 years old.

Millie Young spent her missionary career in Colombia. She is a huggable, quiet woman in our church, but watch out when she goes to Colombia, it is like following Toby Mac! Instantly, we became incredibly important and famous just because we knew Millie. Everyone there knows and loves her. It was a total blessing to witness how God has worked in her life throughout all these years. Her faithfulness to the Lord has helped Him raise up many spirit-filled, passionate professionals in Columbia. I am thankful that, for a short time in my life, I could help her with her calling.



Millie Young gave this boy a Christian tract. He intently read it.



From left to right Michael Dragon III, Donna Dragon, Doug Bell, Rich Sheriff and Laurie Sheriff, Millie Young, Santa Clause, Danny King, Sara Jernigan, Karly Longow.



How many times Has Millie, painted this school?

Rich and Laurie Sheriff were great team leaders. They diligently prayed and spiritually prepared us for God to work in every situation. They also had great passion to make this mission trip run perfectly. Donna Dragon, Doug Bell, Karly Long, Danny King and I were quick to say, "Yes, okay" and because of these two simple words, God blessed us in many ways. Yes, we worked hard, but it was fun to actually seek first the kingdom of God and then watch how God blessed us.

I had not been on a mission trip before so I have nothing to compare it with. However, we as a team were amazed by what we accomplished for the school. And in return we were loved, thanked, fed, blessed, entertained, and kept very safe. In getting away from America, my heart was filled with the true meaning of Christmas. When we returned, I did not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the commercialism. I was still basking in the joy we received from being in Bogota, Colombia, with the two schools and churches. I am ready to go on another mission trip with OMS.

**"In getting away from America, my heart was filled with the true meaning of Christmas. When we returned, I did not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the commercialism."**

# Testimony of Mike Miner

“Why would you want to consider going on a short term mission trip?” asked my family. “You need to be available on the farm when summer arrives. And just how are you going to pay for this?” Maybe I was a little crazy for considering the idea of a six week rendezvous between my junior and senior year at Multnomah Bible College. However, the opportunity to go to India and experience something foreign was motivation enough to pursue. My hopes



Mike and Ann Miner with children, Jessica, Joshua, and Natalie, are currently funding for their role with Men for Missions as regional directors in the Northwest.

were almost completely destroyed when the trip was cancelled. I was not going anywhere that summer except to work on the family farm. I assumed that was the answer to my prayers, and my farfetched idea was nothing more than a dream. Unbeknownst to me, God had other ideas.

About a week after the cancellation, I received a call from Frank Gorsline. I thought, “Who is this guy and how does he know my situation?” He informed me that he was taking a team to Brazil with InterVarsity. “Brazil?” I had not considered that country, but he had my interest. I pondered my choices as I listened to him. I thought, “Oh no, the farm, and my family’s disappointment. How will it all work?” Amazingly, my family was very supportive of the idea (maybe in their minds Brazil was a much safer country than India) and the farm would make it without me for a summer.

I had no idea that the short term mission trip to Brazil would forever change the course of my life. It turned me around 180 degrees and pointed me in a direction that I would never have considered. But, God knew.

This change started rather slowly, but the seeds had been planted. I graduated in 1991, with a degree in Biblical Studies and an emphasis in missions. I married my college sweetheart, Ann (Valera), in 1993—also a graduate of Multnomah, got a job at a local manufacturing plant while continuing to help Dad on the farm during the summers. Ann had gotten a job as the director of a day care center. We were living the American dream and life was good—or so we thought.

We lived this ‘dream’ for the next thirteen years. In 2004, our lives took a dramatic turn when my company downsized. I had two choices, either take a severance package or start a new career. Neither of which felt acceptable. Yet God would not let me shake the idea of something new. What would I do, and how would I pro-

vide for my family, which now included three beautiful children? What would my wife say? I could not escape these questions just as I could not escape the thought of a new direction. We prayed, discussed the options, and reluctantly agreed to take the severance package. The Holy Spirit urged us to trust God for our care and for his direction. After all he alone knew the destination.

God began opening doors we did not know existed.

Before my final week at work, God miraculously directed us to participate in a two week mission trip to (where else?) Brazil. Again, Frank Gorsline was the leader. While I was there, the Lord began opening my eyes to what His plan might include on a long term scale. God opened the door of opportunity to serve Him in Brazil for the year 2008. While in Londrina, Parana, we taught English as a second language at a Christian School and helped with ministry programs at a small, poor local church. What a year of blessing it was.

