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Threshers For Ladakh

The town of Leh, India (where the Moravian Church has had a powerful presence for more than 150 years) is in the region known as Ladakh (a Tibetan word meaning “land of the passes”). Ladakh is at the western end of the Tibetan Plateau in the northernmost part of India. It is about half the size of South Carolina with an average altitude of 12,000 to 13,000 feet. Many remote villages, however, are at altitudes of 14,000 feet or higher with connecting passes at 16,000 to 18,000 feet!

Scientists from North Carolina State University (including some members of Christ The King Moravian Church in Durham, North Carolina) have joined with Brother David Livingston (an MK – Missionary’s Kid – who grew up with a real heart for mission as well as a burden for the people of Ladakh) to organize the Ladakh Development Foundation in order to reach out to the people of this ruggedly and breathtakingly beautiful part of God’s creation. The LDF is dedicated to assisting the people of Ladakh and surrounding areas in all aspects of rural development with the goal of empowering the people of Ladakh to improve their lives and communities.

Barley is the major crop in Ladakh, but in this region – and with the limited resources available – threshing the grain can be very problematic. The Thresher Project (of the Ladakh Development Foundation) provides small gasoline /

kerosene powered wheat and barley threshers to villages in Ladakh that, because of their remoteness, have



received little or no humanitarian assistance. A crop that would take 10 to 14 days to thresh using animals takes from 2 to 3 days using the thresher. After harvest, many farmers travel to other parts of

Ladakh for manual labor and the time they save using the thresher enables them to leave earlier.

The thresher also provides an alternative to villagers who do not have animals and have to rent them. Even those with animals cannot always rely on them since they get sick and sometimes die. Less grain is lost using the thresher because animal threshing does not always completely thresh the heads and some of the grain is trampled into the ground.

The head Lama of one village told the Ladakh Development folks that he likes the thresher because it
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A Five Minute Prayer Meeting

The Unity Board of the Worldwide Moravian Church met in Barbados, Eastern West Indies, May 17-25. What an amazing gathering – Moravian brothers and sisters from 17 of the 19 provinces of the Unity! Each day, the sessions began with a time of devotions (led by local pastors in Barbados), followed by another hour of Bible Study, reflection and visioning. The theme of the studies was “Discerning God’s Mission Through Our Unity,” but the group realized that it could also be “Discerning Our Unity Through God’s Mission.” Our mission flows from our unity, but our unity is also found in our mutual mission!

One morning at about 5:55 a.m.,

five of the Unity Board members were walking along the white sands of Rockley Beach beside the beautiful Caribbean Sea. One of the five said to the others, “before we walk together, we should pray together.” So they did. It was a five minute prayer meeting... with prayers in five languages!



But what a beautiful picture of our Moravian Unity: brothers and sisters beginning the day together, praying together before they walk together, in different styles and different languages, yet, like the disciples on the day of Pentecost, all together in one place!

A Message From Our President

As we engage in various celebrations of our 550th anniversary, let each of us look within ourselves to the God given gifts and talents we each possess. It is our responsibility to use these gifts to lift up the lives of our fellow-man. Let us thank God for his everlasting love, the love that passes all understanding. The love that allowed God the Father to send his son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. What a wonderful gift!

What a tribute it is to God when we show our love for him by using the gifts that he has en-

trusted in us? Some of us have the gift of speech, some preaching and some teaching. Lets go out into the world and use these talents or gifts to spread the gospel, and enlighten those in darkness, heal the broken hearted and comfort those who live in misery. The needs are so great we cannot afford not to use our gifts.



When we think of how truly blessed we are, it is our obligation to share our blessings. 1 Peter 4:10 teaches us that each one should use whatever gift he has received

to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. Some might say we are doing enough, but are we? 2 Corinthians 8:12 teaches us: For the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. Every gift that we have comes from God; we are obligated to use those gifts to help our brothers and sisters. So, as we celebrate our 550th anniversary let's use our gifts in the mission field both at home and overseas.

Evon Crooks, President, Mission Society, Southern Province and a member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church.

