



The Sent

A quarterly newsletter about some of the missionaries and missions supported by Forum Christian Church.

"How can they preach, unless they are sent?" (Rom: 10:15)

Into all the world...

There are many men and women who have made personal sacrifices in order to take the gospel into the whole world. The ones listed in this newsletter are just a few of the ones we support...that we send.

While it's necessary for them to receive our financial support and to know that we're praying for them, there's nothing like hearing personally from us. This year, please take some time to contact our missionaries...drop them a note, or call them on Skype. Many have e-mail or are on facebook, which is an easy way to connect with them. As always, when we encourage others, it turns into a blessing for us, as well.

And even here, "GO" means "GO." We all have neighbors, co-workers, even family who have not bent their knees to Jesus. We can be "missionaries" to them. It just takes love for those who don't belong to Jesus yet, and a willing heart to take those first steps toward sharing what we have with them. A great start is just to tell them how Jesus has changed your life, and how He's changed YOU...then be ready to see God work!

International Missions

The Home of God's Love Lo-Tung, Taiwan



Christmas is always a fun time at The Home of God's Love. You can imagine the excitement of 60 children all in one home at this time of year! Anna Fletcher, one of our FCC missionaries, is especially busy. She and the directors of The Home, Ted and Bev Skiles, try to mix the real meaning of Christmas with the fun of giving and receiving presents. They also try to do several service projects around this time of year.

Everyone exchanges names at The Home for Christmas, including the adults. Anna takes the children out to buy their gifts and helps them wrap them. She writes, "It is fun to see them try to decide the best gift to buy for their person!"

During the Christmas season the children visited a mental institution where a former resident of The Home now lives. The children visited their friend, as well as put on a program where they shared the Christmas story and left everyone a little goodie bag. They also visited an old folks' home and did a similar program. This trip involved a short train ride to get there, which was fun in itself, as some of the children had never ridden the train before. Later, they plan to help 2-3 families with cleaning and helping with other chores in their homes as service projects.

As if this isn't enough activity for The Home, the Chinese New Year soon follows Christmas and has its own set of activities! So life has been pretty busy there for the past month or so.

Prayer requests from Anna:

(1) Soon they will be working on the plans for their new building. Pray that God will help them prepare plans for "a home useful for serving God and the kids for many years to come."

(2) Pray for a favorable outcome of a government inspection scheduled for the spring of 2011.

(3) Pray that they will resist attacks from Satan and stay "strong in the Lord, always lean on Him and not try to do things on our own."

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Check out The Home of God's Love on their website: www.thehomeofgodsllove.org

Send an email to Anna while you're at their website and offer her encouragement and support for all she does for God and the children.

Formosa Christian Mission Team Expansion - Taiwan Craig & Karen Thompson



Taiwan is one of the most densely populated countries with 23 million (1,600 people per sq. mile) and the capital city Taipei is host to 6 million people. They have a democratic government that imposes few restrictions on the spreading of religion. Mandarin, Taiwanese and Hakka are the main languages and most practice a combination of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism and ancestor worship. This traditional religion is deeply ingrained in all aspects of life in Taiwan. Nearly everywhere you look there are temples (over 15,000) idols, god shelves, and offerings being made to gods and spirits. Only 6% acknowledge they are Christians. There are only about 1,000 missionaries (one for every 23,000 people).

Craig & Karen's ministry is to plant and build up indigenous churches in Taiwan, using the Bible as the guide. The goal is for these churches to be self-governing, supporting, propagating and replicating. Specifically, they make disciples, and help them plant multiple "house" churches that will grow and birth new churches. Most of their team's work is done in homes, apartments, coffee shops, cafes and anywhere a group can meet to study the Bible and discuss its application.

2010 was certainly a very busy year both for the ministry in Taiwan and for the Thompsons. The house churches continued to enjoy growth both spiritually and in numbers, as God opened up opportunities for the team to share God's word. Their son Sam moved back to the states and enrolled at Missouri State University in Springfield MO to major in pre-med psychology. In June, the whole Thompson family moved their ministry temporarily state-side to Ozark Christian College in Joplin, where Craig was invited to teach a class and share with students about life on the mission field. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to teach what they had learned, and learn while they taught some of the next generation of missionaries.

After an action-packed year, the Thompsons flew back to Taiwan on January 11 to rejoin the work in Taipei. They are looking forward to getting to know the new faces that God brought in during their stateside assignment, and sharing the many experiences they each have had. Continue to lift them up in your prayers and take a moment to send a letter of encouragement.

You can see pictures and follow the exciting work in Taipei on these links:

<http://thompsons-taiwan.teamexpansion.org/pics.html>

<http://thompsons-taiwan.teamexpansion.org/>

Windward Islands School of Evangelism (WISE)



The mission of Windward Islands School of Evangelism is to evangelize Caribbean societies and bring them to Christian maturity through the development of leaders for the church.

