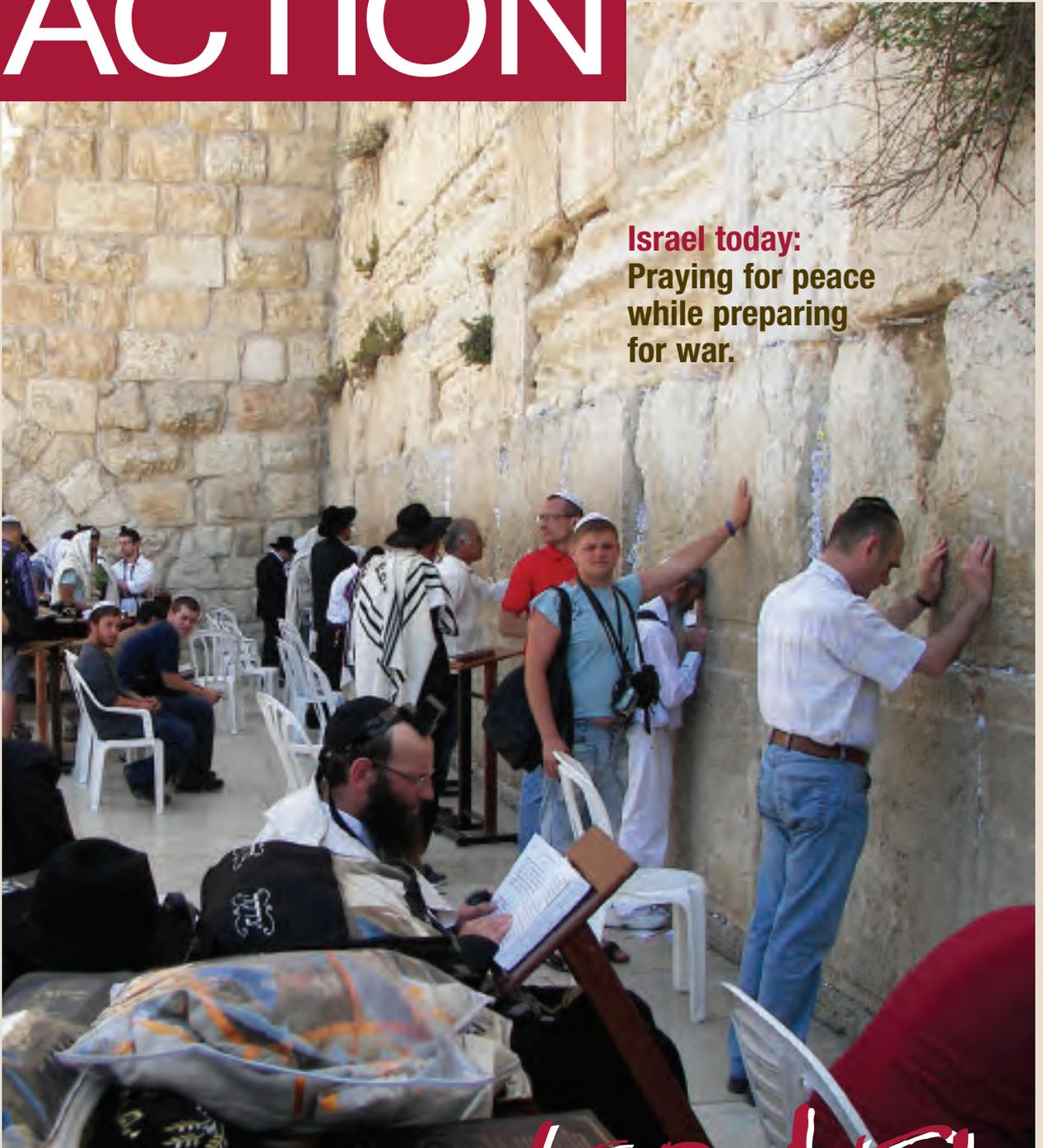


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Israel today:
Praying for peace
while preparing
for war.



ISRAEL

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

By Rev. Norman E. Cox, Ph.D.
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Rev. Norman Cox.

When Jesus entered my life as my Lord and Savior, I dreamed of visiting Israel. I wanted to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, as one walking through time, pray where He prayed, and see the Promised Land through His eyes. In

May 2012, my dream became reality when I took "A Prayer Walk through Israel."

Richard McLeish my prayer partner in Israel and I met for the first time in the Tel Aviv Airport. On the train north, he explained that border-to-border prayer for Israel would be our priority. Upon arrival, we met our hosts, Batel and daughters.

The next several days were packed with men's Bible studies, prayer meetings, and a worship service. When the shofar (ram's horn) was blown, to bring the service to order, it lifted me off my seat—what a meaningful beginning!

As we traveled to northern Israel, we visited the ruins of Megiddo,

where Solomon, Ahab, King David, and other kings of Israel once walked. We looked over the Valley of Megiddo, site of a future war. From there, we drove to the northern border of Israel and Beirut, Lebanon, which is mountainous with rich green meadows. It was here that our border-to-border prayer ministry began.

The next day, with Richard at the wheel and me as copilot with the map, we headed south. While our journey was not without complications with wrong turns and missing parking tickets, the Lord guided us to Tel Aviv. In Tel Aviv, we met a pastor who leads a Filipino congregation. One of the young ladies asked me, "Hello, do you remember me?" I did not. She told me that she had been one of my students when I taught a class at Faith Bible College in the Philippines. What an encouragement to learn that she is still serving God.

