

July 2010 Mission Ministry Team REPORTS

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Family News



The summer is here, and we are thoroughly enjoying more family time together. As we reflect on the last few months, we are grateful for God's care, protection, and guidance in our lives.

At the end of March, Jim's sister, her husband, and son came to visit us (Heidi, Chris, and David). They specifically came to watch our kids so that we could attend a teacher's conference in Germany, but the most special part of their coming was seeing our kids and their son meet for the first time. We had a wonderful, refreshing time together.

May is birthday month at our house. Sarah turned 1 on May 8th and Rachel turned 5 on May 31st. We had a family celebration for Sarah, but we decided to have a bigger "event" for Rachel's birthday. We invited several missionary kid friends as well as several girls from her class in Spanish school. The party was very bi-lingual, and tons of fun. We are thankful for how this party has deepened our relationships with these families.

Daniel and Rachel finished their respective school years very well. Please pray with us about our

kids' teachers for the fall. We know that a teacher can make all the difference.

At the end of June we had the wonderful opportunity to travel to southern England for a family vacation. We met Jim's parents there and had a fantastic time. We stayed near Porthleven which is where Jim's grandmother was born and later married. We are so thankful for the many relatives there who made this trip possible for us. A special treat was to have Jim's mom and aunt (who lives here in Madrid) there together. It was the first time they had been there together in 55 years!!

Right after returning from this vacation, Rachel had surgery to remove her adenoids and have tubes put in her ears. We are thrilled to report a very successful surgery with minimal recovery time. Her tubes are working great, and she is enjoying swimming with her special ear plugs (they are red and yellow for Spain!).

Beth and the kids are enjoying some "summer school," working on reading, math, and handwriting skills especially. We trust this extra reinforcement will greatly help them in the coming school year.



Ministry Update



A highlight of spring break was attending the ACSI ICEC teacher's convention at Black Forest Academy in Germany. Jim especially enjoyed interacting with other Bible teachers from MK schools in Europe.

The last few months of the school year were packed with many events, including an outdoor education day for middle school students at the zoo. We both enjoyed attending track and field day this year. Last year, Sarah was born on that day! Ten seniors graduated from ECA on June 4, 2010. We are so thankful for their leadership this past school year. They will be missed.

This summer, Jim is taking advantage of a slower-paced schedule to continue writing the Bible curriculum for the middle school classes. He is also developing the apologetics course that he will be teaching to the 11th and 12th graders in the fall.

Beth worked hard in June on textbook ordering, wrapping up the 2009-2010 school year, and moving into a new office. July has been more of a restful month in preparation for the marathon of August. Schedules, handbooks, orientations, and a host of other things still need to be planned and prepared for the coming school year. Pray for good time management in the coming weeks.

We still have some critical teacher needs for the fall. Please pray that God would provide teachers for the following positions THIS FALL:

*English 8, 9, 10

*1st grade and all Elementary Specials (art, music, Spanish, PE, and computer)

Please also pray that one new teacher who is on

her way will be able to be at ECA for the beginning of the school year. There are some second semester needs due to home assignments as well (Bible classes for Jim, principal responsibilities for Beth, and music, etc.), so please remember these! Some of our other needs are being filled internally. Pray that we would have wisdom in getting everything covered.

One of the highlights of this summer has been following the Spanish national soccer team in the World Cup. As the team got closer to the final, we saw more and more Spanish flags being waved from the rooftops, including our own! We watched the final game with more than 20 of our Spanish neighbors at our community pool house. It was a real joy to be part of this wild national fiesta, especially in light of the economic crisis here which has so many down and discouraged. This event and the times we've had at the pool have really strengthened our relationships with our neighbors. We've learned so many more names, and we look forward to deepening these relationships in the coming days.

We continue to be amazed at God's provision for our financial needs. Several one time gifts have kept us afloat these last few months. Pray for us as we are seeking the Lord for our shortfall each month (approximately \$1200/month). In anticipation of our six-month home assignment (Jan. - June 2011), we need your help in making new contacts with individuals and churches. If you are able to assist us, please contact us and we'll send you more information.

*Jim, Beth, Daniel,
Rachel & Sarah Almack*

Campus Christian Fellowship	Darrell Blackwell
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CCF is in need of prayer for returning/new students this summer and upcoming year, and protection for the students that made decisions to follow Christ.

Campus Outreach/Johannesburg (Jennifer Carcagente)	Daniel Lyon
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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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Cooperative Christian Ministry	Stacey Langdon
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Crisis Pregnancy Center - Cabarrus	Sarah Sheperis
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News – CPC continues to struggle financially but the Walk for Life funds are sustaining us for a while. Changes and cutbacks are still being made to relieve this situation.

Volunteer training will take place late August or Early September.