Mission Team Heads to Tanzania

This summer a team of five Moravian women will journey to Tanzania. The team will be lead by Mary Kategile who is from Western Tanzania and currently a student at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem. Cynthia Rader-Geyer, Moravian pastor at College Hill Moravian Church in Bethlehem and college students, Anne Fagge, Melissa



Cox and Jessica Jelinski, will join Mary. The purpose of their trip is to strengthen relationships with pastors, youth and the medical community in order to continue working together on development of HIV/AIDS educational resources. The team will visit Teofil Kisanji University in Mbeya to learn about current

HIV/AIDS education and field test resources and educational modules for their cultural and theological appropriateness. The team hopes to visit the AIDS Orphans Ministry (Adopt-A-Village) and thereby strengthen relationships with those involved. Upon the team's return, they will share their new insights and learning with North American Moravian congregations.

Please pray for Mary and Anne who will begin their journey on June 13th and Cynthia and Jessica who depart for Tanzania on July 3rd. Melissa will meet up with the team in early July from Kenya. For further information, contact Kim Bartholomew, MPH, at 610-868-1732 or kim@mncp.org

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Finding A Dream Amongst Beauty, Ugliness & Poverty

Tramping around Nicaragua, the first thing I noticed was the contrasts; the beauty amid the ugliness and poverty. The country is most certainly amazing and my time there was the most wonderful experience I've had so far in my life.

Getting to travel to Nicaragua is a dream come true. It is certainly not something I planned for when searching for an internship in the criminal justice field. After several years of classes at Utica College in New York, I realized I no longer wanted to go to law school. I was a little lost. I finally knew that my real calling was to be involved with international human rights. I contacted the

Moravian Board of World Mission (BWM), and I got the dream internship I had been hoping for.

I spent this past semester working with the HIV/AIDS Committee for the BWM. I am in the process of writing an AIDS education curriculum to be taught in Tanzania, Guyana, and Honduras. I learned so much about HIV and AIDS in the past few months, especially on the needs-assessment trip to Nicaragua.

In order to learn what education is currently going on, I needed to travel there myself and find out. I also had to tie this internship to a topic in criminal justice so I visited two prisons in Managua to do a research study about HIV/AIDS in prisons. It

would be great if I could put my entire experience into words, but that doesn't seem possible, even a month after returning to the United States.

I couldn't have asked for a better opportunity or a more exciting and challenging internship experience. Trips like this do not come around every day, but I am already looking forward to doing more work for the Board of World Mission in the future. Bring on more encounters like this one!

Rebecca Frey is a graduating student of Moravian Theological Seminary.

Correction, June issue-Herbert & Mary Pfohl enabled the purchase of the mission residence in 1958.

Moree News Update: Aix en Provence, France

Well, we love it. It's beautiful here. It is interesting. We are of course in the midst of some culture shock and are not settled yet into a home, but we think we will definitely like living here. The vegetables and fruits available here taste much better. I suspect it has to do with less-chemicals involved in their growth. I look forward to our salads at every meal now for that reason.

We find the climate quite agreeable. It is similar to the Carolinas in the States. We both think that the French language is beautiful to listen to and are looking forward to conversing better in this language.



Things to pray for are:

- An acceptable 3-bedroom apartment
- An inexpensive car to drive
- that we would be able to find what we need for the kitchen and bedrooms
- That we would get the hang of the language

- That we would be an encouragement and help to our colleagues
- Elijah is praying for friends... please pray with him.
- that we find a stroller that we can navigate through these streets in
- that we would manage our finances well in light of the expensive environment

Neil and Anita Moree are serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Aix En Provence, France. The Board of World Mission and other Moravians help to support their ministry. Their e-mail address is:

thefamily@moreefamily.org

Tragedy Into Triumph: How God Brought Moravians Together



Villager in a barley field of Ladakh

How Did God bring Moravians together to help turn tragedy into triumph?