We continued south to Elat (Elat), where the terrain is flat and sandy and hosts flocks of sheep, just as Bedouin villages laced the countryside in the days when Jesus walked the land. Traveling along the Jordanian border, we reached Jericho, our next destination.

At the Dead Sea, salt looked like white caps on the ocean and there were huge piles of white salt sink holes. A sign stated, "The



Lunch with soldiers in Jerusalem.

Dead Sea—the lowest point on Earth." This is a fitting designation after what took place in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The historical highlight for me came at the Jordanian border. I envisioned the dust rising from the ground as the feet of one million people plus their animals trudged through the valley. As Richard drove, he prayed; as I looked out the window, I prayed. We prayed without ceasing. Our hearts were connected to God in prayer even when talking about the scenery.

On our way to Jericho and Jerusalem, we stopped at Timna Park, the world's ancient copper mines. Here also is an exact model of the Tabernacle, used by Moses and the Hebrew people during their exodus and forty years wandering in the wilderness of Jordan. We listened to a Jewish scholar explain the exhibit and share her personal testimony of salvation. She told us that she is often harassed and so was grateful for our visit. We prayed with her.

Back on the road we continued our climb toward Jerusalem. From

any part of Israel, traveling to Jerusalem is a slow up-hill climb. When we came to Jerusalem, we had covered the entire nation of Israel in prayer.

The next morning, we prayed at the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane where there were olive trees over one thousand years old. From the Garden, we could see the blocked Eastern Gate and looked over the white washed tombs, which the Lord used as an illustration to the Pharisees of His time. Here also, Jesus asked His Father that this cup pass from Him, and it was here that mine was being filled.

The next two days were filled with the sounds, sights, and smells of Old Jerusalem. We visited biblical sights, walked the narrow streets filled with vendors, prayed in the Upper Room, and witnessed the Wailing Wall. As in other countries, Israel needs revival. Our mission was fulfilled. Richard and I had covered the nation of Israel in prayer, border-to-border — North to



Temple Mount from Mount of Olives.

South — East to West.

This was a wonderful mission trip, and I pray that the Lord will allow you to feel the chill that I felt as I prayed my way through Our Lord's Promised Land. All Glory and Honor to Him.



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Espíritu de Cristo (Christ's Spirit)

By Ken Kuhbander and Deb Suman

¡Hola! Mi nombre es Débora. Wow, what an exciting week in the Caribbean! I am grateful to all those who sent us with their prayers, contributions, and love.

We were on the go from the moment we applauded our pilots for landing safely at the capital city's airport until we hugged our hosts goodbye. We saw every kind of car from every era, all fitted with diesel engines. We watched the sun and the full moon rise from our third-floor balcony. We drank sugary espressos at every home we visited. We watched baseball on TV and cheered the neighborhood boys playing soccer in the streets.

A custom that we practiced was to touch right cheeks and "air kiss" everyone in the room, the typical form of greeting. Imagine my surprise when I was halfway around a room and the man I had just air-kissed said, "Hi, I'm Billy!" We had stumbled upon a group of Baptists from Georgia!

We visited churches in the capital and three other cities. Some met in homes, one had a brand new sanctuary, and another met in a renovated single-screen movie theater. The common theme in all these places was the people with their lavish hospitality and their strong, steadfast faith. They were very receptive to our testimonies and to Pastor Randy's sermons and leadership workshop. Pastor Randy translated beautifully for us.

Every service and meeting was punctuated by cries of Amén, to show praise for what God was doing.

These people have a wonderful energy and enthusiasm for God. One church had to wait ten years until they had all the funds and permits to build their sanctuary. Until then, they decided that a church wasn't just a building and invited everyone in the neighborhood to the services held in their homes.

Every service and meeting was punctuated by cries of Amén, to show praise for what God was doing. When we sang in

English, "Open the Eyes of My Heart" and, "God Will Make a Way," the CD was drowned out by voices joining us in Spanish. ¡Amén!

One church had 50 children in the Sunday School. ¡Amén!

We found a restaurant called "Maná" (Manna), where every employee but one was a believer. ¡Amén!

Lidia has lost almost every family member through a series of illnesses and misfortunes, but she still opened her home for one of us to spend the night. ¡Amén!

A nurse I met is a part-time missionary in another part of the country, with a dream of serving the Lord full-time there.

Liana, an eight-year-old girl, wrote a song, Sólo Cristo ("Only Jesus"). ¡Amén!

In another church everyone was introduced by their role in the congregation as well as by their names. They are proud to serve the Lord. ¡Amén! As my Caribbean friend Catalina would say, "We no rich, but felices (happy), because Espíritu de Cristo (Christ's Spirit)." I want more of that Spirit! ¡Amén!



Randy Coleman, Deb Suman, Ken Kuhbander.



Tell the World of Christ—Church meeting.

A Drive Down the Pan American Highway

June 27 - July 7, 2013

Trip to Costa Rica

Who: This trip is designed for men with an adventurous spirit; who would like to drive down the Pan American highway to Costa Rica and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Central American countryside. This "Wild at Heart" adventure is a great activity for a father and son to experience together. Step out of the daily grind and see, smell, and experience a new cultural environment for 10 days.

Why: Raise \$30,000 for Men for Missions and Every Community for Christ, evangelism and church planting efforts in the Caribbean. Many people are coming to Christ, studying in training centers, and personally sharing their faith. Men for Missions has responded to this open door to underwrite \$50,000/year for three years of ECC work in the Caribbean.

