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Local Jeweler Fulfilled Family Christmas Wishes

By Brad Boozer
Waco, Texas

Located in front of my business, Boozer's Jewelers, a bright red mailbox emblazoned with "Santa Mail" caught the eye of several dozen children during the Christmas season in Waco, Texas.

I had just returned from a mission trip to build a house with the Men for Missions—Homes for Haiti project. After what I saw in Haiti, I began to

think how I could help local impoverished families and decided to give back to someone who was less fortunate. Our family is very fortunate, so we looked for a worthy cause to grant somebody's wish—not just an Xbox 360 gift. I wanted letters about local families truly in need of holiday cheer. My plan was to select at least one family that we could make a Christmas wish come true.

My wife, two sons, and I would choose what family or families to help. If several requests were made, I knew of other people in the Waco area who would help make Christmas dreams come true. I left open the possibility of helping multiple families, especially if friends followed through with promises to help. Many letters were deposited into the Santa Mailbox by December 22. Luckily, plenty of residents agreed to act as elves.

The *Tribune-Herald* newspaper published an article and after that

numerous calls came in from both acquaintances and strangers wanting to help through contributions and volunteers who provided professional services. I was touched by the community's response to the idea. A man in the community said that he was impressed by the street-level nature of the Santa Mail project.

A local school employee asked for a space heater on behalf of another family. The house had no heat and the situation was made worse by the fact that a sheet served as the front door. I contacted a friend in construction work who fixed the door and other problems in the house.

Another family wanted to visit an out-of-town relative dying of cancer. The family had no automobile, so someone bought bus tickets for their trip.

A few letters simply wanted food items for a Christmas dinner.

A photographer offered to do pictures for families.

Some requests were typical Christmas wish lists from children. But many were heart-breaking pleas for help, often from friends or acquaintances of the person in need.

In all, about 500 letters were dropped off in the mailbox.

Mrs. Barbara Jones and her children and grandchildren were among some 35 families whose Christmas wishes were fulfilled. The children's teacher told about one of the boys who was about to burst with anticipation after gifts were delivered.

One family has two blind children who use wheelchairs. They spend most of their time indoors. But, because the house did not have a heating or air-conditioning system or adequate insulation, temperatures were not much better inside than outside. The family's home now has insulation and an air-conditioning system.

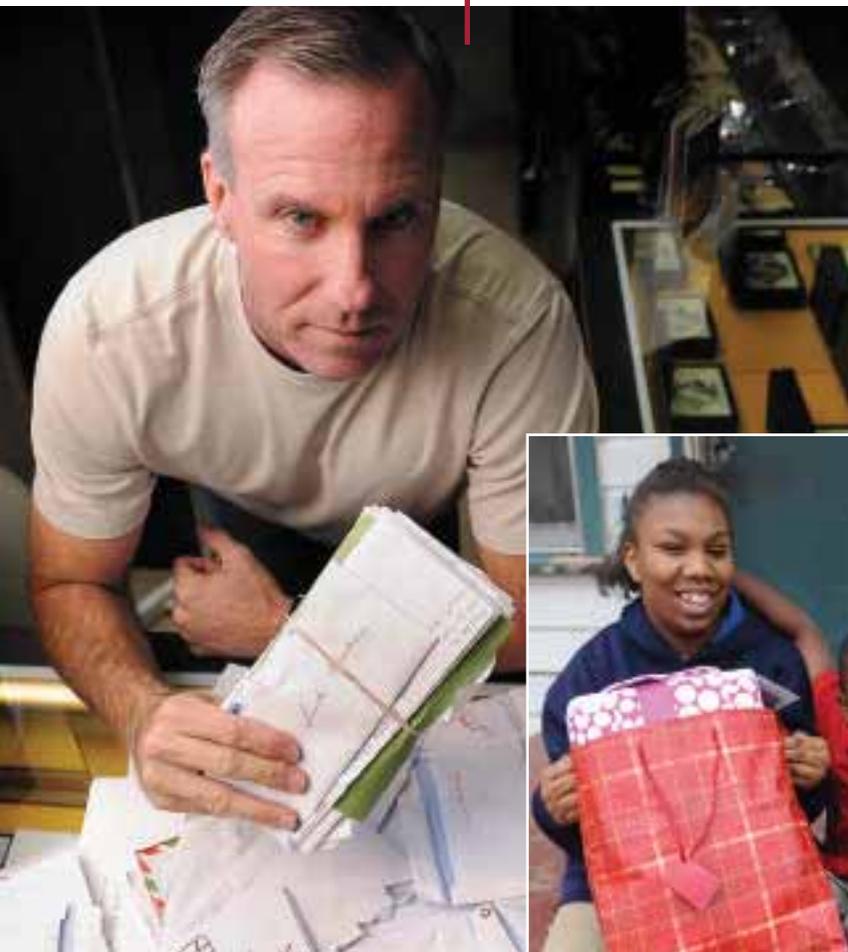
Another family's mobile home got major repairs and people put them in a hotel while the repairs were finished. Children who needed beds were helped by a local school teacher. Fulfilling wishes was possible because people with special skills, such as construction, and professionals offered help.