Back in the States, we didn’t have a definite direction for our future. So we prayed and sought God’s will. We needed to go back to work and were fortunate that our former employers had retained our positions for us. God did not want me to get too cozy back at my old job. We prayed and pondered several months about what was next for our family. One day the phone rang. It was my buddy, Frank. He urged us to check out the organization Men for Missions, a ministry of One Mission Society.

We kept praying and trusting Him for what was to happen. We flew to the Greenwood, Indiana, OMS Headquarters, where we met the staff and looked over the MFM operations. God gave us an overwhelming peace about what would eventually become a new and exciting career as regional directors in the Northwest with Men for Missions.

So, why consider going on a short term mission trip? Because the possibilities are truly endless and the ride God will take you on is non-stop excitement. Trust Him with it.

Mike and Ann Miner are currently funding for their role with Men for Missions as regional directors in the Northwest. They reside in Lebanon, Oregon. They need you to consider partnering with them in prayer and/or financial giving.

# Testimony of Carl Poynter

St. Augustine once observed, “Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature.”

My life has been a testimony to that truth. In 1990, when I was 17 years old, I narrowly escaped death when the car I was working on rolled off its ramps and pinned me beneath it. Miraculously, I was able to get free and actually walked with serious injuries to my neighbor’s yard!

The doctors marveled that I was still alive and able to have movement without fatal consequences. Today I realize that it was only because of a miracle working God who had His hand on me.

I suffered a serious neck fracture, and the doctors’ early prognosis was that I might leave the hospital as a paraplegic. But the Lord had a different prognosis, one far more promising. I realized the Lord had spared my life for a reason.

The impetuosity of youth, however, kept me from examining the reason and my teenage years were not lived for the Lord. Although I made promises to God, I did not keep them.

In 1992, I asked Teresa to marry me, and we settled down in a home of our own. We were told that we would never have children. But, yet again, the Lord had other plans for us. Curtis was born in 1999 and is now a fifth grader with an abiding affinity for baseball and soccer. Curtis’ birth only reinforced our conviction that God was carefully plotting out the course of our lives.

This conviction came as a third miracle—our spiritual rebirth. After some heavy duty soul searching, Teresa and I committed our lives to the Lord and were baptized in 2001.

A fourth miracle came in 2002, when our son, Justin, was born. He is now in the second grade and also has a passion for athletics—especially soccer.

I was diagnosed in 2006 with cancer, and this new foe was an intimidating one. However, it only strengthened our ties and made me examine my walk with God. In fact, the Lord helped me go through 47 radiation treatments without missing a single day of work. Edified by the joint forces of faith



Carl and Teresa Poynter with children, Curtis and Justin, were recently accepted by One Mission Society (OMS) as career missionaries to Spain.

and medical science, I eventually overcame the disease and currently am cancer free. The victory affirmed to me that God has a special calling in mind for us.

The purpose for which God saved me became evident in June 2009, when I went to Haiti. That trip made such a deep impression on me that I returned to Haiti only six months later, after the devastating earthquake, to help with evangelism and humanitarian needs.

I remember leaving Haiti the first time and thought, “How could a country in that shape get any worse?” Even my awareness of Haiti’s poverty could not have prepared me for the post-earthquake nightmare that I was about to enter. There were miles of tent cities; the desperation and the conditions were overwhelming. When I stepped off the plane, I could literally smell death in the air.

All relief workers immediately went to work helping the Haitians rebuild their lives. According to one passionate missionary, “One of the most valuable tools in the relief efforts is love. Love is so much greater than anything else we can offer.” Missionary work is not merely a passing interest; it is a divinely appointed vocation. I knew we had been called by the Lord. That calling continues to lead us abroad.

Teresa and I were recently accepted by OMS as career missionaries to Spain. Last fall, we briefly visited Spain to acquaint ourselves with the ministry. I am going to use the talents that God has given me in a camp there and also be involved in other mission work in and around Madrid.

Presently, we are busy gathering both financial and prayer support for this endeavor. Yet while these logistical needs concern us, the ultimate source of supply is our God. He is also the underpinning rationale for all that we do. We want to glorify the Lord whatever we do — that is our whole purpose.