When: June 27 - July 7, 2013. Leave from McAllen, Texas, and cross Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua before arriving in Costa Rica on July 1.

How it works: We need 15-20 men to contribute/raise \$1,300 for the project and return flight from San Jose.

The money will be used to: purchase the cars; cover logistics for hotels and food; purchase gas; pay for tolls, fees, taxes; and all border crossings.

We hope that several individuals on the trip can donate or purchase one of the vehicles. After driving the cars to Costa Rica, we will sell them and give the cash to One Mission Society to fund the ECC ministry in the Caribbean. Due to logistics, there will be a limited number of cars, with an approximate value of \$5,000-\$7,000. Participants who donate a vehicle or the funds to purchase one, will only need to contribute \$750 to cover the expenses related to their travel plus the return ticket. Certain types of vehicles are best, and it is advisable to get cars that sell well in Costa Rica. All vehicles should be titled in the men's names making the trip. Give sufficient time to get the title from the state Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Young men 16 years old may drive in the U.S. However, in Central America you must be 18 to drive.

Trip dynamics

Fellowship: Our goal is to have great fellowship together, praying, and sharing testimonies.

Adventure: There will be occasional four-lane interstate roads; however, most are winding, two-lane roads, which snake up, down, and around mountains. It is essential to drive as a team.

Culture: The culture is as different as the language, and we will depend on each other. We need to have a Great Commission concern for thousands of people that Christ loves and died for that we will see along the way.

Countries to be crossed: First day—cross into Mexico, south of McAllen, TX. Second day—drive through Mexico. Third day—drive across Guatemala (mid-afternoon, enter El Salvador and check into hotel west of San Miguel, El Salvador). Fourth day—cross Honduras and into Nicaragua and find hotel. Fifth day—cross into Costa Rica and go directly to the Tamarindo beach.

Activities in Costa Rica

Families/wives can join us: Wives and/or families of those on the Pan American adventure can fly to Costa Rica and join us. We will meet at the beach on July 1, and enjoy a couple days of rest. Wives and families should plan to fly into San Jose on June 30. Arrangements will be made for transportation to Tamarindo. We plan to do a short missions/ministry project in the San Jose area, and return on July 7.

If you are interested and/or have questions, contact me so we can reserve a spot for you and send further details.

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VBS Team in Ecuador

By Tina Buschman

Darryl and Kelly Chambers, missionaries in Ecuador, invited a Vacation Bible School team from Community Worship Church of Perryton, Texas, to do VBS in a village. On June 23, a team of 11 people left for Quito. Several on the team had never been on a mission trip, and they looked forward to seeing what missionaries do.

We were to teach in Llimbe, a Quechua village, and in a new church in Salcedo, pastored by Luis Orozco. Two of the men were to assist Darryl with repairs on the church.

Then, two weeks before our trip, there were threats in Llimbe to harm church members. Also, they were against foreigners coming into the area.

After prayerful consideration, Pastor Luis, Darryl, and Kelly decided to do the VBS at the Salcedo church. It would still be safe for the men to go to the church during the day to do repairs. The team adjusted plans as needed.

The first morning in Ecuador, we traveled from the Guest House in Quito, to Salcedo. We were greeted by the people and immediately felt at home with them. Although the plan and place was changed, the first day 70 children attended the VBS.

When two team members, Richard and Allen, joined Darryl in Llimbe, they found that the threat against the church members was gone. At that time Pastor Luis discovered that the man, who had made the threats in this farm village, needed some beans. He had gone to one of the church members to purchase some for his family. The lady of the home saw opportunity to bless and witness to the adversary and gave him a large free bag of beans. She told him that this was a gift from the Lord. Surprised, the man replied that he would no longer cause trouble for the church.

We drove the mountain roads to the school in Llimbe to give out gift bags and gospel tracts to the children, and



Salcedo VBS, Crafts: Diana Wooster working with children to make a "God's Eye."



Above: Painting at the Llimbe church; Whitney Spradley, OMS intern and Sally Salcido.

Left: Tina Buschman, Betty Waterbury, Janet Stulken, and Whitney Spradley.

were surprised at the poverty of the school and children. We also trained people at the Salcedo church how to lead others to Christ using the Wordless book and how to teach children evangelistic Bible lessons. Pastor Luis and visiting Pastor Antonio were encouraged at the congregation's response to the sessions and their desire to use what they learned.

Two mornings the women joined the men in Llimbe and painted the church. Despite rain and bitter cold wind, it was a fun job. Pastor Luis worked along side us, and also visited in the village. He let people know that there would be a church service on Wednesday night with the team from the United States.

On Wednesday evening, the people in Llimbe welcomed us warmly. They were so humble and kind, as we shared about ourselves and sang "How Great Thou Art" for them. In turn, they shared with us how God had brought them together to form the new church. It was precious to hear the leaders of the church share how God had brought them from alcoholism and bad life styles to Jesus and then to start a church. The evening ended with all of us laughing and fellowshiping together. That evening was probably the highlight of the trip for the team.

Pastor Luis and the people we met asked us to not forget them—we never will. We now personally know brothers and sisters in Christ in Ecuador, and we have left part of our hearts there with them.

The Ecuador VBS Team: Tina Buschman (leader), Allen and Lesa Kemp, Richard and Judy Collins, Judy Schell, Betty Caddel, Betty Waterbury, Janet Stulken, Diana Wooster, and Sally Salcido (translator).