The Ladakh region of northern India, cut off from the monsoon plains of the Indian sub-continent, and being on the lee-side of the Himalayan Mountains, is a cold, dry desert with small glacial streams feeding the irrigation needs of Ladakh's villages. But last summer this description of Ladakh was altered with incessant rains and cloudbursts throughout the region, stretching four hundred kilometres. While some villages lying in the path of the cloudburst were completely washed off, other places had severe damage to houses, fields, trees, roads and power lines. Over 230 bridges were washed away. Most of these are still not rebuilt.

Thousands of miles away, members of Christ the King Moravian Church, already in contact with Moravians in Leh, became aware of this situation. They

gathered a "love offering" to help their Ladakhi brothers and sisters in this time of need. The offering was hand-delivered by a group of Christ the King members who, amazingly, already had a trip planned to that area.

The Moravians in Leh, led by their pastor Rev. Elijah Gergan, tried to use this gift wisely, in a manner that would go a long way in re-establishing families and communities. They used a portion of the gift on the fortification of one of the walls of the Mission School. But then they decided to do the following:

Considering that the Moravian Church in Leh has been in the education ministry since 1887, having introduced secular education in Ladakh with a quality still unmatched; and considering that many of the affected families have their children studying in the Moravian Mission School in Leh; and considering that since the income levels of the families have dropped and the expenditures on reconstruction increased, the paying of even small monthly school tuition fees of fifteen to twenty dollars became a burden for them; the church decided to give some immediate relief to families in

various villages and then take care of their school fee obligations for the current year so that the studies of the children would not be hampered.

Most school children from such families will continue to get the benefit of this flood relief money till the completion of their school education, ranging from three to seven years. Isn't it amazing how God can turn mourning into dancing and tragedy into triumph?

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runs on its own and they do not have to beat their animals (a sin in Buddhism) to get them to cooperate in the threshing process. The thresher thus eliminates a religious obstacle that is a problem associated with traditional threshing methods.

For more information, visit www.ldfoundation.org or write to:

Ladakh Development Foundation,
514 Gablefield Lane, Apex, NC
27502

Link to Operation World for fascinating facts about the peoples of Ladakh

<http://www.gmi.org/ow/country/indi/owtext.html>



Prayer Focus

July - Russell Winfield and the Labrador Moravian Church

I have now been serving in Labrador for 10 months, and the time has passed very quickly. I am a member of the British Province (Fetter Lane congregation, having grown up in Ockbrook congregation), and am now serving the Moravian Church in Newfoundland & Labrador (MCNL) under the remit of the North American Board of World Mission.

Whilst here I am working for the MCNL in a number of locations and on a number of tasks. My time has been split equally between the three coastal communities: Makkovik, Hopedale, and Nain. In each of these communities the challenges have been different – sometimes it has a youth focus, other times helping take some of the pressure off the existing volunteers, it is fairly fluid in what I am involved with day-by-day, which has made things interesting. I have been fortunate in being able to lead services most weeks in all the communities, so some of my time is spent on sermon preparation and finding hymns that are known to that group of people.

The final chapter of my time here will be in helping to lead a

summer camp for young people aged 13-15 in Labrador in the first week of July. We are fortunate to have some friends from the Moravian Church, Southern Province joining us in this project: George & Glenna Tasedan, Hannah Biggam, Mircea Radu, & Rev. Tim Byerly and we all look forward to working together.



Moravian Church of Hopedale

The overall aim of my time has been to ensure that the whole community in which I serve knows the fact that the Church loves them and wants to serve them, and ultimately that Jesus Christ loves them, and what a relationship with Him looks like. This has been a challenge but Labrador is fortunate in having a lot of wonderful people who serve the Church faithfully in love and humility. I have received far more than I have given during my time here..

Finally I guess you could say a secondary aim is to raise awareness of Labrador outside of this great province, in the larger Moravian Unity. The advent of modern communication methods has meant that it is now far easier for Moravians across the world to keep in contact and so I have tried to facilitate this as much as possible for the Labrador people, ensuring their voice is

heard beyond these shores. One way we have done this is by setting up a blog:

labradormoravian.blogspot.com I would encourage you to check it out.