Originally, we intended for our family to choose just a few wishes to fulfill. But numerous friends, business associates, and even complete strangers offered help once they heard about the project. Together, we brought Christmas to about 35 families. It turned out much bigger than I anticipated.

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Brad Boozer (right) in Haiti working with MFM Homes for Haiti team.



Brad Boozer with some of the letters deposited in the Santa Mailbox.



Barbara Jones (far right) and her children and grandchildren were among some 35 families whose Christmas wishes were fulfilled.

Your Life-Changing Journey

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



Back to Medellin

By John Shearin

The business side of an early February trip to Medellin, Colombia, was to help prepare a new soccer field to enhance and expand the ministry of the Christian Union Sports Club (CUSC). To renew friendships, make new acquaintances, and spend some intimate evenings in the homes of ministry leaders were the extra blessings that emerged from our nine-day journey.

We ventured into familiar territory as we left the Central Illinois winter behind. Team leader Jeff Fritzen, Phillip Halcomb, Steven Halcomb, Jim Kennell, Kevin Nussbaum, and I were excited to support the CUSC, an outreach to the children of Medellin and their families. The soccer-focused sports club, led by OMS missionary Mark Wittig, celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2011. This year, the CUSC will share the Gospel with 2,000 children organized into 85 teams across the city.

The CUSC is based at a facility in the Medellin suburb of Bello. Currently, it includes a full-size grass soccer field bordered by a multi-function structure, which provides offices for the club, locker rooms, seating for fans, a dormitory for visitors (including our team), conference rooms, and a cafeteria.

This spring a new second full-size field with synthetic turf will provide both a durable surface capable of handling unending soccer play and a source of ministry revenue through rentals. An area had been leveled and prepared for the turf. Our project was construction of a retaining wall at one end of the new field. Under the



MFMI team in Colombia atop their completed retaining wall project. From left: Steven Halcomb, Kevin Nussbaum, Phil Halcomb, Jeff Fritzen, John Shearin and Jim Kennell.

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Missionary Mark Wittig (second from right) discusses retaining wall project with Phil Halcomb, Jim Kennell, and Kevin Nussbaum.



Kevin Nussbaum striking joints in retaining wall. Steven Halcomb and Jim Kennell hand out candy following soccer ministry gathering.

skilled leadership of professional mason Kevin Nussbaum, our group poured footings, installed drainage tile, and completed the 150-foot long wall with four rows of concrete block.

We also had the privilege of spending time with members of the soccer ministry. Early in the week, we joined the coaches for their regular meeting of praise and leadership development. It was a great privilege for us to enjoy dinners in the homes of coaches and their families and with ministry board members. There were three opportunities to visit the children in the club while they had Bible study and soccer practice and to share in different parts of Medellin. It is thrilling to see how much the children enjoy playing and to know that each child hears God's Word through participation in the club. The Lord has transformed many of them and their families.

Before we knew it, our time in Medellin ended, and we were headed home. We had completed the retaining wall and even started an additional task to prepare for installation of the turf. Once again, we left Colombia blessed by the opportunity to serve others, renew friendships and create new ones, and see the incredible work of Jesus in the lives of the children in the soccer club.

“DO whatever God asks you to do.
GO wherever God asks you to go.
GIVE whatever God asks you to give.”

By Patti Rzasa

These are the words defining Men for Missions. And these are the words that influenced my decision to go to Bogota, Colombia, in January 2012. The biggest motivator, however, was Missionary Week at the Faith Bible Church in Agawam, Massachusetts, where I met Millie Young, who would be our host in Bogota. This amazing woman has devoted her life to bring the truth of Jesus Christ to the people of Colombia. And the love in the faces of these beautiful people when they see Millie is tangible and moving.

Seven of us from around the U.S.—David, Lois, Paul, Carlos, Rodney, Patti, and Doug, our team leader, were called to the InterAmerican Christian School in Bogota. This school educates over 800 primary and secondary students and provides them with reading, writing, and arithmetic along with the Word of God.