Windward Islands School of Evangelism began in St. Lucia in 1979 by Bob & Jackie Muter and Jeff & Jane Robertson. It began with two students pursuing a two-year Associate Degree program in Theology. After spending only one term there, the School was moved to St. Vincent with nine students entering the second term. Later, the curriculum was broadened to accommodate a one-year certificate in Ministry, and a three-year Bachelor's Degree in Theology/Christian Education.

WISE has produced graduates coming from eight different countries in the Caribbean region.

In addition, there has been a number who have not received a degree, but who have had some training. Graduates currently minister in approximately 60 churches in 14 different countries and are involved in ministries ranging from primary preaching and teaching positions to preschool administration. This is just a small part of what Forum, through its partnership with WISE, is doing in the south-eastern Caribbean.

In addition to the on-campus program, WISE assists its graduates with advanced classes, evangelistic efforts, counseling and encouragement through retreats, classes, evangelistic meetings, programs and personal visits in their various countries.

Please pray for WISE, as they look for a new director, and that God will continue to raise up workers for the harvest in the Caribbean. Pray also that God would call people to serve at WISE as adjunct teachers.

***How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!
Rom. 10:15***

National Missions

Arizona Reservation Ministries (ARM)



Amazement is what Diane and Dale Lawrence use to describe the past year of 2010 in their ministry with the Apache Indians around Globe AZ. Through their many supporters, they are being able to reach out to many of the families on the reservation and many more lives are being blessed.

Each year they are building homes for families, and this year they have handed three separate families homes of their own... what a thrill that is to see the faces of pride in new ownership as they now have these basic homes for their families.

Christmastime is always a blessing as they collect various items for stocking stuffers, and this year, several of the kids requested Bibles! One little girl only wanted a toothbrush as her favorite gift. As the kids went home from the bus ministry with their Bibles, they were already showing them to other children around their homes, sharing the word of God.

ARM collects over 400 fleece blankets for the children as part of their gifts; these blankets come from individuals, and are such a blessing to the kids. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Carol Paten for more information...we sent 30 last year.

The bridge project is coming along well and will hopefully be completed this year; it has been a long and sometimes frustrating project, but very necessary. Thanks to several churches who have supported ARM with large donations to complete this.

ARM now has five Apaches from the reservation on their team of eleven to serve, and what a thrill that is, making friends with them while giving the team a purpose in life.

A couple of great videos about the ARM ministry:

<http://vimeo.com/8843063>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP4FiXJ9H1c>

Missouri Operation for Vigorous Evangelism

Starting Churches – Saving Souls



M·O·V·E

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The first Christian church in Missouri was established in Howard County in 1813, eight years before Missouri became a state. In October 2008 M.O.V.E. celebrated 28 years of church-planting, soul-saving, life-changing ministry, and wants to plant new churches to reach the four million un-churched in Missouri now, and in future generations. At the present time, M.O.V.E. is supporting churches in Hallsville, Bowling Green, and Clinton.

Statement of Faith:

Every director, evangelist or employee of M.O.V. E. shall be an undenominational Christian who must believe in the:

- Full and final inspiration of the Bible
- Deity and supreme authority of Jesus
- Virgin birth and bodily resurrection of Jesus
- Divine origin and character of the Church
- Necessity of restoring the unity of the church upon the New Testament basis
- Reality of the final judgment, heaven, and hell as taught in the Bible

From Jerry Kilson, Evangelist:

“We are looking forward to the year 2011 with great expectation. Please keep us in your prayers. We are very thankful for our Christian family of supporters, and praise God for your gifts. Thank you and God bless you for your faithfulness.”

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Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch



Every year in the U.S., over 1 million children are abused. Approximately 1,500 of them die from the damage. Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch exists for these children. Shiloh is a set of seven homes (as opposed to dormitories) with a capacity of approximately 60 abused/neglected and other children; ages birth to 18 years. Shiloh provides residential care for approximately 70 children per year. Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch, Inc., and the construction of its first home was started in 1976. Four homes now sit on Shiloh's property near Clarence, MO. Three additional homes were added near Kahoka, MO between 1987 and 1998. New homeparents Todd and Brenda Arp are moving in now and will start January 24 at the Clarence site. They bring 4 adopted or fostered children with them. Please pray as they begin their ministry helping Shiloh children.

Shiloh's youth attend public schools, area Christian academies, are home schooled, or attend Shiloh's own Christian School. The children are tutored on an as-needed basis. A Christian counselor discusses issues with the children regularly.

Shiloh provides special training for their homeparents to equip them with the tools needed to love and help the Shiloh children living in their homes. Recently, Sara Strawhun of CHADS (Communities Healing Adolescent Depression and Suicide) shared with Shiloh homeparents how to help the children in these areas.

Shiloh averages two to three high school graduates each school year. The children graduate to attend Bible College, secular college, vocational school, armed forces, or go directly to work.