Perryton team with the children who attended VBS at Salcedo all week. This was the closing celebration.



God's Grace and Mercy in Ecuador Looking Back 40 years

By Dr. Vernon Hall

I have wanted to go back to Ecuador to see what God has done in the last 40 years. After my wife, Lois', illness and passing, I felt that it was time to return. We were last there in 1979, for just a couple hours.

Our family moved to Ecuador in 1967, to serve as a furlough fill-in for Dr. Bill and Eileen Douce. Our children were eight, seven, and almost three years old.

For 25 months, we lived and worked in Saraguro, located in the southern part of Ecuador, Province of Loja, on the Pan American Highway between Cuenca and Loja.

It was a difficult adjustment for Lois to care for the children in such a primitive and isolated place, but she and the rest of us made it. I kept the clinic going and guided other mission projects. Some days were much easier than others.

We again returned for three months in 1972, for an interim between Dr. Douce and Dr. Kime.

There was an opportunity in May 2012, to go with a medical team from Indianapolis. Steve, our oldest son, decided to go also to participate in the medical clinics and then go to Saraguro when that was finished.

The medical clinics were in the "Oriente," the Eastern jungle of Ecuador—the low lands of the Andes Mountains to the East, and to the Amazon River basin.

We arrived in Quito, stayed overnight, and went by modern bus to Puyo for four nights. The first day we went to Canulis in the Quichua area to hold clinic in the town pavilion. It was very interesting as Steve, who is not medically trained, became the glasses-fitter for the group. The next two day clinics were held in Puyo and were intended to support the church. After Puyo, we held clinic in Sucua and Assuncion also in support of the church.

Then Steve and I, Bill and Eileen Douce, and grandson, Joe, separated from the main group and traveled to Cuenca. The next day we took the bus to Saraguro, in three hours, rather than five hours or more when we lived there.

How amazing it was to see electric lines and cell phone towers along the side of the paved roads. When we came to the outskirts of Saraguro, there was a gas



Dr. Bill and Eileen Douce and Dr. Vernon Hall at medical clinic in the "Oriente," the Eastern jungle of Ecuador.

station, which was not there a few years ago. We met a couple and their three children and they invited us to stay at their house instead of a hotel. Yes, there are hotels and restaurants in town now. While in a restaurant, we watched Chelsea win over South Africa in a "football" match on TV. Many people, including Indian people of the area, were using cell phones. What a change from 40 years before!

Instead of dirt roads, there are paved or cobble stone ones. While living there, we had very little electrical service; now there is 24-hour full power electricity.

One day we got a taxi and went to Las Lagunas to see a friend. Forty years ago there was only one vehicle in town, and it belonged to the mission.

However, the greatest thing that I encountered was on Sunday when we attended two churches and both pastors were Bible School trained. They both announced services to be held in outlying villages.

When asked about the trip, I have described it as physically difficult, personally enlightening, and spiritually wonderful.

What God has done made my heart overflow with joy, and tears came to my eyes to see the people really alive because the Gospel is preached. Now, they are continuing the work that was started so long ago. To think that God allowed our family to be a small part in His work makes me rejoice in Him and the wonder of His grace and mercy.

“A Blessed Ministry Already!”

Radio 4VEH with Resounding Hope solar-radios

By Kate Michel

Marketing & Communications Director
for Radio 4VEH

Our family had the joy of returning to my homeland, South Wales, after several years absence, to share about the work God is doing in Haiti through Radio 4VEH.

At Bethel Baptist in Crumlin, Jeff Jones, MFM-UK Cabinet President, told us, “We’ve been praying for this ministry for many years, and it’s wonderful to hear first hand what God is doing through these little radios and the ministry of Radio 4VEH.” They showed us one of the original Operation Saturation solar radios they’ve kept in the sanctuary as a reminder to pray for these ‘little missionaries’ in Haiti.

At Bryn Sion Baptist Church in Trecynon, Paul Poloha, OMS-UK Board member, encouraged us, saying of the new Resounding Hope solar radios initiative, “This is already a blessed ministry because it is sharing the Word of God!”

How encouraging it is to be part of the body of believers worldwide who are praying, giving and going about His kingdom work!

Thanks to partners around the world, many families in Haiti will soon receive the gift of a ‘little missionary’, a Resounding Hope solar radio fix-tuned to Radio 4VEH and pre-loaded with an audio New Testament in their heart language, Haitian Creole.

New Radios Deliver Hope

Barb Dowling from Faith FM Radio in Ontario, Canada, recently joined a team on a life-changing journey to Haiti, to share the Gospel with Haitian families and distribute Resounding Hope radios.

Barb said, “There were a lot of people who had not come to the Lord yet, and whole families were coming to the Lord today. It was amazing! A lot of people don’t read, so now they can listen to the whole New Testament on their radios. So they can hear the whole Gospel of Jesus on a regular basis to support them in their faith.”



Above: Jeff and Moira Jones with Storly and Kate Michel.



Right: Barb Dowling presents new radio.

Recently, 200 prototype radios were delivered to families in northern Haiti. They have been field-tested and are now serving as ‘little missionaries’ to approximately 1,200 people.

There are 4,700 radios being manufactured and will be delivered to Haiti to bless nearly 30,000 people every day.

Storly Michel, Station Manager, sends this praise report:

Recently, theft of equipment at Radio 4VEH Petite Anse AM Transmission site has taken 840 AM off the air, which meant radio silence for most listeners across Haiti. People within reach of our four FM stations were still able to listen, as well as those listening via the internet. New equipment is in place and we’re trusting God to be back on 840 AM.

