

What Does it Take to Be A Real Man?

By Warren Hardig MFM Executive Director

A real man! I am not talking about testosterone. What determines manhood? Is it physical strength, possessions, or could it be something that many seek, yet never seem to grasp? Looking at capital assets is a very poor way to measure the value of a man. Bank balances show you nothing about how the capital was accumulated.

A real man has a set of values that sustain him through life. Characteristics of integrity, sexual purity, and honesty bring respect and trust to a man. The test of a real man is found in his integrity and character. He who walks in integrity walks securely (Proverbs

When I was in the farm chemical business, some products in the peak season would radically vary in pricing, and customers would quote rumors to drive the price down. The company, which was my major competition, had a Christian sales manager. He and I always told the truth about our pricing. As a young business man and a new Christian, I was fortunate to lean on the truth of Scripture, How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to thy Word. Thy Word I have treasured in my heart that I may not sin against thee (Psalm 119:9 & 11).

I sought to be marinated in God's Word. Not to say I had all the answers: however. I walked in the light of the Word as truth was revealed to me. Being involved in Men for Missions International has been my greatest blessing since becoming a Christian. It has been my life changing adventure.

A real man's senses are not dulled nor is he blind to the needs



around him. In fact, it is just the opposite because caring for the needs of others becomes a priority. Whether rich or poor is not the common denominator. It is compassion. The men in Men for Missions have a global vision. They take steps forward in full surrender to: Do whatever God asks, Go wherever God asks, and Give whatever God asks. Tommy Van Abeele is a retired executive and has helped build several homes for earthquake victims in Haiti. He says, "Every time we finish a home, pray with the new owners, and hand them the keys, which will also be a ministry center, we cry." The only thing that can momentarily cloud a global vision is tears as we realize common men can be on the front lines for God.

Iron Sharpens Iron so one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17). God has put something in a man that will make him respond to the challenge of another man. A real man has moral character that gives strength when the going gets tough. He overcomes the temptation to lie, to cut a corner, or to cheat on his wife. That strength comes from an intimate walk with God who is perfect in His moral character.

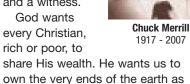
Chuck Merrill, a **Real Man of Vision** and Purpose.

Chuck Merrill, one of our most influential lavmen, was a great example of a surrendered heart as he claimed Haiti, Colombia, Japan, and other nations for Christ.

Whenever I needed a strong prayer warrior to pray for me, I called Chuck, a friend mature enough to handle any prayer request. Chuck and his wife, Juanita, prayed and by faith traveled over a million miles, witnessing and promoting missions. Chuck had been blinded from a mining accident in 1955, so "Nita" served as his companion and guide in their travels. When Nita entered heaven.

Chuck's travels ended. Even though he was physically without sight, his great vision was a world in need of prayer and a witness.





How do we possess the land by prayer? By going into battle on our knees, and by being men who are free of secret sin. Unconfessed sin will make us vulnerable to the enemy's counterattack, and cause us to be defeated. Disobedience is a growth inhibitor.

our possession (Psalm 2:8b).

My friend Chuck Merrill, who lived below the poverty level for over 50 years after being blinded, dearly loved his wife and family. He was always ready to trust the Lord for anything and was willing to travel anywhere by faith. Chuck was a faithful, credible witness for Christ. His testimony of coming to faith in Christ is found in "Accidentally

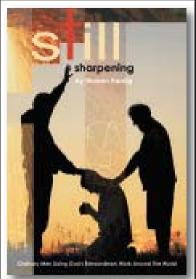
Happy," one of the testimonies found in Iron Sharpens Iron.

I remember the morning when Chuck called me in my office. I asked him how he was doing, and he replied, "Not so good; Nita just passed away." For a while Chuck lived alone, the best he could with children living nearby. Then as dementia set in, he had to enter a nursing home. When I visited Chuck, he might not remember where he was, but he remembered the places we had traveled together. Chuck talked about the MFMers he had met all across North America. We discussed what they did and how they helped people around the world.

It was my privilege to offer the eulogy at Chuck's funeral, which was different than most funerals. When we walked into the church, there were pictures of Chuck and Nita on the chairs where leaders of worship normally sat. Chuck and Nita's music was playing. (They had made several recordings with the Prairie Grove Gospel Messengers, which they sold for profit and gave the money away to help build churches in Colombia, South America, or other mission projects.) Also exhibited were photo albums of their family, the missionaries they supported ... and Velma's and my prayer card. Over more than 25 years, they never missed a month of our support.

