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World Mission Lovefeast World Mission Lovefeast

Sunday-November 2nd

Our annual World Mission Lovefeast, celebrating Moravian Mission outreach around the world, will be held at Kernersville Moravian Church. The celebration will begin with a band prelude at 2:30, directed by Mr. Jeff Whitsett, and followed by the worship at 3:00 p.m. The Kernersville Moravian choir and musicians, under the direction of Mr. Jeremy Truhel, will participate during our sharing of the Lovefeast. Provincial musicians, coordinated by Bishop Sam Gray will provide intergenerational and intercultural music.

Guest speaker is Mr. Dusty Harrison, a member of Calvary Moravian. Dusty serves as a campus minister with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Clemson University. He works specifically to share the
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Katrina was Big, God is Bigger

Hard, and hot work; tired but happy . . .

Eighty-five people. Was I reading that right? I knew a crowd attracted a crowd, but this was something miraculous. The list showed 85 people committed to going with Raleigh Moravian Church on a mission trip to Ocean Springs, MS this past June. And look where the participants were coming from – not only Raleigh Moravian, but Peace Moravian, New Philadelphia Moravian, and Home Moravian. The connections to Raleigh Moravian were complex and far-ranging – but I knew we could build a community together. For where two or three are gathered in my name . . .

We'd been here before, having put together a mission trip involving 50 adults to perform Katrina relief work in New Orleans in 2007. Organization would be our key. I knew from experience that for every need and area

of responsibility that was identified, someone would step forward to take ownership. Get a group of energized Moravians together and things start happening, in a big way!

It didn't take long. Trip participants put teams in place for every facet of the trip we could think of: logistics/ local culture, team building, devotions, music, transportation, tools, and fundraising. Monthly meetings beginning in March brought everyone together to help plan and build our trip, but more importantly it brought us together as a new community. We used those meetings to get to know each other better, to learn how to work together, and what it meant to answer Christ's call to service. We talked about everything from how to safely use power tools and the proper dress for a jobsite, to the right way to interact with each other and how to be respectful of the homeowners we would
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BWM Executives Trace Steps to Ladakh *Courage, Faith of our Founding Moravian Missionaries*

In late August / early September, Sam and I found ourselves working alongside Ladakhi villagers in the Himalayas of North India to bring in their harvest of barley. Using portable threshers that the villagers carried into the little village of Skindiang piece by piece, we would push cut stalks into the machine, and out of the bottom emerged seed. We wore long sleeve shirts, hats, and masks to in order to deal with the clouds of dust the machines generated, as this was tough, very unpleasant work. Work that normally would take a week using the old system, now could be done in a day and half. The villagers were thrilled and deeply grateful they had these threshers to help them.

Skindiang is a small village about 80 miles outside of Leh, the capital of Ladakh where there is a Moravian Church and School. Roughly two hundred people live there, and it is terraced land down between two streams of glacial water, where they plant their crops and gardens. Their lifestyle has hardly changed over the centuries, except one now sees an occasional TV satellite dish
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Looking out over the Himalayas, North India

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A Message From Our President—Mission Celebration

As Moravian missionaries share the good news of the hope we have in Jesus Christ to many people around the world, each year, the Mission Society celebrates our mission activities with a lovefeast service on the first Sunday in November. But what is a Moravian lovefeast and how did it get started?

The Moravian lovefeast is a service of songs at which a simple meal is served to the congregation. The meal, usually a bun and coffee, is an act of fellowship. It is not a sacrament, nor a substitute for Communion. The lovefeast, began by Moravians in 1727, is a revival of the Agape of the early Christian Church. The service spread with the church throughout the world, and remains an important part of Moravian religious practices.

Almost any special occasion is appropriate for a lovefeast. As a matter of fact in the 18th and 19th centuries, they were held as many as fifty times per year to celebrate important festival days, to honor distinguished guests, to recognize milestones, to bid farewell to neighbors moving away, or to bind the church community into a spiri-

tual unity. Today the Moravian church holds fewer lovefeasts, but they are still held for special occasions.

