

## New Strength Means People Together



**M**ission work amazes me. I have come to learn that if you go into it with an open heart and mind that God will show you amazing things. This is exactly what happened when I had the opportunity to travel with 5 other youth from the Western District to Sukatpin, a community on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua.

We were sent as part of the “New Strength” effort to build relationships between the youth in Nicaragua and the youth in churches here. Our initial concerns about being able to connect across cultural and language barriers were quickly dispelled as we soon realized that a smile translates into any language, and that children do not care where you come from as long as you are willing to run around and play with them.

We began to help rebuild a home for a widow whose house had been destroyed by Hurricane Felix. As we worked alongside our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua, we found new ways to communicate instructions. It was not uncommon to hear three languages being spoken at once. Through the grace of God we understood each other and slowly a house began to take shape.

As the house grew, it seemed to represent the relationships we were building. The children who were a bit weary of us when we first arrived were now reluctant to leave our side and were asking us to sing another song and to come play soccer or baseball. A group of musicians came to the home we were staying in to share songs with us. The minister of the church opened the pulpit so that a member of our team could deliver the message

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## Sounds of Youth & Music

**T**he draw of a guitar, the attraction of a keyboard, the peacefulness of hand chimes, some brass, Inuit drums, and a little bit of throat-singing thrown in set the stage for two camps held in Labrador this summer that brought hope, inspiration, and fun to her Moravian youth. A year in the planning, Gosling Lake was the sight of a camping experience for 13 to 15 year olds, many returning from last year. A small contingency from North Carolina trekked to Labrador - Glenna Tasedan as Director of the Youth Camp at Gosling Lake, Bishop Sam Gray as co-coordinator of a music workshop in Hopedale, and Tim Byerly, all working with local leaders.



Dr. Gordon & Uncle Jim rehearsing

Twenty-seven youth attended camp at Gosling Lake to meet new friends, see old friends, have some fun, learn about Christ, and share some of their Inuit heritage with their southern guests. Gosling Lake has become a “safe place” where the youth can openly reflect themselves and their faith, many of which have no Bibles in their homes.

It was a week filled with tireless energy (on their part) for swimming, card-making and sending, canoeing, worshipping, a unique drama, hand chimes (for the first time), a lot of singing, and food. A black bear appeared near the dining hall one morning, and as *this* camp director *fearfully* contemplated HOW she was going to protect 27 campers and staff from being eaten (*watched WAY too many bear movies*), everyone explodes out of their chairs and heads outside to commune with the bear....leaving me behind! These youth are a special joy to get to know as they deal with a unique environment and special issues in northern Canada, but they always welcome and appreciate the love of Christ shown them.

The second week was the First Annual Music Workshop held in Hopedale on the rocky coast of Labrador which included the leadership of Dr. Tom Gordon, Moravian music archivist and professional pianist, 2 youth, and Jim Andersen from Makkovik; “uncle” to

all of Labrador, provincial treasure. The purpose was to bring to life the musical heritage the Labrador Moravians were so well known for at one time by highlighting the talents of the youth. Youth from all communities created music of all kinds, with all combinations of instruments, including Inuit drum dancing and throat singing, Inuit customs resurfacing again. This was a week filled with the sounds of beautiful music throughout the echoing halls of the Hopedale school, culminating in a music program for the entire community.

On the Saturday prior to our departure, the hosts treated us to a fishing trip to their cabin in Adlartok. Fish of choice, Char, was minute fresh, and grilled to perfection among other tasty foods; The spice cake with blackberries was a favorite—hopefully with the recipe to follow in the next issue.

Speaking for all of us, the Labrador people are gracious and loving, seeking Our Lord and finding Him everywhere - the mountains, the coast, in the beautiful sunsets, the water, and in each other. Our hope is that with the little bit of assistance we provide, they will become

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# A Message From Our President - *Short-term Teams*

As we approach the “dog days of summer” we may reflect on our many blessings and how these blessings have been used to support missions around the world. This summer the Southern Province Mission Society assisted in the support of 141 youth from 18 different congregations. These young people conducted various mission activities from camps to witnessing in 4 states and 6 different countries. Adults, not to be out done, also made a significant contribution to missions. The Mission Society also assisted in the support of 81 short-term missionaries from 19 congregations in the Southern Province. These adults conducted mission activities in 3 states and 10 countries.

