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The Church Without Walls

Missions has changed my life. I really can't put it any other way. As I reflect on the amazing opportunities that I have had to go out and do God's work I can only hope that everyone has a chance to just "go and do" for the Lord.

With that goal in mind, I am excited by the fact that two teams have gone to Nicaragua in the past year, each team being comprised of young adult Christians from different congregations. In May of 2008, a group of 6 from 5 different Western District congregations did hurricane relief work in the village of Sukatpin. In January of 2009 a group of 10 from 6 different Moravian Churches in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Pennsylvania attended a youth conference in Puerto Cabezas.

The exciting part about these teams is that the youth on these trips have come together on their own (across long distances) to take part in a mission opportunity. Many of these individuals have shared how it would not have been possible for them to go on a trip like this unless they had teamed up with others from another congregation. Young adults are taking initiative and coming together to make these trips happen, and individual congregations are supporting their youth as they go out.

It is an exciting way to do mis-



sions. It has been a great outlet for young adults with so much enthusiasm and energy to go to work for the Lord. As the stories have been shared, many more young adults have stepped forward and said that they would like to be a part of a trip but they do not know where to

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A Moravian Labrador Easter

What might a Labrador Moravian experience in worship and celebration during Holy Week and Easter look like? For one, the services might be one language, or bilingual; Inutitut and English. Communion services are bilingual. During Holy Week, the Moravians will have a Readings service in each language. On Palm Sunday, fir branches might be used if palms aren't available. Singing Hosanna and Easter hymns brings more of the community.

On Easter morning, the sunrise service will take place indoors followed by a walk to the graveyard. The path they take was cleared by skidoo on Saturday.

In Makkovik, a coastal community, Moravians began celebrating Easter with their visiting families by holding a Winter Carnival. Some of the events that take place include ski or piggyback races; ice fishing; and 3-legged soccer competitions, one ski-one boot race, all on the harbour ice, with plenty of food to be had. The celebration ends with an Easter Monday lovefeast which the entire community may attend.

First Friday

Prayer Gathering

Praise!
Worship!
Share!

7:00 pm Refreshments

Christ Moravian Church
Fellowship Hall

*Find your mission inspiration
through prayer, praise, fellowship
and Moravian missions*

A Message From Our President—Hope



For over five centuries the Moravian Church has proclaimed the gospel in all parts of the world. Its influence has far exceeded its numbers as it has cooperated with Christians on every continent and has been a viable part of the body of Christ, the Church. Being proud of its heritage and firm in its faith, the Moravian Church ministers to the needs of people wherever they are. It was 1457 when followers of John Hus, some 40 years after his death, gathered in the village of Kunvaid, about 100 miles east of Prague in eastern Bohemia, and organized the church.

With February being Black History Month, I am asking the indulgence of my readers as I share a few contributions of missionaries who just happen to be Black. After all, Tanzania is our largest province. Black History Month is celebrated every February to reflect on the contributions of African-Americans to the National identity of America.

How about missionary Lott Carey? In 1821 Carey was the first African-American missionary to visit Africa. Carey was a pioneer missionary to Africa. Born a slave in Virginia, he was converted to Christianity at an early age. He went to Liberia as one of the first American missionaries. He became a Baptist

minister and witnessed to many Liberians. Unfortunately, Carey was killed in an explosion in 1829 in Liberia.

How about Presbyterian missionary William Sheppard? In 1821 he took his wife and two children and went to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, establishing churches and building schools and homes for children rescued from slavery. His wife was very instrumental in translating their work into the native language.

How about George Liele H began his life as a slave on a plantation in Virginia, then became an ordained minister, travelling evangelist, church planter, and missionary. He travelled and preached at numerous plantations. He was credited as the founder of First Bryan Baptist Church in Savannah Georgia. Liele visited Jamaica as a missionary in 1791 where he founded the First Baptist church (he might have been the first Black foreign missionary). He was the first Black American missionary to visit Jamaica. Like so many missionaries, George spent the remainder of his life in Jamaica.

It has been said that there has been a limited number of African American involvement in missions, but there are many reasons

why African Americans have not been historically involved in world missions. America's Black churches have been focused upon its own quest for liberty and justice. Currently, there is an unprecedented interest in global missions in African-American churches. The history of Black missionaries has not been well documented but they played an integral part of spreading the gospel, particularly among fellow slaves on plantations across the land.