On November 2, 2008 you and your congregation are invited to the Mission Society 2008 Mission Lovefeast Celebration at Kernersville Moravian. The band prelude begins at 2:30 p.m. and the service begins at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Dusty Harrison, who is one of our young missionaries serving as campus minister with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Clemson University, will deliver the message to encourage us in our future mission endeavors. Special intercultural and intergenerational music will be presented by provincial musicians, coordinated by Rev. Sam Gray.

Our offering this year will be divided between BWM HIV/AIDS Orphans, BWM Antioch Project, and our missionaries being supported by the Mission Society. Missionaries being supported by the Mission Society include the Brents, missionaries with Campus Crusade, Celeste Handy, Moree family, Phil Raiford, Michael and Cecelia Tesh, Robert and Anne Thiessen,

Woo family, Manous family, Dusty and Christin Harrison, Steve and Ann Marx, and Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton.



We would like to invite everyone interested in learning more about Moravian missions to attend this special lovefeast. It is the hope of the Mission Society that every pastor will encourage their congregation to be part of this Moravian mission outreach celebration.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28: 19-20

Amen.

Evon Crooks, President of the Moravian Mission Society, Southern Province, is a member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church of Winston-Salem, NC.

Moree Monthly, Fall 2008

“I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.” Psalm 86:12

The Moree’s are working hard and making the ongoing adjustment to family life as full-time missionaries. This is how you can support them in prayer:

- ☼ That the Lord will be glorified in our parenting.
- ☼ For balancing the unique work-at-home situation. There is always work to be done.
- ☼ For wisdom as Neil works with this internet-based scripture project.
- ☼ For Elijah as he grows and develops as a young believer.
- ☼ Ana is learning to pray; pray that the Spirit will guide her.
- ☼ For Anita as she has a full plate this year with home, family, church and work.
- ☼ That we will find creative ways to

implement some of the language learning techniques we learned while at our conference.

- ☼ Lord, may all be increasingly blessed by their work for You.
- ☼ God, place joy in all things as they engage in the work that You unfold for them.
- ☼ Safe travel as Neil travels to North Carolina

Mission Tip

“Admission into a group means that a person is admitted to the roles, knowledge, values, & customs of the group.”

Paul G. Hiebert, “Cultural Anthropology”

Great Gift Idea



This inviting book explores the Christmas celebrations of the Moravian Church in the South, whose members were marking the holiday as early as the 1780s in ways recognizable to modern Americans. This colorful resource is profoundly researched, abundantly illustrated, and brings history to life. It also reveals the impact Moravian missionaries and mission endeavors have played in our Christmas traditions. Author Nancy Smith Thomas is a resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and frequently presents lectures and workshops on Christmas decorations and traditions. The book can be purchased by calling UNC Press, 1-800-848-6224.

Labrador Handchime Project

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary,

Praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds:

Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!



Praise him with trumpet sound;

Praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

Praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with changing cymbals;

Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Ps.150

The psalmist here was praising God because of his mighty excellence in all of his works and was calling upon all [in the sanctuary] to praise God with whatever they had within their possession; a trumpet, a harp, a tambourine, dancing, even ones voice. Everything! And the book of Psalms appropriately ends with a Hallelujah!

It is with that joy that I find myself returning to Labrador in early 2009 and would like to share my handbell and chime experience with the Labrador youth. The Labrador Moravians have a rich history of music ministry which was so evident in the first Music Workshop this past summer. Not only do the youth have a noticeable passion to learn, but the congregations are hungry to play whenever the opportunity arises. The youth of the summer youth camp also took every advantage to participate in hand-chime ensembles thanks to the loaning of a set of handchimes by New Philadelphia Moravian Church.

Handchimes are the perfect percussive instrument to learn when few instruments are to be had as they lend themselves to all levels of musical skill and players can quickly succeed. They are affordable and produce some of the most heavenly sounds that can be created.

You, your congregation, or your Sunday School class have the opportunity to prayerfully sponsor an individual chime at \$50./ each (including shipping) for which if enough support is raised to purchase a 2-octave set, they will be carried to Labrador in January where they will be introduced to all the communities I visit and will eventually find their permanent home there.

Checks should be made out to "Glenna Tasedan", with "Labrador Handchime Project" written on the lower line, and sent to 2515 LakeSpring Ct., Winston-Salem, NC 27106. In addition, you can keep up with your investment/support by going to my ministry blog: <http://gjtas29.blogspot.com/>, hear all the most up-to-date news of this unfolding ministry, and stay in touch.