On July 22, 2008, 19 youths and adults from New Philadelphia and one youth from Friedberg traveled to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua as a mission team to

assist in the rebuilding effort after the devastation by Hurricane Felix last year. The community had a warm and special welcome for the team, simply because they were fellow Moravians and brothers and sisters in Christ. Despite language differences there was an immediate connection and a sense of gratitude. The team worked in the town of Sisin about an hour from Puerto Cabezas where they constructed a small log building for the local Moravian church. They also sifted gravel and made over 100 concrete blocks for the construction of the new church. They dug drainage ditches to prevent flooding during the rainy season.

The most memorable part of the trip was fellowship with fellow Moravians. The team attended several worship services at Creole Moravian Church and two Miskito Moravian Churches. The team led Bible school activities and was overwhelmed by



kindness and the friendly nature of the people.

Every mission trip has its challenges. This team went to help people in need, and at the same time found themselves in need when a well known American airline lost several of the team members luggage. This team was so focused on God’s work that the lost luggage did not limit their enthusiasm from helping fellow Moravians.

If you participated in a mission trip this summer the Mission Society *needs* to hear your story. Please send us your story on the lives that you touch and how those lives touched you—email to: [moravianonward.com](mailto:moravianonward.com)

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## Youth Column

# Discerning God’s Mission; Sukatpin & Puerto Cabezas

When Christin returned last January from the ID Youth Conference in Nicaragua, she wept as she told stories about the devastation suffered there from Hurricane Felix. Right then, we decided that, Lord-willing, we would go back together with a hurricane relief team through the Antioch Project. So, we prayed and we planned. We rallied a team of 4 other college-aged youth to go with us, only to have those plans fall through only just weeks before our departure date.

Should we stay, or should go? Broken plans and rumors of political unrest in Nicaragua were nearly enough to call the whole trip off. However, after much prayer and discussion, we were determined to help however we could. So, instead of a team of 6, Christin and I left, with 100 lbs. of sawmill parts in all, on a mission to help rebuild Nicaragua. Sounds pretty noble, right?

We had both been to Central America before, so we tried to prepare ourselves for any twist or turn that God or culture might throw our way. But a few missed flights, a little travel sickness, and a drastic change of plans, left us frazzled and faced with an important decision. Long story short, we quickly found out that we wouldn’t be doing “hurricane relief” after all, at least

not in the sense that we had our hearts set on. So we determined we could either let extenuating circumstances spoil our attitudes and leave us pouting about what we didn’t get to do, or we could simply surrender, and say “Here we are Lord, use us.” It’s funny how when we do that, God often seems to take our plans and tweak them or sometimes turn them into a completely different and unexpected direction.

From here, we met up with Phil Raiford, the WD6 team, and a few local youth. instead of building houses – we built relationships with people who needed love as much as they needed anything else. For half of our trip, we lived as villagers in Sukatpin where we ate with, laughed with, worshipped with, and played with community members, young and old. A highlight for me was an action packed baseball game against their local team, never mind having to stop in mid-inning for the passing live-stock!

Finally, we returned to Puerto Cabezas where we met with a group of students from the local university. Words can’t express what a treat this time was as we shared the joys and struggles of being college students in our respective

cultures. Most importantly, we learned that, despite some obvious cultural differences, we shared a lot more similarities than we thought as young people searching for meaning and significance. The night was capped off by a “campfire” (minus the fire) time of musical sharing, food, and games. Currently, Phil and some of the locals are following up the connections we made by starting a bible study for interested university students.

As Christin and I traveled home, the temptation was to again be discouraged by all the things we didn’t build. However, it recently hit us that maybe the change of plans was just God reminding us that when we do travel, we shouldn’t travel as stereotypical American cowboys dead set on “fixing a problem.” Instead, maybe God is urging us all to not be so focused on “a mission” (building/fixing something) that we miss out on “the mission” (sharing the love of Christ with his people). With that in mind, Christin and I look back on our trip and confidently agree: Mission Accomplished, and to be continued...

*Submitted by Dusty and Christin Harrison of Clemson, South Carolina.*

## A 2-Part Series: The Indiscriminate Sweeping of a Pandemic

The first time I visited the beautiful country of South Africa was in the summer of 2001 when I attended the Moravian Women's Consultation held in Port Elizabeth. The agenda of social justice issues focused primarily on HIV/AIDS. It was at that time that I understood more fully the scope of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in South Africa and on the African Continent.

