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## Global Prayer Support

- >Volunteers to fill project needs.
- >Leaders for the new preaching points.
- >Translators to assist with the projects.
- >Partner churches to match up with the churches that have special needs.
- >Children's Project leaders in each US partner church.

## Celebration of Victory

Cameron and Andrea Byler have been called home for duty with the Father.

As most of you know, Andrea Byler had a serious heart attack just prior to their move to San Antonio, to make their home near their children. This delayed their departure while she recovered enough that the doctor gave approval for her to make the trip. During recovery, Andrea developed sores on her legs from some of the medication. Having diabetes, this became a major thing for her. So severe was the infection that it eventually led to an amputation of her leg to prevent more serious spreading of infection. This forced them to move from their new house into a facility where Cameron and she could sustain themselves. During rehabilitation Andrea was able to adapt to her situation and plans to go forward in the new location were moving along. Then she developed infection in the other leg, also leading to amputation. This time she went into a comma and never did realize that the other leg had been removed. The pressure was too much for her heart and system and she passed away.

Cameron was devastated over the loss and could not completely adjust to his situation. His health problem had also continued to deteriorate and he went down. With very little desire to recover, he finally told the doctor to pull out all the wires and tubes. He said, "I have two wives who preceded me in death who are waiting on me and I'm ready to go see them." "Pull the plug!" They pulled away the support and Cameron, having planned these last moments, told the family good by and went home to be with Jesus.

There is no way to express the emptiness, not hearing from him almost daily on the phone or Email. But wow, what a party the ole boys are having in Heaven. God bless our special friends and thank you God for the great privilege of being part of their lives.

## Compassion Radio...

Just to show you how God works... One of my students in the first "Introduction To Disaster" classes at the seminary directs part of the programming for Compassion Radio, a California broadcast. He asked if he could interview me on his program in relation to the training available through Global. I didn't think much about it, but sure enough, he called and set up the interview. We were on the air for about 30 minutes. He is interested in doing a follow up program some time later this year. An article on the next page provides more information regarding the training program.

## Students Count...

Another student named Berto attended the first session of the class. When he heard of the work Global is doing in Honduras, he was very excited. He is Honduran and is working with a church in Texas. He travels back and forth with mission teams to work with the Honduran churches. He had made his home available to our teams as the need arises.

## Items Needing Funding

- > Funding for 4 Medical Dental Projects. \_\_\_\_\_
- > Medical Equipment and supplies. Need \$20,000 to move \$400,000 worth of equipment.
- > Four trips to Honduras \$1,500 each - \$6,000.
- > Funds for the Honduras Children's Christmas project.

## Prayer and Witnessing Walks

Volunteer teams are still needed to prayer walk and witness through the communities where Evangelistic Meetings are to be held. Also these teams will walk the areas where points of ministry are needed to reach those without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## Volunteers to Handout Christmas Gifts next Christmas.

These volunteer teams will be chosen from those churches which have participated in the process of securing gifts throughout the 2008 year.

## GLOBAL NETWORKS now has three working divisions.

1. Church Development
  2. Project Impact
  3. Crisis Management
- Please go to the web site to see how these three divisions operate. You might find something that will interest you. Contact numbers are at the top of this page. Please feel free to let us know of your suggestions and other input.

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## Director's Note:

### THE CHURCH ON MISSION

How does one define a mission minded church? This question has been the subject of many articles in numerous denominational publications. It is probably harder to describe in words than it is to show through a churches actions. Also, a church rarely rises higher in meeting the expectations of the Father than the capability of their pastor to envision, relate and make happen.

God has placed every church in its environment, with a reason to be there. When the vision is not captured by the leadership, the mission cannot be well defined.

It is always interesting when new leadership takes the reigns of a church, that the mission of the church either changed or broadens to the point that it isn't well defined. Statements in the mission become: "To Reach The Lost of the World," which defines the evangelist thrust, but has little to do with the mission, or carrying out the vision.

Any church that does not have as its main concern, to reach the lost has lost its direction. That is the mandate of the church and every born again believer. The mission of the church must define the methodology that will be used to do the reaching. In other words, missions begins at the very nose of the believer and encompasses every action and interaction necessary to get to the point of sharing the literal Gospel of Christ. (defined as the Evangelistic Moment) How we get there defines the mission activity and opportunity.

Therefore, the mission statement of the church is an uncovering of all the methods, theories and actions that will be taken to reach the evangelistic moment of sharing Christ. Goals and actions should then be provided for the entire membership to take part in the total mission of the church.

The church budget, therefore, becomes a visionary focus in dollars and cents of how the church will accomplish the mission of the church. The Father will never lead the church to a task that He does not intend to finance.

I continue to be blessed by those, usually of older generations, who have learned that we can not out-give God.

Global Networks has always been a perfect example of the fact that God finances the mission He calls us to perform.

## 2008 Off and Running



Awareness Training  
Sinking Fork Baptist Church  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Sinking Fork Baptist Church was the site for the first Global training in 2008. Pastor John Segree and his church invited the Global staff to bring a session of opportunity awareness for the church to consider as part of its mission outreach.

You may remember that Sinking Fork sustained complete facility, parsonage and other buildings being destroyed by a tornado last year that did tremendous damage in the Christian County area last year.

## TRAINING AT NEWBURGH SEMINARY

Newburgh Seminary and College of the Bible has asked Global Director, Bob Simpkins to be a professor with emphasis in Crisis Management. The school has established a degree program, possibly the only degree program of its kind, with a focus on preparing churches and their leadership to face the myriad of emergency situations confronting the church today.

The first class, "*Introduction to Disaster Response*," a seminar, was been written with emphasis on assisting local churches in their task of meeting human needs brought about by natural and man-made disasters. The class was held in Nashville, Tn., this past Fall. The second classes are in preparation and will be provided as the seminary deems appropriate to meet their need.

Materials have been written by Bob Simpkins, and will also be provided as part of the discussion in an upcoming August meeting. Several denominations have asked for assistance in forming a better prepared coalition of church supported organizations. The materials will also be made available to this group to assist them in training their constituents. This meeting is the result of the changes that are coming about in NVOAD, the national volunteer arm. These organizational leaders have determined that the national organization has lost focus on areas that work well with the churches. Many of these changes have come as a result of NVOAD becoming a business operation rather than a coalition of volunteer organizations having response ability during and following disasters.

## CHRISTMAS FOR HONDURAN CHILDREN

What a successful Christmas Global Networks was able to provide this past year. To make this project happen in country, our two Honduran board members put together the gifts, purchased in Honduras, by Global Networks supporters, at a tremendous savings and also avoiding a huge shipping expense. I continue to be amazed at the way God provides for these mission tasks. Just when it seemed that sufficient funds would not be available, God provided.

Pastor Dionicio and Gustavo were able to use the funds so very wisely, reaching children in several different communities that relate to the churches God has blessed Gerizim Church to establish.

We have a goal of providing this same project for Christmas 2008. However, it will be necessary for significant funding changes to occur. Namely, people who make commitments, must follow through. Also, since the majority of funds came from my wife's business, we must find additional sources. By reminding us this early, we have plenty of time to make this happen. When you make your check out for this project, be sure to provide designation of Honduras Christmas on the check. As always, gifts are totally tax deductible and will be acknowledged by Global Networks.