Prayerfully consider your involvement in this musical ministry, engaging the Labrador Moravians in a gift of praise to the Lord in their sanctuaries. Hallelujah!

Glenna is a member of Calvary Moravian Church and will be serving pastorally in 2009 in Labrador for six months.

Five Dollars a School Term!

Greetings from Africa. The seasons are changing and we are preparing for our hot season. The children are dealing with colds as the temperatures change. They are doing well in school. It won't be long until Dickson, Faridah and Bibi finish primary school. Next stop High School. High school is not free. They will have to go to a different school. John and Habona are looking for something close by. They are also beginning to try to raise money for their tuition. If you or your church are interested in sponsoring one these children, it will cost \$700.00 per year. That is \$500.00 for tuition and \$200.00 for supplies. That runs about \$60.00 per month. These three children are hard working children, and those of you that have been here know they have a lot of potential. Dickson wants to be a minister and the girls are not sure what they want to do. Please pray for them as they prepare for their final exams in November.

The preschool is doing well. It is such a joy to watch them as they come to school. I can here them singing about what they are learning as I am working around the base. Cici is trying to encourage the families to help with paying for preschool. She is charging them \$5.00 a term. A term is three months. Can you imagine being so poor you can not afford \$5.00 every three months? We will not turn down any students who cannot pay. We are just trying to encourage the families to try. Our dream is to someday build a primary school from grades preschool to eighth grade.

We are planning our next Bible camp for September 28. We are praying for lots of children.

The chickens are continuing to lay eggs. We are getting about 60 a day. That is going to help pay for this ministry and also add some money to our ministry.

Cici is continuing to grow and blossom. In October they will try to set the date when she might be due. We are thinking it is around December 31. God bless everyone and we all will continue to be praying for each other.



Editor's Note: How can we help? Let's get children helping children.

- ☀ Sponsor a family walk-a-thon around your church property.
- ☀ Donate \$10. for every book a child reads during the year.
- ☀ Invite a children's Sunday School class or youth group to clean a room in the church building and donate generously.
- ☀ Ask children to decorate a bulletin board for mission
- ☀ Ask a child and a youth to do a mission moment in worship seeking donations for the Kenyan preschool children.

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encounter and their property.

Camp Victor (www.campvictor.org) was chosen as the place to house us in Ocean Springs. Built by volunteers, for volunteers, Camp Victor is a converted factory building located in the heart of downtown Ocean Springs, and it proved to be a wonderful facility to call home for the week. For a modest donation, Camp Victor housed, fed, and provided work assignments, materials, and tools for us throughout our stay. Moreover, Camp Victor inspired us with its own sense of community. With over 200 beds available, we were but a part of the overall relief efforts there. Yet we all felt ownership of what we came to do, and the staff of Camp Victor honored all its volunteers.

Each work group, whether 85 or 1, was invited by Camp Victor to add artwork, written reflections, or humor to its maze of hallways. Much of the artwork was exquisite. Many of the reflections were profound and heartfelt. And the humor (think blown out work boots screwed to the wall) told of leaving a jobsite tired but happy. All of the expressions, from people literally around the world, held a common thread. They were

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created by individuals coming to the Gulf region to help those having endured a terrible crisis – and then finding *themselves* being the recipient of God's Grace. As my wife Amber suggested: I have to believe the hallways of Heaven are so decorated.

The music team made sure that plenty of brass instruments made the trip and our inter-congregational band played on the street outside Camp Victor each evening. Our beautiful traditional music took on new meaning and vitality as it was played in that place and in that context. At once comforting and familiar – it was also a call to action and it moved me to tears frequently.

A call to action? Is there still work to be done in the Gulf region? Gosh, Katrina



Work crew team of Raleigh Moravian and other churches at Camp Victor, June 2008

was three years ago, right? Those are questions I heard many times before our group went down. Yes, it's been three years since Katrina – a long time by anyone's standards. A particularly long time to have your roof covered by a blue tarp as was the household my work team encountered.