Since 2001, I have been blessed with the opportunity to make subsequent visits. In 2005 I was part of a large group of mostly Moravians that toured the Western Cape, which included worship with the Landsdowne Moravian congregation and parts of the Eastern Cape. I also spent the spring semester of 2006 as a student at the University of the Western Cape. In November 2007, I visited as part of a Likewise AIDS Ministry Team of the Board of World Mission, invited by the Moravian Church of South Africa to assess the Moravian Masangane AIDS program.

The lament of "O, God, Why?" is heard at funerals everywhere as the HIV/AIDS pandemic sweeps indiscriminately across the nation of South Africa. The disease is no respecter of color, creed, race, ethnicity, religion, age, social, and economic status. However, it is the destitute and the disenfranchised whose voices are most affected, silenced by poverty, neglect, suffering, and the trauma that is part of a daily ritual of loss. In most cities, the main streets clog on weekends with funeral processions. The manufacturing of coffins is one of the fastest growing industries in South Africa and, in fact, that is also the case in many other countries on the African Continent. The loss of skilled professionals and skilled and unskilled laborers, is having a severe effect on government, corporate sectors, and private industry. There is an empirical link between poverty and HIV/AIDS. There is an estimated one million child-headed households. There remains the issue of stigmatization that prevents people from being tested and getting treatment.

South Africa is a country in the throes of finding its democratic equilibrium as the present government wages an uneasy battle to distance itself from the squalid ashes of the apartheid government and all of the horrific implications of that era. The country is a dichotomy of an enormously wealthy minority

funds and programs?" "Why didn't the international community put more pressure on the SA government to get them to respond more expeditiously and aggressively?" "What has happened to the courage and determination of a people who brought a bold new definition to the meaning of "struggle" and who taught the world

by example to "forgive those who trespass against us" through the legacy of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission?" Why has it been so difficult to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS in South Africa when the numbers are decreasing in some other countries

# Oh God, Why?

and a burgeoning black middle class juxtaposed against the majority of black South Africans, who barely survive on the fringes of society. The gap between rich and poor has widened. Despite the fact that progress is being made, the ravages of apartheid, embedded for

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nearly five decades, have not been so easily reversed in a mere fourteen years of democratic rule. This harsh reality is evident when traveling through rural areas, such as Matatiele, on the Eastern Cape, where

Kim Bartholomew, Director of Likewise AIDS Ministry, and I visited the Moravian Masangane Program as part of an assessment team last November.

For many of us living in the West, in many of the world's richest democracies, with all of the privilege that freedom and influence provide, it is sometimes difficult, if not near impossible, to fully understand the depth of the devastation created by HIV/AIDS in developing countries. The loss of life in Sub-Saharan Africa is unparalleled in the rest of the world. The region of Southern Africa records the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS worldwide. In South Africa alone, the current estimate of infected people is approximately 18.8% of a population of about 50 million. Even as many in North America empathize and explore ways in which to build partnerships with our South African brothers and sisters in addressing the problems, questions still linger: "Why didn't the SA government respond sooner with

on the Continent, such as Kenya? Why has it been almost impossible to combat the stigma associated with the disease after twenty-seven years? Indeed, these types of questions underscore the enormous complexities of race, ethnicity, stratification, classism, poverty, gender relations, gender inequality, violence and crime, sexual violence, and economic injustice that are deeply woven into the fabric of South African society and history. As the South African government grapples to address many of these daunting social ills, it is clear that there are no simple answers or remedies to these problems.