Please do keep the people of Labrador in your prayers, and specifically pray for the following:

- The Summer Camp being held for the Moravian Church in Newfoundland and Labrador (MCNL) young people July 1-8 2007
- The Provincial Teleconference on June 6th 2007
- The call of full time ministers to the province that the MCNL is currently considering
- That the most powerful influence on each person's life is the love of Jesus Christ
- That the young people, whilst living with their day-to-day struggles, find hope in Christ.
- Pray the Bible translators will continue on in their great and awesome task. They have been patient, understanding, and are able to work together. May we continue on in this great purpose, for all to know God's Word!
- Pray for Sr Joan Andersen, Provincial President as she guides the Moravian Church in challenging, yet exciting new directions.



Iceberg near Cod Island



Coordinator: Helen Gulledge

Pray Everyday Day

July 2007

1. Today, let's pray for approximately 21/2 thousand Moravians who live in Labrador. Pray that God will fill them daily with His Holy Spirit. Pray against the spirit of alcoholism and depression so prevalent there. Bless the mission teams there.

2. **SUNDAY.** Pray for safe travel for the over 100 young adults going to Convo. They are traveling to Prague, CZ Republic and Herrnhut. May their journey home to their Moravian roots inspire them to greater understanding and mission for Christ.

3. God, grant me strength to do with ready heart and willing, whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling; and do it when I ought, with zeal and joyfulness; and bless the work I've wrought, for you must give success. *Hymn 615*

4. As we celebrate Independence Day, pray that men and women throughout the world will experience freedom from sin through Christ and his atoning sacrifice.

5. Pray for all Christians who are enduring persecution because of their faith in Christ to remember God is their refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

6. As we celebrate John Hus martyrdom (1415) and birthday (1369) may God empower us to give testimony of our faith in Christ and to share in his suffering. Pray for the bishops of our province. James C. Hughes, Robert A. Iobst, Lane Sapp, Wayne Burkette, Sam Gray, Graham Rights.

7. As we prepare for Sunday worship, may we remember to worship God in spirit and truth each day of the week. Pray for your pastors and their wives. Lift the members of your church board and the teachers in your Sunday School.

8. May the young adults at Convo be renewed and rejoice in the presence of God's Spirit as they share Holy Communion and a lovefeast in the Berthelsdorf Church near Herrnhut..

9. **SUNDAY.** Today, let's pray for approximately 21/2 thousand Moravians who live in Labrador. Pray that God will fill them daily with His Holy Spirit. Pray against the spirit of alcoholism and depression so prevalent there. Bless the mission teams there.

10. Thank you Father for those who so freely share the blessings of their home and their gifts with those brothers and sisters in need. Ask Him to show you how you can do more for Him.

11. Ask God to continue to bless all mission committees, chapters, and organizations which impact their respective congregations by keeping them aware of mission needs.

12. Remember the pilots of Mission Aviation Fellowship serving missionaries and nationals in Africa, Latin America and Indonesia, and support staff; George Goff & Steve Marx.

13. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow. Pray for the widows of ministers who have served in partnership with saintly men who have completed their task here. Fill them with your joy.

14. Pray for those you know and for others living in retirement homes, nursing facilities or are homebound. Ask God to bless them and those who take care of them. Pray for more people to take time to visit them.

14. Father, Your Son prayed, before His death on the cross, that all may be one, as He and the Father are one. Let this be our prayer today.

15. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together. *Ps 34:3 NIV Sing a praise song to Him.*

16. **SUNDAY.** Offer praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of all

grace and mercy for His healing blessings which He has bestowed on those servants whom you know who have received His healing blessings.

17. This is the day the Lord has made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps118 Lift those witnessing the Good News to unbelievers in Mongolia. Pray for Laura and Rick Leatherwood as they reach young people there for Christ.

18. Father, please glorify your name through our efforts to serve you as we go forward as missionaries to spread your word of love and reconciliation at home and around the world in our daily lives. *Acts1: 10,11*

19. Today, Father, we lift Jacqueline and Doug Wilson to you for continued endurance and strength as they labor for your kingdom among the people of Uganda, ministering to their physical and spiritual needs.

