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A Change In Africa - *Likewise Ministries*

Kim Bartholomew shares some observations from a recent trip to Rwanda. Recently Kim and Bahati Andrew (Social Scientist, from the Moravian Church, Mwanza, Tanzania) traveled to Rwanda for a training workshop on the use of the Child Status Index (CSI). This tool will be used to assess the needs of children who will be served by a program of the Moravian Church in Western Tanzania, Lake Victoria District (MCWT-LVD). The purpose of this program, HUDUMA KWA WATOTO NA FAMILIA (HUKWAFWA) is to assist in meeting hunger needs of orphans and vulnerable children in rural villages of Lake Victoria District and to assist with capacity building of volunteers so they can meet emergent needs of the Most Vulnerable Children (MVC).

The program, developed by the Board of World Mission's Likewise AIDS Ministries Subcommittee and the MCWT-LVD,

has a Swahili name which means 'Serving Children and Families'. HUKWAFWA will be managed by Bahati Andrew of Mwanza, Tanzania.

Thirteen African countries were represented at the CSI training session in Rwanda. Kim and Bahati learned that the government of Rwanda supports the use of the CSI as an assessment measure to evaluate the overall well-being of most vulnerable children. The government of Tanzania is also considering supporting the CSI as the measure of a child's relative well



Genocide Memorial in Rwanda. Clothing of the victims who were killed, neatly piled on the pews. During the 100 days of Genocide in 1994, 1 million Rwandans were killed. This memorial was the site with the largest number of deaths; 10,000 people were killed inside the church and 40,000 were killed outside the church.

-being or vulnerability.

Following their time in Rwanda, Kim and Bahati joined Hyacinth Grant (public health nurse from John Huss Moravian Church, NY) in Mwanza, Tan-

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News of Antioch

A lot is happening in Antioch these days – lots of comings and goings!

Leah Weatherman (New Philadelphia) has just returned from her service in Honduras, where she worked with youth in Ahuas and Belen. Presently, she is sharing her story at events such as the First Friday Prayer Gathering, the Mission Awareness Dinner (May 17th), Mission Committees and Sunday School classes. Then she will serve on the sum-

mer staff at Laurel Ridge before attending Appalachian State in the fall. Welcome back, Leah

While she was in Belen, **Thomas Baucom** paid a short Antioch visit so that he could set up the computer lab for the Antioch Center there. Future Antioch-ers will be able to teach computer classes as a "platform" for their ministry in Honduras.

Roman Brady (Trinity) and **Morgan Smith** (First, Greens-

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boro) return from Costa Rica on June 1st. They have completed the first full year of the School of Music and Worship in Limon.

Their gifts and dedication have been used to establish a vital ministry that will continue on after they come home. Stay tuned for more news from them as they spend the months of June

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A Message From Our President—“Reach Out”



With the recent rash of suicide killings across the US (13 killed in Binghamton New York, husband killed spouse and two kids in Atlanta etc) it begs the question “how strong is our faith?”. Certainly the loss of income, the loss of economic wealth, injustices and the loss of faith in God are some factors. Are you trapped by fears and worries because you lack faith! The belief that Jesus died for our sins, should provide confidence and hope; or is it something far more complex.

Through the years, people have often asked, is it their lack of faith that results in their inability to cope with trials and worries. But the question is do you feel the presence of God or his power in your life? Or how can I have more faith? These are questions that are often asked or felt. Do you have enough faith to know that God is with you and will help you overcome challenges? To believe that God will work

out injustices that you have received or to believe that God will provide for you requires faith and hope.

What is faith anyway? Does the Bible give an exact definition of faith and is there a place where the Bible says, “Faith is”, not exactly. Hebrews 11 has often been called the “faith” chapter. It describes many of God’s greatest servants and how their faith enabled them to perform great acts and miracles, or endure severe trials. This long chapter is very inspiring, and if you are searching to strengthen your faith you should periodically read it. The word “faith” is used about two dozen times. In terms of a definition faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It is the assurance of hopefulness.

Every time you demonstrate faith in God, it involves a specific promise. A promise can involve healing, answers to prayers, receiving blessings, deliverance in

a trial, guidance in a difficult decision and most importantly, receiving salvation. In every instance, faith involves claiming a specific promise made by God. We are all challenged during these uncertain times so, I encourage each of you to seek out those whom are struggling with their faith to read Hebrews 11.

