

April 2010 Mission Ministry Team REPORTS

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Campus Christian Fellowship	Darrell Blackwell
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Campus Outreach/Johannesburg (Jennifer Carcagente)	Daniel Lyon
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Jennifer seems to be still settling in some, they had their first staff meeting which usually is in January. Even with the setbacks Jennifer still reports that "Finally our entire team is back in RSA and at 98-100% support. We are so thankful to God for providing for our team..." The staff will actually be in the resident halls (dorms) meeting students and sharing the Good News of Christ.

Prayer Requests:

The last \$100 of Jennifer's support to come in.

Their team as they being our RELAUNCHING our ministry on the campuses- for faith as we are out there sharing our faith, that many would come to Christ, and that they would be centered on Him.

Please pray for Jennifer's visa...the process has been long. She just got denied for her visa due to some paperwork issues. She is going to reapply again (her current one doesn't expire until October so she has some time) Wisdom for the church plant that they are starting for the Wits area- her role in that church plant, and for the leadership – timing with the World Cup, strategy for where to exactly plant, a good team to go with out of their current churches. Momentum and partnerships to minister during the World Cup.

Central Cabarrus Bible Teaching Association	Lakey Curlee
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Cincinnati Christian University	Mike Ritzer
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Concord Bible Teaching Association	Chris Cote
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We had our spring meeting on April 12th. Lane has two full classes and is really enjoying the year. The CBTA is having a similar problem with recruiting new board members as JM Robinson. We struggle to get people to commit to new terms and to drawing committed parents. We are doing O.K. financially.

Lets Pray for:

New, fresh, leadership from the Lord for this ministry and JMRobinson's.

Praise for Gods commitment to this program through his provision of funds.

Cooperative Christian Ministry	Stacey Langdon
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News:

- **New Ministry:** Mother's & Children Housing Ministry - is an emergency and transitional housing program for mothers with pre-adolescent children who have become or are in eminent danger of being homeless. The priorities of the program are safety, responsibility, and accountability.
- CCM partners with Pine Bluff United Methodist Church and opens their 7th Emergency Food Pantry in Cabarrus County.
- CCM partners with the City of Concord in the City of Concord Customer Assistance Program ~ "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" where tax-deductible contributions included in one's utility bill are forwarded to CCM, who then assists our neighbors, family & friends who are experiencing hardship with paying their utility bills. See CCM's website for info on signing-up, which can simply be done online.

- March 25, 2010, Concord First Assembly hosted CCM's Mobile Food Pantry @ The Village, and distributed over 19,000 lbs. of groceries to over 400 households, all in less than 2 hours!

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, May 7th from 5-8pm, prior to opening of Village Fest in Kannapolis, A.L. Brown High School is participating in the Fifth Annual Festival of the Arts - students will participate in a benefit teen concert performing music, song, & dance to help raise funds and awareness for the homeless in our community.

Crisis Pregnancy Center - Cabarrus	Sarah Sheperis
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News – CPC is in a desperate financial situation. For the past few months the Center has barely made payments for bills and also been short on salaries. The Center was forced to close for 2 weeks in December to give the finances a break on both salaries and utilities. Please read letter from Executive Director to another church:

Yes, this is a very critical financial time for the ministry, as we are supported 100% by our church families, Christian business and individuals, and have seen a drastic decline in support since the economy began to spiral downward in 2009. Aside from our salaries, on the chart below are the critical current financial obligations for the center.

As I explained, we are down one staff member, and have cut expenses to the bone to reduce our monthly overhead. We are investigating changing our phone service and we no longer contract with a lawn maintenance service, thus leaving the mowing and maintenance to staff.

Theresa, I cannot thank you enough for your time. You clearly have a servant's heart and without women such as yourself to stand in unity with us to support the work we are doing for our Lord and for his children, this center would not be celebrating our 25th anniversary on June 5.

Blessings, Jan

Source	Amount	Date Due
Cabarrus Bank & Trust – Monthly Mortgage	\$1058.00	Past Due – Due 4/6
Erie Insurance - Liability Insurance Semi-Annual Premium, due again in Sept	\$926.00	Past Due – Due 3/26

Curlee Family/Lifeline Christian Mission	Anthony Clark
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Envoy Christian Mission	Paul Salisbury
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I had my initial meeting with a couple of the English institute owners, and while I have yet to get a concrete proposal from one of the newer places, I'll start my work back at the WELL Institute again in March/April. The work with the students is wonderful, and I enjoy my time with the teachers, though their increased course load at the Institute means that our time together is sporadic. Please be praying that the seeds we plant will bear fruit. Please also be praying for our tentative short-term team from the Northwest that is planning on coming down in December to help me with this year's "final exam" for the students.