20. Father of our Lord Jesus and our Father, we pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima's request to keep their focus as they serve the people in their village in Sierra Leone. We praise you for the progress in building of a church.

21. Be with students on all campuses and give them your protection. Enable them to experience your love and peace as they face the stresses of this life

22 We pray for protection, guidance and support for Doug and Jacqueline Wilson in Lampura, Uganda; Mohammad and Safiatu Braima in Sierre Leone; Neil, Anita, Elijah and Ana Moree in France. Meet their every need

23. **SUNDAY.** Prince of Peace, we pray for the wisdom and love needed to live in harmony with one another in our homes, neighborhoods, nation and world. Lead us to a life of worship and service.

24. Ask God to bring lots of children into Vacation Bible School programs this summer and pray that they experience the love of Jesus in those settings

25. Praise God for those who have started or lead small groups for prayer and Bible study in our neighborhoods and churches.

26. Ask God to bless members of New Philadelphia Moravian Church in Winston Salem. Today is the birthday of the congregation. (1846)

27. Pray for Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse and the people who bring help and the love of Jesus to people in great need in many places all over the world. Pray for those serving in Hooper Bay, Alaska. Ask God to use them to witness.

28. Pray for the people in Sudan suffering from killing and terrible persecution.

29. Sunday. As you worship today, thank God for your salvation and look for places in your Bible where eternal salvation is mentioned.

30. **SUNDAY.** Today is the birthday of Emmaus Moravian Church (Pa., 1747) Holy Spirit, fill them with joy and peace and the desire to win people for Christ Jesus.

31. Pray for wisdom and safety for many youth and adults who are traveling around the world to serve Christ on summer mission teams. The "FEET FIRST" Youth in Mission Summit begins today. Father, bring the Holy Spirit over each person present and reveal Your desire for them in the year to come.

Prayer Focus

August—The Board of World Mission of the Moravian Church, North America

A deep commitment to world mission has characterized the Moravian Church since its earliest days. A small 300-member Moravian community in Herrnhut, Germany sent missionaries to the Danish West Indies in 1732. Since then, God's call to proclaim the good news of God's saving work in Jesus Christ has taken hundreds of Moravian missionaries from the mountaintops of Ladakh, India to the savannas of La Mosquitia, Honduras. Today, Moravian churches or societies worship and minister in nearly thirty nations and number over 700,000 believers.

The Board of World Mission (BWM) is the overseas mission sending and support agency of the Moravian Church in America. It

continues the work begun in 1745 by the Society for Propagating the Gospel, North America's oldest Protestant mission society. Founded in 1949, BWM acts on behalf of the Northern Province, Southern Province and Alaska Province of the Moravian Church.

A representative Board of Directors oversees the work of the BWM, which is also accountable to the synods of the Moravian Church in America. Meeting biannually, the directors determine BWM's goals, policies, and areas of mission involvement, and appoint all staff and overseas personnel.

The BWM has two offices. The office of the Executive Director is located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The Executive Director is the Rev. Will Sibert. Winston-Salem, North Carolina is home to the office of the Director of Intercultural Ministries & Communication. The Rt. Rev. Sam Gray is Director of Intercultural Ministries & Communication.

The Board of World Mission nurtures historic and vital partnerships with Moravian Churches in Alaska, Costa Rica, Eastern West Indies, Guyana, Honduras, Labrador, Nicaragua, and Tanzania and of cross-cultural outreach of Moravian partners among the Garifuna people of Honduras, the Siberian Yup'ik people of Chukotka, the Sukuma people of Tanzania. Important ministries a part of the BWM include, but are not limited to Moravian Disaster Response and the School of Worship and Music in Nepal, and soon to be in Costa Rica.

The content and purpose of the mission of the Board of World Mission is best expressed in words taken from the Ground of the Unity, the doctrinal statement of the Moravian Church:

"The Lord Jesus Christ calls His Church into being so that it may serve Him on earth until he comes. The Unitas Fratrum (Moravian



Church) is, therefore, aware of its being called in faith to serve humanity by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It recognizes this call to be the source of its being and the inspiration of its service. As is the source, so is the aim and end of its being based upon the will of its Lord."