Statistics for June 2010 – Total Clients seen: 60 (17 new and 43 returning)

Abortion to Life Decisions made: 0

Salvation Decisions made: 0

Chastity Challenges: 0

Bibles given: 8

Needs – Top needs for the upcoming month are: **(SEE URGENT NEED No. 13)**

1. Diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6 only)
2. Baby wipes
3. Women's toiletry items (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, etc)
4. Baby wash and shampoo
5. Cribs, bassinets (gently used is fine)
6. Strollers (full sized) & double strollers
7. Car seats for all sizes EXCEPT infant carriers (gently used is fine)
8. Postage stamps
9. Clorox wipes
10. 8.5 x 11 paper reams as well as card stock
11. **URGENT NEED-Individual/Group skilled in ceiling work. We have a ceiling project needing to be done by August and need labor and materials donated ASAP. Please call Sarah at 704-721-2221.**
12. Volunteers willing to go through training to counsel clients or handle shifts on hotline (great need for Spanish speaking help). Please call for details 704-721-2221.
13. Individuals/Groups willing to host a baby shower to benefit the Crisis Pregnancy Center. We supply all of the paper products and invitations as well as a current needs list. A representative from the Center will also attend if desired.

Prayer Request – Please pray for financial blessings as giving has been very down this year. We are asking God to continue to meet the financial needs of the Center especially in the tough times. Please pray for continued wisdom and guidance for the staff and board members as they make decisions for the center.

Curlee Family/Lifeline Christian Mission	Anthony Clark
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We had a very productive, fast paced, and tiring two week trip back to the USA. It was good to see some of our CCC family again the couple days we were in NC. We helped work at the Lifeline Christian Mission booth at the North American Christian Conference in Indianapolis and got to see all the Lifeline administrators again from the different countries Lifeline works in. We knew Adam from Haiti, Carlos and Paty from Honduras, Jose and Rosa from El Salvador

because of working with them in their base countries. We did not know Eduardo and Vivian from Cuba and had a great time getting to know them and helping show them around the USA a little bit. Two churches (Chapel Rock in Indianapolis and Westerville Christian in OH) had 30th Anniversary Celebrations for Lifeline and we participated in them and got to see even more friends from around the country. After working with Mission Trip Teams traveling in from all over the USA for over 6 years it is great to realize how many friends you have made from all over. We have been back in Haiti about a week now and had a lot of work waiting for us on our return. Lakey said last night it seems like we have been here for months already (lol).

We want to thank all or CCC family for helping to send us out. We are living a life that is hard to explain, it is hard at times but we love it. Please pray that we can continue to let the light of Christ shine from us and that our witness and life will help bring others to Him. Pray for the people of Haiti. They are such a resilient and loving people but it is a very hard life for them, many still have to sleep in makeshift tents. We are getting a lot more rain storms now and some of the people have to stand up at night because there is too much water.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve that you have given us.

Bobby Curlee
One of His sheep
Properties Manager
Lifeline Christian Mission
www.Lifeline.org

Envoy Christian Mission	Paul Salisbury
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This has been an exciting month. The gym has been developing well, Enrique tells me, and we are paying bills in spite of the fact that this is usually a "slow" time. Enrique and his family continue to prepare for the move they wrote you about 2 months ago. The new house needs a little bit more remodeling, and then they will start the actual move.

Walter and Sandra tell me that progress continues on the extension for the Aguaray Church of Christ, and that they are expecting several visitors towards the end of the year to inaugurate the building: a group from Bolivia, a visit from Vanesa and I, and, Lord willing, a short-term team from the USA that is interested in developing praise and worship music from within the culture.

Personally, I have started work on 3 new groups, aimed at bringing the Word to people via English classes in poor neighborhoods. This is an extension of the Real Life English ministry. I have really enjoyed seeing how the work in the WELL Institute classes and the private tutoring has developed, but I have been feeling convicted by the number of people in the population in the Varela area for whom those kind of classes are simply inaccessible. So, after praying about it for a couple of weeks, I decided to draw up a proposal for English workshops and present it to a few people I know who work with marginalized populations. These initial presentations have been very well received, though the details of the "when" and "how" are yet to be. Please be in prayer for all of these groups, that we find the way to make them truly accessible (but not taken for granted), that we confirm a regular place for all of them to occur, and that the Spirit brings forth fruit. If all goes well, these groups should be up and running by early August. I would also like your prayers for the possibility of teaching English in the cooking institute in Quilmes where Vanesa studies. While requiring a different initial focus than my current work, this school has branches in a number of different cities, all of which could be future English ministry locations if the relationship with the Quilmes administrators develops well.