The return to Argentina has been complicated by the 8.8 magnitude earthquake in neighboring Chile. There have been several aftershocks, including some in Argentine territory. In Argentina, there have been a number of instances in which buildings have moved, particularly in the capital. Our rental house developed a significant fracture in the past month.

The biggest consequence for Argentina, though, has been the cessation of trade and subsequent price increases. Please be praying for the country, for leaders who will make and ask for short-term sacrifices for the long-term benefit of the country (in spite of the political cost), and for those of us who are Christians to be salt and light in word and deed in the face of these crisis.

Specifically, too, I would like to ask for your prayers for several people that we know.

1) Juan Carlos' mother in a coma. His mother has brain cancer. Shortly after the last surgery she slipped into a coma and has yet to awake.

2) Sergio's sister lost a loved one from an unexpected heart attack.

3) Veronica has been diagnosed with breast cancer and the disease has spread rapidly.

4) Walter Chavez has to take medicine for a skin condition. The medicine is necessary for his long term health, the doctor says, but in the short term the side effects are severe, including significant nausea, pain and the like.

5) Edith Olivera has come through her leg surgery just fine. She has not yet scheduled the second surgery, but I expect to have more information on her situation next month. Please also keep Megan Olivera in prayer as she starts college this month.

6) Finally, please continue to be in prayer for Envoy Christian Mission, the Board, and those of us working here. We continue to see funds leak away due to continuing economic shortages in the USA. Please pray for additional workers for the field and new donors with a heart for Argentina like yours.

Grace Ministries Int'l. – John Cox	Joe Fill
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Prayer requests from John Cox at Grace-

You can pray for us concerning a young girl staying with us and another on the way. The house is filling up again.

Impact-UNCC	Brian Page
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InterVarsity - Benjamin Gibson	Kim Salisbury
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News:

It has been a great couple of months here in Lenoir-Rhyne InterVarsity. In my last update, I asked you to pray that students would remain excited and committed even as the routine of the semester kicked in and homework piled up. Our prayers were definitely answered; if anything, students' vision for ministry on campus has grown throughout the semester. There are new students continually coming to our weekly worship meetings, and the core group of students has grown from the three that went to Urbana to over ten committed members. It has been a privilege to work with the students during this time, encouraging them and helping them move forward in their vision for Lenoir-Rhyne.

The "theme verse" that the students have adopted for this year is 1 Thessalonians 2:8: "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." This verse sums up beautifully what we're trying to do on campus. We want to love others with our lives, not just to keep a safe distance and tell people that they should live like we do. By sharing their lives with their fellow students, they are spreading the gospel at Lenoir-Rhyne.

I mentioned in my last update that a nonbelieving Lenoir-Rhyne student was attending InterVarsity's Greek conference. I'm excited to let you know that she accepted Christ over the weekend! She and two other girls in her sorority are now hoping to start some sort of ministry for Greek students on campus. I've been talking with them about the possibility of leading a small group bible study, and I'm looking forward to finding out where the Lord is leading us in this. Please pray for us as this semester ends, that students will continue to reach out to their friends and that their vision and passion will grow as we begin to look toward next year. Eight students are currently signed up to attend Rockbridge, our yearly post-exams conference, from May 16-21. This should be a time when students will learn and be stretched in their faith. Pray that the Lord will meet them there, and that the week will be a springboard into next year as we discuss God's vision for our campus.

Thanks so much for your prayers; it is a joy to partner in ministry with you.

Jay M. Robinson Bible Teaching Association	Delores Horton
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Lifeline Christian Mission	Michelle Lyon
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	Darrell Blackwell
Millsaps (Calvary Ministry Institute)	Rob & Amie Walter
Niños de Mexico	Jack Fahy

Development Director Mick O'Hanlon writes to the Concord Christian Church:

"Your faithfulness is truly appreciated during these uncertain times. It's a joy to work side by side with you. Thank you for the love you have for our kids!"