We see this purpose succinctly articulated in Luke 9:23-24: *Then he said to them all: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.*

# Homes for Haiti

## Testimony of a new homeowner

*After the earthquake, we thought our lives would never be the same. We felt that we had to move to the countryside, so we relocated to the village of Goniave. But God has blessed us in many ways since the earthquake.*

*Within two months, our spirits were revived, and we returned to Port au Prince. Pastor Vengione Vital helped us get food and water. There was very little water that was acceptable for drinking. In March, the pastor asked if we had good land papers. We did have clear title to a small piece of land in the village of Mariani, and we presented him with the papers as part of the home application process.*

*The first home that the Homes for Haiti team built was on relatively flat ground. But our land was in the side of a hill and would provide some interesting challenges. After the first house was built, it seemed like we were waiting a long time to learn about the possibility of building our home. I talked to our pastor, and he said not to worry about it because once the house was started, it would be built in 15 days. I began to think that I should just buy some wood and start to construct a tent on our land. However, at that time my father died, and all of our savings were used for the funeral.*

*Within days of burying my father, the pastor said that I needed to go to our building site in Mariani. When I got there, people were there with strings laying out the dimensions of the house and ready to start building! In just ten days the house was built, and now we have the keys to our new home.*

*God told my wife, Madam Celestin, in a dream two years before the earthquake that He would give her a house. For over two years she questioned God on where the house would be. She didn't understand why it was taking so long. Now she realizes that God will fulfill His promises in His time.*

*For all the people who prayed, provided the funds, and worked on our house, I want to express my deep thanks. I regard each of them in high esteem. Simple words cannot express how grateful we are. God is blessing me so that I can give back to the people of Haiti.*

*We would like to see OMS continue the project of building homes as long as possible because we still see people in tents and in wood houses; there is such a great need.*

*Again, there's no adequate way to express our thanks and gratitude.*

— Celestin Adler

## How You Can Help

**GIVE:** Sponsor the building of a house (or a portion of a house) for a Haitian family as a church, Bible study group or individual. One home can be built for \$10,000.

**Send gifts to:**  
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Designate gifts for Project #407860, Homes for Haiti.

**Or give online at:**  
[www.onemissionsociety.org/givetoaproject](http://www.onemissionsociety.org/givetoaproject)

**GO:** Your church can put together a team of 4-6 people who will work alongside Haitian workers. Trip cost is \$900/person from Miami. The trip is eight days, and housing is provided.

**For more information,** contact Bill Evans:  
[bevans@onemissionsociety.org](mailto:bevans@onemissionsociety.org), or call 317.888.3333.



*"God told my wife, Madam Celestin, in a dream two years before the earthquake that He would give her a house. For over two years she questioned God on where the house would be."*



Construction on a hillside was a challenge for building a home for the Celestin Adler family. Photos above show wall construction, roof framing with covering, and the Waco MFM work team with new home owners.

## 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 57 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.

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 25,000 men and women serve on OMS mission fields during its 57-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.



Warren Hardig  
MFM International  
Executive Director



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

## 2011 World Ministry Teams

Dates	Field (Project)	Depart	Cost
04/05	Ecuador (Cook Camp)	Indy	1450
04/08	Haiti (Prayer/Evang)	Indy	1750
04/08	Japan (Work)	Detroit	1250
04/16	Haiti (Work)	NJ	1450
04/22	Japan (Work)	Detroit	1250
04/29	Mozambique (Evang)	Indy	2900
05/01	Ecuador (Cheerlead Camp)	Miami	1550
05/05	Korea (Women Evang)	Indy	2350
05/09	Ecuador (Medical)	Indy	1900
05/13	Israel (Work/Pray)	JFK	2550
05/13	Mozambique (Evang)	Dallas	2550
05/16	Caribbean (Evang)	Indy	1750
05/17	Ecuador (Abstinence)	Indy	1750
05/28	Haiti (Prayer/Evang)	Denver	1950
06/05	Bulgaria (Prayer)	Indy	2100
06/06	Ecuador (Work at Camp)	Dayton	1550
06/08	Haiti (Evang)	Indy	1450
06/20	Ecuador (Work at Camp)	Cambridge, VM	1550
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 (Evang)	Rochester	1500
08/05	Ecuador (Work)	Lebanon, PA	1650
08/08	Haiti (Work/Evang)	NJ	1400
08/19	Ecuador (Work)	Lebanon, PA	1650
10/08	Haiti (Work)	Bellville, OH	1200
10/19	Haiti (Evang)	Indy	1450
11/08	Haiti (Work on Equip)	Erie	1350

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# Haiti Reflections on a Mission Dream

By Robin Osbon

A team of eleven people from the O'Neill, Nebraska area, spent December 4-11, 2010, at the Vaudreuil compound near Cap-Haitien, Haiti. Since 1976, Neil Tompkins, the team leader had been to Haiti on four occasions. But this trip was a dream that came true as God laid it on Neil and Ruth's heart to take a group from our home town.

