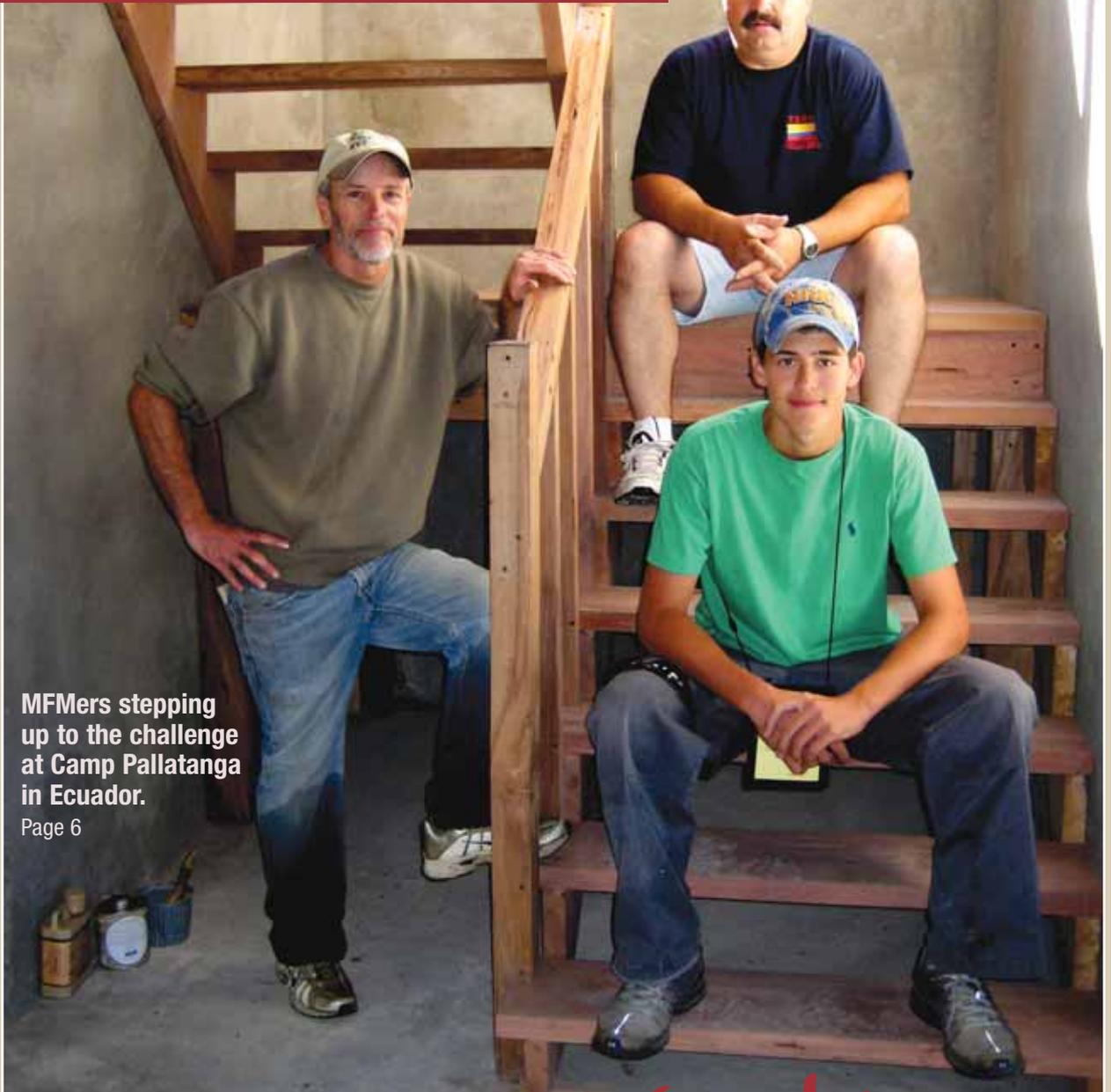


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**MFMers stepping
up to the challenge
at Camp Pallatanga
in Ecuador.**

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EQUADOR

Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

— II Timothy 1:14

At age 10, my friend Maury Graham learned the value of guarding what was important; he continues with that discipline today. With his winsome personality, he has the ability either to lead or to work behind the scenes. Even if he is around you for just a few minutes, he will work his way into your heart. He is a great traveling companion and a man that many look to for advice.

Maury is a great testimony of what perseverance, faith in God, and hard work will do. He has accomplished more since his retirement than many do in their careers. You never know where you will find him: Indiana, Montana, Haiti, Russia, or Asia--just to name a few. This is just part of his incredible story.

Maury, from Montana, is quiet and has endured strong testing throughout his life. He has earned the respect of his friends, his community, and the international arena. Maury's quiet spirit can win anyone's heart. He has spent many years mentoring and discipling young men in Russia, North Ireland, tribes in the Far East, and Haiti.