The current staff of the Board of World Mission are:

Executive Director: Rev. Will Sibert
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 Intern, N. Province: Jill Kolodziej



Prayer Focus

- Pray for God's leading in all the work of the Board of World Mission and her staff.
- Pray for vision of needs of people around the world.
- Pray that God will bring forth new servants asking to "GO".
- Pray that God will bring a multitude of young adults to the Youth In Mission Summit—FEET FIRST—and create passionate disciples of Christ out of it.
- Pray for all missionaries & minis-

Coordinator: Helen Gulledge

Pray Everyday Day

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1. On this day in 1752, the first missionaries arrived in Labrador. Bless those who have stepped up to provide leadership in the church there. Win souls through the Tasedans, Rev. Byerly & the two youth traveling to Goose Bay to witness.
2. Pray in thanksgiving today for the work at Sunnyside Ministry. Pray for the volunteers who meet needy clients in each day.
3. Pray for the children and youth of our church. Pray that individuals may be stirred to accept leadership to guide them in Christian education in Sunday School and Youth Fellowship.
4. Micah 6: 8 ... "to do justice and to love kindness" - This is what the Lord requires of us. God use us to seek ways to help and support the disenfranchised in our neighborhoods, towns and cities.
5. **SUNDAY.** O Savior of the Nations, we pray your presence with the governmental leaders. Where there is conflict, we pray for peaceful solutions. We pray your presence and healing with those who live in war torn areas.
6. Pray today for your congregation and its outreach ministry in your town, but also in the world. Pray in thanksgiving for all those who have served in mission opportunities this summer. We are blessed to be a blessing.
7. Remember in prayer ministers, educators, musicians, ushers as they prepare for Sunday School and Worship. We pray in thanksgiving for their witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and his amazing saving grace.
8. "I will bless you and you will be a blessing." Lord we ask that you would use those who are working on college campuses around the world to win young people to your kingdom.
9. Father of orphans and protector of widows, we lift all those who are alone and lonely in this world to you for love and encouragement.
10. Merciful God, you are the great physician and so we lift all those suffering from HIV/AIDS, and those who have devoted themselves to fighting the disease, to you for your grace and mercy. Bless Peggy and Bill Hoffman and their efforts in this field.
11. Lord God, all things are known to you and are under your control. We lift Neil, Anita, Anna and Elijah Moree as they start their ministry in France under the cloud of having been on the same flight as the young man with TB. Pray for their health as well as their ministry and their finances.
12. **SUNDAY.** Father, you call us to love justice, do mercy and to walk humbly with you. Let us worship you with our whole hearts this day and give you all praise and glory.
13. Dear Father, as we begin another workweek, we pray our lives would reflect the mighty love and mercy you have bestowed us. Thank you for the outpouring of your Holy Spirit in 1727. Do it again.
14. Christ died for us and for all who would believe on Him, yet we continue to sin and forget all His goodness to us.
15. Pray for Samaritans Purse and those serving through that organization. Lift them up by name if you know them. Pray for their protection and that God will use them in His service.
16. Lord, we thank you for organizations like "Loaves and Fishes" and "Second Harvest Food Bank" that help feed those in need in our communities.
17. Pray for Dr. Billy Graham, Ruth Graham and their family. Pray for their health and that the new Billy Graham Library will be a mighty evangelistic tool
18. Name above all names! Jesus. Pray that our lives will be visual praise to the name of Jesus. Ask God to help you share his love with someone today.
19. **SUNDAY.** Pray for the Youth in Mission Summit to be held at Laurel Ridge. Pray for those attending and for those who will be leading the sessions. Pray for safe travel for all.
20. After they had eaten they took up enough broken bread to fill twelve baskets. Ask God to give us a heart to share our wealth with those in need. There are so many children who do not have sufficient diets.
21. Bring your sins to the cross and accept the waiting forgiveness of Jesus. Allow Him to comfort you with His abounding love Ask God to help you share this good news with someone who needs to come to Jesus.
22. Pray for the children who are preparing to go to school. Pray for their safety and that they would be comfortable in their surroundings. Pray God's presence would fill every campus.
23. Thank God for your salvation. Thank Jesus for loving you enough to give Himself to die on the cross for our sins. Pray for those you know who do not know Jesus.
24. Pray for Will Sibert and the members of the Board of World Mission. Pray for the Disaster Relief program and ask God to continue to send volunteers to serve in the Gulf coast region.
25. "This is the day the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 115:24. Read all of Psalm 117 this morning and pray.
26. **SUNDAY.** Our special day for worship and Sunday School. Devote this day to God. Pray that the name of Jesus will be glorified.
27. The Moravian Hourly Intercession began on this day in 1727 and the Moravian Prayer Union in 1872. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire.
28. Birthday of two Moravian churches this day. Hope of W-S, and The Promise Church in Lewis Center, Ohio.
29. Pray that Rev. Enrique Alcantara and the members of Cordero de Dios Moravian church will be able to start more Spanish-speaking congregations.
30. Pray for the people of the Sudan in Africa suffering violent persecution. Ask God to shower His love on these people.
31. "God reveals his presence; let us now adore him and with awe appear before him. God is in his temple; all in us keep silence and before him bow with reverence. Him alone God we own; he's our Lord and Savior. Praise his name forever. MBW #554.