The school was in desperate need for new chairs and desks—around 400 of each needed to be welded, grinded, primed, painted, drilled, sanded, and assembled. A missionary team in December had made a good dent in the project, but a daunting task faced us on that first day when we looked at what still needed to be done. We put our faith in Jesus Christ and asked Him to help us accomplish His plan. And though we seemed to face obstacles every day, Christ answered our prayers and provided the solutions we needed.

On two occasions, we held prayer circles



The beautiful children of Bogota, Colombia.

with the Colombian construction workers who were renovating the school. They were eager to participate, and we could feel the Holy Spirit moving through our group. This brought us very close to these people and gave us the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ, even though our language differences created a bit of a barrier. However, love and gentleness need no

words, and I will never forget these wonderful people.

We also had the opportunity to visit two church services during our stay, and the fellowship welcomed us with open arms. We brought toys and clothing for the children and to see the happiness on the faces of these precious little ones when they received a Beanie Baby or yo-yo was so moving that I often had tears in my eyes. The Lord truly touched us all.

This mission was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. To be with truly Christ-filled people for two weeks in a foreign environment lifted me closer than ever to our Lord and Savior. The love and trust was palpable among our team, and I have never felt so safe and

More children at InterAmerican Christian School in Bogota, Colombia.



loved with people I just met. Each member gave his or her all to this mission and to accomplish the Lord's plan for us.

I thank God for giving me this opportunity to serve Him and His children in Colombia. I await the next task He puts in my heart with eagerness and joy. If the Lord calls you to missionary work, take Him up on it. You'll never be the same.

Kids Under Konstruction

By Cindy Tankersley

Since their inception in 2004, Konstruction Kids whose motto is "We Build for Eternity" has raised over \$8,000 for mission work around the world. That's quite amazing coming from this small group of 140 Pre-K through eighth grade kids that attend the Wednesday night church program at Gibson City Bible Church (GCBC) in Gibson City, Illinois. The Wednesday night program is the outreach to unchurched kids in the community. Many of the children are part of the GCBC church body but many are not.

Julie Summers, Program coordinator, in 2004, said, "We need a way to get these kids excited about missions and teach them the importance of giving to mission work around the world." From that, Konstruction Kids was created. Their motto, "We Build for Eternity," means they build each week through their offerings and prayers. Most children bring in small change, but it all adds up when God blesses it. Their offerings during the first year were 100 times more than in previous years.

During the first two years, they raised \$1,500 to help "build" a church in Guatemala. The following year, they raised over \$700 for a girl's dorm in India. The next year, almost \$1,500 was given for an OMS-Ecuador guest van. Then, they raised \$1,800 for Bibles for Wycliffe, \$800 for CEF Lighthouse, and \$1,300 for OMS Ecuadorian pastor's needs in consecutive years.

My husband, Doug, and I served as One Mission Society missionaries in Ecuador from 2006 – 2010. We encourage the Konstruction Kids each month during our furlough, and then we took their offerings and presented them to the pastors of Ecuador. The Ecuadorian pastors

were elated with their Bibles, evangelistic materials, communion plates, Sunday school supplies, and food to serve needy children.

Each year, the Wednesday night leaders must decide on a project for the Konstruction Kids. This year, they were unanimous in selecting Resounding Hope as their project (see page 8). The kids love the idea of buying radios for Haitians. They have been able to take sample radios home and share with their parents about the project. One parent is interested in going and helping distribute the radios that her sons have purchased.

In our new role as Regional Directors for MFM, we are able to promote monthly challenges and provide updates on their progress. We are excited to organize a short-term mission team to distribute the radios. The Konstruction Kids raised funds for over 40 radio scholarships and have inspired the congregation to match their goal. To date, funds for 94 radio scholarships have been raised.

We are eager to partner with those who are willing to do, go, and give whatever God asks of them, and that includes elementary schoolchildren with some small change in their pockets.

We are very grateful for our sending church, Gibson City Bible Church. They have had a heart for missions since their inception over 60 years ago. Gibson City Bible Church is no stranger to One Mission Society and Men for Missions. They generously support OMS missionaries and have brought their High School Youth group to OMS headquarters several times to work on various projects. This year, they will sponsor another Men for Missions short-term mission trip to Ecuador for their college kids.



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We look forward to working alongside many other churches in Illinois. As your MFM Regional Directors, we are here to help you expand your mission vision and encourage you in your mission goals.

Please let us know how we can best serve you.

We can be contacted at: dtankersley@onemissionsociety.org

The Jesus Film in the African Bush



Left: Typical scene of crowds in Africa, gathered to see the *Jesus Film*. Above: Pastor Tomas, in suit and tie, is the church trainer and pastor in the area where the *Jesus Film* was shown. He is pictured with his family and a church planter.

