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Mission 2007: The BIG Picture

Throughout 2006, ONWARD presented stories and reports of Moravians involved in mission all around the world – mission teams, short-term mission projects, Moravian Disaster Response, congregational mission initiatives, BWM partner province projects... the list goes on and on. And now, in 2007, we begin to see the BIG picture – the way in which God is bringing so many of these individual efforts and ministries together into one worldwide tapestry of mission!

For example: what does Costa Rica have to do with Nepal? What do Tanzania and Labrador have in common? The answers to these questions will become clearer as the year unfolds, but here are some previews of what we can expect in 2007.

The Nepal Team that visited the School of Music and Worship in

Kathmandu last summer, returned to the States to share some of its findings as well as some of its passion. The team presented a musical offering at the Mission Society Lovefeast in November. The hymn that was written during the Kathmandu workshop was presented in a concert at the Old Salem Visitors' Center by the Moramus Choral. Macedonia Moravian Church devoted an entire worship service to Steve Gray's audio-visual-musical report of the trip. Members of the team will be sharing their stories and their songs at the Home Church Mission Band Lovefeast in January. Other Moravian youth (Patrick Goode, Maggie Yokeley and others) have caught the vision of the Nepal Team, and are making plans to continue the partnership with the

Upasana Moravian Church this summer. Sister Nola Knouse compiled a list of principles learned at the school that would be "transferable" to other potential schools. And this is where the "Costa Rica Connection" comes in: On Friday, January 19th, Sam Gray, Brad Bennett and Chris Geisler are meeting with Costa Rican youth, youth leaders, PEC members and members of the Limon Ecumenical Pastors' Association to lay out the vision for the next School of Music and Worship, following the Kathmandu model! Land has already been purchased; the Costa Rica Moravian Board is "on board;" the BIG PICTURE is getting clearer and clearer.

Remember Sarah Bames? She was a member of the Nepal Team, and is

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Wings of Mercy

The landscape is jungle-like and the runways are short. Patients at the clinic in Ahuas, Honduras are thankful for the expertise of pilots George Goff and Wesley Wiles who provide air transportation in this mostly undeveloped area of La Mosquitia on the eastern coast of Honduras.

Please remember this vital ministry in your prayers and send notes of encouragement and greeting to George and Wesley at gene2goff@hotmail.com. Remember to keep the e-mails short and do not send attachments. *Submitted, George Goff*

Consecration In Puerto Lempira, Honduras

The Honduras Province has announced that the consecration of Brother Wincap Cassy as a bishop of the Unity will take place on Sunday, January 14th in Puerto Lempira, Honduras. Bishops Hopeton Clennon and Sam Gray have been invited and commissioned by the Northern and Southern Provinces to officiate at the consecration service. Four lay pastors will also be ordained as Deacons in the Honduran Moravian Church. Please pray that this event might be a step toward unity and reconciliation in the divided Province.

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