Northwest Bible Teaching Association	Kim Salisbury
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News: The talent show is Friday, May 14. All are invited. The kids have worked hard at the skits that will be done. This also a fund raiser for the Bible Teaching Assoc. The reception is 6:30-7:15 in the Cafeteria at Northwest Cabarrus High School. The talent show will be from 7:15-9:00 in the lecture hall. This is a free invite.

Prayer: Continue to pray for Becky as the year comes to an end.

Park Springs Christian Center & other camp	Steve Petty
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Sharon Ranalli (D.M. Stearns Missionary Fund)	Marcia Fahy
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Thank you for standing by my side in prayer and giving in behalf of God's mission of redeeming the lost of the Quichua people of Ecuador, and equipping them to minister in their communities and churches.

News:

- In January and February I have...
 - ❖ Taught two nights each week in the Bible Institute center in Ambato (a forty-five minute drive each way from my home)
 - ❖ Taught two nights each week in the Bible Institute center in Riobamba, where half of the twenty students are university students – the classroom dynamics are exciting
 - ❖ Conducted a Bible study every two weeks with the teachers of the Good Samaritan school
 - ❖ Spoken at the graduation of women who have completed three years of study in Guayaquil
 - ❖ Conducted two workshops in Guayaquil on the coast; two in the mountain province of Chimborazo; one in Quito, and one in Ambato
- The Good Samaritan elementary school is maintaining an enrollment of 104 students. Teachers report they have seen a change in the children's behavior and attitude since they have been studying the Sermon on the Mount and praying for the students.

Prayer:

- More sponsors for the children at the Good Samaritan elementary school
- That the children at Good Samaritan elementary school will be motivated to learn the academics and develop a Christ-like character
- Pray that the government will back off from its threats to close the schools that do not promote the "religion of Ecuador", which is a mixture of Christianity and the pagan religion of their ancestors
- Pray for me as I prepare for two more workshops and travel to the four geographical areas in April and May

The Voice of the Martyrs	Jack Fahy
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Nothing to report.

Wings of Eagles Ranch	Ken Small
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NEWS:

- April 17 Work Day was a rousing success!
- New office staff: Jocelyn Smilie is now in the office part-time and is available to help you anyway she can. She will now be your main contact at the Ranch.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The need for volunteers, the horse show and summer camp. Classes are maxed out and there is a waiting list
- Fundraising efforts will be successful:
 - NC Horse Council Grant
 - Wal-Mart grant requests

FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

- Additional funding to build a new playground for the children.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 1 - Summer Camp Open House (9-3pm)**
- May 15 - 11th Annual Blue Ribbon Rider Horse Show (9-5pm)**
- May 17-19 - Association for Challenge Course Technology Summer Camp**
- > Young Wranglers June 14-17
- > Jr Adventures June 28-July 2
- > Sr Adventures July 12-16
- > Horse Lover's August 9-13

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Tom & Emily Salisbury	Paul Salisbury
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Please pray for the Feliciano family. They are friends of ours from our years in Mexico. Pascual, one of their sons, passed away suddenly last week. He was in his early 40s.

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Wally & Jean Schott	Kim Salisbury
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News: Jean had a busy week with taking two elderly members to doctor appts. She and Wally also dug up some rose bushes and moved them for an elder couple and then plants tomato plants for them.

Prayer: Pray for JAARS as they look for a new president.

Young Life – Cabarrus County	Chris Cote
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Young Life:

LEADERSHIP:

Leadership this week will be at the guys house. Dinner will be at 5:30, leadership will begin at 6. Please remember to tell us if you are unable to be there. Please bring a Bible, notebook, and pen.

PRAYER/FASTING FOR SUMMER CAMP:

Our time of unified prayer and fasting ends this week. We encourage you all to continue to pray for the work the Lord is doing in this area.

WORK CREW AT FAMILY CAMP (WINDY GAP, APRIL 30-MAY 2)

We are in need of between 10-15 leaders and high school kids (these should be campaigner kids) that would like to be a part of the work crew on family camp. Please let me know if you are interested in going and bringing a few high school kids with you!

SUMMER CAMP INFO: PLEASE FOLLOW UP WITH EVERY KID ON THE CAMP LIST WITHOUT A FORM IN THIS WEEK!

July 11-17 at Sharptop Cove. **So far we have over 50 kids officially signed up for camp!! Take a look at the updated list below of kids with some sort of money in BUT are not signed up for camp (If they are just missing their form we are holding a spot for them).** Pursue the kids that have not yet turned in forms and the rest of their deposit- this serves to secure their spot to go to camp this summer.