— Warren Hardig,
Author of *Still Sharpening*

Although I have been in nearly 40 countries, most of them in the past 10 years—quite a feat for a small-town banker from Hicksville, USA! My most recent assignment began in December, 2008, when OMS asked me to fill in as accountant and book-keeper for six months in Haiti because the regular missionary was experiencing health problems. It turned out to be a little more than six months, as I didn't return home until August, 2009.

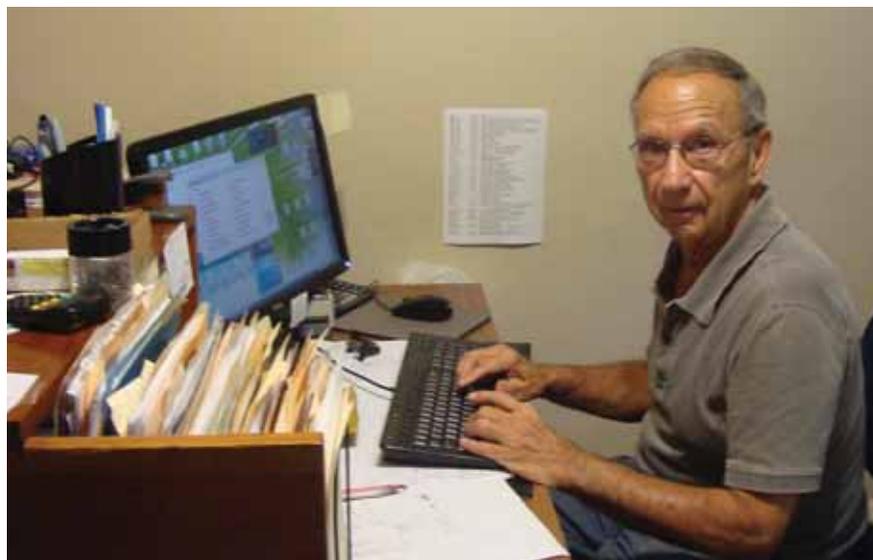
In January, 2010, I returned to Haiti to attend the dedication ceremony of the seminary completed after my departure. While there, a devastating earthquake struck in the Port-au-Prince area. Even though the OMS compound was about 100 miles north we felt the quake and many of its aftershocks. I stayed a couple more weeks to free up regular missionaries who were working long hours loading trucks, traveling to and from Port-au-Prince, and handling other quake-related emergencies. Teams of doc-

tors and nurses sent through the MFM office began arriving almost immediately after the quake to set up and operate field clinics to treat the hundreds of thousands of victims.

In the spring of 2010, I was called back to Haiti to help and just returned home mid January 2012.

Recently I reflected on all the ways the Lord prepared me, even before I became a believer, for the roles I served these past 14 years. As difficult as my growing-up years were, I think those hardships and early

Maury had a full schedule in Haiti: Mentoring young men like Enoch, working in the office, and taking walks with his canine companion, Lettie (as in Lettie Cowman, Maury says).



responsibilities were part of that groundwork. The bank work prepared me for my accounting assignments and trained me for leadership roles. I believe God has also taught me perseverance, patience, and how to work with people.

For nearly my entire life as a Christian, Men for Missions has played an important part in my spiritual walk. MFM has also profoundly affected my children, beginning when (at 11 and 13 years old) they accompanied me to Haiti on my first mission trip in 1972, shortly after I had become a Christian.

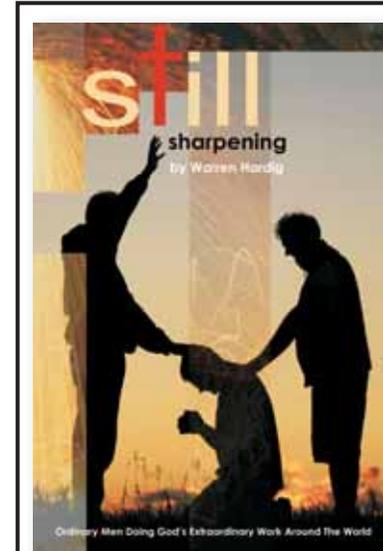
Since then, I have been influenced by many men, some of whom I met while serving two terms on the MFM Cabinet. Those men share certain characteristics: they are humbly dedicated to the Lord, they desire to see other men expand their vision, and they feel a deep concern for the lost of this world. I owe them a debt of gratitude for strengthening my faith and giving me a greater burden for souls.

Recognizing God's hand of protection and guidance over the years, I am reminded of the verse, "Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."

—Matthew 6:33



You can read the rest of Maury's story and the accounts of many other men in Warren Hardig's new book, *Still Sharpening*.



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Prayer Ministry Team to Colombia to pray for the delegates of OMS Strategy Conference...