Visit www.radio4veh.org or www.resoundinghope.org for more information or contact Kate Michel at kmichel@radio4veh.org

We need your help!

Your gift of \$60 US/Canada/Australia (£40 UK) 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

I intend to invest \$_____ per year for as long as the Lord enables

Enclosed is \$_____ for the ministry

Name _____ Date _____

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Please make checks payable to OMS and mail to the office in your country (page 3). Thank you!
If you’ve given to Operation Saturation in the past, please mark future donations for solar radios as “Resounding Hope.”

Homes for Haiti

“Let’s Build Homes For Haiti” “en nou bati kai pou Ayiti”

By Hywel Slaymaker

Homes for Haiti and Men for Missions began for me at my home church, Bryn Moriah, in West Wales, UK, in January 2011.

I read a brochure about Homes for Haiti and a strange warmth welled up within me. I thought to myself, **I’m not into computers; I don’t do medicine; I can’t do dentistry nor optometry, but I can build.** Since 1975 I have been a self-employed builder.

I called the OMS-UK Office and found that no Haiti team from the UK was organized. I could, however, join a group from the U.S., and that was the beginning of my first “tour of duty” with Homes for Haiti.

I flew to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on March 25, 2011. What a culture shock! It is one thing to see and hear of the earthquake devastation through the media, but a totally different experience to be on the ground, see the sights, and smell the smells in the oven-heat. That was the beginning of my life-changing-experience. I will never again be the same.

From the airport, I went to Villa Ormiso in Port-au-Prince, which would be my home for the next two weeks. It was a privilege to meet the Shaferly family and to work alongside them in the project.

The following day the USA team of twelve men arrived, each with a contribution and comradeship second to none. On Sunday, we attended a church that had suffered much due to the January 2010 earthquake.

For the next eight days, we worked with local workers to build two houses for homeless families. We had a sense of personal satisfaction; however, the look, the words, and the gestures of appreciation by the families left a lasting impression. The remaining few days of my time in Haiti, Michael Shaferly and I flew north to Cap

Haitien to do some trouble shooting on a new school roof.

Flying home, I vowed, with God’s help, leading, and provision, “I’ll be back.”

During the following months at home and work, I longed for Haiti. I was hooked with a vision and passion for the Haitian people.

My second “tour of duty” with Homes for Haiti was four weeks in November / December 2011. Different teams and individuals came and went. As before, I felt enriched by the warmth of Christian fellowship and personal testimony of each one. It was also amazing to see the resilience of the local people in the face of adversity and dire circumstances.

We completed some houses that were at different stages of construction. With a group of local workers, we dug foundations for another three homes, laid concrete to two of the foundations, and built one whole house. What joy! What humbling satisfaction!

Dedication services were held in three of the finished houses. As the keys were handed over to the respective families, we heard the testimonies of God’s providence, protection, power, and salvation through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I remembered words from an old *Pulpit Bible*, “**In different temples we may kneel, and with differing voices pray, but, it is to the same Lord, the only King of Glory, we lift up our voices in adoration and praise.**”

I challenge and encourage you to “**come over and help us!**” Together, we can make a difference. Let us do what we can, while we can; the day is far spent, the night is at hand, and the coming of the Lord draws very near.

“Let’s Build Homes For Haiti”



MFM team and Haitians framing foundation for new home.



Hywel Slaymaker and crew of Haitian workers in front of new home.

“World Changers” at Work Indiana Wesleyan University Medical Team in Ecuador

Comments from Beth Bailey

A special work began in some nursing students on Friday, September 21, 2012. A special work began in some Ecuadorian people on Sunday, September 23, 2012. God began a special work that brought hearts full of joy to the nurses, doctors, and patients served in Ecuador, from September 23-30, 2012. God’s work has only begun in all those involved with the IWU Ecuador missions trip.

During the five days of clinic, IWU nursing students and faculty, Tom and Susan Stiles, Dr. Kime, Dr. Lehman, and three Ecuadorian doctors, were able to serve over 660 patients. What a blessing the local churches in Anconcito and Libertad were to the nurses and doctors! The church people worked overtime to make the medical team comfortable and met the needs of the visiting patients and their families. Most importantly, the church people shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with every person who wanted to be seen in the clinic.

I learned three important lessons from the Ecuadorian people that I will never forget:

First, love for my brothers and sisters in Christ. Regardless of our language or cultural differences, our Savior unites us as a family. I will never forget the genuine love and kindness shown to me by the Ecuadorian people.

Second, joy for whatever situation I am in. The Ecuadorian people waited in line for hours to receive medical attention yet remained joyful. Their thankfulness for even minor treatment and medications was obvious and contagious! I cannot help but remember my Ecuadorian “family” with great joy!

Third, boldness in sharing the message of salvation. Due to the boldness of the local church people in Anconcito and Libertad, some that attended the clinic accepted Christ! In others, seeds were planted! My prayer is that I too will be bold in my declaration of the Gospel message, whether at home or abroad.

The work started in September 2012, has not ended. God will use the relationships, lessons, and friendships formed in Ecuador to continue His work. We must pray for our Ecuadorian family and remember with joy the privilege of being a part of God’s unfolding plan.