When Chuck went to heaven, I lost a great and powerful prayer supporter. We were all strangely aware of their earthly absence at the funeral. They were with Jesus. Chuck wanted a witness even at his funeral. —from Still Sharpening>>>

Real men still do, go, and give whatever it takes to change lives and destinies around the world.

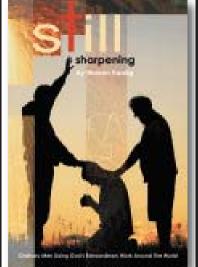


By Warren Hardig

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"Send a Medical Team to Bless the People of Our Church."

Submitted by Lisa Hagg

Pastor Pradel and Prudence Louissant from Soufriere, Haiti, spoke at our church. We asked what we could do for them, and without hesitation they responded, "Send a medical team to bless the people of our church." Seven from our church came together—a nurse practitioner, three nurses, a pastor, and two young men.

The team left for Haiti while Hurricane Sandy was also traveling towards the island. Arriving in Haiti, the new sights and sounds were overwhelming; we had never experienced desperate people and their conditions face-to-face. God had us in Haiti for a reason, though we had no idea what was ahead.

The trip to Soufriere was incredibly challenging, and the walk up the mountain was treacherous. Hurricane Sandy had dumped a lot of rain, which flooded the dirt roads and caused the rivers to swell.

The medical staff ran the two-day clinic while Pastor Chris and the young men built relationships with the children. Prudence expected 500 people to come to the two-day clinic. Despite the night rain, people lined up and waited for the clinic to start on the first day. Two-hundred fifty tickets were given to those who needed care. The second day we awoke to hundreds waiting to be seen.

We treated people with fevers, skin and other infections, acid reflux, malnutrition, pregnancy, high blood pressure, and back, neck, shoulder, and abdominal pain. It was a joy to give glasses to adults and see their faces light up. We also emphasized the importance of hand washing and clean water for disease control and better health.

We focused on what we were able to do despite our desire to do much more.

Although our trip was physically and emotionally exhausting, we focused on what we were able to do despite our desire to do much



were able to do despite Kelly Tarnoviski in the pharmacy with Prudence Louissant.

more. By giving medicine, a simple smile, a quiet prayer for those we served, and playing soccer or swimming with the children, we witnessed first-hand how God takes what little we have and uses it for His honor and glory. – Kelly Tarnoviski



Lisa Hagg caring for one of our patients.

As we treated people, we met many who had nothing.

I had been in Haiti for pleasure as a child. As I prepared to go into a land that has gone through so many unpleasant changes and devastation, I felt inadequate. There are many

things going on in my own life that I have no control over. How could I help those who are suffering and in need when I do not have control over my own life? Then God stepped in and had me 'look' at this opportunity through His lenses. As we treated people, we met many who had nothing, yet continued to thank God for the breath of life. Many were in desperate need of medical care, clothing, and safe shelter, yet continued to praise God. They had no control over their circumstances but trusted Him to provide. God let me see through "His eyes," to sit in the state of no control, because He had full control over everything. My mission trip to Haiti has taught me to trust God no matter what, and to remember that the one thing I can control is my attitude. I've learned from the ones we went to serve in Haiti to always have an attitude of gratitude! – Lisa Haqq



Pastor Chris Hanley delivering message through interpreter at the morning service.

This God-given perspective only comes through firsthand experience.

I was amazed how God assembled and prepared the Bethel team to accomplish our primary initiatives. Christ was preached through small group interactions, worship services, and as our medical professionals treated more than 500 patients in desperate need. The team did its best to honor God and to impact as many people as possible. However, the most significant impact was what we personally

experienced. The extreme poverty in Haiti, along with many complex challenges that the people face daily, has given a greater perspective as we process our experience. This God-given perspective only comes through firsthand experience. It has been challenging on many levels to process, and I am thankful that God allowed each of us to take part in such an amazing opportunity."

- Pastor Chris Hanley

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and ill-equipped. Someone once said, "Do what you know how to do and trust that God will do what only He can do." It didn't take long before I realized that God was doing what only He can do! He met needs so specific that we sat in awe-no mistake-it was God. He gave us strength just when we needed it and grace when we thought we could no longer go on. God showed up BIG in Soufriere in ways that we could not have imagined. We did what we knew how to do, and God did what only He can do!"