Yet, as Christians, we have been given a great example through the lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah in the tragic loss of Jerusalem. We are inspired to persevere in proclaiming the Gospel and to trust in God even when disaster strikes. We are taught never to lose faith because God always has a restoration plan for his children in the face of overwhelming catastrophe. Thus, it is the people of God – the Church – who have begun to respond to the lamentations of the sick and suffering in new ways. The Church has responded to Christ's teachings that "we are our brothers' keepers" and that we have a responsibility to be "good Samaritans" and to "go and do likewise." Rising to new and difficult challenges is nothing new for the collective church in South Africa. Its history is replete with heroic undertakings during the long struggle to end apartheid. The Church has been a powerful and sustaining beacon of hope, conscience, and sanctuary throughout the period of apartheid. In 1976 when security forces opened

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# P Sierra Leone Mission; Major Growth Abounds

## Luawa-Yiehun, Sierra Leone, West Africa

**P** R **A** Y **E** R **F** C **U** S  
Seven months may seem like a short time in light of eternity, yet in seven months, Mohamed and Safiatu Braima have made eternity a reality for many people in their village of Luawa-Yiehun, Sierra Leone, West Africa. Since their return to Sierra Leone in January, the Braimas have made great strides in their ministry. They have built a church, constructed a mission house, completed a library, and are preparing to build a school for children in the village. The Braimas continue to introduce people to the love and saving power of Jesus Christ, demonstrated by their own love and commitment.

They write: "We finished the preaching series on the Ten Commandments last week (July). The leadership class we hold on Fridays is now on Saturdays and is doing ok. I am personally encouraged by the good attendance in the morning worship service which is from 6am to 6:30am every morning except Sunday."

The Braimas hold the leadership class to train up new leaders in the church. In addition, they have planned a class for Muslims to join with Christians. They write: "We are presently thinking of starting a class that will bring Muslims and Christians together to learn from each other, hoping by so doing they will see that Christ is the only Mediator. Only He can qualify to be the Savior and Redeemer of mankind."

As of the first of July, the mission house was almost complete, with six bedrooms with restrooms to house individuals called to Sierra Leone to serve alongside the Braimas. God has made this building project possible through the financial support of our churches. The mission house will be ready for those who travel to Luawa-Yiehun for the church dedication on October 12, 2008.

The next project the Braimas will undertake is the school. Little Church on the Lane recently obtained a 55 gallon barrel to send supplies such as machetes and trenching tools, which are needed to help clear and prepare the

land. Other items such as Christian books and colored pencils and Bibles were also sent for the children. The church is ready and awaiting it's dedication on October 12th, 2009. Bishop Sam Gray will be officiating.

Little Church on the Lane and the rest of the Moravian church are privileged to be a part of the of the Braimas' mission in Sierra Leone. Please continue to be in prayer for strength for the Braimas, for the building of the school, and for those who have and will come to a faith in Jesus Christ through this ongoing and powerful ministry. "May they be brought to complete unity, to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:23). For ongoing updates: [www.sierraleonemission.org](http://www.sierraleonemission.org)

### Praying Points

- W A safe and timely delivery of barrel filled with tools and school supplies.
- W Completion of mission house.
- W Strength and good health for the Braimas as they minister to their people.
- W Successful land clearing for the school site.
- W Pray for those coming to the Braimas seeking Christ.

### How Else Can Your Congregation Participate?

Congregations can support this mission by purchasing Machetes at Walmart for under \$10.00/piece, Christian coloring books, school supplies (dollarstore), instant coffee, creamer, or powdered drinks. The Winston-Salem collection point is Fairview Moravian Church. They can also be dropped off at Little Church on the Lane, or congregations can call (704)334-1381 about sending financial support.

*Submitted by the Sierra Leone Mission Team of Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, NC.*



*Photograph by Justin Rabbach*

## New Strength

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during the Sunday service.

Moments like these last as we come home and begin to share our experiences with others. They are the reason I want to go back and share more time with the people I met and worked with. They are the reason that others are encouraged to follow in our footsteps and have those experiences themselves.

To me these moments have taught me what it means to have a heart for missions. It means that you realize that it is not about what you are bringing to or doing for a people in need. Rather, it is sharing, working, singing, laughing with the people you meet.

This is why the "New Strength" effort is so important. It is a chance for us to connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nicaragua. It is an opportunity to grow in our faith together. It is a way to excite young people about mission work and encourage them to join a team. It is a way to practice what it truly means to be Christ's hands—to help, not for our own satisfaction, but out of our desire to share our love and our faith.

Though much planning goes into a short-term mission trip, it is in the unplanned moments that God directs our hearts and leads us to be faithful servants in his name. Mission work amazes me. **1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 18.**

*Submitted by Justin Rabbach who is a Student Intern at Lake Mills Moravian Church and a member of Ebenezer Moravian Church (Watertown, WI).*

# September Pray Every Day 2008

1. Humble yourself and draw near to God. Your Father waits patiently and lovingly to fellowship with you. Confess your shortcomings and allow Him to cleanse you and to love you. Pray for those whom you find to be unloving an unlovable.

