

January 2010 Mission Ministry Team REPORTS

Almack Family	Tim & Nancy Kaiser
Campus Christian Fellowship	Darrell Blackwell
Campus Outreach/Johannesburg (Jennifer Carcagente)	Daniel Lyon
Central Cabarrus Bible Teaching Association	Lakey Curlee
Cincinnati Christian University	OPEN
Concord Bible Teaching Association	Chris Cote
Cooperative Christian Ministry	Stacey Langdon

- Throughout 2009, CCM's Food Pantries continued to set record for #'s of families who received emergency food assistance. CCM distributed over 935,000 lbs. of food to feed 11,000 families (over 32,000 individuals) AND provided 1,590 Back Packs of nutritious food to two After-School Low- Income Food Programs.
- In Nov. 2009, the Student Action Team from Boger Elementary School visited CCM to deliver canned goods which they had collected from the student body, an estimated weight of 185#. The students were also able to tour the facility, all while learning & experiencing a life lesson about empathy. Way to go!
- Local Farmer's Markets closed-out 2009 successfully after receiving and locally distributing over 2 tons of fresh produce. Thank you farmers!

Please continue to pray for leadership, all employees, and all involved in whatever aspect of serving through CCM. Pray for God's wisdom to rule decision-making, planning, and acting-upon just what He needs to be accomplished through His ministry.

Pray also for the Holy Spirit to nudge generosity into hearts to specifically provide for much needed food, monies, & other resources. Father God, help us all to listenand obey!

Thank you.

Crisis Pregnancy Center	Sarah Sheperis
Curlee Family/Lifeline Christian Mission	Michelle Ballantyne

NEWS

Bobby and Lakey are both in Haiti. They decided to stay there and help following the January 12 earthquake.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please pray for them and the people of Haiti as they deal with the devastation, injuries and death.

Envoy Christian Mission	Paul Salisbury
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We have several specific requests:

- 1) Safety for people in Argentina in the face of a new crime wave that seems to be operating in the Varela church/gym's neighborhood

2) New sources of funds for Envoy to make up losses from donors affected by the economic crisis

3) Prayers for me: that all of the things necessary for mom to live a stable life be in place by our leave date and that I can be at peace going back to Argentina (I'm really having trouble getting ready to leave her...seeing evidence of things that are still overwhelming for her to manage and it really hurts. I know she'll be fine, and that God will take care of her, the local church here is wonderful...but I'm the son and it's just tough)

4) prayers for Vanesa's cooking degree, that the courses she needs to finish (that she had to drop to come back with me in October) will be offered again by the school ASAP

5) Praise: Vanesa's permanent visa was approved...documentation and "next steps" letter due before the end of February!

Thanks for your prayers. In peace,

Tim

Grace Ministries	Joe Fill
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Hickory Ridge Bible Teaching Association	Mike Ritzer
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Impact-UNCC	Brian Page
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NEEDS: We have had a great semester, but challenging, too. One of our staff members left mid-semester to pursue a ministry opportunity at an area church, so we had to find a new worship leader plus find a way to pay him. We found an amazing guy named Jacob Early (you may know him, he is also the worship leader at Journey Church in Huntersville). He has been an amazing addition! We've been averaging around 125 students a week at our weekly Gatherings, with a high of 152. We had 89 Students at our Fall Retreat which is an all-time high! Our Community Groups (Small Groups) have been averaging around 95 students a week collectively.

Financially we're doing okay. 100% of our income comes from the Financial support of friends, family, individuals, students, parents, and churches. Like many we've had to make some cuts in the last year because of the economy, but for the most part things are okay. We're still about \$500 a month away from meeting our budget for this school year. One of our big needs is starting this summer.

After 4 years of praying as a staff for God to bring us a Female Staff member, he has finally answered with a young lady - Kristen - who is an alumni of Impact. She is currently raising support and scheduled to join the Staff in June. In addition my wife Emily and I are expecting our first child in May. Justin and Nicole have a Son, Marcus, who will turn 2 in June. Also, our third staff member, Josh, is getting married in June. As you can see there are a lot of changes on the horizon!