- Omega Tarnoviski



Omega Tarnoviski (right) and Lisa Haqq discuss treatment of a patient.

As a nurse, what could be better than to use my skills and knowledge to help people on a medical team to Haiti? I was excited, ready, and prepared. Or, so I thought. From Hurricane Sandy, the treacherous hike up the mountain, no running water, an outhouse, to very uncom-

fortable sleeping arrangements.....it didn't take long before the excitement waned and I realized that I was NOT ready, and I certainly was NOT prepared! There were times when I wondered. "What in the world am I doing in Soufriere? God quickly answered that question with 200 people waiting for medical care by 8 a.m. on our first day. We were met with faces staring at us full of hope and anticipation that maybe we could somehow help them. I



Somenow neip them. I Our team's arrival in Soufriere, a remote mountain area where we stayed and ministered for four days, was was humbled, inadequate, met by some local children and volunteers.

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Resounding Hope Evangelism and Distribution

Radio 4VEH with Resounding Hope solar-radios



Stewart Dawson demonstrates solar radio to new owner.

By Stewart Dawson

I decided to retire from the Fire Department chaplaincy and seek God's leading in a new way because of my God given passion for evangelism. As a pastor for many years, it was evident that the majority of Christians never share the Gospel, or if they do, it is a North American version.

I work with Resounding Hope for Haiti and take teams to evangelize, train, and distribute radios in Haiti. On my last trip I worked with four different teams with three focuses and distributed radios.

When I started with Resounding Hope, I was captivated with the vision of 160,000 personal presentations of the Gospel. Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16). I began to take a good look at how we present it. If we focus on the Gospel and work with teams, we can have impact in North America as well as in Haiti. We share the Gospel in Haiti, see the power of the Gospel, and return to share in our home churches.

The first team was an evangelism/radio distribution team from a church that I had pastored years ago in Stanford, Kentucky. This was the first team that I had an opportunity to try out the training and the tool I feel God has given me. This team consisted of a youth pastor, a mother and son, a single lady recently surrendered to mission work in Kentucky, a college student, a new Christian, and a young man recently surrendered to the ministry. Other than the youth pastor, most had never shared the Gospel. Yet, they were going on an evangelistic mission trip. They all were prepared and confidently shared their faith, and several came to Christ.

At our first stop Emmanuel Felix and I encountered the local witch doctor and his four wives. We shared some of the Gospel, but he cut us off. Things began to get a little confrontational when some young men tried to start trouble. However, we left the witch doctor a radio and returned to the church a little discouraged until the rest of the team came back with great suc-

The last stop for the day several people gathered around, including three young men who were traveling with some sort of a harvest. As a young college girl shared, one of the young men hung on every word she said and nodded before the words were translated. Several came to know the Lord at that gathering. We distributed radios and the three young men took radios



Evangelism team prays with Haitians.

into other areas as they traveled.

Before we left for Haiti, the youth pastor practiced the Gospel presentation with his 15-year-old son, an active member of his youth group. Two days later, his son confessed that he had never been saved. So the pastor led his son to a relationship with God through

The second team was a medical team from an organization in Lexington, Kentucky, that trains EMTs, paramedics, and technical medical people. They were all professing Christians but not interested in evangelism. However, they explored how to use radios in conjunction with a medical clinic. When we got the clinic set up, we shared the gospel with everyone who came and then went into the community to evangelize and distribute radios. It was great to work with the seminary students; expose them to radio distribution; expose the medical team to evangelism; partner Resounding Hope with mobile medical missions: and see many come to the Lord.

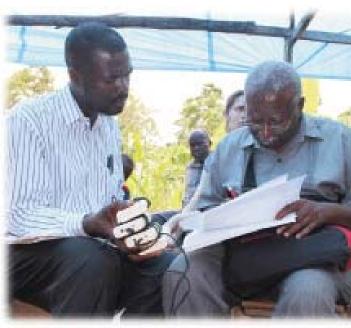
In the poor area of Phaeton, a female seminary student talked to a lady who was in prostitution to feed her family. She was with another lady who ran a small restaurant that consisted of a charcoal fire, one pan, and a small table with two chairs, sheltered by a sheet on a pole frame. We shared the Gospel, but the prostitute felt she could not accept Jesus until she found another way to provide for her family. The restaurant lady joined the effort and told how God had enabled her to raise her family in the humble restaurant business. As we shared how God had saved many just like her, we saw a change come over her face as God spoke to her heart, she accepted Christ. There was a visible change in her, and we gave her a radio, a Bible, and prayed with her.

