

Missions Update

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Ethiopia Report—Medical Missions Trip

By Barbara Pearson : College Park Baptist Church sent forth a team to Ethiopia in March. Deji Otegbeye, a pediatric specialist and his wife Gladys Otegbeye examined and provided glasses for hundreds of people in the Langan area (Southern Ethiopia) and Addis Ababa, the capital. Deji worked in the Korean Christian hospital with the Ethiopian pediatricians. In one case he made a house call and subsequently saved the life of an infant. The grateful family asked Deji to name the baby! He chose the name Jacob.

Don and Barbara Pearson worked in the Myungsung Christian Hospital (Korean). Don worked as a consultant to the Ethiopian orthopedists and Barbara did hospitality work at the hospital guest house, and helped Gladys. Kim Pearson (culinary arts) came and worked with the guest house staff and pro-



Gladys Otegbeye fits Ethiopians for glasses.

vided some well received Western style cuisine.

Phil Meinhardt (Chief orthopedic resident at ORMC) and his wife Angie (nurse practitioner) hit the ground running. Phil did a number of spine surgeries with the neurosurgeon visiting from Sweden as well as consulting at Black Lion Hospital (the government hospital) across town. Angie helped Gladys with the eye glasses project

and gave support to the entire team. It is safe to say that "we all received more than we gave". The Korean commitment to evangelism is exemplary and inspirational. The Ethiopians are a gentle people and appreciative of receiving medical care. The volunteers from Sweden, Norway and Finland are equally committed to extending Christian love to our fellow man. It is truly a melting pot of unified believers.

Kenya Partners Update—Nakwijit Visit in May

By Dean Warren: Dean Warren will travel the end of April to Kenya. He will meet up with CBF missionary Sam Harrell and visit Nakwijit, Kenya. Nakwijit is a village in rural western Kenya close to the Uganda border. This is where CPBC funded an

Integrated Child Development Center (ICDC). After a rough year in 2008 due to post election violence, and the inability of the village of Nakwijit to meet developmental goals, progress is being made in 2009. During the visit to the ICDC Dean

will help install a swing set, and introduce modern bee keeping technology. A survey for a sand dam to be built in June is also on the agenda. Previously raised funds by College Park Baptist are being used for these projects.

Local Mission Opportunities

- Parents' 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

LOCAL URGENT NEEDS:

Edgewater High School Emergency Pantry

Lee Middle School Emergency Pantry

Homeless Pack

School Packs

(Collection bins as well as details on local missions opportunities are located in the church office.)

Sports Friends Team to Serve This Summer in Ethiopia

By Dean Warren: From July 23, through August 2, a team of four from CPBC will join Leah Harding and serve in Ethiopia at the Sports Friends Camp at Langanjo. Sports Friends is a Christian organization which uses sports as a platform to share the Good News of Christ in Asia, South America and Africa. The Sports Friends Camp Langanjo is the only youth camp in all of Ethiopia. For six weeks in the summer, Ethiopian youth attend a week long camp, learning more about Jesus through Bible study, crafts and sports. Our CPBC volunteers will serve one week at the camp as counselors. The

four who will meet up with Leah Harding (Leah served last summer as a counselor for three weeks and will already be in Ethiopia) are Steve Tabler, Donna Bradham, Margaret Hurt and Carolyn Ducker (pictured at left). The group will work with Ethiopian youth at the only youth camp in the entire country. Many come from Muslim areas and are away from home for the first time in their lives.



(Left to Right) Donna Bradham, Steve Tabler, Leah Harding, and Margaret Hurt.

Betty Ratliff Report from Zambia

From Betty's latest email: I hit the ground running when I got back with work in the prison and helping with the sourcing needs for the Base down in Sinagzonwe. About a month ago I received a big box of supplies from the quilting group of sewing ladies there at CPBC and what an incredible blessing they are! On Wednesday I took some of the supplies to the inmates and guards at the Maximum Security Prison in Kabwe about 2 hrs.

north of Lusaka, together with children's clothing and 3 parcels for the 3 expectant mothers. I was told on Wednesday that I am the only foreigner who has been approved to work in the prisons for the whole of Zambia . . . absolutely amazing because this is not due to anything on my part but WHOLLY due to the Lord Jesus' heart for these precious women. The needs here at Lusaka Central Prison are big and I seem to struggle

to find time to pray w/ the women rather than dealing with the various practical needs. Would appreciate prayer for this aspect, as well as that the Lord will increase the funds for doing some much needed construction work for the sewing project and library project, as well as 4 more sewing machines.

"...can only be due to God's favor on this work" —Betty Ratliff

Local Missions Opportunity Highlight: Habitat for Humanity

By Phil McMican: Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1974, with the vision of building safe, affordable housing for low income families. The Orlando affiliate was founded in 1986, and is getting ready to open it's 150th home at Staghorn Villa's. This is an \$8 million dollar project that will have 58 townhomes in 10 different buildings. We, at College Park Baptist Church, are committed to providing assistance to

those in need. This is just one of the many local missions we are involved in. You have the opportunity to volunteer on the following dates: Saturday, April 18th, Wednesday, May 13th, Saturday, May 30th, Wednesday, June 10th and Saturday, June 20th. All are welcome regardless of what your building skill level may be. Please contact Phil McMican for more information. **407-719-8316**



Phil McMican in front of Staghorn Villa build on Silver Star Rd in Pine Hills.