Prior to leaving for the trip, there was concern about the unrest in Haiti due to the elections. However, two physicians, two registered nurses,

a truck driver, a retailer, a rancher, a farmer, a teacher/coach, a cattleman, and a student stepped out in faith and let God lead the way. We encountered difficulties and challenges while getting in and out of Haiti, but God was faithful every step of the way.

Once there, part of the team worked long hours at the cholera clinic where three cholera patients passed away while we were there. Others of the team distributed over 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses. A variety of repairs and maintenance jobs on

the compound needed to be done. Some of us helped in the office. It was a joy to assign three Starfish Kids to new sponsors.

We did a variety of jobs from restocking the Holiday House to preparing Christmas gift bags for pastors to planting trees on the mountain.

We attended a Creole church service in a village, an English church service at the 4VEH Radio Station, and a church service at Vaudreuil. It was exciting to visit the OMS schools — the International School and the Emmaus Biblical Seminary. Neil and Ruth had the opportunity to meet with their young Starfish Kid, who accepted the Lord as his Savior. Although some of the team members experienced situations that were beyond their comfort zones, God used each of us for His glory.

Haiti is a "paradise" with severe poverty, pain, suffering, unclean water, and a lack of education for basic health and sanitation. God is touching the hearts of many Haitians as they cry out in desperation for His help and for the hearts of those who spread the Gospel.

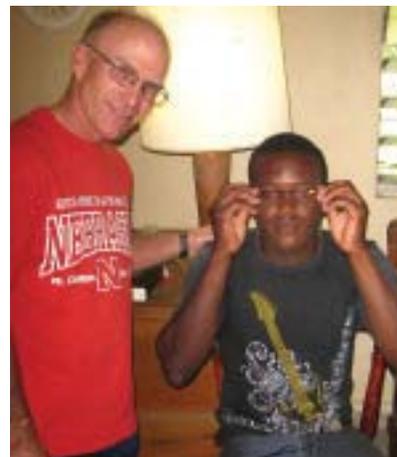
Some of the team members reflect back on this experience:



Neil and Ruth Tompkins meeting their Starfish Kid for the first time.



Working at the OMS campus in Vaudreuil.



Neil Tompkins at eyeglass clinic.

*"When I arrived in Haiti, I realized that my faith in the Lord would be challenged, but He was in complete control. Every emotion was tested. I learned that God does not guarantee comfort in serving Him; however, I had peace in uncomfortable situations because I was in the middle of God's will for my life."*

— Dennis Shaw, Teacher

*"Political corruption has no end and bureaucratic endless delays make life miserable for the Haitians. However, God's work is going forward, and the world isn't even aware of it. I was in Haiti for just five days at Cap-Haitien and attended a national church, and there were 18 baptisms and six new converts that week. Haitians need homes, jobs, schools, hospitals, and an honorable government."*

— Floyd Richter, Truck Driver

*"There were all kinds of needs among the Haitian people that we had the opportunity to serve and help. I worked in the cholera clinic and distributed special drinking fluids to rehydrate the patients and their families. And I worked on the diesel engines for the generators."*

— Lyle Heiss, Farmer

*"The experience of going to Haiti has made a great impact on my life. When they pray for their daily bread, they mean it. It made an impression on me when they praised God that no one died this week."*

— Nancy Bartos, Rancher

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. During a church service, this Scripture was read, and many Haiti people turned from voodoo to Jesus. As we administered oral and IV fluids to the patients in the cholera clinic, Matthew 10:42 went through my mind. 'And if anyone gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.'"*

— Ruth Tompkins, RN



Doctors Cameron Sidak and Jay Allison working on a little cholera patient.



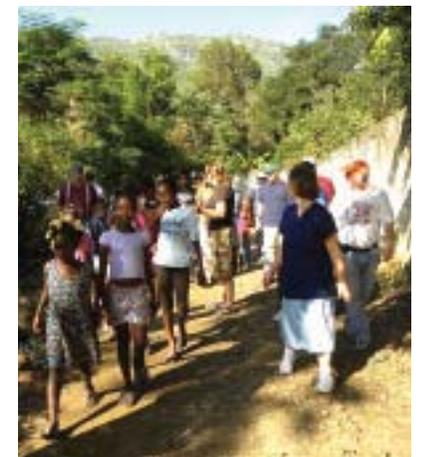
Team photo, left to right: Dr. Jay Allison, Lane VanHorn, Nancy Bartos, Dennis Shaw, Ruth Tompkins, Kathy Davis, Neil Tompkins (team leader), Floyd Richter, Lyle Heiss, Dr. Cameron Sidak, Robin Osbon.