Shiloh offers a wonderful atmosphere for children. A loving married couple - "homeparents" - lead daily devotions for the youth. Two hundred children have been baptized into Christ through Shiloh!

The children are helped by performing such tasks as livestock care, gardening, greenhouse work, homemaking, vocational training, and recreational activities. The Ranch intends to remodel its Christian school very soon.

You are welcome to visit the Shiloh sites. For additional information contact: Jay Craig, Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch:

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Show-Me Christian Youth Home



Show-Me is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a loving, stable, Christian home for children with backgrounds of abuse, neglect, abandonment and unfortunate circumstances. Services are available to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap. Financial funding is solely provided through the contributions of individuals, churches and groups willing to invest in the lives of God's precious children.

The Board of Directors is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Karen Culler will continue as the Executive Director until a replacement is found. Also, interviews are ongoing for new house parents for a family of 10.

Bart and Sarah Hinz have welcomed their newborn son Reagan Austin into their family on November 29th. Reagan joins his family of brothers at the Sheridan unit in Sheridan, Missouri, where Bart and Sarah serve as house parents. Congratulations!

During the holidays, the young people performed an annual Christmas Play. This year it was "The First Leon". They traveled to churches on Sundays and Wednesdays to share with those who share with them throughout the year.

The holiday break was a good one to be refreshed and ready to begin the 2nd semester in school for the children.



Christian Campus House Columbia, MO



The Christian Campus House is in transition now as one new staff member is on his way in, and one current staff member on the way out. Joe Belzer will be coming to Columbia along with his wife, Jenny, and ten of their twelve children (the other two are in college) as soon as their Florida home sells. Joe's extensive experience in campus ministry, as well as his established support, will prove excellent assets as CCH continues to reach out to the campus of the University of Missouri and to our community for Christ.

Along with the announcement of a new staff member comes the exciting news for Steve and Alesha Hagemeyer that the next place God is leading them will be an overseas mission field. The Hagemeyers will be leaving CCH and pursuing work as missionaries in supporting roles with Pioneer Bible Translators--the same organization that Caleb and Jackie Sellers work through. Steve and Alesha will be serving alongside a translation team doing community development work.

The Christian Campus House provides a Christian living environment for ninety-nine college students in four different houses. Opportunities for growth abound for all students, residents or not, in several areas of ministry and outreach, mission trips, and Bible study. If you are a student who is looking for someone to hold you accountable, to challenge you to grow spiritually, or to open up opportunities to serve (or if you know a student with these needs), please contact CCH. The office number is 573-442-6443.

Think about helping out with different ministries as you live your daily life. Make it a mission this year to really get involved in a mission that reaches out and touches others.

Special Reports

Stephen Ofori visits Forum Reports on Ivory Coast work



Stephen Ofori visited Forum on October 31 and spoke to the combined Sunday school classes concerning the ministry of the Christian Leadership Training Institute under the auspices of the Ivory Coast Christian Mission. Stephen has been involved with leadership development through Theological Education by Extension (TEE) since 1998. While still a student he began teaching first-year students, and currently is the director of the institute.

Stephen says the ministry is about "Equipping Leaders to Train Others"...2 Timothy 2:2. Stephen indicated that they partner with individual churches to develop leadership from within. Their work is in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Ivory Coast. The Institute establishes and supervises extension leadership training classes. They hold leadership seminars, youth leader seminars and women enrichment seminars. The Institute publishes Bible study materials and videos for evangelism and discipleship training.

The result of the ministry is that thousands have completed the T.E.E. courses, hundreds have completed a fifteen-course curriculum, and over a hundred have taken diploma- and college-level training. The participants are now evangelists, church planters, elders, deacons, youth leaders and leaders of men or women groups. Ofori said that "at least 90 % of all participants are active in some leadership position in the Lord's Kingdom."

Madduxes visit Forum Report on Mozambique work



On January 9, the Madduxes were at Forum to speak about their ministry to the combined Sunday school classes.

The message of God's grace has been received well in many areas, including villages in the bush country. The Madduxes are encouraged and optimistic as their work continues.

Their work has included teaching *Farming God's Way*. The people are learning for the first time ever about composting and planting principles and are seeing fruits of their labors. The back fields are producing corn and peanut crops and those areas are looking very green. This is significant because food has been so difficult to obtain.

People are now beginning to produce their own food for the very first time.

After serving three years, the Madduxes are now back in the United States on furlough. This is giving them an opportunity to be with their families and visit supporting churches. They appreciate the prayers offered on their behalf and attribute all of their success to God's provisions.

Special note from the Sellers:



Praise be to God – our forwarding agents have found a new home in California! Please begin using this address in place of the old address at Ponderay, ID for sending your contributions:

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May the Lord bless you in this New Year and draw you closer to Him. Thank you all for partnering with us, so that West Africa may hear.