Due to mass migration, Safiatu and Mohamed Braima are good examples of Christians who migrated to the US in search of opportunities, then returned to their native home land of Sierra Leone to plant churches and build schools. As a matter of fact they are responsible for establishing the first Moravian church in Sierra Leone. Each of us can be a missionary with or without recognition. As in Hebrews 12:1, "since we are surrounded by such great cloud of witnesses, let's shed all that hinders and the sins that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Evon Crooks, member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church, is the President of the Mission Society Board of Directors.

Ray of Hope Orphanage Update



Greetings from Ray of Hope. We just wanted to update the Board on everything that is happening. We have 20 children now as part of our Ray of Hope family. They range in age from 2-15. 3 of our children are now in high school and we are very proud of them.

Our preschool is blossoming. We have 80 children on a regular basis. They are learning English and getting prepared for primary school.

The Bible Camp is reaching out to the families in the community. We are able to have camp the last Saturday of every month. In December we had 2 camps. The average attendance is 120. The families are also coming by to check it out. The children are learning about the Bible and all the wonderful stories. The children from Ray of Hope share their testimonies and a good group of children have found Jesus.

Through the preschool we have been able to reach out to 14 families. We have been able to set them up with food for about a month. It has helped them get on their feet and start growing their own food.

The children, Ceci, and I praise God every day for all of our supporters. God has truly blessed us. Please continue to pray and support us. God has opened so many doors in Africa for us to help others.

Wycliff Bible Translators; A Family Affair

What we are up to...

- Neil is working diligently building websites and providing tech support.
- Anita is managing the guest-house and preparing for meetings in March. She will provide meals and logistics for a week-long set of meetings for our out-of-country team members.
- The kids are enjoying being home and getting back into their routine.

“For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.” Psalm 62:5

Be a part of this work... How you can pray...

- That God will make our work here fruitful and that we will serve our team well.
- Pray for Anita and the kids as they spend 5 days without Neil in March. Also pray for Neil’s safety.
- Pray for the health of the baby Anita is carrying. She is almost 7 months!
- Our financial support in Dec and Jan has been LOW. Pray that the Lord will provide for our needs and give us wisdom to be good stewards. We have constantly been aware of the worsening world financial crisis, but have not until now

seen it in our monthly support. Thanks for praying for us in this area.

- We continue to host studies in our home. Please pray that we will all show more fruit because of

What we learn...

- We’ve all been sick and can’t quite get well. Pray that we finally get our health back to normal.

You can write to Neil and Anita at: Famille Moree, 2 Rue Pascal Fieschi, L’Empyree Bat B, Aix en Provence, France



Church Without Walls

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plug in, where to get connected to the opportunities that are out there.

With that thought in mind, a new website has been developed simply for the purpose of connecting young adult Christians. It is a place to discuss faith issues with peers and to connect and grow in faith. As mission opportunities develop they will be posted so that people can

express their interest in them and form teams to make each opportunity into a reality.

The idea of this connection is called “The Church Without Walls.” We wish to be a place for young adults, many of whom are in new life situations, and perhaps far away from the home congregation they grew up in, to come together and mutually support one another. The success of this effort will depend on the

willingness of young adults to come together and actively share and participate.

I encourage all to visit the website at: <http://sites.google.com/site/moraviancww/>. Please keep this developing ministry in your prayers as young adults come together to live out their faith. *Justin Rabbach, Senior at University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Member of the Ebenezer Moravian Church of Watertown, WI*

Many, Many Thanks to the Onward Team

The Mission Society of the North American Moravian Southern Province has invited and engaged countless volunteers to bring the most current mission news to the Unity since the mid 1960s. The readership extends world-wide, thanks to this long list of faithful servants that serve to bring inspiration to other Moravians in their mission endeavours.

I would like to give a hearty gift of thankfulness to the current grass roots Onward effort; the Folding Committee which meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month simply to fold, post, and

send the Onward to its recipients. Although I know the donuts Roger Kimball and others provide help, this fellowship group would show up without them. I think they have shown up when no one else is on the roads due to weather. They have been a remarkable group of people in the past and are especially so now. Thank you to you all. Thank you as well goes to Bill Rosenbaum who publishes Onward on the web for a virtual archive of information. A cheerful servant, we count on him monthly.