We want to be careful about distributing radios from the clinic because we don't want people coming just to get radios. This might keep people, who really need medical care, from getting it. However, an elderly man accepted Christ at the clinic. We took the man home and talked with him. With excitement, he shared how he knew the Lord had freed him from alcohol that day. and he was a new man. We left him a radio and prayed

The greatest story that came out of this team was at the compound after the mobile mission. A 9-year-old, dehydrated child near death came into the clinic. Dr. Rodney would not send the child home. Only God could arrange enough medical professionals to take all night shifts for the boy's care. Late that night, I went down to where the team was caring for the boy and shared the Gospel with his mother and aunt. They both excitedly accepted Christ and were given a radio. The team shared that they listened to it all night long. The boy did great and was sent home the next day.

The second part to this story is not as encouraging. The next day, the mother came back with a second sick child who was eleven. As we prepared for another all night shift, the father came and said, "This is an illness for the witch doctor," and took the boy with him. We prayed that the boy had gotten enough fluids and medicine to survive. At least a 4VEH Radio is in the home as well as a new Christian, who can be discipled by 4VEH, to be a light and witness to her husband.

In our debriefing, one of the team members said that after his experience, he saw why evangelism was the priority of our work. - Continued on page 8



Emmanuel Felix and Haitian student prepare for radio distribution.

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The third team was from the church I currently serve. It consisted of our assistant pastor, a deacon, and two ladies who were terrified to share the Gospel. There were 95 people who came to the Lord during this trip. It was exciting to see the two ladies realize that God could use them to confidently share the Gospel. My pastor shared with me that this trip had a great impact on his assistant pastor. A young Korean girl from Canada, who was in Haiti for a month, went out with us. She had never shared the Gospel in her life and confessed she was terrified at the thought. On the first outing, she made an attempt, froze, and cried because she felt like a failure. She observed us sharing and then went with us a second day. We encouraged her, prayed for her, and gave her another opportunity. It was amazing how God's spirit flowed through her as she led a lady to Christ. She confessed that if she thought she was going to share the Gospel in Haiti, she would not have gone. Now she has a passion for sharing the Gospel.

The last team from Canada came with 100 new radio prototypes, which included the New Testament in Creole, and is awesome for the people and the project.

The exciting thing about this part of the trip was the excitement in the Haitian people about having access to the Scripture. Emmanuel Felix and T Louis looked like little kids with a new toy as their eyes lit up when they heard the Scripture from the radio.

Sylove Jean and I were documenting the trip with video and pictures, so we weren't involved in the evangelism and distribution. I had put a few radios in my pocket just in case. Toward the end of the day, a young boy said to me, "I want to be converted." I was a little suspicious about his intentions. Did he just hope for a radio? I told him, "I can't promise you a radio, but I would love to share the Gospel with you. Could you take me to your home?" When we got to his home, there were six people, and we asked if we could share the Gospel. They agreed. The boy, his sisters and moth-

er, and one other young man accepted Christ. We encouraged the family and praised the boy because he had brought salvation to that home that day. The young man that accepted the Gospel was not a member of that family, but was really engaged in listening. I only had one radio left and did not want to give him one in front of the other quests, so I invited him to walk with us. I encouraged him and gave him my last radio. His smile and joy upon receiving the radio was beautiful.



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Homes for Haiti Building on a Foundation of Love

By Dennis Carpenter

From the cool arid climate of a Colorado summer to the hot, humid streets of Port-au-Prince. Haiti, a team of eight traveled from Kremmling, Colorado, this past summer.

Some were on their first mission trip. A few had been on several. All came with skills in carpentry combined with a compassion that was strengthened when they met the Haitian people.

I try to explain the impression the Haitians made on him, "I have never been in a country where I feel the way I do when I look out over the people. There are approximately 10 million in Haiti. They are so incredibly poor. It is especially hard on the women. Yet ... they're happy."

Members of the team, one by one, gave their impressions of their trip during a follow-up meeting at Kremmling Community Church. They shared with joy and emotion memories of the people, the sights, the sounds. and the desperate need of the Haitian population. One recalled even the unhealthy condition of the animals. Another was touched by the orphaned children. Yet another was impacted by the joy and willingness of the people to reach out to the team and work alongside them. Still others spoke of beautiful children at church services, the rugged transportation system, animals sharing local water supplies, the absence of good water, and the very low wages, if any, of the people they worked with.