By Jose Banalas

At dusk, as I traveled in the African bush going to a village church to show the *Jesus Film*, I asked fellow missionary Aimee Howarth, "How will they know when the film starts?" Of course, I am used to well publicized events with fliers, church bulletins, radio and TV commercials, and lots of hype. I was also worried because it was getting dark, and we were going to set up the projection equipment in the dark. It was very dark with no street lights, no house lights—just headlights from the car and a few pen lights. Hearing my question, Aimee smiled and said, "When it gets dark and when they hear noise." (I soon realized that just the noise of our vehicle had announced our presence.)

As we drove in, there were typical African huts scattered here and there. We saw children playing and women doing chores every once in awhile. But, by the time the film started, close to 100 people quietly waited and watched us set up. We also were part of their entertainment.

Every time we set up the equipment, it amazed me that the team was able to do it. When we arrived at a new destination with the dust that our vehicle raised trailing behind, the equipment boxes were unloaded and scattered with cords hanging out here and there. Once located, cords were stretched for the speakers across the dirt; the screen set up and hung in front

of shrubs and trees; the generator set up several feet away; the DVD player and projector delicately connected by Aimee; and the whole time I prayed, "Lord, let this work." For thirteen years, I worked as media director at First United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and I had everything in order, everything labeled, cords neatly wrapped (and color coded), equipment in place, no dust on speaker cords much less on the equipment. However, to show the *Jesus Film* in the African bush, everything was a mess! But, to the glory of God, that mess worked!

Through the dusty equipment, the Gospel of Luke was seen and heard. The Word of God was proclaimed! At the end of the film, angels rejoiced when Mozambicans came forth to accept



Aimee Howarth gives thumbs up. The film is ready to roll.

Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives. There weren't a large number of people that came forth and there were hecklers in the audience. Many people stayed in their place, and they heard the Gospel. Those that came forth will be trained and disciplined, and they are now a light in the darkness.

I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life.

—John 8:12 The Amplified Bible

(((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 Kate Michel

Marketing & Communications Director
Resounding Hope / Radio 4VEH

I'm excited that the first batch of new radios is now broadcasting a message of hope to 100 families in two villages in Haiti.

Earlier this month, a team from Galcom International (our partner in radio production) joined our staff and local church teams to share the Gospel in poor areas near Balan and Quartier-Morin, northern Haiti. As they went door-to-door, they talked with people about Jesus and many made a first-time decision for Christ. Each household received the gift of a Resounding Hope solar-powered radio to help them in their faith journey.

Alastair had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with a young mother who clutched her baby in her arms. Alastair said, "She prayed to accept the Lord into her life. Her children listened to our conversation, too. She was excited to receive a radio and know that she could listen to the New Testament in her own language."

What's special about these new radios? Simply put, they connect people with daily hope through Christian broadcasting from Radio 4VEH and gives the New Testament in audio format to people who can't read.

The radio's revolutionary design is powered by the sun, and needs no battery changes. If the rechargeable battery is removed or stops working years from now, the radio and audio New Testament will still work in the sun. For poverty-stricken communities in Haiti where electricity, batteries and Bibles are a luxury, this little radio is an answer to our prayers!

Today, constant streaming of Scripture reading, Bible teaching, farming and health advice, and life-saving information is speaking hope

to men, women and children in Balan and Quartier-Morin.

However, this is just the beginning. Many people in Haiti live without hope; trapped in spiritual darkness. Even believers struggle to know the Bible and live out their faith. Our evangelism teams are desperate for more radios to be sent to Haiti, so that many more families can hear hope every day.

We need your help!

Your gift of \$60 will sponsor a solar radio and give hope to a Haitian family for years to come. Even \$10 will help at least one person in Haiti hear about Christ.

To contribute to this project, please specify Project #404870-RASU12B

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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 Janel 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.

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Haiti

Getting Down and Dirty in Haiti



Salem, Illinois, MFMs overhauling septic system at OMS mission compound near Cap-Haitien, Haiti.

By Larry Dodd

The maintenance of the OMS campus in Haiti, is an important task; however, the more important purpose for fourteen people from the First Baptist Church of Salem, Illinois, was to share the Gospel of Christ to the people of Haiti. The team left in the early morning hours of January 9, 2012, for the OMS campus in Cap-Haitien. The prayer and intent of the team was to have an impact on the Haitian people and be impacted by them.

Shortly after arrival at the OMS Campus, the team went straight to work on a variety of maintenance projects. Throughout the campus, upkeep and repairs were imperatively needed for the missionaries to work more effectively. We were there ten days and completed a variety of tasks from fixing leaky faucets and trimming branches to overhauling a septic system.