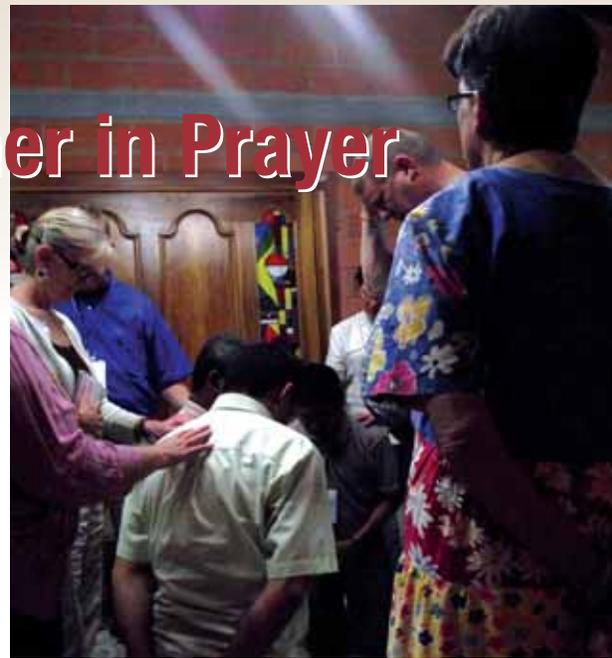
Hearts Knit Together in Prayer in Colombia

By Sarah Bonner

The life-changing prayer ministry team to breath-taking Colombia was phenomenal. It was the first time we had experienced Colombia, and for all but one, it was our first prayer team trip with One Mission Society. While there was incredible beauty in the landscape of Colombia, there were also incredible people of God who gathered together from Colombia, Caribbean, Ecuador, Mexico, Spain, and Bulgaria-via Skype. They were eager to learn, grow, and to reach people for His kingdom. It was evident that God had prepared these nationals for implausible work in His name.

Each day burdens were shared with the prayer team by the delegates during the evening prayer meetings. Beverly Warner, the prayer team leader said, "The Lord knitted our hearts together so that when we prayed, it was as a team seeking the Father, desiring to hear His voice so we knew how to pray at that moment in time for that person or situation." We saw at least six answers to prayer within the week! Praise God! He is faithful to continue to hear and answer our prayers.

During times of prayer with individuals, Anita Yoder often found that God provided a particular Scripture, and she took that "nudging of the Holy Spirit" to pray the passage for a delegate. Someone from the prayer team always sat in the delegation room to cover them in



Evening prayer time with Colombia delegates.



Beverly Warner leads prayer for delegates' send off.

prayer. There is great value in having a group of intercessors present at the conference. For Beverly Warner, this was her sixth prayer team trip with OMS. She said, "What a privilege it was to listen to the amazing stories of the Latin American delegates and then pray for them."

I truly enjoyed the trip, and my eyes were opened to how God is working through the national leaders.

After our return home, God has provided many opportunities to share with others how powerfully God moved in the lives of the people in Colombia.

As a result of this trip, all of our prayer lives have changed and our relationship with our Father. Our lives have been enriched and our faith encouraged as we partnered together in intercession.



Prayer Ministry Team in Colombia. Front: Anita Yoder, Sarah Bonner Middle: Sylvia Degenkolb, Maureen Kennicutt, Beverly Warner Back: Ramon (Ray) Degenkolb, Steve Kennicutt.

By Duane Stephens

December 3 – 11, 2011 —

I went to Haiti with a work team of five from the West Independence United Methodist Church near Finlay, Ohio, to participate in the Homes for Haiti (H4H) project. I have been on several work teams and traveled in 40 countries with my business. However, I was intrigued with Haiti because of the missionary work, the politics, and the religious practices of the country.

Upon arrival at the Port-au-Prince airport, we could see remnants of the devastation from the earthquake. After clearing immigration and customs, it was good to see the OMS driver and the waiting vehicle that took us to the Villa Ormisso. On the journey, we saw many areas of temporary shelters; tents, cardboard, and metal living quarters for literally thousands of displaced people.

The next day, following church and lunch, we saw more devastation in the area. Buildings had fallen into piles of rubble, building walls were cracked and ailing, piles of rubble still waited to be hauled away. Many Haitians were attempting to rebuild among the thousands and thousands of tents and other temporary shelters. The streets were busy with traffic and countless vendors selling everything from fruits and vegetables to tires and building materials. Port-au-Prince is a bustling city of millions working to survive and thrive in a land much less fortunate than any I have seen before.

Monday morning the men went to work with a crew of Haitians to build a house for a mother, grandmother, sister, and several children, and they were extremely grateful for the new house. The ladies came to the work site and spent time with the local people giving tracts and presenting the good news of Jesus Christ.

Each workday started with devotions. One morning Gabriel, the Haitian supervisor gave his amazing testimony.



Missionary Dave Shaferly works on roof of new home for a mother, grandmother, sister, and several children — another MFM H4H project.

Work Trip to Haiti

Since he has the responsibility to pay the crew, he often has a substantial amount of money. The work site is about an hour from Gabriel's home so the pastor requested Gabriel to call when he arrived home. One evening as he neared his home, Gabriel informed his pastor. At that moment two men stopped him at gunpoint demanding his money, but that evening he had

no money. When Gabriel insisted he had none, the man shot. Gabriel fell to the ground but remembered a flash of gunfire. He awoke and thought he must be dead. He felt his head and body for blood but found none. He stood only to see the gunman still demanding money. Gabriel showed the man his empty wallet. The man shot, and again Gabriel fell to the ground and remembered the flash of gunfire. He again awoke thinking he must

now be dead but found no evidence of a gunshot. He stood, the men had gone, but took his wallet and cell phone. A man across the street witnessed the event and thought Gabriel was the man with the gun. Because when he heard the shots, the flash of gunfire appeared to go from Gabriel to the other man. Gabriel insisted he did not have a gun.