*"God's call to serve on this mission trip was overwhelming and powerful with no doubt that He led me. However, I wondered if I was ready and if I was worthy to serve and help these people? I was truly humbled by the resilience of the Haitian people who have not lost faith in the Lord. My life has forever been changed."*

— Robin Osbon, Retailer

*"I had been praying that God would give me something new and different to get me out of my rut and challenge me. I love new experiences, and this was definitely a completely new experience. Now I have a desire to mirror Jesus everyday, not just when I am in Haiti. Jesus used this experience hugely in my life and I plan on applying what I took from that trip for the rest of my life!"*

— Lane VanHorn, Student



Visiting the village near the OMS campus in Vaudreuil.

# Building Homes for Haiti

*The satisfaction of actually putting hands on wood, block, and mortar in Haiti was more than words can describe.*

By Wayne Williams

When I was 15 or so, my father came home one day and said, "How would you like to go to Haiti with me and help them?" There was a famine or disaster there at the time. For some reason, the trip never panned out for us.

We were regular church attendees, but I was not a Christian. I went my own way, which was about as far away from the Lord as I could get. At 19 and in college, I became a Christian and my entire life began to change. I went on my first mission trip at 20, to Belize. My life has never been the same.

About a year after that trip, I had a call to full-time Christian ministry. I've been a pastor for the past 18 years and have led hundreds of people on dozens of trips to Peru and Mexico. But never Haiti . . .

Our church has supported One Missions Society for about 40 years. Our Men for Missions ministry is very strong. We send work teams, prayer teams, and vision teams all over the place, every year.

During November 2010, OMS, MFM, and First Methodist-Waco were ready to partner in an effort to build Homes for Haiti (H4H). I sensed it was finally time to go to Haiti—nearly 30 years after my first opportunity. To be honest, I was a little scared to go. I have a wonderful wife and three incredible kids. I really didn't want

to miss time with them, like at basketball games and our very enjoyable life. Yet, there are over a million people living in tents in Haiti. The timing and the mission were just too perfect. I knew I had to go.

The trip exceeded my expectations. The continuing poverty and disaster-relief are too overwhelming for words. We took photo after photo and reminded ourselves there was just no way to "capture" the devastation. But the satisfaction of actually putting hands on wood, block, and mortar was also more than words can describe. Several times our team looked at each other in the middle of work, and said, "One year ago everyone in the world had the desire to go to Haiti to help, and we get to do it." I often tell people that my week long mission trips are the one week each year that I know, without a doubt, that I am in the center of God's will. Haiti was all of that, exponentially. The thought of an on-going partnership with OMS and MFM to continue to build homes in Haiti thrills me. We have two more teams preparing to go (May and August 2011). They will return, as we did, with stories, but without sufficient words to describe both the need as well as the goodness of Jesus Christ. We are His Church and are made for this. As you are reading this and possibly consider giving financially or going yourself, I would just say that I believe you, too, will feel the satisfaction of being in the center of God's will. I can't wait to return!



Wayne Williams' team in Haiti. More photos and Homes for Haiti information on page 10.

# Resounding Hope in Haiti

**Solar Radios: A new vision to impact the lives of one million people through radio ministry.**

By Kate Michel, Marketing Director for Radio 4VEH

Though there's not much news coverage of Haiti more than a year after the earthquake, the people in Haiti needed help before, and do even more so now. The effects of disaster linger. Disease, illiteracy, and voodoo are rampant. New crises threaten...It's time for sustainable solutions—that reach right to the heart. It's time for Resounding Hope in Haiti.

Why a heart issue? Through Men for Missions' decades of commitment to God's work there, you'll know of the spiritual oppression that voodoo—a belief system based on fear—has had on Haiti's people. We recently heard of a community that had never heard the Gospel, and was in fear of what evil spirits might do to them. There's so much work to be done to see the Gospel proclaimed throughout Haiti and to claim with Haitian believers—"Christ for Haiti, and Haiti for Christ!"

Already more than 60,000 solar radios fix-tuned to Radio 4VEH have helped transform lives. Several years ago, 4VEH solar radios were given out in an isolated mountain village through evangelism activities led by Emmanuel Félix as part of the Men for Missions project, Operation Saturation. People there began to listen daily to the Gospel message, Bible study, preaching, as well as life-saving information, news, farming, health advice, community announcements, and music. A former voodoo stronghold, this remote village is now home to a thriving new church with 120 members, called New Life church.