Thank you to Helen Gullede for her tireless efforts in creating the

Pray Every Day. Congregations have come to rely on this prayer ministry.

Finally, thank you to Sheila for maintaining the mailing list, the finances of Onward, and all of the odd jobs that it takes to create each issue. She has gracefully overseen the Onward through its many editors.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to you special people. God bless each of you as members of the Onward team. You make my little part a wondrous joy.

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Thank YOU

New Beginnings in Limon, Costa Rica

Antioch
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Roman Brady is an Antioch servant currently located in Costa Rica at the School of Music and Worship in Puerto Limon. This is an excerpt from his blog. For the complete story, please go to: <http://romanbrady.blogspot.com/2009/02/new-beginnings.html>

Dear God, RIGHT NOW.....At this point in my life I feel like a new man, like you have given me another chance. Why have you done this for little ol' me? For all the times I have turned my back on you and sinned even when I knew better, you forgave me. Lord, For all the times I have second guessed myself and you, yet you showed me the path I should take. Even through my darkest and hardest moments,

where I cursed your name and blamed you for everything that was going wrong, it was your shoulder I was crying on, and didn't even know it. I know...I know... there are more deserving people than I, but because I took this leap of faith and service, I believe you have given me this amazing gift. Lord, I can't thank you enough for everyone I have met so far on this short journey we call "life". Lord, from this moment on...no more sinning, no more second guessing, but I will still cry on your shoulder when I need it. I love you Lord. Your disciple, Roman

Dear God's children, This mission has been a life changing experience. I feel like a new man.

I can't explain what has happened, but in the past few days something has changed within me. I feel different! And upon receiving an email from a friend in Jamaica yesterday, it reminded me of an experience I had at Laurel Ridge almost two years ago which which also greatly impacted my life.

As God and my readers are my witnesses, I forgive myself again. But this time I am not just giving Him parts of me I do not like. I am giving him everything! Everything I was, everything I am, and everything he will have me be.

You're Missionary, Roman
Daniel Brady

Incredible Experiences—God Revealing Himself

Leah Weatherman is an Antioch servant currently located in Honduras. This is an excerpt from her blog. For more stories of her ministry there, please go to: <http://antiochprojectlw.blogspot.com/>

Last night, I got the opportunity to preach for a culto de jovenes, or youth group, at a church near our house in Ceiba. I think it went pretty well. Since it was on Valentine's day I thought a message on love would be appropriate. It was a good group. this is one of my favorite churches here in Ceiba. It seems like I'm always here on Sundays so I've been to this church more times than the ones in Belen and Cocobila. Culto de jovenes is one of the things I have enjoyed most during my time in Honduras. In Ahuas the youth group is temporarily without a leader but there is a YWAM, Youth With A Mission, group there right now and they have been helping out. Its actually working out really well, several of them play guitar and we had been taking turns giving the message. This past Thursday was my last culto en Ahuas. It was sad but a perfect ending to

my time there. It's just such an amazing experience when so many youth get together to praise God and listen to his word.

Tonight, I actually get to go preach at a Moravian church. They have their service in the evening. God's really opened up a lot of doors for me here in Ceiba. I'm only here for a few short days but they are jammed packed with stuff to do.

We leave in the morning for Belen. I'm really excited. I love working with the youth in La Mosquitia. It has been one of the most incredible experiences in my life to be able to see God working in and through the youth here.

Please continue praying for me and that God will continue revealing himself to the youth of La Mosquitia.



Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, Indeed

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April Pray Every Day 2009

1. It is in God's grace that we are called into His service. Rejoice in the call on your life. Pray for those who have heard and answered the call to take His love to those who have not heard the good news of His salvation.
2. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ for you. *1 Thes 5:18* Lord, on the days that I am tired, let me feel your presence and your strength. Bless those who suffer for your truth.
3. ...The Lord has comforted His people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. *Is. 49:13*. By his stripes we are healed. Thank you Jesus for the suffering that we can never comprehend.
4. Thank you Father for the forgiveness of all our sins through the sacrifice of your only Son. Enable us to love and forgive as you have shown us how. Pray for those who have difficulty forgiving themselves and accepting the forgiveness of others.
5. Palm Sunday-at the works of your hand, I sing for joy. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent and all others who work with college students teaching them to know Jesus.
6. Pray for the staff and students of Alaska Christian College who have suffered much satanic attack in the past few months. Many of the students have lost loved ones due to suicide and harsh weather.
7. Thank you God for blessing the work of Safiatu and Mohammad Braima from the Little Church on the Lane in Charlotte in their native village in Sierra Leone. Bless Jack Davis as he makes plans to join them there.
8. We lift Michael Tesh from Christ Moravian Church and his family serving in Kenya. Bless the children in the orphanage they are running. Thank you for the chickens and eggs which have helped in their work
9. Maundy Thursday-His body was broken and His life given in order that we might have forgiveness. Pray for doctors Bill and Peggy Hoffman serving in the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania
10. Clothe us with your love and uphold us with your truth. Give us spiritual eyes to see those around us with whom we need to share that love. Pray for the young fellowship of Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship as they are being established in the Laurel Springs, North Carolina.
11. Will God who has given His own Son for our sins not give us all that we need? Pray for George Goff, a pilot from the Honduras Moravian Church serving with Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
12. Easter Sunday-Why do you look for the living among the dead? Pray for Anna Booth as she prepares to go to North Africa and then to Togo to use the skills she has been developing in college to serve in God's work in a clinic there.
13. Easter Monday- Do not weary in well doing. Samaritan's Purse has been on the ground in the Midwest since the ice storm hit in late January. Pray that there will be many laborers to go into the field.
14. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx and Brian and Heather Marx serving with MAF.; that many people will be served with the love of Jesus and exposure to the gospel.
15. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the earth. Consider what He has done for you. Can you do less than live for Him so that others will know that He lives? Pray for John Musgrove with Campus Crusade for Christ in Ukraine.
16. The Lord God called to man and said "Where are you?" Pray for Dean and Rochelle Denlinger serving with Village Mission pasturing a church in Horsefly, BC, Canada. Pray for the group of volunteers going to construct a church building.
17. Heaven and earth will pass away but God's word will not pass away. Pray for the Morees from Dillingham Moravian Church in Dillingham, AK. as they serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
18. In your presence, O Lord, is fullness of joy. Remember the Woo family who are serving in Asia. Surround them with a heightened sense of your presence and your love.
19. Sunday-As you worship in God's house this morning, let us fellowship with one another and share the love which God has given each of us then let us go into the world around us and do the same thing.
20. In Christ all things were created. The world is full of His majesty. Jesus we thank you for the beauty of the earth. Give us wisdom to care for it as you have charged us.
21. God's promises are pure and He is faithful to keep each one of them. Dustin and Christen Harrison are serving on the Clemson College campus. Pray for their success as they introduce students to Jesus.
22. Pray for your pastor and the teachers of Sunday School classes. Pray for pastors in countries where freedom of religion is not a privilege. Pray for missionaries serving away from their home in a different culture.
23. My hope is in the Lord. I owe all to Him. Love the Lord with all your heart and love each other with a love reflecting Him. Pray for leaders of the Bd. of World Mission and Mission societies.
24. Creator God-the beauty of Your creation is beyond all comprehension and words. Pray for peoples who have more recently lived off the land but have been displaced, like the Inu and Inuit of Labrador, and others around the world. Bless them as they adapt.
25. Sunday-Father, the youth of the world face unprecedented challenges; drugs, suicide, abuse, homelessness, war, centrism, and materialism. Your witness through us can break down the barriers!
26. Father, prepare the hearts and minds of the volunteers that will serve at Gosling Lake, Labrador this summer to move young hearts closer to You.
27. You have blessed me, my beloved Lord, so I can be a blessing to others. Open my eyes to every minute opportunity to share Your love.
28. Lord, have mercy upon me. Let me simplify my life today so I can better serve You.
29. What language shall I borrow to thank You, dearest friend? For all Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end. Let me never depart from you.
30. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise. Let us all sing in bless-ed unity here and now.

To contribute to Pray Every Day next month, email Coordinator Helen Gullede at: Helen@AKCC.org.

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