While the Americans came with knowledge of tools and construction, it was their mission to partner with the Haitian workers, yielding to them for direction. "We let them lead. We let them do the work, and we worked



Family worship at new home.

alongside them so they could say, 'Our American brothers helped us."

The team appreciated the accommodations provided by OMS for the benefit of ministry workers. Surrounded by walls and barbed wire, the campus is an oasis, a safe haven, in the earthquake-damaged surroundings. American missionaries care

for visitors there and provide good meals and comfortable sleeping areas. Hot, sweaty, and tired after a day of work, the team was thankful for the special treatment - and especially the pool.

Among the team members was a former military man turned carpenter, a cowboy, a local business woman, a pilot / business man, and a logger / musician - all tough bred mountain folk who gave up their normal lives to serve God for several days.

Some of the team returned in January with new team members to construct one more \$10,000 home, this time funded by donations collected in their own region of Colorado. Most of the 20 x 20 foot homes have been funded by donations from Korea to OMS for the purpose of helping Haiti. OMS is using the funds to build houses for qualifying Haitian families. To qualify, a family must have a clear deed to the land and provide food for the Haitian workers. The Kremmling group decided to fund the house they built in order to preserve remaining OMS funds.

This time, those from the first team who returned, felt mentally and strategically better prepared. Their hope for the second trip was to deepen friendships and help more Haitians. They also took love and care to the on-site missionaries.



Family receiving keys to new home.



MFM construction team with owners of new home.

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Caribbean

Caribbean Prayer Team

By Rev. Scott Carlson

I traveled to the Caribbean with a Men for Missions prayer team October 1-6 2012. We went to support the Caribbean Saturation Project, a ministry of One Mission Society's Every Community for Christ and Men for Missions to train national believers to start house churches in their regions. Prayer team visiting house church in security sensitive country. An average house church consists of 15-25 people.

The emphasis of the church leaders is on preaching the Gospel and training others. This strategy is both practical and fruitful because beginning a small group in a home is

establish nearly 140 training centers, train 18,000 leaders, and plant 94,000 house churches. Their goal is to give people an opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel through the witness of a local church.

A training center gives each student about 160 hours of basic training in doctrine and evangelism. Those trained will then establish a house church and periodically return to the center for further training. The church leaders also do a prayer walk in an unchurched area, followed by a compassion outreach, such as a feeding program or a medical clinic. Finally, an evangelism event, such as the showing of the Jesus Film is held. There is a follow-up with those who have made a decision to follow Christ. A local house church begins with the new converts and other seekers.

We received information about the country, had daily prayer and Bible study, prayed with local pastors, and did prayer walks. Many young pastors have small children and live in areas of violence, opposition, prostitution, witchcraft, disease, and extreme poverty. Although oppressed, they have fully surrendered their lives to the work of evangelism, winning the lost, and teaching hope in the Lord. They need prayer for protection from temptation and evil and for pure intentions to live holy lives.

We listened to several of those who were trained in the house church training centers of the Caribbean Saturation



Project, including local church members, coordinators from two denominations, and national church leaders. They described the results of God's Holy Spirit working through an effective way to introduce people to the Good News of the ministry. And, of course, it is also a result of the trainers surrendering to the Lordship of Christ because of their love OMS is working in partnership with national churches to for Him, their obedience to Him, and their passion to win souls to Christ.

> We attended an urban neighborhood house church. (Some non-Christian homes practice witchcraft, including the sacrifice of animals and humans.) We sat in a small living room of an extremely poor family. Visitors and members introduced themselves and shared their faith. The leader shared a message from Psalm 138:8 and asked, "Do you tell Jesus that you love Him?" Each member shared their faith and love for Jesus. As we prayed for each church member, I had the privilege of praying for a woman's protection and healing because she is beaten on a regular basis by one of her children. We also prayed for the child's conversion. The Lord's Spirit was very close to us. As we left, many people were gathered in the street outside. Each Thursday evening they listen to the house church meeting and always ask, "How can these people be so poor and be so happy?" The house church members talk, laugh, have fun, and enjoy special fellowship.

> Someone recently asked me, "Why is OMS doing this ministry in the Caribbean now?" It is because the Lord has appointed this time for a great harvest. The opportunity is outstanding now. It is as the Scripture says, "And who knows but that you have come ... for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14b). This is a time of significant harvest, and the Lord is mightily blessing this work of OMS.