The work continues. Emmanuel Félix, who has led Radio 4VEH's evangelism and radio distribution ministry for many years, sent this recent report from Pastor Jean-Ricot and fellow evangelists in Trou-du-Nord:

"Praise God, a wonderful day! Nine people made decisions to follow Jesus Christ, including a well-known witch doctor called Marc. We spoke with 55 people altogether, left 30 solar radios in different homes, so that families can listen to Radio 4VEH every day.

"We prayed with a widow named Odulia. She'd been suffering an infirmity that left her housebound for more than two years. Although she's had many visits from witch doctors, she found no healing in what they offered. But we prayed with Odulia to the Great King of Heaven, and we gave her a 4VEH solar radio. Oh, how marvelous is our

God! Ten days later, Odulia came to church, by herself and completely healed, giving glory to the Lord of Lords!"

**Please join us now to place 160,000 new solar radios in the hands of Haitians, reaching another million people with the ultimate in Good News.**

## How You Can Help:

**Pray** for God's wisdom and guidance in planning this new initiative. Pray for Emmanuel Félix and other Haitian leaders as they come together with pastors and local believers to cast a vision for revival in Haiti through evangelism and radio ministry. Pray also for the international project team working to see this project realized.

**Give.** A radio sponsorship of \$60 puts a solar radio into the hands of a Haitian household and helps provide daily broadcasting to hundreds of thousands of listeners. Please mark your gift Radios for Haiti #407870.

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

**Network.** Share this vision in your church, small group, or community and invite others to join.

**Visit [www.resoundinghope.org](http://www.resoundinghope.org)** to learn more about this new initiative, or contact Kate Michel at 347.575.5223 or [kmichel@radio4veh.org](mailto:kmichel@radio4veh.org)



Emmanuel Félix's passion is sharing Christ. Seen here in February, looking well after struggling with health issues during 2010, he hands a solar radio to a young lady after sharing the Gospel with her family and neighbors. Photo by Stewart Dawson.

# Second Generation Fruits *in Brazil*

By Micah Routon

**My first mission experiences were in Mexico** as a high school student and in college in Fresno, California, with inner city kids. My construction and language skills were limited, but the experiences were fantastic and addictive. I saw for the first time a different culture and poverty up close.

These trips had such a spiritual impact on my life that they are the reason my wife and I are in Brazil today.

I was one of 49 church members in our town of Maringa who went to Campo Grande, in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso do Sul, to do a church revitalization project. Since our group was so large, half of the group went to work at the church while the other half did door-to-door evangelism.

I had packed my “getting-dirty-doing-construction” clothes, so it came as a surprise to learn that my assignment would be to lead an evangelism team each day.

I supervised six team members divided into three pairs. Our purpose was to give an invitation to a theater presentation of the gospel at the church on Saturday evening. We followed their custom of clapping hands at the door rather than ringing a door bell. We then presented our practiced speech and left a gospel tract.

Although this seemed simple, somehow I felt our presentation lacked the personal touch. In an effort to overcome this we tried asking questions or making comments about their interests, their dogs, their children, and the appearance of their garden, anything that showed we cared about them.

When we returned to the church, the Lord began speaking to me about my service that day. He reminded me that a half-hearted effort never accomplished anything. “You’re only giving 50 percent to this effort,” He seemed to say.

Luciano, a young seminary student shared with us that his team had asked each person if they had a prayer need. I decided that our group would do the same the next day.

The next morning we started with our prayer plan. The change was amazing. One young girl had severe heart problems and her mother had cancer. One man had recently buried his wife. Loneliness, drug problems, physical ailments, we encountered them all. Our hearts felt very heavy as we listened and prayed.

Saturday night the church was filled with about 200 people. Many were moved to tears as Christ’s passion was presented. When the invitation was given almost 20 people accepted Jesus as Savior, including our bus driver, while others recommitted their lives.

This article is about second generation fruits in Brazil because the vision for our project came from former work groups that Men for Missions had sent years ago. I heard the older Brazilian pastors talk fondly of Max Edwards and the teams he brought to Brazil. They were the inspiration for the present.

I was honored to be a part of this second generation fruits.



A “second generation” ministering in Brazil.



Children’s ministry.

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**Simply check the list of MFM teams and the reply coupon in this issue.**

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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