The pastor heard the entire exchange of words and gunfire through the cell phone and was certain Gabriel was dead. He contacted Gabriel's family. Miraculously, when he arrived home, Gabriel was greeted with shock

Taking a break at H4H site; Duane Stephens in black shirt, Dick Hoy at right, Dave and Michael Shaferly in foreground.



and joy as they could hardly believe he was alive. Undoubtedly, Gabriel knows God has a plan for his life. Gabriel is ready, willing, and able to serve the Lord and tell the good news of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

The entire experience has encouraged and challenged me to, "Withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

—Ephesians 6:13b

On God's Time in Ecuador

By Laurie Hartsock

Last August our team of six went to Camp Pallatanga, Ecuador. God had a plan and time schedule when we weren't aware we needed one. For example, He provided a bus when we were told there wasn't any until the next day. He protected us on the road to and from Camp Pallatanga, where there is no regard for traffic laws. Everyone just does their own thing on whatever part of the road or on the side of the road they can squeeze through. God wanted us to see that He was in control of every detail.

While we were at Camp Pallatanga, the men built stairs in the new building and worked on the plumbing. The ladies did various things to decorate around the camp, such as make bird-houses and hang lanterns. We had no cook after the second day, so we took over the



Lon Claycomb, seated on landing, with Craig and Levi Hartsock, after stairway construction project.

cooking chores and cleaned house for Kim as she had just given birth to little Sophia five days before our arrival.

This was my third trip, and as before, I came away more blessed than I was a blessing to others.

God has a way of doing that when we give to others. I was impressed at how determined our sixteen year old son Levi and Bethany Heavner distributed nearly 1,000 Spanish tracts to people along the way.

Our Men for Missions group was a great support team behind us. There were prayer warriors signed up to pray every hour of the day and night! Once again our whole experience was one of timing. God had us covered around the clock. Just like he did with the Children of Isreal, He went before us and he was our rear-guard!

"God had us covered around the clock."



Levi giving out some tracts.



Bethany, Laurie, and Laura.



Our work team with helpers and little Sophia at Camp Pallatanga.



Ecuadorians reading tracts we had just distributed.

The Chisel



By Ken Troutman

After the tsunami in Japan, I contacted Steve King with OMS/MFM. While he was in the states, we met and put a team of five together who felt called of God to go help in Japan.

The work team went to Hokota, and we stayed in a local church building. We were to help repair Mr. and Mrs. Takade's home. Mrs. Takade was a Christian and a member of the church where we were staying, but her husband was not a believer. Mr. Takade had never been in a church; however, he spoke English, was outgoing, easy to talk with, and we soon became friends.

During our break-times, we talked with him and tried to insert some spiritual perspective. When I asked Mr. Takade about his religion, he said that he could not hear well. We invited him to church on Sunday. He said, "I can't come because I do not see well enough to attend church!" We continued to pray for him, especially for his sight and hearing!

On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Takade treated us to a wonderful meal. He took us to his family orchard to pick pears, grapes, and chestnuts. We returned to his home where he said that he would join us in church the next day!

Mr. Takade came to church, and the pastor asked him to share what the past week had been like. He was not shy but stood and spoke well. Later in the day, we shared a meal and testimonies, and Mr.

Mr. Takade's home after earthquake in need of repair.



MFMers remove damaged exterior and install metal siding.

Takade stayed the entire time. God was working in his heart.

Monday morning we awoke to a weather change and heard that by Wednesday a major typhoon would hit our town. As we cleaned and gathered our tools, I noticed an old wooden chisel in a bag of tools that belonged to Mr. Takade. It had a Japanese style handle, and I was immediately taken with it. I asked Mr. Takade if he would trade the chisel for a new tape measure. He gave it to me and said, "To remember me by." I said, "I will remember and pray for you." He had a puzzled look on his face and did not understand what I meant.

That evening the hurricane struck, and we stayed in the church as the howling wind and torrential rains beat down. There was an incredible peace and calm that enveloped us throughout the night as the storm raged and an earthquake struck later in the evening.

The next morning we awoke to

calm weather, and it was time to say goodbye to our new friends. I knew this was the last time I would see the Takades and prayed that the Lord would bring this dear man to faith in Him.

At home now, I often look at, or hold the old chisel, and pray for Mr. Takade. I believe the Lord allowed me to meet Mr. Takade and share Christ with him. I am thankful that God can use someone like me to reach around the world with His Gospel. Like the old chisel, I am just an ordinary man, a husband, a father, a grandfather, just like millions of men. Yet, Ephesians 2:10a says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." That expresses my personal understanding of missions and my commitment to Christ.

