

Missions Update


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Ethiopia Report—March 8th Luncheon

By Betty Stuart : George and I had an amazing trip to Ethiopia. We're looking forward to sharing details of our trip along with Pastor King, Steve Silver and Merrie and David Harding on March 8th at lunch after church. It's one thing to hear about what is being done but it makes a tremendous impact when you actually meet the wonderful people involved with Sports Friends and Water Is Life. It brings it all together and makes so much sense when we see the wells being drilled in villages and talk to the families who will have clean water. You see how their lives are going to change for the bet-



George Stuart assists in rope pulling for well dig.

ter. And there is a wonderful team of committed Christians carrying out the work and influencing those they come in contact with. We were also amazed to see the large number of kids, all ages, participating in Sports

Friends through their local churches. They love it and have wonderful role models. Lives are being influenced and changed, it's exciting! We look forward to sharing on the 8th so come join us for lunch.

Kenya Partners Update—News from Sam Harrell

By Dean Warren:

I recently telephoned Sam Harrell, the CBF missionary College Park Baptist supports and works with in Kenya. The village where we funded the building of an Integrated Child Development Center (ICDC) has made

positive strides to move towards self sustainability. Previously raised missions funds will soon be put to use in developing the economy in the village of Nakwijit as well as adding enhancements to the ICDC. I plan to accompany Sam Harrell in early

May to Nakwijit where we will install a swing set at the ICDC and survey the site where a sand dam will be built providing a much needed clean water source. Modern bee keeping will also be introduced.

Local Mission Opportunities

- Parent's Night Out
- Christian Service Center
- Habitat for Humanity
- The Russell Home
- Reading Help for Children
- Fresh Start
- Knit Wits
- Quilts on Mission
- Bereavement Ministry
- International Ministries
- Homebound Caring Ministry

Contact information and other details on local missions opportunities can be found in the "Hands-On" Missions booklet available in the church office.

Barry Hall Family Returns to Central Florida

Barry Hall and his family returned to Orlando Sunday morning, February 15th. A home has generously been provided for the Hall family to live in while they raise support for their mission work in Brazil. With the recent adoption of Larissa, aged 17, the Hall family has grown to seven. They now include Barry, his wife Vania, and their children: Amy 11, Jonathan 8, Bryan 5, and Daniel 2, in addition to Larissa, who is their niece. We look forward to seeing

and hearing from the Halls and their wonderful ministry in Brazil. The Halls are eager to begin ministering in the city Boa Vista, where a growing church looks to expand their missions work with indigenous tribes. The Hall family plans to spend up to one year in Orlando raising support to return to Brazil.



Barry Hall with Pastor Joao and Irai in Brazil. The Hall family is in Orlando now.

Betty Ratliff Returns to Zambia

I leave on Tuesday (Feb. 17) and arrive back in Lusaka on Thursday . . . I AM READY!!!!(transmission parts are packed) Since being with you wonderful folks, I had many opportunities to share about the work in Zambia. Thank you for your prayers for my eyes. Just today I collected my new lenses and the change is quite strong .! I had minor surgery to remove a place on my back and

this week heard that it was benign for which I am so grateful and it is healing nicely. Various other medical appointments have had good results so I can now return to Africa with everything in good working order!

Thank you for your continued prayers for me as I return to the work the Lord has in Zambia. Through your faith-filled

prayers, you are opening doors for us to walk through! May the Lord draw you closer to Himself in this new year -- Remember: HE is ALWAYS FAITHFUL.

"HE IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL!"...Betty Ratliff

Local Missions Opportunity Highlight: Snack and Hygiene Packs for CSC

The first Sunday of each month the Aspire 1 Sunday School department meets to assemble homeless packs for the Christian Service Center. If you would like to contribute, please see the list of suggested items below. Donations can be made to the church office. Please contact Amy Moore for more information: **321-230-4407** or email: **amoore@kdbzlaw.com**. The following items are needed for

collection: **Snack pack items**—bottled water, juice boxes, single serve soup, pudding, fruit cup, etc. crackers, chips, granola bars, spoon/napkin, and other small, non-perishable food items, small Bible, scripture tract or note of encouragement. **Hygiene pack items**—soap and wash cloth, sample size shampoo, tooth brush, toothpaste, disposable razor, band aids, rain poncho, any other small, portable hygiene

items, small Bible, scripture tract or note of encouragement.



Snack packs ready for delivery to Christian Service Center.