2. Pray for teachers today. Sunday school teachers, school teachers, college and seminary professors, home schooling parents, teachers' aids and helpers, tutors, special ed teachers, music teachers, coaches and athletic instructors and any others who lead and instruct young people.

3. You are my rock and my salvation, Lord, Jesus. In you will I trust. Pray that those closest to you will put all their trust in Jesus. Pray for those around the world who have not had the opportunity to learn of the ever present love of Christ. Pray for those who have left their own homes and families to go and make disciples for the Lamb.

4. The storms rage and the winds destroy, yet the Love of Jesus remains steadfast and certain. Pray for peace and provision for many who continue striving to recover from the devastation of calamity through storms, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and such. Bless those who reach out to serve through disaster recovery teams. Continue to touch the hearts of those who are able to serve in this way. Remind each of us how blessed we are and remind us to lift those less fortunate in prayer.

5. "Sing to the Lord a new song." Praise Him on this wonderful day He has given us. Lift the Moravian schools of music and worship which have been established and are teaching many to enjoy the blessing of worship. Pray for leaders and supporters of these programs.

6. The Antioch Project has been created to build leadership and discipleship for young adults. Pray for those participating and for those who are considering the possibility of 'Go'-ing.

7. **Sunday**- "I will exalt you, my God and King; I will praise your name for ever. Pray for many opportunities to share the love of Christ today. Pray for your Pastors) and music team. Allow the message from God's word to penetrate your heart and mind so that you can live it out.

8. Jesus is our Shepherd, but He has given each of us lambs to tend. Pray that each of us will be good examples of Jesus' tender love and caring as we care for those in our charge. Pray earnestly for them. Teach them God's word.

9. "Fill me with life anew, that I should do the things that you would do". We are blessed with so much in order that we might share with those who have less. Thank you O lord, for the blessing of being able to share with those whom you love. Lead me today to someone you would have me to share your gifts with.

10. Pray for the Woos in Asia. Lift the church in China. Pray for protection of "the word" that it would be received and grow in the hearts of the people there.

11. Thank you Lord for those who continue to support the Braimas and their work in Sierra Leone. Thank you for your word that continues to grow there. May your name be praised in the buildings that have been erected and the things being taught there.

12. Lord Jesus, let your Holy Spirit abide on college campuses. Bless those involved in leading and teaching college students the way to you and to abundant life in you. Provide encouragers and prayer warriors for them. Bring to my mind those I need to pray for such as the Brents.

13. Saturday is considered a day of recreation for so many, have mercy on those who have no such opportunity. Provide jobs and essentials for those striving to provide for their families.

14. **Sunday**- "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits." Ps 103:2 As you enter the house of the Lord for worship today, consider all He has done for you. All we are and all we have are due to Him. Praise Him. Thank Him. Worship Him.

15. Thank you Lord for those who work and study to produce your

word in languages that are foreign to them in order that your kingdom may be realized in other places by other people. Bless the Moree family and others working through Christian translators.

16. Christ is our chief elder. Acknowledge Him as our predecessors did in 1741. Pray that you can truly acknowledge Him as the head of your life. Become the feet and hands in service for Him.

17. Father, there are many who call on your name that are incarcerated and imprisoned in jails and prisons around the world. Provide some peace and comfort for them. Bring your word to them.

18. "Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life." Pray that faith in Christ of all peoples will be strengthened and will become shining examples for others.

19. Pray for our government and all those in position of leadership. For: pastors and bishops, teachers and leaders, boards and provinces, organizations and ministries. Pray that the information in this publication will be far reaching and stimulating of souls to pray for and support missions in many ways.

21. **Sunday**-Enjoy the majesty of God's greatness in the briskness of fall weather and the beauty of the changing of the trees and flowers of the fall season. Pray for the refreshing wind of God's spirit to gently blow through our congregations and renew our commitment to his service.

22. Pray for the peace of the nations, for the safety of men and women serving in armies around the world and for their families at home.

23. Pray for Alaska Christian College, its students, faculty, staff and volunteers. Pray that the right person will be found to fill the position of dean of admissions. Pray for Helen Gullede as she serves in food service there.