Comments by Becky Hoffpauir

I was humbled to be part of a team composed of committed students, selfless missionary partners, Ecuadorian healthcare professionals, Dr. Lehman, Dr. Hal Kime, and Mrs. Nancy Kime. Throughout the trip, I thought often that these individuals demonstrated the qualities of “world changer” as defined by IWU.

A significant “snapshot” moment occurred one very busy clinic day when I was working in the pharmacy. I looked up and saw the sea of faces of those waiting to be served. At that moment, I was reminded of the scriptures describing Jesus as “filled with compassion” when He looked upon the multitude. Standing there was a young mother with an infant in her arms. The baby was obviously ill with a severe eye condition. It touched my heart to see the anxiety written on the face of the young mother. Fortunately, the baby was treated and effective medications were prescribed. The next day the mother returned, and her anxious demeanor was replaced with joy. In just 24 hours, the baby’s eye was much improved. We were not able to see everyone who needed care, or provide all the care that was needed; however, in this case we were able to make a difference in the life of this infant. This made the trip worthwhile.



IWU nursing student, Teresa Grant, at the medical clinic in Anconcito with local girls.



Dr. Lehman leading a group of people at Anconcito to the medical clinic offices.



The IWU Medical Team in Ecuador.

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.

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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“What do you do on a prayer team?”

By Joe and Pam Shannon

Photos from Keith & Millie Rainey

People ask, "What do you do on a prayer team?" The answer, "We pray." It troubles me that the answer seems insufficient to the one asking and the one answering. Our prayer team to Japan in May 2012, experienced the fruit of prayer. This trip was the hardest and the most spiritually blessed we have ever been a part of. We contacted the field, and they gave us a specific date they would like our team in Japan. The field leader had an important meeting on May 22, with a Tokyo government official concerning OMS Shukyo Hojin status in Japan. He requested our team be at the OMS campus praying during the time of his meeting. The date was set and the planning began. We faced complications until the day we boarded our plane on May 18. There were times we did not think we could go, and questioned if we should go. There were problems en route with delayed flights and missed connections. Although our luggage was lost, it managed to arrive on time in Japan, but we did not. The team of seven persevered and came together in Japan a day late.

During our trip, we visited five churches, the OMS campus, and a new coffee shop ministry. We prayer walked in neighborhoods and a college campus near the coffee shop. We prayed with and for the Japanese people.

The highlight of the trip came on Tuesday, May 22. The OMS meeting with the government was at 11:00 a.m., so that morning we specifically prayed for it from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. That afternoon, Steve Durkoop told us they have been working on the OMS-Japan status for two years. The lady who represented the government that they had worked with was difficult and not encouraged about the outcome. Steve had prayed there would be a different representative at this meeting. When he and his interpreter arrived at the meeting, his heart sank as the same lady entered the room. The meeting progressed, and Steve explained the plans of OMS. God transformed her thinking and brought clarity to the OMS Japan Shukyo Hojin status. They left the meeting assured the OMS status would be completed by next spring. The representative wanted to visit the OMS property and see what was going on. Steve had asked God for a new person to meet



Eizaburo (Abe) and Masako Komatsu team members and our drivers.

with them, instead God changed the heart of the person that was already there. Steve shared with the team that his meeting started at 11:00 a.m. and ended at 11:45 a.m.; the exact time the team had been praying. We tearfully thanked God for what He had done. It was now clear why we had faced all the struggles and discouragement. We had been in a spiritual battle.

During a Sunday night prayer meeting, OMS secretary, Matsuoka-Sensi and Steve's interpreter at the government meeting, told us a door that had been locked for two years was opened. The government will come and check the financial books for the church and observe one or two of the Saturday

activities, which include sports ministry and Friendship in English.

Our first devotion as a team on Monday morning had been about the battle of David and Goliath in I Samuel 17. We face giants every time we claim ground for the Lord. I Samuel 17:47 says, "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." God truly won a battle that day!

Yes, you can pray at home, but there are times God asks us to step out of our comfort zone and plant our feet on unfamiliar ground. What a blessing we received that day! "What do we do on a prayer team?" "We pray!"

MFM's new prayer manual (page 15) offers serious guidance for praying at home and overseas.



Prayer team in Japan.

MFM International Cabinet Meeting

By Mark Kroes — Men for Missions Canada

September 9-11, 2012, the MFM International Cabinet met in British Columbia, Canada. It was a time to reflect on what God has done over the past two years in each of the affiliate countries and a time to renew friendships. It is amazing how we can be together infrequently and yet visit and share and pray as though we had been together only last month.

The 29 cabinet members and their wives flew into Vancouver and drove to Whistler, BC, the site of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Marlin Martin and his team of helpers did a superb job of making arrangements on our behalf.

The highway from Vancouver to Whistler is aptly named 'Sea to Sky Highway'. It was a continuous series of oohs and aahs, with the Pacific Ocean on our left and the mountains growing taller and taller in the sky and closer and closer to the shore. Whistler was thrilling. Neither pictures nor television do it justice.

It often takes such an experience to help me understand what an insignificant amount of space I actually take up on this planet. Psalm 8:3-4 says, 'When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?'

The appropriate response to such an experience is to tell everyone we know, 'Have you seen the mountains? It was awesome! It was amazing!' We told everyone that if they ever had the chance to go, it would be well worth the trip.

I am reminded that this is essentially the task of missions. On a grander scale, beholding the glory of God is far more breathtaking, far more captivating. Those who have experienced the glory of God and know the mercy of God are constrained to exalt Him before as many people as possible. The God who created the universe is so glorious; He deserves the worship and admiration of every tongue, tribe, and nation. This is not yet happening in many places.