Jamie needed a new roof. Hers leaked even through the blue tarp stretched over the entire structure. Three years is a long time to empty pots and bowls set up to catch the rain water streaming into your home. Jamie had wrangled with an insurance company for what seemed like an eternity and finally secured funds to hire a contractor to repair her roof. The contractor delivered enough material to repair only part of Jamie's roof and then vanished with her money, having done not a day's work. Three years after Katrina, Jamie asked for help.

Having divided ourselves into 8 to 10 person work teams during our planning meetings, it was decided that two teams should tackle Jamie's roof. Working in the heat, humidity, and thunderstorms that only "spring" in Mississippi can provide, we cycled folks on and off the roof to avoid heat exhaustion. Bit by bit the old roof got stripped off, the underlying roof deck repaired, and new shingles put down.



Always time to make music and praise the Lord

Our combined team got into the rhythm

of the work, and I stood in awe of our youth as they took ownership of the job. They found the most efficient way to put down felt paper, pop caulk lines, and nail down shingles. A row of youth would slide shingles into position as another youth walked back and forth across the row with a roofing nailer, securing the shingles in place. The person running the nailer rarely had to break stride, except maybe to reload a new coil of nails. Male, female, youth, and adult - it didn't matter – everyone willingly rotated jobs and everyone got to participate.

Jamie came out and talked to us frequently during the week, and as we got to know her better, she told us of her experiences during Katrina. That day, we put our tools down and sat with her under a shade tree in her front yard. She told us about the storm and the 15 people that came to live with her by necessity for months afterward.

Another day we put our tools down for Jamie again. This time because she graciously invited us to lunch. She provided us with BBQ ribs, fresh corn, baked beans, hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixings. The cookout was a feast and a special time getting to share a meal with Jamie and some of her family. It was a humbling experience. Later Jamie was ecstatic, when on Thursday, we finished her roof and she

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November

Pray Every Day

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1. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx who have been accepted by MAF and assigned to the ministry in Indonesia, are in the process of making contacts and looking for Ministry Partners. Brian is a licensed pilot and Heather a Christian chalk artist. To contact them, Bmarx@maf.org

2. **Sunday**-As the Mission Society of the Southern Province meets today, we ask that You would be glorified in the service of worship and that many supporters would see and hear of the work you have set before them and that they would become involved more fully in it. Provide safe travel for those attending.

3. Father, we ask your blessings on those who serve as directors on the Board of World Mission as well as the Mission Societies of the Moravian Church around the World. Give them vision and discernment and many opportunities to reach others for you. Provide supporters to enable them to do the work you call them to.

4. Morgan Smith and Roman Brady are in Puerto Limon , Costa Rica as a missionaries with the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church . Pray for many to support them spiritually and financially. Thank God for all who help and support.

5. Pray for Bill Rosenbaum who publishes Onward on the web each month and is in rehab following a serious illness.

6. Lift in prayer Moree family with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Pray for their health, encouragement, a supportive church family there, missing their family in the US . They are praising God for their support and for answered prayers.

7. Father, it is exciting to see and hear the results of your work in Sierra Leone . Bless Safiatu and Mohamed Braima and their faithfulness to you and to their calling

8. Teach us to walk in Your presence. Pray for missionaries serving with campus Crusade in Texas . Meet their every need and be a constant support to the young lives they introduce to You.

9. **Sunday**- Some of us are afraid to totally serve Jesus. Many are afraid of what someone else will say or think, some are afraid of the cost, some are afraid of the unknown. Jesus said to trust Him. His love for us could not be any greater than it is. Ask God to help you trust Him more.

10. 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.

11. Spend time in relationship with Jesus today. Enjoy the warmth of personal devotion time with Him. Pray for your own spiritual growth and that of others. Pray for your pastor and church leaders, especially your Sunday School leader.

12. Pray for Christian schools and seminaries. Pray for the students, staff and faculty. Ask the almighty God of the universe to grant them discernment and awareness of His power.

13. Pray for those who are hospitalized, ill, lost, lonely, depressed, in need of guidance or in need of general assistance in handling challenging issues of day-to-day living. Pray for someone to make a difference in their life today in Jesus' love.

14. Jesus, help America to hear your pleading for us as a nation to return to the God who loves us. Put leaders in our government who will stand for truth and righteousness

15. God, you have appointed a certain amount of time for each of us to be on this earth. Show us how to redeem that time and make it serve your plan. Show us where we waste our precious minutes and days out of fellowship with you.

