

# March 2010 Mission Ministry Team REPORTS

<b>Almacks (TEAM)</b>	<b>Tim &amp; Nancy Kaiser</b>
<b>Campus Christian Fellowship</b>	<b>Darrell Blackwell</b>
Nothing to report.	
<b>Campus Outreach/Johannesburg (Jennifer Carcagente)</b>	<b>Daniel Lyon</b>
Jennifer made it home (back to South Africa) safely, just in time for summer. The transition has been a little difficult partly because she was delayed from returning by 2 months. Her trust and faithfulness in God is amazing.	
Please remember her in her prayers specifically encouragement. Also please pray that she is able to finish raising her required support so that she can concentrate on her ministry. As well as making some contacts here in the US (She had some computer difficulties which resulting in a lot of her data was lost).	
<b>Central Cabarrus Bible Teaching Association</b>	<b>Lakey Curlee</b>
<b>Cincinnati Christian University</b>	<b>Mike Ritzer</b>
<b>Concord Bible Teaching Association</b>	<b>Chris Cote</b>
<b>Cooperative Christian Ministry</b>	<b>Stacey Langdon</b>
<b>Crisis Pregnancy Center - Cabarrus</b>	<b>Sarah Sheperis</b>
<b>Curlee Family/Lifeline Christian Mission</b>	<b>Michelle Ballantyne</b>

## **NEWS**

We arrived in Haiti January 3<sup>rd</sup> and were here when the January 12<sup>th</sup> earthquake hit, we were only about 10 miles from the epicenter. The quake knocked us around a good bit and we got some cuts and bruises but thanks to God we came through it. It was one of the most out of control feelings I have ever had, even worse than being in a bad car wreck.

A lot of our exterior security walls came down, but most of our structures held.

People were pouring into the mission literally by the thousands. Even other missions in town brought their teams here.

My first job was to get the electricity back on and some water flowing. After a couple hours of slicing and patching we had water and lights again.

The main generator here is a 6 cylinder diesel engine and weighs at least a ton. It was moved about one and a half feet during the quake.

After lights and water were back on here, people started bringing in the wounded.

For the first week after the quake we had the only fresh water and electric for our whole area and the only operating medical facility.

I had to put up more temporary lighting where we were working on people outside, because you could hardly walk through the clinic for all the hurt people.

We had 2 doctors make it in and the local doctors from the hospital were all here working on patients.

Most of the Haitians would not go inside buildings because they were afraid.

Lakey was doing all the cooking to feed all the doctors and workers in the clinic. She fixed a lot of food!

I was told by a lot of the Haitians if we had not been here, a lot more people would have died in our area.

There were hundreds of people who came to the Lord the first few weeks after the quake, it was and still is a huge revival time.

The second week the US Military and other aid agencies arrived in Grand Goave and that was great.

The doctors from the USS Bataan got the OK to medivac the serious patients to their ship for care. After that I was transporting patients in our 4 X4 trucks to the helicopter LZ and to the LCAC (hover craft) LZ everyday.

I have gotten to know a lot of the US Military men and women because we worked together treating patients, clearing rubble, repairing equipment, setting up other power sources, building shelters, building sanitary facilities, and a lot more. A kind of funny story was Lakey had been giving the Sailors and Marines that were on shore helping us homemade cookies everyday when they took lunch and were eating their MREs. One day when I took a load of patients to LCAC LZ I stopped and got out to take some pictures of it leaving. One of the Marines that were stationed there to guard the road into the LZ asked me how far I had brought the patients from. I told him we came from the mission about a mile or so away. He looked at me and said, "Are you the place with the cookies?" At least we are famous for something. We did have a private plane come in on the other side of the island at Jamal with supplies. Lakey was able to get on that plane and return home for some rest.

We have been in a lot of Military publications and web sites. Because we did have facilities to unload relief supplies and already had a food distribution program in effect, most of the relief supplies came here for temporary storage and distribution. One day, I had to unload five 40 ft. containers of food that all came at the same time. The US Army is scheduled to deliver 14 container loads of food this Saturday and Sunday, so my weekend dance card is already full. I have met a lot of people over the last couple months. Franklin Graham was here one day (I missed seeing him) we had the US Deputy Ambassador here for lunch. The commander of the Bataan came ashore to visit us and invited us to come out to the ship on a LCAC for a visit and that was really neat. And we just had a visit from 3 Star General Keen who is over the entire operation here in Haiti. While talking with him I found out he has a house in Concord and his brother-in-law is the mayor of Mt. Pleasant.