Although these tasks were of vital importance, they were trivial compared to some of the other events experienced by the team. We were able to do this in an assortment of ways. One way we shared the gospel and interacted with the Haitian people was through participation in several English as a Second Language classes for Haitians. In these classes, the team members spoke English to the students, which was an invaluable experience for them. Although few on the team were excited to participate, they walked away with a new found understanding of the people they came to help. In the end, most found the experience to be enjoyable.

Another way that the team sought to spread the message of Jesus Christ was through the distribution of solar-powered radios in the small fishing village of Bor de Mer de Lemonade. In this village, we shared the Gospel with many households and distributed the radios pre-

tuned to Radio 4VEH. This experience was intimidating for many of the team members, but it was one that left a lasting impact. Throughout the course of the radio distributions, six people came to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

The missionaries introduced us to what they called a "Jesus Party," which was another way to interact with the people. We went to the original OMS Starfish School and presented the creation story and sang several songs with them. Also, the Gospel was shared with the children, and over sixty accepted Jesus. We gave bags filled with toys and other items to the children, and they deeply appreciated the small gifts.

This trip to Haiti had an immense impact not only on the Haitians, but on each team member as well. While at the OMS campus, we saw the many needs of the missionaries and upon our return home, we are seeking to meet some of those needs. In addition, this trip has left a burden on many team members for not only the Haitian people, but for lost people across the globe. Overall, this trip is one that will impact us for the rest of our lives.

Tara DeWitt, Debbie Dodd, and Karen Watson teaching English class.



The fourteen-member maintenance team from Salem, Indiana.



Homes for Haiti

“Submission” describes my trip to Haiti

By Abe Hogan

The first part of my transformation didn't start in Haiti, rather on the plane from Chicago to Miami—seat 21B. Patrick sat next to me, and he was going to Miami for a wedding. When he learned that I was going to Haiti, he asked what and why I was going and for how long. We talked an hour, and then he fell asleep. While he was sleeping, I wondered, “Abe, why didn't you ask him a spiritual question?” I prayed for him to wake up so I could share the Gospel. I planned everything I would say. However, he didn't wake up. For the rest of the day, I couldn't get Patrick off my mind.

Arriving in Haiti, I saw a ton of Haitians who wanted something. I wrote in my journal, “I look at their faces. Some seem happy, some seem lonely... most empty. My heart hurts for these people. Many don't know the real father.” Just out of the airport door, a Haitian man saw the Miami Hurricanes' shirt I was wearing, and said, “Hey, go Hurricanes! Yeah that's my team,” A big smile on his face showed rotten teeth; he wore a ripped, dirty shirt, and wore no shoes. What I saw on the street past him was “depravity.” From that moment what I saw changed and opened my heart to things I had thought before could never happen.

Sunday morning we went to a church half the size of a school gym—unlike ours in the U.S. I again wrote in my journal, “The children stared at us. I was completely amazed and surprised at how they sang with no instruments, and yet, were perfectly in tune. They were in their own world—the world of Jesus Christ. Their voices, sounded like a melody from Heaven.”

The first two days in Haiti didn't seem real. However, it hit me that this was their reality and how they lived everyday. This is what I prayed, “Dear Lord, I feel different. The past two days have been pretty crazy. Is this the real world? It is hard to comprehend that this is reality for millions of people. The Christians deeply and openly pray. Their submission to Christ is inspiring. While we worry, they worship. I have this awesome chance here in Haiti. Back home help me to show the love of Christ. I pray that I won't take the precious time You give me for granted. Instead, use me to the fullest of my capabilities. I pray that, I will be in full-submission to You.”

I want to show the people of this lonely, empty world the love of Christ. God gives me challenges, such as Patrick, and what held me back? Fear! I can have fear from consequences of a decision, peer pressure, or accomplishment of something impossible. I can be fearful or fearless. I Chronicles 28:20 says, “Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.” What does it look like to be fearless? Caught up in the avalanche of His grace.

I wrote one word in my journal that described each day in Haiti. 1. Love. 2. Submission. 3. Hard work. 4. Concentration. 5. Fearless. 6. Caring-Committed. 7. Thankfulness. 8. Unchained-Melody. The last night in Haiti the team talked for three hours about what we had seen, felt, and how to change. Although it was pitch black when we prayed, the power of God shined down on us and there was a surge of the Unchained-Melody that went through me. It was the Holy Spirit not chained or limited. With the Unchained Melody of the Holy Spirit, the Love of Christ shining through us, and in full-submission to the Lord, we can accomplish His will for our lives.