It is the goal of Men for Missions to have as many people as possible worshipping Christ as their Lord. During the International Cabinet meeting; reports were given by the Canadian, United Kingdom, and United States National Directors, International Associate Staff, International Executive Director, and the OMS President. These reports covered the OMS-MFM



The 2012 MFM International Cabinet meeting in Vancouver, B.C., Whistler Mountain.

work around the world. Later, we focused on nine strategic initiative reports, and we approved a denominational partnership with the Evangelical Methodist Church. There was also considerable discussion about MFM in non-English speaking countries. The common thread that wove everything together was prayer from beginning to end.

Our missionaries go to the nations and say with the Psalmist,

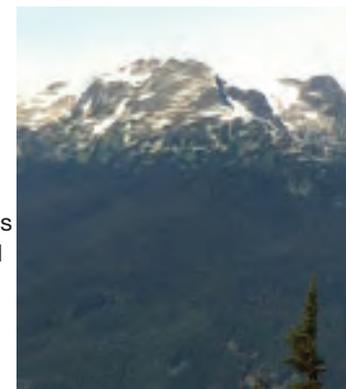
*Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

(Psalm 96:1-6 ESV)

May God grant us such breathtaking views of His glory that we cannot stop praising Him and telling of His marvelous works among the nations and faithfully proclaim Him among the peoples.

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Harry G. Burr

November 26, 1923 – July 5, 2012

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

Harry Burr, "Mr. Men for Missions"

to many of us, graduated from high school in 1942. World War II was at its peak, and he joined the Navy assigned to the Merchant Marines. Harry's ship carried ammunition from the United States to northern Africa.



Harry Burr

Since he came from a praying family, Harry struggled with the dangers of war because he was not a Christian. On one occasion, while Harry's ship was being loaded, he took a thirty-day leave. During this time, he was transferred from the European to the Pacific theater of war. A few days later, the ship Harry loved became a steel coffin when it became a casualty of war. Harry marveled at his luck, not realizing that God was at work in his life. Before the war, at Harry's final New Year's Eve party, a group of guys from high school decided they would throw another big New Year's party when the war was over. At that party, Harry fell under deep conviction of the Holy Spirit. Instead of offering the toast to ring in the New Year, Harry announced that he was leaving the party and going to accept the Lord with a full commitment of his life to Christ. While attending Spring Harbor College, Harry met Eleanor, who would become his wife in 1949. In 1951, through Youth for Christ, they met Dr. Dwight Ferguson. Whenever Dwight dropped by the Burr home, he would leave the Bible open on the coffee table to Psalms 2:8. Harry got involved with

the Christian Business Committee and was confronted by a breakfast speaker who quoted Romans 12:1. This Scriptural confrontation ultimately led Harry and Eleanor to leave their successful businesses, and join One Missions Society on April 7, 1957. Life was not easy.

Eleanor became very ill and a missionary wrecked Harry's new car. Two days later another missionary drove Eleanor's car and a rod was thrown through the car engine and ruined it.

Harry became Men for Missions regional director for

the Eastern United States. That same year Eleanor and Harry traveled to thirteen countries to improve their knowledge of the needs of each country. In 1960, they were re-assigned to headquarters in California, Harry to direct Men for Missions and Eleanor to head the *ACTION* magazine. Later Eleanor became editor of the *OUT-REACH* magazine.

Under Harry's leadership several new initiatives were born. He spread the work of Men for Missions to Canada. Invitations to present MFM laymen came from other countries. Harry's most well known adventure was known as "Penetration '79". Thirty-four men and ladies traveled to Ecuador for one month of evangelism. In three different cities, there were 6,937 door-to-door visits, 11,404 people attended nightly services, and 1,037 decisions for Christ. Two new churches were also built from Penetration contributions, a real climax for Men for Missions 25th anniversary. The stories of Harry Burr's life go on and on with no way to estimate the number of lives that he touched. It is impossible to capture the epic history of the inci-

dents and adventures in this man's life. Harry led Men for Missions for 23 years.

His great heart for the world presents to us a dilemma; therefore, we are giving three choices for the Harry Burr Memorial Fund #407978:

1. Ferguson Fund (supports MFM).
2. Caribbean Saturation.
3. Haiti--Radios.

J. Eldon Turnidge

October 30, 1918-April 22, 2012

Born and reared on a peppermint

farm in Jefferson, Oregon, Eldon learned early in life to follow the risen Christ, having accepted Him as Savior at the age of eight. After



Eldon Turnidge

graduating from Seattle Pacific College with a B.S. in 1942, Eldon and Mary returned to the family farm in Oregon. Ten or eleven months of each year were spent getting ready for the harvest of the peppermint crop, which required special equipment and many hands to successfully complete the harvest.

In 1953, Eldon and Mary learned about another kind of harvest that was taking place around the world when they went to visit friends in South America. Eldon and Mary were challenged to help speed the Gospel to the mission fields around the world where people had never heard that Jesus saves. Eldon wrote, "Little wonder that there are more unevangelized peoples in the world today than when Jesus spoke of the harvest and need for reapers. God gives the machinery, Christ pays the bills, the Holy Spirit provides the power, but where are the men?"