Because of this we need to grow our budget dramatically in the next 8 months. Our current monthly budget is about \$7,500 a month (yes, for 3 full-time staff!) but it will need to grow to just over \$12,000 by August 2010. This is a big increase, but we believe it's necessary for a growing ministry and staff. I can give you an exact breakdown of where that money will be going if you would like.

We have a plan in place of how we'll be raising the \$4,500+. It includes our Alumni, Kristen's personal support, Parents of the ministry, and lastly we're working with 8 different church missions committee's to become a part of their missions budgets. We currently have 8 churches in NC, OH, and IN who are supporting us, including Concord Christian. If you think it would be possible for CCC to consider increasing their quarterly giving next year Justin would love to come and talk to your missions committee. It's going to take God providing from all corners in order for us to be financially healthy next year!

Thanks for your interest and support of what God is doing at UNC Charlotte! Let me know if you need anything else from us.

InterVarsity - Benjamin Gibson	Kim Salisbury
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News & Prayer: Well classes for both campuses just started this week, so I haven't had much time to figure out what managing both of them will be like. Fundraising is going well although there is still plenty of work to be done. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel though, so that's a huge praise. :)

You can be praying the students who are coming back from Urbana will process well what they heard there and that they will return to campus with a greater sense of vision for what God wants to do in and through them. I'm really hoping that God will use the momentum from that week to change the culture of LR's IV to be more missional. I would hope the same thing for Davidson, but I don't know the campus well enough yet to know if that's exactly what they need.

Jay M. Robinson Bible Teaching Association	Delores Horton
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Lakeview Bible College & Seminary	Barbara & Lonnie Melton
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Lifeline Christian Mission	Michelle Lyon
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As you all know there was a 7.3 earthquake that hit Haiti on Tuesday January 11th. There were 58 women on a mission trip with Lifeline in Haiti when this happened. Through the grace of God they all survived! There was one major injury and she was airlifted on Friday January 15th to a military ship for treatment. She has since been released and is now home! Since the earthquake about 160 Haitians have excepted Christ! Praise God!

There are still 3 Americans on the compound: Gretchen Devoe, Bobby Curlee, and Lakey Curlee. Bob Devoe is trying to fly in as well. We need to pray that God will keep them safe and provide for their needs. As of right now the most important need is for diesel to run the generator and gasoline for the vehicles. The generator is the only way to have electricity and safe water since the electricity lines are down in many places.

Prayer Requests:

- : That help in the way of water, food, and medical supplies will reach Grand Goave in a timely manner.
- : That the Haitian people will remain calm and that no riots will occur.
- : For the rebuilding that will take place on the compound and in the village
- : For the spiritual health of those still in Haiti.

Millsaps Family (Eastside Development)	Rob & Amie Walter
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Mountain Mission School	Eric Pruitt & Meltons
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Niños de Mexico	Jack Fahy
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In 2010, Ninos de Mexico strides to care for more children. They hope to enclose the main property with a perimeter wall, continue to update current facilities, and purchase a few more vans. Also, they would like to hire new staff to assist the house parents and enable them to provide the best possible to care for the children. They are down over \$60,000 in year end 2009 contributions.

Prayer requests:

- That the new children will accept and adapt to their new environment.
- Wisdom for the staff to develop the best education possible for each student to learn and to carry the Gospel of Christ to others around them.
- Safety and financial assistance

Northwest Bible Teaching Association	Kim Salisbury
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News: Please remind CCC about our Ci Ci's pizza fundraiser on the 2nd Monday of every month. Anyone can participate by placing their pizza receipt (for dine in or take out) in the bucket by the register between 4 and 9PM. CiCi's donates 10% of the total receipts to the NCBTA each month. Thanks so much!

Also, the Bible Reception and talent show will probably be in May, but we have not selected an exact date yet. I will keep you informed as to when this will occur.

Prayer: Pray for Becky's health as she teaches and works with the kids. She has a wonderful ministry with these kids.

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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The year 2009 began with plans to be semi-retired by the end of the year. But in August I was given a new mandate from God, and instead of retiring I am being prepared for an extended ministry, with a new vision and with new energy for 2010.