If I had risen to the challenge, Patrick might be a different person today. I know there are more Patricks in this world.

Haiti was a life changing experience: Full submission—Open-minded—Open-hearted.



Abe riding in back of truck in Haiti.



Abe laying blocks of new home in Haiti.



Team with Haitian family, their new home in the background. The home will become a center of Christian outreach in Haiti.

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.

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.



Warren Hardig
MFM International
Executive Director

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 58-year history. A current team list appears in this issue (see list at right).

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

MFM has no dues nor formal trappings. We exist to serve Christ by assisting OMS. Our mandate is compassion, pure and simple. Our priority is establishing the Lordship of Jesus Christ in each man's life, and our goal is to provide opportunities for personal obedience to the Great Commission. For more information contact the MFM office in your country (page 3).

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



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MFM Homes for Haiti work team (see opportunities below).

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Dates	Field (Project)	Depart	Cost
06/19	06/28 Ecuador (Women Evang)	Indy	1650
06/23	07/01 Haiti (H4H Work)	Tulsa	1550
06/30	07/07 Mexico (Work)	Savanah	1100
06/30	07/07 Ecuador (Construction)		1750
07/02	07/07 Haiti (Roof Replace)	Portland	1550
07/10	07/29 Hungary (Camp)	Indy	3000
07/15	07/29 SW Haiti (Evang/Prayer)	Indy	2350
07/21	07/28 Colombia (Evang/Ch Plant)	Indy	1900
07/21	07/28 Haiti (Work)	Spokane	1700
08/03	08/10 Haiti (Ag Team)	Indy	1550
08/30	09/10 Israel, (Prayer/Vision)	1 Indy	3200
09/11	09/20 Kenya Nairobi (Prayer)	Indy	2850
09/15	09/29 Ecuador (E3 Evang)	Indy	1725
09/20	09/28 SE Asia (Prayer)	Indy	2500
09/29	10/08 S Asia (Prayer)	Indy	2500
10/01	10/08 Caribbean (Prayer)	Indy	1800
10/06	10/14 Haiti (H4H Work)	Columbus	1450
10/11	10/21 S Korea (Women Evang)	Indy	2250
10/11	10/21 Hong Kong (Prayer/Vision)	Indy	2650
10/13	10/20 Haiti (H4H Work)	Montgomery	1450
10/20	10/28 Haiti (H4H Work)	Waco	1425
10/24	10/30 Haiti (Mobil Clinic)	Phily	1450
11/03	11/10 Colombia (Evang/Med)	Indy	1900
11/03	11/11 Haiti (H4H Work)	Indy	1450
11/08	11/13 Haiti (Radio Distrib)	Ft Pierce, FL	900
11/17	11/25 Haiti (H4H Work)	Erie	1450

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“My Life Changing Journey”

By Mandy Powell
King, north Carolina

When I first learned of the opportunity to go on a mission trip to be a part of the Homes for Haiti project through Men for Mission (see next page), I had a difficult time deciding whether to go. I was scared for my health and safety and spent a lot of time in prayer. My daily devotions led me to finally say, "OK God, I get it. You want me to go to Haiti." It was the most amazing experience of my life. I am thankful that God gave me this opportunity.

After we arrived in Port-au-Prince, the 10 mile ride from the airport to the Villa Ormiso took over an hour, and it was overwhelming. The streets were filled with thousands of people, garbage all over the streets, and there seemed to be



Mandy Powell with Haitian children.

no traffic laws. When we arrived at the Villa Ormiso, there was no hot water for showers and only sparse internet. Panic began to set in. But, I decided to give it a day to adjust, and am thankful that I stayed and gave it a chance. It has truly changed my life.

The Haitian people, especially the children and orphans, melted my heart. The architecture of the Homes for Haiti is beautiful with the stars over the doors. I felt blessed to share in the dedication ceremony of one of the houses. As we turned the keys over to the owner, she stepped

inside and praised the Lord. And that's what is so awe-inspiring that no matter how bad things are or how little they have, the Haitian people are devoted in their worship and give praise to God.

OMS Missionary Harold Brown and his daughter, Sharon Mishler, did an outstanding job making us feel secure and translated for us. Michael and Sarah Shaferly were in charge of the Homes for Haiti project and Villa Ormiso, which is a secure and comfortable place to stay. Sarah shared her knowledge of Haiti as well as her personal tes-

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timony. Mission work truly does bring people closer and builds life-long bonds.