Our family has had a good month as well. I have struggled with some minor health issues (throat and ear infections), but am beginning to recover this week. Vanesa and Zoe have both been in good health this last month. The highlight of the month for Zoe was her birthday party, and she is really enjoying being able to tell people that she is four years old now instead of three! Our housing search continues, and we have had a number of possible houses suggested in the past 2 weeks, especially. We have also found a couple of used vehicles that we are checking out. My hope is that a car will make the English ministry opportunities mentioned above more economical for us to pursue, especially the ones in Quilmes. We have a loan that has come through that is just enough for the car we like the most, and will be negotiating the final details with the owner this week. Please keep that in your prayers.

The hardest issue for the family this month has been the shortage of funds at Envoy. Funds were so short this month that we are functioning at a little better than half salary. As June has already started to look better than May, we have decided to go ahead with the plans to start the new groups. We are looking for additional donors and donations, and would appreciate your prayers and your participation. Those of you who cannot donate more but know of people that it would be worthwhile for us to contact, please don't hesitate to suggest names to us or recommend the mission to others.

God bless you all, and thanks again for your support.

in peace,

Tim

Grace Ministries Int'l. – John Cox	Joe Fill
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Prayer request - hosting VBS camps for children in area. Pray for them to be filled with the love and knowledge of Christ. Also pray for short term mission team in the area helping to build a house with 10 local teenagers. Pray the teens see Christ in the missionaries and are filled with a desire to serve

Impact-UNCC	Brian Page
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InterVarsity - Benjamin Gibson	Kim Salisbury
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I hope you're doing well and enjoying your summer! The semester at Davidson ended very well, and I'm excited to spend the summer preparing for the coming year. It'll be nice to have some time to pray and plan now that I know the students and the Davidson campus a little bit. There is definitely a good foundation of student leaders here, and I look forward to seeing their vision for God's kingdom at Davidson grow next year.

The leadership selection process went well at the end of the spring. Even more students applied than what I expected, and it looks like we have a good mix of new and returning leaders. The leaders are excited about the coming year and already have some great ideas for deepening InterVarsity's community and increasing our focus on the Lord. Still, it's easy for students to lose their excitement about God's work on campus as the summer progresses and they're separated from the Davidson community. Please join me in praying for these leaders over the summer; pray that their passion for what God is doing will continue to grow as the fall semester approaches.

One of the big responsibilities for our leaders over the summer is to plan out the details of our outreach to new students and freshmen next year. We definitely appreciate your prayers for this process, especially since we'll be mainly communicating via email to make our plans, since students are spread over the country (and out of the country) during the summer. God is at work in our community though, and I know He'll use our plans for His glory, whatever the difficulty in making them.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers; they really do matter and make a difference. If you ever have any questions or would like to talk about what's going on at Davidson, feel free to email or call me.

Jay M. Robinson Bible Teaching Association	Delores Horton
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Lifeline Christian Mission	Michelle Lyon
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Mid-Atlantic Christian University	Darrell Blackwell
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There were 20 students to Graduate from MACU this year 2010, please pray for them.

Please pray that out of the hundreds of students applying to attend MACU will attend MACU this calendar year.

Millsaps (Calvary Ministry Institute)	Rob & Amie Walter
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Niños de Mexico	Jack Fahy
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Ninos de México (A recent newsletter excerpt is printed below)



"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be

opened. Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!" -Jesus (Matthew 7:7-11, NIV)

We need your help.

The past few years have been **difficult times** for churches and ministries around the world. The downturn in the economy has left many struggling to survive. In preparation for a worsening situation we "**cinched in the belt**" in 2008 and have been frugal in spending ever since. We did continue to **evangelize through local churches, meet needs through the medical clinic, focus on education, and care for many children through the four homes**. However, we put aside plans to make necessary vehicle purchases, property updating, building construction, and hiring additional full-time staff. We have chosen to be careful during the tough times and we believe **God has blessed these efforts**.

There is **one area**, however, in which we **chose not to "hold back"**. With over 800,000 children on the streets of Mexico City, we felt we could not close the door to new kids. Even during this time, when children have been offered to us, we have received them faithfully. In the last 15 months **we have received 15 new children into our homes**. Just this year alone Job Benjamin, Fatima, and Alejandro now have a place to call home, people who love them, and God seeking a heart to fill.

Our operating budget, while significantly less than previous years, was running "in the black" until recently. This letter goes out to ask for your help. **During the first quarter of 2010, giving was nearly \$30,000 less than anticipated**. With a tight budget and 15 new children, I am concerned.

Would you help us "make up" that difference with an **extra gift** to Niños? If we broke it down, we would need: 3 people giving \$5000, 5 people giving \$1000, 10 people giving \$500, 20 people giving \$100, 30 people giving \$50, and 60 people giving \$25. **Where might you fit in the scheme of things?**

I realize you already give sacrificially in other areas and I hesitate to ask. I know you love what Niños is about and I believe you understand the importance of the task at hand.