Commitment to Do, Go, and Give sometimes involves RISK. But, we also encountered the incredible peace, calm, and joy of the Lord in the midst of storm and earthquake.

((RESOUNDING HOPE IN HAITI))

More than Just Radios

The Gospel of Jesus Christ spoken face-to-face at least 160,000 times to one million Haitians over the next five years.

By Stewart Dawson

WOW! Did you get that? The Good news of Jesus, which is the power to save, to break chains of bondage, and change lives for now and eternity spoken face-to-face to one million people!

Haiti has been steeped in voodoo and its horrid affects for over 200 years, and they need the Gospel more than anything else. It's only the Gospel that can truly change a heart. And, as one-by-one people in Haiti come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, it will be changed.

Oh, but there is so much more.

1. These radios are tied to Radio 4VEH that has been "resounding hope in Haiti" for over 60 years. Daily over the radio, God's Word is broadcast along with encouraging music, programs of prayer, Scripture reading, health news, farming helps and so much more. These radios will "speak" for years to come into the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.
2. These radios help mobilize and equip the Haitian church to go and share.
3. They are a tool for the Haitian church to start new churches and strengthen the existing ones.
4. These radios will serve as a daily encourager, pastor, teacher, and trusted friend to up to one million Haitians.
5. They are a tool for discipleship, especially for so many who cannot read, to gain the truths of God's Word.
6. They are a tool for continued contact for the Haitian church. And there is even more - too much to cover in this article.

In a message to a group of Haitian Pastors and other leaders given earlier this year, the Lord directed me to Luke 5:4b, where Jesus told Simon to, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." I pictured Resounding Hope as this huge net for launching out into the deep waters of humanity in Haiti. This net is being constructed here in the U.S. and other OMS affiliate countries as we raise support. We will then take

this net to Haiti to join the Haitian church in fishing for men. With teams from the U.S., Canada, the UK, and wherever God provides, we will together place our hands on this net and cast it into the water there in Haiti. Oh, can you envision those nets full to the point of breaking? I can! And, I feel like Simon out in the deep with full nets about to tear, and the boat sinking from the catch signaling for partners in the other boat to come and help them. Luke 5:7.

Won't you partner with us in the construction of this net by sponsoring radios? We are looking for individuals to sponsor radios—\$60 per radio is possible for most anyone. We are looking for churches to partner. We are looking for Hope Raisers – people to come along side and help us cast vision in churches, communities, and geographical areas. We need teams to go and take part in evangelism and distribution. We need prayer warriors as we take on such a monumental task of reaching out to one million Haitians over the next five years. Won't you come and help? As we partner together at this point, we'll rejoice together as partners in the Gospel in the days ahead as we witness the great catch that is ahead.

Resounding Hope solar radios—fix-tuned to Christian Radio 4VEH, with an audio version of Bible passages—are especially helpful for so many in Haiti who can't read.

"In sharing the Gospel in Haiti, it's really important that these little radios get here. They show us there's a hope ... a hope that only Jesus can give. We ask that our brothers and sisters, who are working in other countries on this radio project, don't stop! It is working! God bless you."
—Pastor Janiel Charlot, Haitian pastor and church planter

Get your family, Sunday school class, small group and coworkers involved in Resounding Hope in Haiti. Help raise funds for solar radios to give hope to families in Haiti.

RESOUNDING HOPE

Visit www.resoundinghope.org for video, resources, prayer requests, fundraising ideas and more.

RON HARRIS from National Religious Broadcasters visited Radio 4VEH and shared this report:

It was shocking to hear and difficult to believe that five to seven Children, (infants to 10 or 11 years old) a week were disappearing during the end of each year. They were sacrificed to satanic spirits.

The town of Grison Garde is about 40 minutes outside of Cap Haitien, Haiti, the home of Radio 4VEH. Our small team traveled to this area in early December 2011, to distribute solar-powered radios. Earlier we had heard these shocking stories but thought they were exaggerations.

On Sunday, our group walked to the New Life Church near Grison Garde. Our pickup truck could only make it so far, so we hiked down a valley, across a small stream, and back up to the community of several thousand people where the church was located.

After a powerful worship experience led by Pastor Job, we interviewed church members. And, we asked about the disappearance of the children. It was true. During late November and into December, Voodoo witch doctors sacrificed children to satanic spirits to buy favor from them. Praise God, that isn't the story today.

Many of the church members recounted more stories of the depth of darkness that existed in that place. One woman had birthed 12 children. The first seven died. She told us, "They weren't sick, they just died." Then through the witness of Christians, she committed her life to Christ. "After having Jesus in my heart, I had five children, and they are all healthy."

What made the difference in this rural community? A solar-powered radio, fixed-tuned to Radio 4VEH, was given by a previous MFM team. A handful of people began to gather to listen to the Gospel and how the light of Jesus drives out Satan's darkness. And they believed.

In 2004, Pastor Job found this small group meeting and listening to Radio 4VEH. Soon a church was started, and a culture began to change. A soloist in the church had previously worked for a witch doctor. Now, she sings for Jesus and tells of her transition from darkness to light.