Currently many of our neighbors are in challenging situations due to the economic conditions. They consider their conditions hopeless, in that they are willing to commit suicide and take others with them. This is a crisis of more than economics, but one of lack of faith in God. What an opportunity for the community of faith to come forward and reach out to our neighbors. Local missions is needed more today than ever in our history. Let’s all reach out!

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

Prayer! Praise! Worship! Share!

What do prayer, praise, worship, sharing of experiences, sprinkled with a bit of food in there all add up to on the First Friday of each month in 2009? They form the foundation of the FIRST FRIDAY Prayer Gatherings at Christ Moravian Church Fellowship Center, 7:00 pm.

Renewing a past adventure in mission and prayer, First Fridays are a time to fellowship with others about sharing and singing the Gospel, learning and praying for our Moravian missionaries; short and long term. **March** First Friday shared the most current status of the Moravian work in Sierra Leone with special guests Muhammad and Safiatu Braima. **April**’s gathering presented the work in Tanzania. **August** will unfold the recent Labrador pasturing and handchime Ministry, and **September** holds the Kenya team experiences. The Prayer Gathering brings praise and worship, a presentation/discussion, prayer followed by fellowship. Make it a regular monthly event on your calendar. For more information, contact the Rev. Dan Nelson at packer-fan57@hotmail.com

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Teams Traveling to Ray of Hope

It is quiet in Kenya this month. The children are on school holiday. Some of the children have gone to their home villages. They will all be back next week. It is good for them to keep in touch with their home villages. We have 10 children that stayed here this month. We have been able to really work with them on their English.

The rainy season has been slow in coming. We are anxious for it to start. We are very low on water. We have had to buy water to get us through. We really depend on rain. Please pray that it starts soon. We have put up another water tank, so we can harvest all the water we can. The well is working, but it has water that only lasts a few days at a time.

The preschool children are really doing great. They come in knowing very little English. The older children have learned the letters A-Z and their corresponding sounds. They are counting all the way to 100.

Everything will be back to normal next week. We will be having a Bible camp on the 25th. We are planning on about 100 children.

The chickens are producing about 70 eggs a day. The profits are small, but it is growing a little. There are so many hungry people, and we try to share as much as we can.

Blessing is growing and changing everyday. She is such a joy for Ceci and I. All the children are special and they send you their greetings and love. They pray for everyone everyday. God Bless

Report on teams going to Kenya.

Ted Kimball, Pine Chapel Moravian, is leaving June 17 and staying until Aug. 12. He will be working around Ray of Hope doing some preaching and working with John Kisamwa—the leader of Ray of Hope. Melissa Cox, Friedland Moravian, Don-

naTesh, Robyn Vogler and Debbie Jones from Christ Moravian, will be going July 8. They will be working with the children, the preschool and around the community. Debbie and Robyn will go home on July 22. Melissa and I will be staying until Aug. 12. Melissa is interested in working in the community dealing with human rights. I plan to spend time spoiling my new granddaughter Blessing. On July 29, Lori and Stormi Gigna, Kernersville Moravian, will be coming for 2 weeks. The first week in August we'll be hosting a Bible school for the children in the community. They have a monthly Bible camp on the last Saturday of the month. They usually have around 100 children. These are the children coming to Bible school. Ted, Lori, Stormi, Melissa and I will be helping with the Bible school. The kids are on vacation during the month of August. We will all come home on August 12th. Pray for a strong reception of the Gospel.

Donna Tesh

Kenya



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and July sharing their stories as well.

Taking their place at the School of Music and Worship will be **Debbie Suarez**. She has many years of experience teaching music and has a servant heart and a desire to touch people's lives with the love of Jesus Christ. Her husband, Juan, will be supervising construction teams that will work on the future site of the school. Their son, Nick – a true prayer warrior – will stand beside them in this ministry.

Amanda Burcham (Friedberg) will be serving as Program Director at a camp in Labrador this summer. She is presently going through a time of orientation and preparation before traveling to Goose Bay on June 28th. There

will be an "overlap time" with Glenna Tasedan, who has been serving in Labrador since January.

Also in late June, **Melissa Foster** (Friedberg) and **Justin Rabbach** (Watertown, WI) will



be traveling to Alberta, Canada as Antioch Servants at Camp Van Es. They will be counselors and "mission voices" for the Pre-Junior, Junior, Intermediate, Junior High and Senior High conferences.