So much has happened so fast in the last couple months it seems like it has been a year. Not much "free time", getting real behind on paper work, and I am starting to get tired. In a couple more weeks, I hope to come home for some rest.

I want to thank everyone at CCC for their support and prayers. There is no way that we could have sustained this effort this hard and this long without God's hand on us.

We are His hands and feet and we are so glad for this opportunity to serve Him.

#### **PRAYER NEEDS**

I would like to ask for prayer;

That we continue to have the strength and resources to help the people here.

The Haitian people continue their own efforts toward clean up and rebuilding.

I am having issues with my back, prayer for healing.

Peace for Lakey as she awaits my return home.

<b>Envoy Christian Mission</b>	<b>Paul Salisbury</b>
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#### **Family**

This year was a difficult one for all of us on the field. Walter Chavez had a relapse of his fibromyalgia and was hospitalized for a short time, and his girls struggled with scoliosis. Enrique continued to have problems with his hip, Edith with the varicose veins in her legs and their girls with some chronic joint and back problems. As of the start of 2010, Walter's health has vastly improved and all 3 girls have recovered from scoliosis. In fact, Walter tells me that the recovery was nothing short of miraculous since all 3 were healed after a prayer time in the church there in Salta. Enrique's girls have all enjoyed better health so far this year, but Edith continues to struggle with a chronic intestinal infection and still needs the operation on both legs (the first operation is scheduled for late Feb). Enrique's hip continues to improve, though it seems as though he will need further treatment this year (he was hoping to be through with treatments in 2009).

Vanessa and I had a few minor health problems, mostly flu and allergy related. The most difficult part of the year for our family was the notice in September, for me, that my father passed away suddenly from an unexpected heart attack, and then in December that a good friend of Vanessa's family died in a car accident the same week that a distant relative of hers was shot to death on the streets near his home. As you might expect, this changed our plans for the end of the year somewhat, and we spent quite a bit of time in the States helping mom with estate issues, talking to people about the mission and doing a little preaching.

#### **ACI**

Most of the news about the ACI this year had to do with repairs and renovations. The big news with the ACI, however, was the development of Facundo, one of the young men from the church, as an employee of the ACI. This begins to realize Enrique's dream of having the ACI function as an evangelistic tool that draws people, allows time to witness to them, and then provides them with a place to witness once they have made their own decision for Christ. Facundo is the first of the young men and women who received the Lord to both stay with the church and begin to work regularly in the Institute, and Enrique is pleased with his work.

## **Real Life English**

I was very pleased with the way the year ended at the WELL institute in spite of attendance issues mid year due to the H1N1 epidemic. The students both enjoyed the English class and were challenged morally on a number of topics. The only down side to the work was that the success of the institute short circuited my plans to work with the owners/professors as a group in their own class. They simply did not have the time as they had to add more courses and more hours mid-stream in both semesters to meet the demand. I will re-open the possibility of "professor only" courses this year upon my return to Argentina.

My individual classes were filled with opportunities to witness to people, and the relationship I developed with a local literary translator was not only a witnessing opportunity, but was beneficial for me, too, as her knowledge of the Argentine educational system helped me fine tune some of the work that I hope to be doing in other institutes in 2010. I would like to continue to work with her, but I am not sure that will be possible as one of her daughters lives in Quebec and she has started studying French in preparation for a move there. Dad's death meant that I left Argentina before getting a concrete answer from the English institute in Bernal where I hope to work during 2010. However, Vanesa helped me stay in touch with the co-owner during our time in the USA, and I believe that we can get negotiations back up to speed quickly now that we are back in Argentina.

## **Varela Centro**

Enrique reports that the church had a fairly stable year with respect to its membership, especially as regards the youth group and the older folks. You might remember that we were praying for Rodolfo at several points during the year because he needed a new house and his father had a number of health issues. You will be happy to know that they found a new place to rent about a month after we did, and Rodolfo's dad (also named Rodolfo) has come through the two surgeries just fine.

## **Aguaray**

Walter and Sandra's drug prevention ministry really took off this year. In addition to local invitations to speak to youth in schools about the physical and spiritual dangers of drug addiction, they also received invitations to speak in schools all over the region and had offers to work with a group that travels to Salta from Buenos Aires. His health and the level of activity postponed his theological studies somewhat, but he was planning on taking at least one class towards the end of last year.