Two days later we returned to the village and went door-to-door to talk



Proud owner of a new solar-powered radio, fix-tuned to Radio 4VEH.

about Jesus and distribute more radios. Committed Christian young people helped direct us to the various homes to tell of God's love. We saw people in deep poverty talk of the joy in their hearts since Christ has come into their lives.

One man told of losing his sight in 1998, yet he cares for his nine children. In 2001, he asked Jesus to be the Lord of his life and told us of the strength he receives from Jesus. His life is hard, and his story isn't a rags-to-riches one. Yet, there was a calm assurance in him as he told of his life today. It was moving when a team member gave him a radio and showed him how to work it.

There are still problems and a spiritual battle going on. But soul-by-soul, home-by-home, the Spirit of Christ is replacing the spirit of darkness that has gripped this area in Haiti for hundreds of years.

While in the Grison Garde community, we heard that one of the few remaining witch doctors wanted a radio, so we took him one. The witch doctor was happy to get it, and he promised to listen to it. Pastor Job made an appointment to return in the future to talk with him about a power greater than Satan...Jesus.

Dr. Ron Harris

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From Familiar to Foreign: A Mission Trip to Haiti

By Christy Berger

In July, nine people left Olney, Illinois, to begin a mission trip to Haiti. Matt Miller, our group leader, had attempted to prepare us for the trip. However, four of us had never been to Haiti and two of us had never been out of the United States. Matt reminded us many times to pray for God's will rather than for things such as rain and cool weather. We left for Haiti thinking our work would be witnessing and distributing Radio 4VEH radios and preparing a school to open for the new school year. However, we soon realized that we needed to help with a Bible school. Again we were reminded that this was God's desire for us, and we must not wish to fulfill our plans but His.

For those of us who had never traveled far, getting into Haiti and back home seemed a bit intimidating. So we remembered to "fear not."

As we arrived into Haiti, by the Caribe Bus, the poverty was immediately evident. The sight of children washing in the river waving and smiling, women washing clothes in the river, and men washing motorbikes in the same river was overwhelming. We soon found out that while most Haitians have very little in material things, the Christians have much joy in the Lord!

It was a blessing to attend the church service and experience the music. Bible school was certainly an unexpected benefit also. The pastor greeted us kindly and with much energy. We provided a Bible lesson, used a felt-board, often acted out the stories, and involved the children in the story. It was fun to play with the children during the recess time and teach them songs in English because they love to learn English and quickly caught on. The discipline and obedience of the children were remarkable as they have such a zest to learn more about Jesus!

We visited the beautiful, completed seminary where some of the team had painted on a prior trip. The Radio 4VEH station was also interesting. It is remarkable how the radios are used to reach numerous people for the Lord while incorporating news that otherwise would be difficult to get out to the people.

The men on our team used their skills in plumbing, welding, and construction to provide assistance with much needed work on the OMS compound.

On the Friday before returning home, we headed into the mountains to evangelize and give out Radio 4VEH fixed-tuned radios. Some were blessed by visiting the famous prayer tree while others were disheartened by the effect of voodoo and witch doctors. This made Satan very real to us as we realized that as Americans we may not admit to worshipping the devil, but we worship things such as our jobs, cars, television, and so much more.

Haiti has so much need. Please consider sponsoring an Emmaus Seminary student, a Starfish kid, air time at Radio 4VEH, a missionary, the Bethesda Clinic, or school and church construction. But most importantly, please pray for the Haitians and the full time missionaries. The Lord is working, but there is much more to be done.



Terry Atkins, Jennefer Huffman, and Bob Atkins in Haiti.



Terry Atkins with new Haitian friend.



Bible school children.

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 58 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.

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07/21	07/28	Colombia (Evang/Ch Plant)	Indy 1900
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Ecuador Déjà Vu or a Dream Come True?

By Doug Tankersley

It was our first night in Puyo, Ecuador, where our small team of seven had come to help a local church with Vacation Bible School. We had prepared the songs, crafts, and activities while our Ecuadorian brothers and sisters prepared the Bible curriculum. We were welcomed by the church members with a special church service.

At that service, we met Rosa, a Christian Shuar woman expecting her seventh child. Rosa, her children, and a few other Shuar women had come to share a special presentation for our group. After the presentation, she shared her sadness and difficulty of living with an alcoholic husband who, even that night, was out drunk in the streets. Several of the team members quickly related to having an alcoholic in the family.

Our group committed to pray for Rosa during the week. Then, on Tuesday night, we noticed that her husband, Alejandro, had come to church with her. He was quite uneasy, especially as we were so overjoyed to see him. He testified that he was searching for God and had a problem with alcohol.