Last summer, **Thomas Baum** and **Leah Weatherman** served in the same capacity.

Before beginning his service in Canada this summer, **Justin** will join **Becky Frey** (Lititz) in Nicaragua, where they will be working under the direction of the Nicaragua Moravian Church in the community of Santa Marta.

In July, **Jack Davis** and **Robert McGuire** (both from Little Church on the Lane) will begin Antioch Service in Sierra Leone along with Mohammed and Safiatu Braima. They will serve in the Luawa-Ngehun community through the ministry of the church that was officially opened and dedicated last October.

Please pray for all of these Antioch-ers, both coming and going, as they continue to serve God and share the story of Christ's love... around the world!

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A Change In Africa - Likewise Ministries

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Tanzania and they traveled to the rural villages of LVD to work with Bahati to begin training volunteer Mamas and Papas to use the CSI. Use of the CSI will help in identifying which children are most vulnerable. It will be used also to periodically assess the overall well-being of children served by the HUKWAPA program.

While she was in Rwanda Kim visited the Genocide Memorial in the village of Nyamata. Great tragedy took place here. During the 100 days of Genocide in 1994, 1 million Rwandans were killed. The memorial, a church, was the site with the largest number of deaths. 10,000 people were killed inside the church and 40,000 were killed outside the church. Pictures taken at the memorial show the clothing of all the victims neatly piled on the pews. Some Kenyans who were visiting the memorial that day said, "We came this close (measuring an inch with his fingers) to having the same thing happen to us after our elections! This could have been us!"

Kim was struck by the fact that out of the tragedy of genocide have come many positive changes. Rwanda is now the leading country with the most women in Government. Below is an excerpt from UN Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro's address, "2010: Delivering on the Promise of the Millennium Development Goals", as delivered at the Palais des Congrès, in Montreal, 16 April:

Across the world, hundreds of millions of people have been lifted out of extreme poverty since the turn of the Millennium. Primary school enrollment and completion

rates have soared in many countries, such as my homeland of Tanzania. In the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals, we've made big strides in fighting malaria and tuberculosis. We've begun to make a dent in the incidence of neglected tropical diseases. And a recent study has found that the American President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief - PEPFAR - has helped prevent over 1 million AIDS-related deaths in Africa alone.

the scars of genocide. We must never underestimate the human capacity for change.

Several developing countries have achieved gender parity in primary education. Still more have seen big increases in women's representation in business, government and civil society. Evidence shows the empowerment of women produces higher rates of growth. We can expect the benefits of these developments to accrue for years to come.

One can see other changes in Rwanda that occurred following genocide. During genocide many Rwandans fled their country. They spent time in refugee camps in Tanzania where they came in contact with Tanzanian Moravians. Thus, the tragedy of genocide led to the growth of the Moravian Church in Rwanda. When the people were able to return to Rwanda, they took their Moravian faith with them.

In 2000, the Moravian Church in Tanzania, Western Province assumed responsibility for mission work in Rwanda. At the October 2008 All Tanzania Partner's Conference in Tabora, Tanzania, Brother Ndayambanje Jean Anatole, leader of the Moravian Church in Rwanda, reported that there were 13 Moravian congregations in Rwanda.

The Rwandan people have suffered greatly. It is most rewarding to witness the positive changes that have occurred. God is truly at work among these people.

Submitted by Likewise AIDS Ministries



Genocide Memorial in Rwanda. Row after row of skulls neatly arranged on shelves and other shelves had piles of bones that appeared to be leg and arm skeletal remains.

A decade ago, conventional wisdom said that poor people couldn't adhere to the strict drug regimes required to combat AIDS. Ten years later, we know that compliance rates are better in many African countries than in some Western cities.

Our work to achieve the Millennium Development Goals is turning conventional wisdom on its head.

If I had been asked a few years ago to name the country with the highest percentage of women in its Parliament, I would have reflexively answered "Sweden". In fact, that country is Rwanda, a nation still recovering from

"There was one casket draped with a purple cloth in its own room in the church crypt. It was the body of a woman who was raped-by many I was told, and then they ran a long stick/pole up her vagina until it came out of her head and then they put the pole with her body on it, like a shish kabob, in the ground outside the church for people to see. She was give her own resting place, a place of honor and respect".