That question was soon to have an answer. In 1954, the Turnidge family attended the OMS Convention in Winona Lake, Indiana, where, under the leader-

ship of Dr. Dwight Ferguson, a lay movement called Men for Missions was born. Eldon was part of the organizational meeting and was appointed as secretary. Two years later, he was elected president and served in that capacity for six years. As such, he became one of the men constrained by the love of Christ who, with the vision of a lost world upon their hearts, would enthusiastically promote the mission with the same gusto that he had previously put into farming of peppermint. MFMs encouraged Christian businessmen to visit mission fields, return to share with others what they had seen and, in turn, encourage them to become "missionary-hearted laymen." The first MFM crusade was in 1957 when Eldon, as northwest regional director for OMS, took five laymen from the Northwest on a trip through Ecuador and Colombia.

In September of 1958, Eldon, accompanied by Bill Gillam, spent some time in Haiti, planning for the advance of OMS' new radio ministry in Haiti. The ministry became an approved and ongoing project for MFM. In July 1959, Eldon was appointed as the new director of the Haiti work and, along with Mary and their teenagers Karen and John, moved to Haiti in 1960. Eldon was the first layman, solely supported by his own farming operation, to direct an OMSoverseas missionary work. He also holds the distinction of being the first layman to serve on the Board of Directors of OMS, which he did for 30

years. Eldon was the first president of MFM. An able pilot, Eldon commuted between Oregon and Cap Haitian for several months each year over ten years, handling the dual responsibilities of his farm and the Haiti work.

In 1979, Eldon's title and responsibility changed to vice president of Field Ministries.

During his years as VP, Eldon visited a number of OMS fields, including Taiwan, Japan, Korea, and Hong Kong. He served in that capacity until moving to their home in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1980.

Bill Malcom

June 29, 1936-August 28, 2012

"Serve the Lord with gladness" is a verse most of us can quote, yet find it challenging to live. Bill Malcom had the gift of bringing the verse to life, leaving a lasting impression of joy on everyone around him. There was no person beyond his reach who wasn't touched by his servant heart, his generosity of spirit, and his ability to reflect how much God cares for us...all with a twinkle in his eyes.



Bill Malcom

Bill was a devoted MFMer long before he came on staff. He lived on the west coast for a long time, helping others and being a loyal supporter of One Missions Society and Men for Missions.

Bill's life journey was a joy to follow, and he welcomed all to join him on his road. His compassionate heart made him a source of strength, comfort, and encouragement. It was a privilege to share his final days with him. He mustered the strength and energy to encourage us all as he finished his journey strong. We are assured that he was welcomed into the Lord's presence as he heard, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

John H. Schultz

August 30, 1941 – June 13, 2012

John H. Schultz's entrance to heaven was totally unexpected last June, and we greatly miss him. In January 1975, John went to Haiti, his first short-term mission trip with Men for Missions. That same year, in November, he went to Colombia. In total, John went on 34 teams to

13 countries and directed numerous trips.

John especially loved the people of Colombia and directed many work teams to that country. John was an MFM council member and U.S. and international cabinet member.

In 1989, while working full time with Sears Company, he was promoting and working with MFM on special assignments in the eastern region of the U.S. In 2001, Lois and John joined the MFM staff as OMS missionaries. They conducted "Every Christian a Soul Winner" seminars in the U.S., Canada, and Trinidad to encourage and teach people to share Jesus with others. John also headed up Penetration'99 for two years.

From 2000 to 2005 John served as the prayer leader for sector 3 in Opreation Saturation, a coordinated initiative by MFM to saturate Haiti with radios, the Gospel, and prayer. In that effort, he led teams of warfare prayer intercessors to Haiti and warfare prayer seminars using MFM's prayer manual (see below).

John served His Lord well and earned the respect of many people around the world as a godly man. He was known as a passionate servant of Christ.



John Schultz

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Mission to Ukraine

By Joe Lucas

Ukraine is a beautiful country to visit. But, I had the additional privilege and pleasure of working there for two weeks this past July as part of an MFM team serving in one of the English camps sponsored by One Mission Society. It was an amazing mission trip! I was touched and challenged as I observed the humility and eager service of my fellow team members.



Yura, Joe, and Eugene together before an American Celebration.

The camp was well organized and the missionaries are amazing people who combine evangelism, outreach, and service in the camps' structure to reach the Ukrainian young people.

One of the students who got my special attention is Eugene, a university student studying radio technology. In one of our discussion sessions, a question was asked concerning God's law and non-Christian Nations. Eugene answered by quoting Romans 1:19-20: "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse." I was impressed with his knowledge of the Bible verse even though he did not profess to be a Christian. Later, I learned that as a kid growing up he had read the whole Bible.

I had been praying for a time to witness to Eugene about Jesus, and on the second to last day of camp, God provided the opportunity. We spent an hour and a half discussing many things: family, angels, heaven and hell, and Jesus Christ. Although he did not want to accept Christ as his savior at that time, he promised to look into what we had discussed.

On the last day of camp, I was encouraged to see Eugene reading his Bible on his own. Please pray that Eugene will come to saving faith in Jesus.

Going on this mission trip was one of the greatest decisions I have ever made. I have been changed by what I experienced and have memories that will endure my entire life. Ukraine is a beautiful land with deep historical roots, but I think its greatest beauty lies in the heart and soul of its people.



English camp group in Ukraine.

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Men for Missions (MFM) has arranged a full slate of teams to go to One Mission Society (OMS) fields to work, observe, witness, and pray (page 11). Utilization of laymen is critical to OMS as it seeks to expand its ministry throughout the world. Last year alone, over 416,115 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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