During a meeting with the ladies of the church, we had a Q&A session. One of the ladies asked how we minister to others in our communities. We told of meals-on-wheels and how we visit the sick and elderly. However, since many of us have full time jobs our time is limited to do as much as we should. A Haitian lady replied, "If God gives you time, give your time, if He gives you money, give your money. But don't be too hard on yourselves because you gave a whole week to come here." Her comment was insightful and touched us all. Later we heard they had expressed their need to visit the sick and elderly like we do. While inspired by their passion and faith, and felt we needed to be more like them, they felt the same thing about us.

During devotions one evening, Harold Brown prayed, "We might not be what we should be, but we're better than we used to be." I have grown in my faith from this life-changing experience and want to continue on the journey. I will answer God's call to do more mission work and include my children. I truly hope there will be a lot of next times to go wherever He leads me to go.



Women's meeting at Port-au-Prince church. Haitian women worship and afterward, visiting women share with children and participate in Q&A session.

By Maggie Davis & Joseph Fulk, III
Pilot Mountain and Shoals, North Carolina

On arrival in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, the group of 19 from the Pilot Mountain and Shoals communities of North Carolina, saw what could be described as ants at a picnic with the chaos of a hornets nest. The 5-10 mile trip to Villa Ormiso was incredible, amazing, hectic, stunning, mind blowing, etc. All the words of a dictionary could not, cannot, and will not be able to describe this going out in the name of Jesus Christ to the people of Haiti.

Our group grew tremendously over the eight days we were there. The intent was to share the love of God and show His light to the people of Haiti. The great privilege was to be among the people of Port-au-Prince and Gressier in the churches, schools, orphanages, and three work sites.

Each experience the women on the trip had visiting orphanages, schools, and a women's group of a local church were uniquely meaningful. It was amazing to be with the Women's group of Portal Leogone, The Gate to Leogone, and watch them praise and worship through song and service to others. We learned of their plans to take a mission trip of their own when they have raised enough money; it was very inspiring to see their passion for sharing the love of God with others. We saw the love of God shining on the faces of the humble, loving children. They shared that love with us (see page 12).

The men worked on the Homes for Haiti project and had the opportunity to finish houses number 17 and 18 and placed the trusses on house number 19. The relationships, respect, sharing, and teamwork with the Haitian workers and our men were utterly amazing. I have never seen such work ethic and ability as with these men. The giving and sharing I have never before witnessed. It was especially noticeable in the



MFMI ACTION

Bondye Bon (God is Good)



Above: North Carolina team at work building a home in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



Right: Missionary Harold Brown (front) with team building a home in Haiti.

hungry men who worked all day long and gave the sandwiches they received for lunch to the nearby children. They always did it with no hesitation.

Each night we closed our evenings with devotions. It was simply done with a passage of Scripture to remind us of what we were doing and what we were there for, but also included the question: Where or how have you seen or experienced God today? God was everywhere; in the children, the worship, the Shaferlys' (Michael, Sarah, Samuel, and Hannah), the people, the Lord's blanket of comfort and peace, Carly (a young man who opened himself to share the love of God with children as it was shared with him), interaction and prayer with the vendors outside the compound--God was experienced everywhere.

There was no way to describe this experience (the sites, sounds, smells, tastes, touches), but that did not stop us from trying to share the fire placed in our hearts

by the Holy Spirit. We all agree that we will return to Haiti. If we have that opportunity or not, we must seek to share what almighty God placed in our hearts, minds, and souls wherever we are. We truly have a story to tell to the nations...

Actually we do have more to say...God is Great, Bondye Bon~(God is Good), God is LOVE!!



Above: Men and kids head for Homes for Haiti work site.

Left: Women's group shared love, praise, and worship with women and children.

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A Small Glimpse of Heaven

By Bill Heubner

As I prepared to take part in the Homes for Haiti project, I was struck by the concern that I really had no idea what my purpose was in going on the trip. We had the task of building homes for Haitian families that had been impacted by the earthquake, but I wondered what deeper meaning the trip might have for me as I boarded the plane for our flight. I was drawn to this trip by something deeper than a humanitarian effort. After all, anyone could go to Haiti and help in the construction process, but this trip seemed to be something more.

Nothing can prepare a person for what they experience as they make their first drive through the city of Port-au-Prince. My heart was deeply troubled by what I saw as we drove through the city. I saw people living in conditions that were radically different from my own. I experienced a culture that had very little in common with what I experienced in the United States. The sights, smells, noises, and living conditions of the city were emotionally, physically, and mentally overwhelming. I was excited to begin the construction of the homes, yet I was concerned that my role in the process was insignificant in comparison to the great needs of the Haitian people.

Team pictured with new home and owners.