Niños exists to share the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ with as many people as possible by raising at-risk children in Mexico to love God and grow to be mature educated Spirit-filled Christians with the ability and passion to evangelize their culture.

I thank you for your partnership. Please contact me if you have any questions as to why we need your help!

Blessings,



Seth A. Thomas
Executive Director

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Northwest Bible Teaching Association	Kim Salisbury
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Nothing new to report.

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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News:

- The annual 15-hour intensive course for graduates of the Bible Institute was held the first of June. The students were blessed by the study of the book of Revelation.
- We are planning the Quichua Women's Conference for the last week of July.
- I will be teaching each Monday and Wednesday night in Ambato a course on the Biblical perspective of health.
- I will be teaching each day the week of July 12 in the Colta Bible Institute.
- July 6 and July 23 are the dates for workshops in Riobamba and Guayaquil. I continue to offer these workshops to prepare us to live the latter days in victory – in our finances, in our marriages and homes, in our churches, and in our evangelistic outreach.
- I have not moved ahead with the idea of sending prayer letters by e-mail, because I have been told that the government is now monitoring all communication: e-mail, telephone, and regular mail. Many missionaries are concerned that their days in Ecuador are numbered. So my e-mails and telephone conversations are worded carefully.

Prayer:

- Pray for the students attending classes and workshops to have receptive hearts, and the work of the Holy Spirit in comprehending spiritual truths.
- The Lord is so good to each of us! Let us be faithful in watching and praying, as Jesus admonishes us to do in His Word. I count it a privilege to pray for you, and thank you for praying for us and our ministry in Ecuador.

Your missionaries,

Sharon and Charles Folkart

The Voice of the Martyrs	Jack Fahy
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Voice of the Martyrs

Voice of the Martyrs offers us an opportunity to write to prisoners in foreign countries who have been jailed and tortured for sharing Jesus Christ with others. Your letter of encouragement will be translated by VOM into the appropriate language. Attractive Christian greeting cards are especially cherished. Below is an excerpt from a recent newsletter.

“Christian prisoners are generally not allowed to write letters or cannot afford to mail them. For many families in these restricted lands, the cost of a letter back to you may be equal to a day's wage. Letters sent to Christian prisoners are occasionally returned unopened. Sometimes, authorities refuse to give a prisoner their mail in order to make them feel isolated. In other cases, the prisoner may have been moved to a different camp and their mail is not forwarded. Keep writing. Don't be discouraged! Your letters are significant. They are a quiet and loving gift to your brothers and sisters. You will rejoice together when we meet in Heaven.

Please do not send the letters to The Voice of the Martyrs for mailing. The letters are more effective when the officials see persons have sent them from many different parts of our nation. Your local post office can help you with the required

postage.”

Wings of Eagles Ranch	Ken Small
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News:

- Young Wranglers, Junior Adventures, and Senior Adventures and Summer Camps have been a great success!
- New partner: EnablePay donates to the Ranch monthly for all who use their credit card services

Praise:

- Love Chiropractic’s donation of a large copier!
- Positive media coverage, spreading the word:
- NC Horse Council providing grant money for Camp Scholarships!!
- Volunteer staffing at the Summer Camps!

Prayer / Financial Requests:

- Parents, family members, riders for the Camp to touch and grow Christ in their hearts!
- Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers. Immediate need: Horse Lovers Summer Camp (upcoming in August)
- Riding Lawnmower
- Camp supply needs: bulk containers of snacks (gold fish, pretzels, cheese nips, animal crackers, ice pops), bug spray, sun block, hand soap, Clorox wipes and paper towels

Upcoming Events:

- Horse Lovers Summer Camp (August 09-13)
- Fall Camp Sessions

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Tom & Emily Salisbury	Paul Salisbury
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We have a new grandson! Gabriel Thomas Salisbury was born on June 30th. He is doing well as are his parents Steve & Annemarie.

Emily will be attending conference in Panama in mid August. Please pray for safe travels and God’s leading in the meetings.

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Wally & Jean Schott	Kim Salisbury
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Pray for needed personnel at JAARS and Wycliffe. JAARS is having to stop services and close departments because they do not have the people to keep them open. The Clinic had to close and this puts a hardship on any members coming home on furlough and needing medical help. They do not have any doctor and it is hard for them to get appointments. Also people going for mission trips cannot get their shots here at the clinic which means paying lots of money to outside clinics because insurance won't pay for them.

JAARS is having to charge for services to the members which otherwise they would do as part of their services. Some departments won't do any outside services to members.

Members are having a hard time keeping their support up to 100% which means they have to resign from the organization.

As far as personal prayer request: Pray for improved health, strength and daily welfare. Praise for God's guidance and for meeting our daily needs.

Young Life – Cabarrus County	Chris Cote
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