16. **Sunday**- Let us continue to praise God, our father, for Jesus, his son, our Savior. Worship Him. He is coming back and we must lead

those whom we know and love to a knowledge of His saving grace.

17. Lord, there are many citizens of other countries who have come here and made new productive lives and are serving you faithfully. Many of them have difficulties with visas and other governmental issues and need your Divine intervention. We lift them up to you and ask that your will would be fulfilled swiftly in each situation.

18. Heavenly Father, you have created all things and allowed all things which we so boldly claim as our own even while knowing that all good comes from you and belongs to you. You have blessed many of us with so much worldly goods and expect us to share with those who have less.

19. Pray for Dusty Harrison working with Greek Inter Varsity Campus Ministries at Clemson University. Praise God for the young people who are learning more about who Jesus is and about His love for them.

20. Pray for Bishop Sam Gray and his tireless efforts on behalf of the Board of World Mission and the work of the Savior. Thank God for Sam's many gifts and talents and for his willingness to use them to help others know and worship the King.

21. Pray for college students around the world and their handling of the many challenges they face on a daily basis.

22. Take time today during the business of this Thanksgiving to offer thanks for missionaries around the world who are serving others in the love of Jesus and without so many of the things we take for granted every day.

23. **Sunday**-We are especially thankful today for the myriad of blessings you have bestowed on us oh Lord. For your grace and mercy, for your love and caring, for the presence of your Holy Spirit, for life itself and for life eternal with You, we give you thanks.

24. Thank you Father for church planters and the many underground, home churches, and small pockets of Christians who continue to share their faith in spite of the danger to their very lives.

25. Father of all mercy, we plead for you intervention in the aftermath of all the destructive storms, and hurricanes and tornadoes which have affected so many people. Thank you for those who have given of their time, talents and resources to help rebuild lives torn apart in those circumstances.

26. Thank you for Michael and Cecilia Tesh and their love and support of the children of Kenya. What wonderful news to hear of Your love and Your Word spreading and growing there.

27. Thanksgiving Day- "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: His mercy endureth forever." Ps 107:1 Many will gather today to celebrate this U.S. holiday. I pray that you will gather with others to thank God, our heavenly Father for Jesus, His Son and for what He has done for us. Thank the Holy Spirit for indwelling our lives and making it possible for us to relate to Jesus as our Savior. We have so much to be thankful for!!

28. "Next to faith this is the highest art, to be content with the calling in which God has placed you"-Martin Luther- If you are not sure of your calling, ask God to make it clear to you, if you are sure of your calling, thank Him for it and strive to fulfill it to the highest degree possible.

29. Pray for our Editor, Glenna Tasedan, as she prepares to depart for an extended pastoral ministry in the communities of Goose Bay, Makkovik and Nain, Labrador. Father, Your Divine Presence in her.

30. **Sunday**-Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. II Peter 1:2 Worship Him. Sing praises to Him. Spend time in His word. Allow Him to love you. Share that love with someone.

Board of World Mission Executives Trace Steps

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or a cell phone. The village has plentiful apricot and apple orchards, vegetable gardens, a small elementary school, and a clinic. Waking up earlier one morning, after a breakfast of apricots lying about on the grass, Sam and I climbed up a goat trail on one side of this tiny valley and looked out far into the distance to see mountain upon mountain in all directions.

Why I describe this to you is because back in the 1855, two extraordinary Moravian Missionaries, Augustus Heyde and Edward Pagells, set out from Herrnhut to explore routes to Mongolia. Political problems prevented their passage through Tibet into China and onto Mongolia, so they found, after walking along trails no wider than a yard along the edge of mountains for seven days, a little village called Poo. Reading a book about this Moravian work, I found a description of Poo written in the 19th century.