> > I would encourage you to prayerfully and financially support the Caribbean Saturation Project #407949, and contact OMS to support the missionaries serving in this ministry.

> > Editor's Note: In the next few years, you may read about the Caribbean Saturation Project several times in Action magazine. For the security of our partners serving in this region, we must be cautious about what we say. We will never refer to the nation specifically. We may also be vague about specific names and locations. Thank you, in advance, for understanding that our precaution is in the interest of security. We are grateful to serve a big God who knows all things, even before we





Ministry opportunities abound in Caribbean country closed to traditional mission outreach.

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 70 countries. MFM is comprised of laymen for the purpose of helping more than 400 OMS missionaries evangelize, plant churches, develop Christian leadership, and eventually partner with the national churches that evolve.

MFM accomplishes its task through men from every walk of life who are willing to make this spiritual commitment:

I will do whatever God asks me to do; I will go wherever God asks me to go; I will give whatever God asks me to give.

The commitment between an MFMer and God manifests itself through a variety of MFM opportunities. Missionaries are served within the U.S. through MFM area representatives and MFM Action Groups (formerly called Councils). A local Action Group is comprised of MFMers 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.

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Men for Missions is your life changing journey, that asks 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 59-year history. A current team list appears in this issue (see list at right).

MFMers 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 MFMers share their experiences, you can bet-

ter 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 Prayer Team Laying Claim to Kenya

I just returned from our first prayer team to Kenva and am reflecting on what God has done through the MFM Prayer Initiative. The Men for Missions Prayer Initiative began in 2005. It is spiritual warfare prayer consisting of tactical and strategic intercession. Tactical intercession takes place in the country you are praying for. We walk the ground, meet and pray with missionaries and national workers. We also experience the culture and people to be better prepared to leaders are specifically intercede for the spiritual needs that are discerned. The model is to ask God to raise up a country champion for each country who will go, walk the ground. and claim it for Christ. They, along with an in-country coordinator,

continue to gather prayer requests and enlist intercessors to pray for the country on a daily basis. We pray God will call country prayer champions for each country that OMS works in, and that they will take prayer teams to that country as well as daily intercede at home. The country champion works to coordinate prayer requests from the in-country coordinator and distributes those to the intercessors that they develop.

We presently have country champions for 10 countries. God is working in tremendous ways through the prayers of faithful country champions and their intercessory groups. We have seen hard ground plowed and planted, and many countries that had

experienced no fruit for years are now reaping bumper crops as God moves His hand of favor through the prayers of His people. While in Kenya, we saw many opportunities to come along side our partners to carry the Gospel forward, and we are asking God to raise up a country prayer champion for Kenya. Is God calling your name? Will you say yes?

- Dick McLeish

By Richard Carriger

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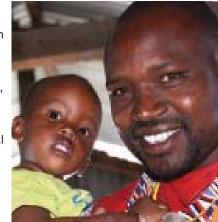
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Tell most people you are going on a mission trip to Kenya, and they get excited. Tell them the focus of the trip is intercessory prayer, and they stare at you and say, "Really?"

What's different about a prayer initiative and a short-term mission work trip? Both should be relational and both use hands and feet but in

Untrained a different way. The prayer team responds to Jesus Christ's call to follow Him, pray for restoration, and lay claim for the nation and its churches people. In order to sustain the effort, the Prayer Initiative



Pastor Steven of the Masai tribe church.

calls on the Holy Spirit to raise up a prayer champion for that nation.

On January 22, 2013, Prayer Team leader Dick McLeish and five others flew to Kenya and prayed with local hosts Rev. Silas and Rahab Waweru. Powerful and extraordinary things happened during our stay

The prayer team visited and prayed in the Kawangware Slums, prayed with a local prayer team in Limuru, had lunch and prayed at a boy's orphanage. We traveled to a Masai village, visited, prayed, and worshiped with them. On Sunday, we worshiped at Kileleshwa Covenant Church and visited Rahab's family. The team ate dinner, fellowshiped, sang hymns, and praved that Jesus will bless Kenya and its

Silas and Rahab Waweru are passionate about serving the Lord in East Africa. Their vision is to establish training centers for indigenous national leaders, church planting, and breaking the cycle of bondage many experience in their homeland. Silas and Rahab recognize a hunger for Christ in Kenya, but in some cases, untrained leaders are starting house churches without Bibles. They need prayer and training.