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It was at the construction site that I began to see what this trip was all about. We were fortunate to have a large crew of workers from Iowa, Indiana, and North Dakota. Over 20 people from various parts of the country teamed together with Haitian work-



Bill Heubner and Mike McCartney playing with children at work site.

ers to begin the construction of the homes. People quickly fell into the rhythm of the job, the rhythm of building relationships, and the rhythms of our daily life in Haiti. It was within these rhythms that I began to see the purpose of the journey.

I saw people speaking different languages complete various tasks, laugh together, and form understanding of one another. I saw selfless men motivated by a love of Jesus spend two days digging giant holes for use as a septic system, not because it



Starting the work day with devotions.

was expected of them, but because they saw a need that should be met, and they were available to meet it. I participated in devotions translated from English to Creole and vice versa throughout the week. I heard stories from earthquake survivors about how God had spared their lives in difficult circumstances. I had the opportunity to pray with new homeowners and dedicate houses to the Lord for his glory. I spent time playing with a six-year old Haitian boy. Even though neither one of us could speak the others language, we could speak the universal language of fun.

Amidst the troubling sights, sounds, noises, and smells of Haiti, I found the purpose of my journey. I went to Haiti and got a small glimpse of what Heaven will someday be like. There will be people from Iowa, Indiana, North Dakota, Haiti and other places all together. The language barriers, the economic barriers, the great distances between us will all be gone. What will remain are people from all over the world that want nothing more than to worship together in front of our God and King. The purpose of the journey wasn't to build a house. The purpose of the journey was to get a small glimpse of Heaven.

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Over the last few years, we have partnered with Every Community for Christ (ECC) to pray and provide support for evangelism teams and training centers in Mozambique. It has been exciting to send teams of men and women to Mozambique, and to come alongside our brothers in Christ to prayer walk and do evangelism. Because of your faithful giving of over \$145,000 and prayer support for these teams, there have been 12,466 decisions for Christ. We've also started 80 new churches. Thank you for helping new believers into the Kingdom.



New believers in Mozambique

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Moscow Seminary Student:

“I pray the Lord uses me in ministry in Istanbul, Turkey”

By Anton Glass

I was born in Tajikistan and went to Turkey to study telecommunications. While there I attended a Russian speaking church. A minister was needed, and I accepted the offer. Nowadays, I preach at the church, distribute the New Testament, and work to reach the people through the Russian speaking population of this restricted country. Some come to work, others marry, and so they stay. Expatriots unite as they are far away from home and lonely, which causes them to seek God. When they come to Christ, they naturally intermingle with the local people at work and/or home and lead others to Christ. In turn, the citizens of the nation reach out to their own relatives and friends.



Anton Glass

Spiritually, Turkey is an extremely dry land. In spite of persecution, their neighbor, Iran, has approximately 3,000,000 Christians compared to 4,000 in Turkey, where the freedom of conscience is guaranteed by the constitution. Traditionally, it is considered to be improper for the restricted country to change the religion he or she was born into. That's why when we engage in evangelism we do it together with local converts, an American, a Tajik, and a Turk. We go to a student's café, which is crowded, and take whatever spot is available, which gives us a chance to talk with those sitting around the table. We mention that we are Christians, and the (awaited) reaction: – “Well, it's OK for an American; we don't know what you guys in Tajikistan believe in. But, why are you, a Turk, a Christian?” This is exactly the question we anticipate. It gives the Turk a chance to give his testimony and convey the Gospel to all around the table. And they listen to those of their own.

I am now thankful for the chance to study at the Moscow Seminary. I always wanted to be trained for ministry but never had an opportunity until now. While ministering in Turkey, I clearly saw the need to have a firm foundation for my faith convictions. It was important for me to build my sermon on the truth of the Scripture rather than on my personal opinion. I chose the Moscow Seminary because it allows ministers to study while in-ministry. Some ministers leave church for three years of studies and never go back. On the other hand, some ministers feel they can't leave their churches, and so they never study. But the Moscow Seminary does it the balanced way – some on-line & some in-class training.

This is my first semester at the Seminary, and I already realize how much I am gaining for ministry through my studies. From the New Testament Survey class, I have learned how the Lord rules over the course of history to bring salvation to the nations. I shared this revelation (for me) with the church on Sunday. And this was important for them to hear and understand because expats depend on rules and regulations of the country we live in. You can't imagine just how excited the church was to learn that even the heart of the king was in the palm of the Lord's hand.

The skills I am learning in the Biblical Software course are changing the way I prepare my sermon—I am so much more thorough and true to the Word. My teachers are helping me to search and preach the Scriptures!

I pray the Lord uses me in ministry in Istanbul, Turkey, and teaches me at the seminary in Moscow, Russia.

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