Our team was continually reminded to remain flexible and that our plans are not always the Lord's plans. Sure enough, our original plans for Wednesday morning had changed, and we were inside the squatter home of Alejandro and Rosa to visit and pray with them. Alejandro shared that earlier that month he had a dream that we were all in his home but did not understand it. Now that his dream had come true, he recognized how God had prepared him for this moment in his life. It was a moving experience as Alejandro dedicated his life to the Lord and then spoke a blessing over each of his children and Rosa. Alejandro was reconciled with God and his family. We



Doug and Cindy Tankersley have served with OMS in Ecuador for the past four years, ministered in Colombia (see next page), and are now MFM Regional Directors in Illinois.

were greatly blessed to see with our eyes the beauty of reconciliation happen.

During the Thursday night church service, we witnessed a completely transformed family. Alejandro praised and rejoiced in what God had done. His wife beamed with such incredible hope and assurance in how God had answered her prayers for their family.

Since that glorious day in August, Rosa has given birth to a beautiful girl. Alejandro and Rosa have been ostracized by many of the Shuar for their Christian beliefs, but they are



Top: Ecuadorians minister in music and traditional dress. Above: Rosa and children in Puyo.

committed to reaching their Shuar community for Christ, and the Lord is using them in great ways. Please pray for them as they serve the Lord in Puyo, Ecuador.

Proverbs 16:9 says "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." Remember to remain flexible throughout your day. You never know when you will be a part of a DREAM COME TRUE!



Bible school team in Puyo.

Colombia Ripe for the Harvest

By Doug Tankersley

Greg Carlson and I had an awesome experience last November when we participated in door-to-door evangelism in Barranquilla, Colombia. Greg serves as One Mission Society's Every Community for Christ church facilitator in Colombia and Ecuador. The team of 56 other North Americans and 175 Colombians were under the leadership of the mission organization e3 Partners. One Mission Society and e3 Partners continue seeking ways to partner together to saturate Colombia with the Gospel.

We saw people who were very open and hungry to hear the Gospel of Jesus and His saving grace. That week, 1,578 people prayed to receive Christ as their Savior and hundreds more heard the Gospel. Clearly, the field is ripe in this area of the world.

I believe there are three factors that made this week so positive in the response to the Gospel. The first factor is prayer--that the hearts of the Colombian people will be softened and responsive. Second, the team members were faithful in following Christ's great commission to: do, go, and give. And third, the team used the EvangeCube, a visual tool, which complements Bible preaching (see page 15).

The churches have formed "I am Second" Bible study and discipleship groups that help new believers grow in the faith (See page 15). Please pray for the Colombia churches as they follow-up with the new believers.

I was personally blessed when 16 people whom I shared and prayed with received the Lord as their Savior. Many others listened. I am reminded that "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17. And, Isaiah 55:11a tells us, "My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Our team planted many seeds.

My wife, Cindy, and I speak in many churches and with individuals about short-term mission trips through



Above: Doug with new believers.

Right: Greg leading "I am second" group.



Men for Missions. I am often asked, "Why should someone serve overseas when we have so many needs here at home?" As I have thought about this question, I have been reminded of an experience I had this fall helping one of our supporters. He is a farmer, and I helped with his corn and soybean harvest.

I learned that preparation and timing is crucial to the harvest. The equipment must be ready, and when the crop is ripe, it must be quickly harvested or some will be lost.

"Why serve overseas?" Because the fields are ripe and none of the harvest must be lost! Jesus told the disciples: "...I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35b.

How can you be involved in the Colombia harvest? "Saturation Antioquia" is a project with the goal of planting 20,000 house churches in the next five years within the department of Antioquia, Colombia. It also includes partnering with nine ministries and churches to share the Gospel and plant churches. OMS is currently scheduling short-term teams for eight to ten days to Colombia in 2012. These opportunities will include prayer walks, evangelism, forming new church groups, and helping introduce, "I am Second" groups.

Will you pray and partner with MFM in doing, going, and giving on a short-term mission trip in 2012? Truly the harvest is ready!



Street scene in Barranquilla, Colombia.

Haiti “Don’t Shut Doors Before God Shuts Them for You”

By Marylyn Fitzsimmons

In February 2011, my husband, Jim, and I and John McDonald went to Cap Haitian, Haiti, to replace a 30-year-old metal roof on a missionary home. While the men replaced the roof, I taught in the missionary school.

There is a missionary spirit in our church because of the witness of our pastor, Bill Rodahaver, and his wife, Naomi, who served as missionaries in Haiti. As evidence, the church has participated in 14 mission trips since 2006. Therefore, when missionary, Joetta Lehman spoke to our church, several volunteered for a work trip to Haiti. However, between that time and our departure date, Haiti experienced major upheaval. An earthquake, a cholera epidemic, and reports of the return of two former dictators made me question whether the trip was really God’s will.

My doubts drove me to seek the advice of Bill Evans, the Men for Missions Ministry Team Director. His answer will be forever imprinted on my heart. Bill advised, “Don’t shut doors before God shuts them for you.” “That was

what I needed to hear! Teaching in the school, sharing gifts with the children, and learning about the Starfish program, which enables a child to go to school, helped me see more clearly the importance of supporting the missionaries. Several people became Starfish partners in our home church when I shared about the Starfish program.

