

M eet Charlie and Vickie Brent.

Charlie is a son of the Fried-land Moravian church in Winston-Salem, working through Campus Crusade for Christ in College Station, Texas to spread the Gospel there. His ministry is with students, whether American undergraduate or International Ph.D. candidate. Charlie tries to involve new and growing believers who are faithful, available and teachable in small group discipleship where they will learn to share their faith and grow in Love for God and others. He also helps to launch new ministries to get the message of God's love to segments of the student body that do not have an outreach designed to help them know someone who really walks with Jesus.

Recruiting, training and leading undergraduate students on summer mission projects and his office administration work for the local CCC office take much of his time. As part of his professional development he is working toward a Master's degree in Biblical studies through Dallas Theological Seminary

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In addition, he serves as consultant for the sending partnership with Grace Bible Church (the largest church partnership in the USA) and as one of two Day of Outreach coordinators for the Dallas Winter Conf.

(www.dallaswinterconference.com). Charlie and his Co-Director are responsible for organizing outreach opportunities that are both service (physical needs such as serving food and stocking goods for the homeless in Dallas) and evangelistic (Prison ministry in partnership with Bill Glass ministries).

Vicki's recent diagnosis of cancer has required a scale back in ministry. Charlie will not be trying to start up any new ministries and will likely be maintaining and only slowly expanding international ministry here. He will not be leading a summer mission team and will not be attending the Winter Conference or the National conference in Colorado this summer. His teaching/training assignments will probably have to do with theological development and life

skills training for seniors this spring.

The Brent's children, Ansley and Avonleigh are also facing medi-

cal issues that require pediatric specialists. Please focus your prayers for this family in these, and other ways:

- Pray for Vicki's healing and that she will remain emotionally strong and stable.
- Pray that the family will be able to fall on God's grace and experience refining of their faith.
- Pray that the children will grow spiritually through this time.
- Pray that they will be salt and light to the medical community they will meet.
- Consider adding their mounting medical expenses to your giving budget. Contributions can be made to Campus Crusade online at ccci.org or via phone at 1-888-crusade (278-7233).



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attending Raleigh Moravian Church. That congregation has a sister relationship with one of the Moravian churches in Limon (the probable home of the next School of Music and Worship). Sarah is in the right place at the right time to be a Nepal – Costa Rica connection!

Enter Emily Moore. In 2007, Emily reported on her experience in Costa Rica as a Rotary Scholar at the University for Peace in Ciudad Colon. She attended a Moravian Young Adult Retreat in Limon. Emily is a member of Mayodan Moravian Church, which, through church member Ron Joyce, has a connection to the land purchased in Limon!

So how do we get from Costa Rica to Tanzania? Say "hello" to Rev. Sam Downs. Sam is a Nicaraguan Moravian pastor, sent by the Costa Rican Moravian Church to serve as a Moravian Missionary Professor at the Teofilo Kisanji University in Mbeya, Tanzania. In December 2006, Sam Downs and Sam Gray met in San José and discussed plans for a team of North American Moravians to take part in a Summer Ministry in Tanzania. Rev. David Merritt (from Hope Moravian

Church), Anne Fagge (a member of Fried-land Moravian Church and a student at Converse College) and others will take part in a summer extension program, focusing on introducing a Biblically-based and culturally appropriate HIV / AIDS curriculum. This curriculum is being developed by the HIV / AIDS Task Force of the BWM, and (by now you won't be surprised!) another college student – Rebecca Frey from Lititz, a senior at Utica College – is planning to do an internship for the BWM that will focus on compiling the resources and materials for the curriculum! At present, the Tanzania Team is still being formed, but it will include Moravians from the Northern and Southern Provinces. The BWM has added to its vision (as well as to its budget!) a new ministry that is called "Youth In Mission." This will help to make it possible for some of the numerous young people who have expressed an interest in mission work to be able to see that dream come true!

Yes, but... what does this have to do with Labrador? Well, the vision for "Youth in Mission" came out of a Youth in Mission Summit that was held at Laurel Ridge last fall. One of the leaders of the Summit, Russell Winfield, is now serving in Labrador.

He is planning, along with Labrador Moravian leaders, a Summer Camp for Labrador Moravian youth. The camp will include components of sports, music, Bible-based program and group activities. Moravian youth and "not-so-youth" (!) from the Northern and Southern Provinces are hoping to take part in this camp, at the invitation of the Labrador Province.

But there's one more scene in the picture. Glenna Tasedan, who coordinated the Youth in Mission Summit, is now beginning a "Mentored Ministry" with the BWM, through Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She will help to keep all of these exciting things going and growing, and she will keep YOU informed of what is happening, through her work with ONWARD and the communications office of the BWM. And, as an added bonus, her husband, George, has a different "mission goal" – soccer! He hopes to use his skills to bring young people closer to Christ – at home, in our partner provinces, wherever God sends him!

So step back, open your eyes, and watch as this BIG PICTURE comes into view throughout the coming year!

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