MFM Prayer Team with children at orphanage.



Before leaving Africa, Silas and Rahab wanted the team to visit the Nakuru National Park. All experienced a close up of our Lord's wild and beautiful animal kingdom.

Is God calling you to pray instead of driving nails or laying block? Is He asking you not only to be the hands and feet, but the "voice" for people in far off lands? He could be... really.

Drive the Pan American Highway

By Steve Rehner

Hike Mt. Kilimanjaro, Scale Mt. Everest, or Drive the Pan **American Highway!**

In the last ACTION magazine, we shared about the MFM team that is driving down the Pan American Highway to Costa Rica, June 14-July 1, 2013, to raise \$30,000 for MFM/ECC evangelism and church planting in the Caribbean. Presently, fourteen men plan to drive five cars across Central America.

We won't scale Mt. Kilamanjaro or Mt. Everest, but we will drive approximately 2000 miles over several mountain ranges and cross six international borders. It is the trip of a lifetime that will take you out of your comfort zone. We place great value on prayer, so we covet your prayers for the team all the way. We will include updates on our trip on the MFM web-

If you have been on an MFM trip, you know how God used that experience in your life. It would be exciting if you could help someone else go on this trip and experience what you have. We would like to encourage all MFMers to sponsor this team of men as they travel the 2000 miles from Texas to Costa Rica. They can be a national MFM team for a week.

All the team members are not only raising money to cover their expenses but are raising \$30,000 to give to MFM/ECC in the Caribbean. To reach this goal we will need your help. Would you prayerfully consider investing 5 cents, 10 cents, or 25 cents per mile that the team will drive?

If you have any further questions about the project feel free to e-mail or call me: Steve Rehner, MFM Director of Ministries for Latin American/Caribbean. srehner@onemissionsociety.org, 859-327-1531.



Tranquil scene traveling the Pan American highway.



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Where is God's Mission Field?

By Jan Burroughs

I went to Haiti to help my daughter, Angie Bundy, at the end of the school term. Every morning class started with 40 minutes of Bible reading and prayer. It was awesome! I enjoyed getting to know the students and helping them. Angie has a busy schedule as mother of four, school director, secretary, disciplinarian, and part-time teacher. Many times, at the end of the day, parents of her students come to see her. Missionaries have people who show up at all times asking for help. Their requests may be for an aspirin, food, clothing, money, or to see a doctor.

On Friday, we distributed solarpowered radios to two adults and an 11-year-old boy with disabilities.

Then on Sunday afternoon, I received word that my Dad had passed away. My thoughts were, "Lord I don't understand this. I am here on a missions trip to help at the school and to share your Word." Angie, Brett, and I decided that I should return home. Bill Evans in the MFM Office helped me to fly standby out of Haiti. Arriving in Atlanta, I had a late flight to St. Louis.

On the plane to St. Louis, I met my seat mates. We will call them Mr. M. and Mr. L. They were also on their way home from different areas of the Caribbean. They asked why I was on the plane, so I told them of the passing of my Dad. Mr. L. told us that he had cancer and would be starting chemo the next day. I asked if I could pray for him, and he said, "Yes." I lightly placed my hand on his arm; he grabbed my hand and held it between his own hands. When I said, "Amen," Mr. M. had an amazing look on his face. He said, "I have never seen someone pray for someone else."

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Angie Bundy, daughter of Jan Burroughs.

They asked about why I was in Haiti; why my daughter and son-inlaw were there. He could hardly believe that there were more like me. I then told him about my granddaughter, Brianna, who makes hair bows and sells them to earn money to purchase radios to give to the people in Haiti. He was amazed, and said, "There are three generations of you giving to others?" He then started asking guestions about God and our faith. Both of them had many questions. One



cide after being raped by a religious leader-"will he be in heaven?" Why do Christians hate the homosexuals? I explained the sinful nature of man, and we are to give our lives to God and live according to His Word. I assured them that God loves all sinners. He makes no distinction because He wants all people to come to Him. I explained the plan of salvation to them. Midway through flight, Mr. M. asked me if I felt like I was being interviewed on TV. I told him. "No. I am fine." "Good" he said, "I have more questions." I continued to answer each question, but I knew God was at work because I do not think fast enough to answer such questions. Mr. L. asked, "Do you or um, it is

had a brother who committed sui-

almost like, um do you think that God put the three of us together at this time, for this?" I said, "I know

My mission trip? It was really God's mission trip. I found out why I had to leave Haiti and to be on that flight. Two men needed to hear about Jesus. God's mission field is where He wants to use us.