Jim had read *Understanding Haitian Voodoo* by Emmanuel Felix and its roots in Haitian culture (see page 15). He was interested in how the Haitian Christians dealt with this influence of their culture.



The team with Haiti missionaries, Joetta Lehman and Mary Lou Wanker.

On Sunday we attended church and the sanctuary was full. Although the adults were impressive in their Sunday best, it was the children who really stood out. Little girls in frilly dresses and boys in dress shirts and slacks – looked like Easter morning. But what touched my heart most was the worship service. With their voices lifted loudly in thankful praises to the Lord, I saw no room for Voodoo here. Christ is triumphant.

John McDonald said that the ministries of Radio 4VEH and the Emmaus Biblical Seminary really touched his heart. He said, “I was truly blessed to work with the missionaries and Jonas, a local Haitian. I also enjoyed the life stories of the missionaries. It was encouraging to see the young seminary students reaching out to their people with such a personal outreach.”

John concluded that the team was blessed, the missionaries were encouraged, and the church family was blessed through Starfish partnering.

All this happened because the team did not shut God’s open door.



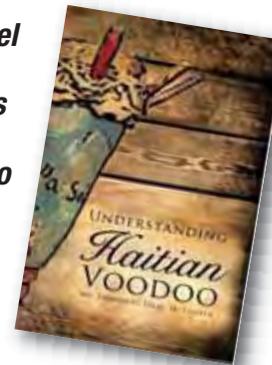
Marylyn teaching in classroom.



Men repair roof on missionary home.

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Saturation Antioquia

The DNA of OMS has included saturating countries with the Gospel ever since our beginning in 1901.

MFM and ECC (Every Community for Christ) will partner in an evangelism effort in Antioquia, Colombia; OMS is partnering with nine ministries and churches to share the Gospel and plant churches.

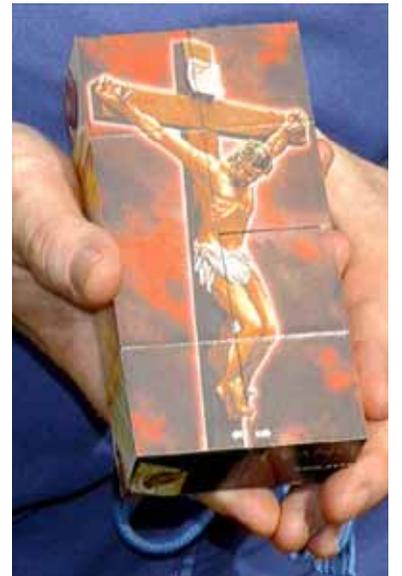
Saturation Antioquia intends to give every man, woman, boy, and girl the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel through the witness of the local church.

The goal of this project is to train 4,000 Colombian church members to start house churches; plant a second and third generation church. In five years there will be 20,000 house churches in Antioquia.

In 2012, we will prepare and send teams to Colombia for 8-10 days to prayer walk; evangelize using the EvangeCube; form new church groups; work with e3 Partners (e3partners.org) using the *I am Second* method (iamsecond.com).

Our opportunities will be April 14–22, July 21–28, and November 3–10, 2012 as we go to Medellin, Colombia, to help with evangelism and church-planting.

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Gentle Persuasion

God's gentle hand in Haiti

By Sherry Smith

“being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised.”

– Romans 4:21

When I told friends and family that I was planning to go on a mission trip to Haiti, they basically told me I had lost my mind and that I should rethink the decision. Six months prior to this, I had been hospitalized for congestive heart failure. For a while, doctors were not certain I would recover. It was during this time that I told the Lord, “If you get me through this, I will do whatever You ask of me.” The mission trip was mentioned in church, and it sounded intriguing but ...

In October, I read in Isaiah 6:8, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8b. I had been thinking about the mission trip and was convinced that the Lord wanted me to go. I had almost a year to ponder my decision and almost canceled many, many times. I refused to back out, and even though I doubted my ability to do it, I kept moving forward.

I finally left on the trip, and as soon as we hit the Florida heat, I knew my basic comfort was in definite jeopardy. And, we weren't in Haiti yet. The heat and humidity was making me feel weak and unsteady on my feet. I knew that the Lord had directed me to go on this trip and there was no turning back. My goal was to be faithful to the Lord. Of course, I did not want to be a burden to the team.

Haiti is both beautiful and depressing. I was in awe of the beauty God had created, yet saddened by the devastation. Unquestionably, I was not prepared for the climate and doubted if I could survive the week. Daily I prayed for the Lord to give me His strength. Our God is faithful! If He asks us to do something He will give us the ability to complete it.

Yes, Haiti was difficult, the most difficult thing I have ever done. Outside of one unplanned meeting with the surface of a mountain and being literally dripping with sweat for a week, it was a time that brought me much closer to God because I had to rely on Him for the daily strength that I needed. Our God will absolutely supply every need that we have.



Sherry preparing VBS flannel-graph materials in Haiti.



Sherry with New Jersey team preparing for Haiti trip.

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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.

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