



Lighthouse Missionary Outreach

Nineteen years serving the Caribbean & Central America

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Helping Haiti

I just returned from Haiti and must admit that the situation there is almost overwhelming. The poorest country in our hemisphere is now facing the worst natural disaster in recent history. But praise God for the phenomenal response by the 'Body of Christ', both in giving aid and in bringing the Gospel to a people long oppressed by superstitions and the occult. Revival has broken out countrywide. I was awakened every morning before dawn by the sound of worshippers singing and praying in the streets, a sweet melody coming from every direction across the city.



I arrived in Haiti with a case full of over 500 tent zippers

My trip was sponsored by Trunews, a powerful radio and internet ministry dedicated to reporting daily world events from a Christian, prophetic perspective [visit their website, www.Trunews.com, for timely eye-opening information!!] They are committed to helping Haitian families and orphanages to move from make shift shelters [such as those seen in the foreground at right - some made of only sticks and bed sheets!] into more durable, more water resistant ones [white "huts" seen in neat rows further back.] This will be a labor intensive effort but urgent as rainy season is just getting started there. Pray for Rick Wiles, director, and team members Jim Haddock and Greg Stockton, and for all the volunteers who join their worthy cause.



One of hundreds of tent cities



A pastor and his family survived the earthquake only to have a wall fall down during one of the many aftershocks, killing his wife!

Some may question why we even try when the needs are so great - what good can our small efforts do? It reminds me of the small boy who, early one morning, ran up and down the shoreline picking up starfish that had been beached during an over-night storm. A man nearby commented, "There are too many, son! What can it matter what you're doing there?" The boy picked up another and, before tossing it back into the sea, exclaimed, "It matters to this one!"



This large family lives in this temporary church after losing their own home.



Greg, David and Jim ready to work

Believe me - it has mattered to every needy person we have met over the years, whether in Haiti, or Guatemala, or Honduras, or anywhere else the Lord has sent us. And it also matters to the Lord, whether or not we do our part to be our "brother's keeper", giving comfort to those in need! This is why James declares that "Pure religion...is...to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions..." We cannot serve God without also serving one another! ... *David*



Bringing a little joy to these precious orphans



Sue Witt has cared for dozens in her own home, raising them in Christian love. Write to her words of support:

popcorn4haiti@yahoo.com



A group of young Canadian and American volunteers, some of the many we met and spent time with. Pray for all these faithful.

Want to help Haiti? Then 'Bless An Orphan'!

There are so many ways to support relief efforts in Haiti, and sadly many scams are popping up as well. Use caution in your giving!! Debbie and I encourage you to consider a very special ministry we have



partnered with who are working hard to assist the many thousands of new orphans left by the recent earthquake. Marshall & Karissa (seen above with Rick Wiles of TruNews.com and cargo for Haiti) have proven themselves faithful after many years of providing aid to orphans in Africa and elsewhere. Now they are reaching out with loving hands to Haiti. They need your help! Contact them at their website:

Some African children they have helped

www.blessanorphan.com (877) 290-2508

Walking A Lonely Road

Late on a frigid Saturday night Debbie and I were on our way home down snow covered Interstate 40 when through the darkness I saw something unexpected along the side of the road: a woman walking alone, a mere shadowy figure I nearly overlooked. Far from any exits, I knew whoever this is they will be in serious trouble soon, as cold as it was. I pulled onto the shoulder and had to back up almost a quarter mile.

An African-American woman, wearing little more than a small dress and light coat, shivering, barely able to speak, had run out of gas a mile or so back. Leaving three children in her car she had set out down that deserted road in hope of finding help. But there were no exits nearby and the gas stations we did find were closed for the night. We had to go all the way back to I-95 before getting a gas can and fuel.

As I emptied the can into her tank a state trooper finally happened by and commented that if we had not stopped for her she most likely would have frozen to death along the roadside. We escorted her car back to the gas station (about twenty miles away) and ensured she had a tank full before heading on our way.

She is a young Christian and enjoyed hearing some of our missionary stories. However, throughout her whole ordeal she had never lost hope that the Lord was going to work it out. What comfort it is to know that, no matter where you are, no matter what you have to go through, Jesus will never "leave you or forsake you" ^{Heb 13:5}, that He will be with you "even unto end of the world" ^{Mat 28:20}. When you walk with the Lord there are no "lonely roads"! - *David Goodrum*



Well...it's that time again! Work, work, work!! Our mission boat *Faith* had a pretty 'tough time' during our last trip into the islands (with extreme heat and high seas) so we're back to that part of the 'job' I never look forward to. But thank the Lord for Larry and Linda Batson for allowing us to use their dock, making everything a whole lot easier!



Whenever you visit Surf City or Topsail Beach, NC, come by their fine seafood restaurant, Batson's Galley, and have some great food and fellowship!



New!

Personal Evangelism Seminar Online

I have just posted on our website my new seminar called "Making Personal Evangelism *Personal*" on how to share your faith with family and friends. Visit our site www.SailingServant.org and find it highlighted on the homepage. The six pages of illustrated notes are great for personal study or to be used by Sunday schools and group sessions. I would also be happy to come to your church and teach the program, adding to it from my thirty-seven years in soul winning experience. Call or send an email for available dates before we return to the "field."

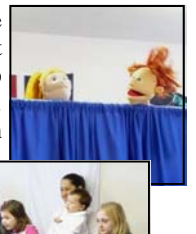


Missionaries Blessed At Mission Conference

Once again the Cooper City, Fla., Church of God conducted their annual mission conference in their usual grand fashion, with instructional seminars, pageant-like services, and an abundance of food & fellowship. Just what any doctor would order for missionaries in from the field. It was our eleventh year attending. Thank you members of their mission board! Contact them to learn how your church can do the same: 954-680-9191



Children's Church at Chapel By The Bay in Surf City, NC was a bit different recently when the Goodrums showed up along with their puppets 'Sally & Sam'. Always ready to minister to children



through skits, puppetry, and music we welcome every opportunity to do Children's Crusades while in the states just as we do as missionaries in the Caribbean and coastal Central America.



Nine Meet Jesus At Homeless Shelter

While attending the mission conference in Florida I had the opportunity to share Jesus with some 60 to 70 homeless people during a special service and meal at the Broward Outreach Center. While telling about how I rescued a shark attack victim during our last mission trip [see our website] I stressed the uncertainty of life and how foolish it is to chance putting off the Lord when there may be a 'shark' of our own just around the next corner. Nine people gave their hearts to the Lord, including one man whom I prayed with who had been given only a couple more months to live! Praise the Lord for once again having me in the right place at the right time!!



Lend A Hand?

We have been serving the Caribbean and Central America as full-time missionaries for the past nineteen years: training pastors and teachers, reaching young people through Children's Crusades, ministering to boating families from around the world, and using our sailboat to carry Bibles, literature, and medical /relief supplies to needy nations. We rely on offerings and personal gifts to support our work. Thank you for any help you can give us and, most of all, thank you for your prayers!! - *David & Debbie Goodrum*

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