Angie Bundy in classroom and children at play at OMS school.



GOOD NEWS REPORTERS IN TRAINING (G.R.I.T.)

By Jason Campbell, Creative Producer, One Mission Kids

Seven years of production seems like a long time to me; however, when I think about how God trained and prepared others in the Bible for 40 or more years, I realize that it actually is a short time span. What began as a children's program for an OMS conference has grown and expanded into a complete mission vacation Bible school curriculum. The Good News Reporter invites children to become Good News Reporters in Training (GRITs) as they investigate the missionary heart in VBS. According to the Good News Reporter (GNR) manual, a missionary heart is an unselfish heart that cares for others and shares with others. Throughout the week. the children are introduced to the 5 Ws (ways) of having a missionary heart. They learn the Good News and are challenged to share it



VBS projects with a

with others. They also exercise their missionary hearts by taking part in raising funds for the Bibles for Africa project.

When given the opportunity, children will jump at the chance to use their missionary hearts. The VBS encourages them to pray and ask God what He wants them to do. Then. they are challenged to do whatever they sense God is asking of them. The children typically do extra chores around the house, ask for donations from friends, and even give from their own piggy banks. I always look forward to seeing how God will ask a few of them to give above and beyond, to the point of sacrificing their best for Him. One boy sold his favorite video game console because he wanted the Good News to spread around the world. Another boy gave up a go-cart that he had been saving for so that soccer balls could be used to reach Colombians with the love of Jesus. Another child sold most of his clothes so the African people could read about Jesus for themselves. This past summer, a girl who had sold her calf the previous year, felt God wanted her to give all of the money to Him through missions. Through the Good News Reporters VBS, kids are learning the importance of praying, giving, and using their money to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help reach and rescue a lost world.

One of the unusual things about the GNR-VBS is that we challenge the church not to set a goal for the missions offering. Yes, this goes against what we've been taught, but this technique allows us to more fully rely upon God and truly leave the results to Him. In every church we've tested the VBS in, we have seen God work through the children to raise more than if they had used their previous VBS missions goal. Regardless of the size of the VBS, God teaches the kids, the adult helpers, and me that when we obey His voice and leave the results to Him, He can do great things through us.

This year, One Mission Kids is offering the dynamic Good News Reporters VBS mission program for churches to purchase for \$130. The goal of One Mission Kids is to create resources to help equip parents, schools, and churches to better educate their kids about missions. Through the One Mission Kids website, OMK offers many resources. including a free monthly prayer calendar and an interactive place for kids to explore seven (currently) global destinations. Each destination includes a kid-friendly mission project so kids can learn about what God is doing around the world and also get their missionary heart involved.

For more information, contact: www.onemissionkids.org



Jason Campbell with VBS kids.

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Homes for Haiti

God's 'Class' in Session

By Bill Glace

I went to Haiti with a Homes for Haiti team in January 2013. The team was comprised of four people from Sabetha, Kansas, and six people from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The team split on January 29, and two ladies stayed behind to attend a "ladies of the church" meeting. As they shared at the dinner table that night, tears came to their eyes as they told



Work team visits an elementary school near work site.

of the events that morning. About 50 grateful ladies met at a home that a Homes for Haiti team had built, and they thanked God for the home to meet in. The women were at the meeting several hours and sang and prayed a lot—very Haitian. A young Haitian lady asked at the meeting if they would pray for her as she wanted to accept Christ into her life.

At the work site, the gravel had not arrived to mix the cement for the foundation. So, we took a walk and visited with a small store owner and bought 20 pops. Also, there is an elementary school close to the home we worked on, and we visited with the teachers and students. I asked one of the teachers if she was walking with God. She replied, "Yes," then shared what church she is involved with.

When the gravel arrived, we began pouring the foundation and everyone got involved. Several young boys helped with emptying buckets and the girls helped with sand and rock. The lady and family that will move into this home worked very hard as all of the sand and gravel had to be carried up a steep hill and several hundred feet to the building site. The water came from a long way, but it was there when we needed it. When the wood arrived, we worked on door frames and started on the rafters for the new home. I know it is an encouragement to the Haitian people as we step up to work together. It is unusual in Haiti for different classes of people to work together. Regardless of class, God sees us as His children.



Americans and Haitians working together on a new home.



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

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