



Lighthouse Missionary Outreach

Twenty years serving the Caribbean & Central America

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2012 Praise Report

47 Children Met Jesus!

During our seven month, 2012 mission trip into the Caribbean we held children's crusades on each of the islands we visited. Upon hearing the Gospel presented with skits, puppets, and music, 47 children and teens gave their hearts to the Lord!! These were the confirmed decisions with many others possible. Also, many adults were touched as well.

Seeing the fascination in their young eyes, and their genuine heart-felt responses, reminded me of the first time I saw young children in 'revival'. While pastoring in Germany, another minister and I went to southern Italy to hold a week's worth of evangelistic meetings on an Air Force base there. By the third night many souls had been saved, as well as several amazing healing miracles, and still others experienced the Holy Spirit for the first time. But what was to me the most impressive was a small band of young children, led by a little girl barely 8 or 9, praying for one another in a corner of the altar. Tears streamed down their faces, tiny voices cried out in worship, but most exciting were several suddenly speaking in tongues and proclaiming Biblical truths beyond their years.



I was given opportunity to minister in several schools touching hundreds of children and teenagers for the Lord.



Some of the Haitian children below had never heard the Gospel presented in the special way we do it and got saved.



In that moment I fully understood what Jesus meant when He said, "(Let them come to me)...for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." (Mat 19:14) Look at all the things He said about child-like faith just one chapter before (Mat 18:1-5). From that time I have continued to tell the young, "Don't hold back, don't be intimidated by adults, don't think you're not 'old enough' to believe and do great things for God. It is we 'grown-ups' who have a lot to learn about faith from you.

"We're Still Helping Haitians"

Besides doing two of our children's crusades in Haitian churches, and delivering clothing and other supplies to their struggling villages, I find myself still trying to help in any other way I can (here another missionary and I try to figure out why this newly drilled well



continues to deliver 'salty' water.) Though conditions for these folks is usually much better than their home country, they are not yet above daily struggles just to have a little of what most Americans take for granted. Consider how you,

too, may help. Find missionaries whose primary ministry is to this poorest of countries, get your church involved, but most of all - pray, pray, pray!!

You might be a missionary if ...

1. You speak two languages, but can't spell in either.
2. You read National Geographic and recognize someone.
3. You have a time zone map next to your telephone.
4. You consider a city 500km away to be "very close".
5. You watch nature documentaries and think about how good that animal would taste if it were fried.
6. You can cut grass with a machete, but can't start a lawnmower.
7. You sort your friends by continent.
8. Fitting 15 or more people into a car seems normal.
9. You don't think that two hours is a long sermon.
10. You think VISA is a document stamp in your passport.
11. You go to a church and find your picture on the bulletin board.
12. You refer to gravel roads as 'highways'.
13. Your family sends you Kool Aid and peanut butter for your birthday.
14. You know that having a nice car is safer but will cause you to lose some 'support'.

“Occupy Until I Come”

Those who heard Jesus near the end of His earthly ministry thought that the kingdom of God “*should immediately appear*” (Luke 19:11) They were filled with expectation and hope, even as we are today, anxious for the advent of Gods kingdom on earth and the fulfillment of all His cherished promises. But, until then, there is work to be done! So, Jesus shares with us the ‘Parable of the Pounds’ (Luke 19:12 -27), about a “*certain nobleman*” who assigned his ten servants to the task of increasing his kingdom, giving to each the same portion and requiring of each the same faithfulness.

His instructions, “*occupy until I come*”, meant for us to be hard at work with persistent determination. Every attitude necessary to be successful in earthly business (such as prudence, prioritizing, strategy) the Lord expects of us in His heavenly business. There is no place for slothfulness where outcomes have eternal consequences! In our own work in the mission field we have tried to take care to use every opportunity, redeem every moment, wanting to never forget the full gravity of this work: it is, after all, for keeps!

Oh, to imitate the Apostle Paul, who “*served the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears and temptations... (and) kept back nothing that was profitable.*” (Ac 20:19-21) His testimony of sacrifice and endurance (Ac 20:22-24; 2Cor 11:23-28) challenges each of us to evaluate ourselves and ask, “Am I really doing all I can do?”

Our own missionary work has certainly not been easy (nine hurricanes, a shipwreck at sea, chased by waterspouts, and plenty more.) But in each of those times we considered Paul’s confession, “*None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy...*” (Ac 20:24) He knew that the ‘trials of his trade’ were necessary for his spiritual growth and therefore determined to “*take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distress for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then I am strong*” (2Cor. 12:10) There are no shortcuts to spiritual maturity, nor in the service of His kingdom!!

Thus, let us gladly “*occupy until He comes*”, pressing through whatever may come before us, happily finishing our “course with joy”. After all, there really isn’t anything in this life, sufferings or otherwise, “*worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us*” (Rom. 8:18)

... David A. Goodrum

WOW! Online Personal Evangelism Seminar

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



Debbie’s Faithful Dedication

We were having such a fruitful, exciting mission trip that my dear wife did not even mention the increasing pain in her back until it’s seriousness became all too obvious. An injury a few weeks earlier just wasn’t going away. We finally headed home to seek medical help only to find she had two herniated disks which should have been extremely painful (and it was). But, with so many children coming to the Lord, Debbie just wouldn’t ‘give up’ or ‘give in’, not wanting to deny even one child the opportunity to meet Jesus. I am so thankful to have such a partner in ministry! Praise God that all is well now as we head back into the Caribbean for another year of ministry!!



Justin & Sara - true soul mates



We are so happy for our son, Justin, and his new bride, Sara. It sometimes takes time and patience for things to turn out just right, and certainly what they have was worth



the wait. May the Lord bless them both and all the lives they touch together!!

“**What in the world is going on?**” We are rapidly heading into the final ‘pages’ of the final ‘chapter’ of all things and a soon coming of our Lord. You need to know what’s happening and what may be next. Keep an eye on these important internet news sources:

www.trunews.com

www.wnd.com

www.persecution.com

infowars.com

Lend A Hand?

We have been serving the Caribbean and Central America as full-time missionaries for the past twenty-one 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. Offerings and personal gifts 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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