## **Argentina in General**

This section is simply to remind all of us that life in Argentina continues to be difficult and unstable. Crime rate has gone up, people from the church and near the gym have been attacked, and inflation the last quarter of 2009 was absolutely ridiculous (meat prices increased 100% ). Dengue is still a major concern, this year all over the nation. We are still trying to evaluate all of the changes that have taken place since our departure last September. but we covet your prayers for the wisdom to present the gospel in ways that shows God's concern for the "busyness" and worries about daily bread that occupy most folks these days while at the same time conveying that Jesus is more than "a quick fix."

## **Personal**

Last but not least. Vanesa and I want to insert a personal note.

We would also like to thank all of you who prayed for our housing situation. We still need a great deal of money (almost \$30,000) to be able to buy a house outright, but between donors and matching loans, we now how have received or have pledged about \$7,000 in gifts and another \$30,000 in loans (most are conditional upon raising the remaining \$30,000), and we are in a rental house until we can raise more money. The first year's lease ends in May of 2010, and we would like your prayers.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your faithfulness. We have discovered that a couple of our most faithful churches will no longer be able to support us financially due to economic problems and subsequent restructuring of their missions program to do things closer to home and/or more participatory. We understand their decision, but that has hit us pretty hard financially and we are grateful for everything that you have done to maintain your support in these troubled times.

God bless all of you.

In peace,

Tim, Vanesa and Zoe Figgins for Envoy Christian Mission

<b>Grace Ministries Int'l. – John Cox</b>	<b>Joe Fill</b>
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<b>Impact-UNCC</b>	<b>Brian Page</b>
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<b>InterVarsity - Benjamin Gibson</b>	<b>Kim Salisbury</b>
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News:

- I wanted to update you all about Greek Conference this past weekend. I mentioned in the email that one of the girls who was attending the conference was not a believer. She signed up for the track designed to cover the basics of the gospel and to provide an invitation to accept Christ as Savior. And that's exactly what happened on Saturday...she accepted Christ!

Praise the Lord for the way that He has drawn this student to himself, and also for her friends who invited her to attend the conference. And please join me in praying that this is the beginning of a lifelong discipleship toward the abundant life that God has in store for her.

- The past two months have gone by quickly as I've gotten to know the Davidson community. I've enjoyed talking with many of the alumni of InterVarsity at Davidson and with many local church pastors who support our ministry as well. It's clear that God has been at work at Davidson for a long time, and I'm humbled and excited to be a part of His continuing work here.

As I've gotten to know the InterVarsity students at Davidson, there seems to be a great foundation for ministry here. There are plenty of spiritually mature students who are willing to invest in others and really desire to see the kingdom of God grow on campus. It will definitely be a privilege to work with them and to help their vision for God's work here grow.

Prayer:

- I have a few things you can be praying for as I complete my transition to Davidson. Please pray that I will build trust with the students quickly, so that I can serve them well as we finish up this semester and look forward to the coming year. Pray that students' vision will grow and that God would come first in their lives in the midst of busy schedules and the pressures of life at Davidson. Lastly, please pray that I and the leaders of the chapter here would seek the Lord and hear from Him as we plan for the future. It will soon be time to select leaders for next year, and God needs to be at the center of that process.
- Pray for the student who accepted Christ through the Greek conference. Pray for her walk with Christ.

I want to thank you all so much for being a part of this ministry in the past

<b>Jay M. Robinson Bible Teaching Association</b>	<b>Delores Horton</b>
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<b>Lifeline Christian Mission</b>	<b>Michelle Lyon</b>
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- Progress is continuing in the rebuilding of Grand Goave, Haiti. The marines are back and doing a tremendous job with both medical care and rebuilding around the town.
- There have been numerous stories showing God's grace and provisions with the people of Grand Goave, the staff of Lifeline, and volunteers.
- Many children here in the states have found creative ways to raise money and supplies for Lifeline and Haiti.
- Please continue to pray
  1. for the spiritual, emotional, and physical strength of the Haitian people and the staff of Lifeline; especially Bob and Gretchen Devoe, and Bobby Curlee
  2. that supplies and monetary support will continue to be donated
  3. the Lifeline staff members in Honduras, El Salvador, and Cuba

PRAISE---Our team made it home safe from Haiti!!!

Here is an excerpt from an email from Gretchen; she sent this after I sent her an email regarding the 2010 support Lifeline would be receiving from us.

Please share with Concord and the leadership there in missions how much we appreciate their commitment for 2010. We know that you have had some struggles in recent months and that God is guiding you through the difficult times. But we also know what a wonderful group of people you are there and how unified you are in Christ and that is what He calls us to be. So keep on being faithful and putting Christ first in all you do and God will grow you where you need to grow.

We are doing fine personally and we appreciate the confidence that you have in what Lifeline is doing and we want you to know that we give all the glory for what is happening to our Lord but we thank YOU guys for choosing Lifeline as a ministry partner.