K. Bartholomew



1. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance and to provide our way to the Father. Thank Him and praise Him. Pray diligently for those who are not in a true relationship with Him.
2. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” May each of us seek to know and to do the will of the one who has saved us.
3. The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Pray for the protection, comfort and safety of the men and women serving in the armed forces and for their families.
4. If one lost sheep is found, there is great rejoicing in heaven. Pray for Safie and Mohamed Braima. Praise God for the work they are doing in Sierra Leone
5. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Pray for evangelistic ministries at work in the world and making a difference in the name of Jesus.
6. Pray for the church in Labrador and for Glenna Tasedan as she ministers there.
7. **Trinity Sunday**-Jesus told Peter, “I have prayed for you that your faith will not fail.” Pray for those whom you know and love who have not developed a saving relationship with Jesus. Ask Him to give you the words and the courage to share the gospel with them.
8. You shall not make gods of silver and gold. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Pray for strength and wisdom to not let the things of the world around you take your focus off of Jesus and His plan for your life. Pray for Morgan Smith and Roman Brady in Puerto Limon, Costa Rica as a missionaries with the BWM.
9. Begin now the work God has called you to and He will complete what He has started. Share your faith story with the children and young people in your life. Pray for the elderly people around you.
10. Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually. Lift in prayer Helen Gullede and the staff and students of Alaska Christian College. Pray for the work teams coming there this summer and for those who are going other places to help those in need.
11. God, you know me. My wrongs are not hidden from you. You also know my heart and my intentions to please you with my life. Tell of His mercy. Tell someone what God has done for you. Where have you seen His hand today?
12. My life is of value only as it honors you, Jesus. Strengthen my endeavors however insignificant they may be and use me as you will. Lift in prayer Morees (Neil and Anita, Elijah and Ana) in France.
13. All that we have is a gift from God and belongs to Him. Pray for those who are making plans to be part of a mission team this summer. Pray that there will be many young people who learn the true mission of sharing the love of Christ outside their comfort zone. Pray for those who have lost so much in disaster situations.
14. **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**-It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to His name. Pray for His will to be done in your life and the life of your church congregation. Pray for those who are not in worship today. Pray for the Antioch Project that many young people will find new and exciting ways to serve the Lord through it. Lift the Schools of music and worship that have already been established and for more to become a reality.
15. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. . Pray for seminaries and those who study in them. Pray that the Word of God will be taught in its fullness. Pray for those who are being called into God’s ministry.
16. Deliver me, O Lord, for the sake of your steadfast love. Make me an example of that love to the world around me.
17. A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master. When I survey the majesty of your universe, I see my own insignificance and worship your gloriousness. Pray for teachers and leaders both secular and spiritual.
18. Truth and justice are your judgment O God. Thank you for your grace and mercy. Pray for Charlie and Vickie Brent from Friedland Moravian Church, serving with campus Crusade in Texas.
19. My help comes from the Lord. I can do nothing without Him. I praise Him for all things great and small. He knows and provides all.
20. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them. He has called us to be His own.
21. **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**-O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. Pray for the pastors of Moravian Churches and for the leaders of the provinces. Pray for financial support of the church in order that ministries would continue to grow.
22. I am merciful says the Lord; I will not be angry forever. Only acknowledge your guilt. Pray for Dusty Harrison working with Greek Inter Varsity Campus Ministries at Clemson University (www.greekiv.org)
23. Do all things without murmuring or arguing. In this way you will be different from the world. Pray for all bishops of the church that they may lead well and enjoy good health.
24. Lead us this day O Lord, to work that bears your fruit in your time and to your glory.
25. Those who follow God’s commandments and teaches others to do so will be called great in His kingdom. Pray for teachers in Christian schools, seminaries, pastors and church leaders.
26. Teach me good judgment and knowledge. Thank you for Michael and Cecelia Tesh and their love and support of the children at Ray of Hope. Thank you for the growth and development of Ray of Hope; for the clinic, the chickens and the eggs and for the ministry of the older children to the local children
27. Pray for Amanda Burcham as she travels today to Happy Valley, Labrador to serve at the Youth Camp.
28. **4th Sunday after Pentecost**- Do not be afraid.
29. Pray for the youth attending the 2nd Annual Moravian Music Workshop in Happy Valley, Labrador as they learn Moravian anthems and hear the Word of God. Open their hearts.
30. Thank you Lord for safe travel for those Moravians traveling far to serve You.
31. Holy and Sovereign Lord—draw us closer than ever before!

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