Prayers:

- Continue to lift me up in prayer that God will prepare me spiritually, physically and emotionally for His service in 2010.
- Next Friday I will be leading a prayer and fast retreat in Guayaquil (a four-hour drive), and on Saturday the same in Ambato. We have invited all believers to attend. Pray that God will draw many to attend, and that all of us will be revived. I need to be saturated with the Holy Spirit in order to lead these two retreats.
- Every week I am teaching Moral Excellence to the married students in Ambato two nights, and Bible Survey Romans - Revelations two nights here in Riobamba.
- The volcano Tungurahua is erupting again and usually at night the wind brings the ash where I live. Pray for health protection.

Please thank the church for their prayer support. Their prayer is what keeps these activities from being just busy work. There is no time for busy work; the Lord's coming is soon.

With much love, Sharon

Roanoke Bible College	Darrell Blackwell
The Seed Company, Volta Project	Kim Salisbury
The Voice of the Martyrs	Jack Fahy

When I wrote to our VOM representative, Ruth Luke, that our 4Q09 contribution would be reduced, she responded with this beautiful message: *"We all know it has been a hard year for many. We thank you for all Concord Church has done in the past and will probably do in the future. Your church has a great mission spirit."*

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for those Christians living in restricted nations where practicing their faith in Christ brings persecution. "remember those in bonds as if we were bound and suffering with them" Hebrews 13:3.

Wings of Eagles Ranch	Ken Small
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NEWS:

- Zip Line is up and Climbing Tower should be finished soon
- Construction is ongoing in the old farm house to insulate and make it functional for Corporate team building and the office manager.

PRAISE

- Huge Praise – we received a very large grant from the new Locust Wal-Mart
- Other churches continue to support the Ranch and join in our efforts to reach those with special needs.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Safety for all activities at the Ranch – classes, construction, volunteer training.
- Landscape Architect completing a ten year site plan.
- Grants writing efforts (Wallmart, Landscape Architect).
- The Ranch will continue to profess the Gospel to everyone God puts in their path.

FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

- Additional funding to finance salaries at the ranch to help Chris spend her time growing the ranch and its outreach to the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- "Family Day" at the Ranch to introduce the new Summer Camp Activities sometime in April or May.
- Winter Session begins week of 01/11/10 with a full schedule of riders
- Landscape Architect on board who will be doing a complete site plan and our next ten year vision.

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Tom & Emily Salisbury

Paul Salisbury

Emily has America's Area Staff meetings in Dallas Jan 25-29 and would appreciate prayer as they plan for their next fiscal year (FY11 is Oct '10 - Sep '11). Tom hopes to put a new roof on their house this year...pray for wisdom, safety and good use of resources.

Thanks! It's a privilege to still be involved in Bible translation after 40 years in Wycliffe. Many more groups will be receiving the Word of God in their languages in 2010.

Mil gracias (a thousand thanks) for your continuing prayer and financial support. We appreciate y'all!

Emily

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Wally & Jean Schott

Kim Salisbury

News & Prayer: Wally has had the camera scope done, now they are awaiting the results. They also drew more blood to test it.
Pray for strength for Wally

Young Life – Cabarrus County

Chris Cote

Cafeteria tables are a lot like Bethlehem stables in Young Life. They sometimes serve as a crossroads where heaven and earth collide. That was the case for Jordan his junior year in high school. He was sitting at a cafeteria table contemplating the mess he had made of his 17 short years when a Young Life leader sat down and struck up a casual conversation. It was a "but then" moment for Jordan. "I had a drug problem," Jordan said. "I was lying profusely to my parents, had no faith in God and very few friends. But then Travis came and sat with me at lunch." "But then." Two small words that mark many cataclysmic crossroads in Young Life. Often at the crux of those crossroads you'll find a cafeteria table. A flat, sticky and sometimes smelly table where the Word became flesh and struck up a casual conversation with a lost and lonely kid.

Thank you for supporting Young Life. Thank you for creating countless cataclysmic crossroads for kids like Jordan. Today he is faithfully following Jesus, and a certain cafeteria table reminds him of a Bethlehem stable long ago. An ordinary stable where a "but then" moment changed the world.

May God bless you this holy season as we celebrate the advent of His Son.

In Christ,
Denny Rydberg