24. Pray for those who are no longer able to get out to the worship services and activities of the church. Lift those who are retiring from various positions of leadership in the church that they will continue to feel needed and useful and pray for those who are replacing them in those positions that they would be sensitive to effects of change.

25. Remember Michael and Cecilia Tesh and the children in their care. Pray for the school, for sufficient food to feed them, for the chicken program that they would have eggs to sell in abundance.

26. With God are strength and wisdom. Pray for Rich and Barb Asher from Dillingham Moravian Church in Alaska. They are serving in medical missions in the Sudan. Pray that they will be safe and healthy and have many opportunities to witness for Jesus, the Great Healer.

27. "You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you" Ps.86:5 Pray for Missionaries, evangelists, preachers and pastors and all who live to bring the word of God to others. Pray for the health of Billy Graham, the work of Samaritan's purse.

28. **Sunday**-Great is our God and greatly to be praised! Praise Him all you little children. Enter into the house of the Lord and sing praises to Him. Study His word and revel in His goodness for He is good and His mercy lasts for ever.

29. "His dominion shall be from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth." Zech.9:10 Pray for the fellowships in the Southern Province of the Moravian Church: Morning Star Fellowship in Ashville, NC; Community Fellowship in Welcome, NC and Palmetto Fellowship in Spartanburg, SC.

30. "Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain." Ps.119:36. All that we have comes from the Lord and belongs to Him. We are entrusted with multiple blessings in order that we might bless others. Pray that the use of your gifts and talents will honor and glorify the maker of all things and giver of life.

# Oh God, Why?: A 2-Part Series on the Indiscriminate Sweeping of a Pandemic

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fire on unarmed students protesting the language of Afrikaans as mandatory in the school system over their own native languages such as Zulu and Xhosa, it was a Church in Soweto where the children fled for refuge. When apartheid ended, the Church exerted its influence to help ensure one of the least bloody political transitions in modern history, both on the Continent and around the world. Against all predictions, South Africans, in general, did not subject themselves to revengeful acts against their oppressors. It was also from within the Church that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission emerged. South Africans set international precedence, unheard of in modern history, through forgiveness and amnesty that created the possibility for a nation to begin a healing process that continues today. That this was possible after almost fifty years of inhuman treatment directed at the majority of the nation's population, in a century blighted by warfare and bloody conflict, is a testament to the indomitable spirit of a people who understand the very essence of survival through Christ's teachings of forgiveness and salvation. This was a defining moment that symbolized hope for the future of the nation.

Paradoxically, there is no denying that the universal Church remained silent for far too long in the early stages of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. In a country where the church has played a pivotal role, not breaking the silence had a deadly impact. More troubling, irresponsible governments and political leaders neglected to act decisively. In the mid-1980s, even as most South Africans were anticipating freedom from tyranny, HIV/AIDS had already begun to decimate segments of the population. Intent on gaining the freedom for which they had fought for so long and hard, and the promise of a democratic society which promised to be a panacea for all political and social ills, those in power did not do much to check the spread of the disease and it remained under the political radar. When alarms were raised government officials ignored them, delaying the critical processes for educating the masses through prevention programs and providing treatment. Public outrage eventually resulted in one of the earliest cases that brought against the SA government when activists challenged the 'human rights clause' in the newly minted Constitution. There is no denying, too, that messages of comfort and forgiveness without reproach from the Church, and perhaps other religious communities, would have signaled

urgency at the time and galvanized people into action. With such unprecedented prevalence, the question of urgency is now driving a forceful response from the government and religious communities.

*Written by Carol Armstrong, Member of the Board of World Mission.*

## Sounds of Youth and Music

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enabled and engaged in sending their own out into the world. Labrador sings with beauty in amazing ways, and Christ is the conductor. *Submitted by Glenna Tasedan*

### How Congregations Can Participate...

Approximately 1 out of every 10 Labrador youth possess their own Bible. If each Southern Province congregation sponsored the purchase of ten youth Bibles (\$30./pc.), all youth in Labrador would own a Bible. Individuals, Sunday School classes, youth groups, Mission Committees, children or adults can make this happen. *Checks can be made out to & sent to the Bd. Of World Mission, 500 S.Church St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101, marked "Labrador Bibles" at the bottom*

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