“The whole tract of land at our feet was rich with vegetation, appeared as one uninterrupted garden, watered by many rivulets: high stone walls, surmounted by hedges, formed enclosures for fruitful grain fields. Thick, velvety turf, and the shade of very ancient apricot trees, invited us to repose....Set on its own high hill, Poo is surrounded in its immediate environs by much loftier summits that tower to a dizzying height from four to five thousand feet above the village. Beside the fact that the high Himalayan passes were not the easiest to trek through any time of the year, they were absolutely impassable to the traveler for a good part of the year. In short, Poo was about as isolated a place to reach as one could imagine. Yet once having reached it, it was like stepping into a

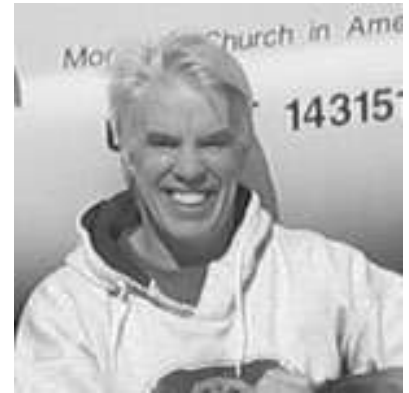


The village of Skindiang in Ladakhi

bright emerald oasis.”

The village of Poo is where Elizabeth and Sam Marx were born, and to see a village very similar in size and features impressed upon Sam and me the amazing courage, commitment, and faith Moravian missionaries demonstrated long ago. As beautiful as Skindiang was in August, by October, it would be buried in snow, without electricity and people depending on cow dung for heat and to cook. This too would have described life in Poo. In the same book I found the description of Poo, I also found this statement about early Moravian missionaries made by a British cleric known for being critical, “If I wish to praise a missionary, I say that person is worthy of being a Moravian missionary.”

The Rev. Will Sibert is the Executive Director of the Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church, North America since 2004. He and his wife Kim, and 2 daughters; Maria and Anna, live in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.



Upcoming

Prayer Focus

will report and explore Provinces around the Unity and their prayer concerns and prayer praises.

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Remember our Missionaries' November

Birthdays

- 5th—Wolfram Fliegel (R), 241 S. Orange St., Waconia, MN 55387
- 6th—Edwin Kortz (R), Apt 426A, 175 W. North St., Nazareth, PA 18064-1435
- 13th—Jean Dreydoppel (R), P.O. Box 352, Banning, CA 92220-0352
- 19th—John Case (R), 26 Elmswell Ave., Lakehurst, NJ 08733
- 24—Grace Dittmer (R), 699 Eaton St., Apt 29, Oceanside, CA 92054-6562
- 24—Abigail Lee Goff (C), 2025 W. Academy St., W-S, NC 27103
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- 25—Samuel B. Marx (R), Salem towne, Winston-Salem, NC 27106
- 28—Nora Adam (R), 200 S. Olive St. Waconia, MN 55387
- 30—Otto Dreydoppel, Sr. (R), P.O. Box 352, Banning CA 92220-0352

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Gospel with fraternity and sorority students. He also serves as the first-ever quarter-lifer representative on the Moravian Board of World Mission. After meeting at Laurel Ridge in 2004, Dusty and his wife Christin were married in October 2007. Both are actively involved in the Antioch Project and are passionate about the rejuvenation of missions in the Moravian Church, especially among the youth.

Following the service will be a reception in fellowship hall, you can mingle with mission team members, greet attendees, and share displays from their mission trips this past year.

Katrina

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reported that her pots and bowls were dry after a late afternoon thunderstorm. God is great.

I'm happy to report that all 85 mission trip participants returned home after our week at Camp Victor a little tired, but safe and injury-free. We all remembered the closing worship service Friday night, which became a huge celebration of the people we'd met, the work that had been accomplished, and the realization of God's Grace. The brass and guitar bands played, we all sang hymns and shared stories of the week, and we all learned new liturgies written as part of our nightly devotions. At times I honestly thought we'd blow the roof off of that building. During that Friday night worship, one devotion group provided us with a poignant reminder: while Katrina had been a very big storm, and while the relief needs in the gulf are still enormous, and though we attempted to do great things in Ocean Springs... God is bigger still.

Mission Society Yard Sale Marked As A Huge Success!

The Mission Society held a significantly large yard sale working in co-op with Hope Moravian Church, selling furniture from the former mission house that didn't fit in the new mission house at Hope, along with treasures collected from the congregation. The event cleared out *everything*, and profits were split between the two contributors; \$500.00 each! Many, many thanks to the many who worked to make that event a huge success.



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Youth In Mission Summit

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