Be blessed and again we say "thank you" for the continued financial commitment.  
Bob and Gretchen

<b>Mid-Atlantic Christian University</b>	<b>Darrell Blackwell</b>
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Mid-Atlantic Christian University will be at Concord Christian Church the weekend of March 20. They will participate with the youth in STEPS and Sunday morning worship.

Please pray for more students to attend MACU and also pray for the financial support for MACU.

<b>Millsaps (Calvary Ministry Institute)</b>	<b>Rob &amp; Amie Walter</b>
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<b>Niños de Mexico</b>	<b>Jack Fahy</b>
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Nothing to report.

<b>Northwest Bible Teaching Association</b>	<b>Kim Salisbury</b>
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News & Prayer: Mrs. Hardin had shingles. She missed a couple of weeks of teaching. She is back at school now and is teaching. They are doing some debates now on various topics which is good for the kids. Pray for her strength and recovery from the shingles.

<b>Park Springs Christian Center &amp; other camp</b>	<b>Steve Petty</b>
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<b>Sharon Ranalli (D.M. Stearns Missionary Fund)</b>	<b>Marcia Fahy</b>
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I am remarrying next month, a man from Tampa. His name is Charles Folkart, and he has been involved in ministry for many years. One of his ministries was spending 5 years in Kenya to raise-up a Bible Institute. He is selling his stuff and moving down here to help me in the ministry with the Quichuas. This truly has to be of God, because how could I ever find a mate who would be willing to make such a change and adjustment. My life and ministry won't change much; in fact I am not willing to sacrifice the fresh calling God has given me for the personal happiness that Charles will give me. So this has to be of God.

Prayer: Please pray for Sharon and Charles as they begin a new chapter in their lives serving God together in Ecuador

<b>The Voice of the Martyrs</b>	<b>Jack Fahy</b>
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Nothing to report.

<b>Wings of Eagles Ranch</b>	<b>Ken Small</b>
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The Spring riding session begins on March 23 and runs through May 13<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Wycliffe Bible Translators – Tom &amp; Emily Salisbury</b>	<b>Paul Salisbury</b>
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Tom's mother celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in January. Please keep her in your prayers as she lives at home. Tom's brothers & sister are near and check on her often. She even still tries to drive occasionally, although that is not safe with her health

**News:**

- Wally has finished teaching one orientee the small engines portion of orientation.

**Prayer:**

- Pray for the fields that need people to work on the centers so that the translators do not have to stop their work.
- Pray that more churches would challenge their members to be missionaries and that the people would be receptive to the call of missions.

- Continue to pray for a group of campaigners at each high school that love the Lord, each other, and their high school - pray that Campaigners would catch a vision for filling and leading cabins at camp
- Pray that each high school would have a cabin of girls and cabin of guys at camp
- Pray specifically for...
  - AL Brown
  - Concord
  - Cox Mill - Taylor Pence
  - JM Robinson
  - Northwest
  - Hickory Ridge
  - For more male leaders from the college ranks
  - That an abundance of golfers would come out to the YL golf tournament ( Major Fundraiser)

**The Tentacles of Young Life****By Brian Orlovich**

Recently, during a "meet and greet" time at church, I met an older gentleman named Jim. Jim noticed my Young Life shirt and said, "Young Life, oooooh!" This is not uncommon as people either know about Young Life, or they think I'm a life insurance salesman. I didn't question his response, I just moved on to the next person to meet and greet.

At the end of the service, as I was gathering my things to leave, Jim leaned in close to me and said, "I don't know what your involvement with Young Life is, but you are involved, correct?" I said that I was. Jim went on to tell me that he and his wife were married 20 years and raising four kids without God in their family. Then, Young Life got ahold of two of his kids when they hit high school, and they eventually gave their lives to Jesus. After that, his other two kids accepted Christ and not too much longer after that, he and his wife also accepted Christ. With a proud look on his face, Jim added that their kids are fully grown and he is thrilled that his grandchildren are being raised in homes that love and honor God.

He looked at me with all seriousness and reverence as he said, "Young Life's tentacles are long and far-reaching. I just thought you needed to hear that. Don't give up. Don't quit!"

As I thanked this man with tears welling up in my eyes, I knew God sent Jim to give me that pep talk, with our upcoming camp trip to Woodleaf (one of Young Life's camps in California) fast approaching. We continue to pray that the "tentacles" of God's love and forgiveness will wrap around these kids as well as their families at home as the Lord's "faithfulness continues through all generations."

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