Contributors to the Pray Every Day August were Helen Gulledge, Mallie Graham and Rt. Rev. Robert Iobst. To contribute prayers to Pray Every Day, contact Helen Gulledge, helngull@aol.com

Mission Principles: Part I

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Discovering Whom We Are Called To Be; Not Just What We Are Called To Do

In each part of this series, we will look at a principle of mission that Jesus shared with his disciples. Then, we will “follow it along” by seeing how it affected the life of the early Christians (in Acts); then how it played out in the real world of Corinth (in I Corinthians); and finally how it can be seen in our own Ground of the Unity as Moravians.

Read **Matthew 5:13-16** and think about these questions:

- What are some examples of decay and “rotting” in our world?
- What are some practical ways in which we can function as salt in the world?
- What might cause Moravians to lose their saltiness?

Now read **Acts 1:7-11** and think about these two statements:

- the disciples were called to BE witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.
- they were told to look *around*, not just *up!*

Now go to **I Corinthians 4:9-13** to see what happens when the “rubber meets the road.”

- salt and light are not always welcome in the world. The church can lose its saltiness and its brightness as it seeks to be in the world but not of the world.
- Do we sometimes try to be a cathedral church in a carnival world?

A 4-Part Series

- Now read (from the **Ground of the Unity**) from the section on “Essential Features of the Unity,” paragraphs 1 and 2: The Unitas Fratrum was called into BEING by God...

A living Church is the clearest witness for its Lord to the world!

Remember, it’s not so much that the Moravian Church needs a mission, but that God’s mission needs a Moravian Church! How can we BE part of this?

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Youth In Mission Summit August 31st-September 3rd, 2007

Jesus said, “Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...” to the new believers, however that very same message was given to people from the beginning of God’s world.

“Go Ye Therefore...” Youth In Mission Summit 2007 is about centering in on your discipleship for Christ; discovering where God is already working and where in the world you fit into His plan. We will be explor-

ing God’s Word through many means, probing the “world views” of peoples outside the Western world, examining our potential platforms for ministry, and taking a close look at what the Moravians are doing around the globe and where your skills might be needed or developed.

Are your passion or skills in Agriculture? Mathematics? Biology? Sports? Teaching? Music? People? and/or something else? Do you have a need to help others and are looking for the right place to plug in? Would you like a bet-

ter understanding of where God is calling you? The Youth In Mission Summit is where you belong on . . .

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Ages: 17-27 (flexible)

Cost: free

Place; Laurel Ridge Camp/ & Conference Center

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Will's Travels

I picked up a globe at Vani & Shanti Pradhan's house the other day, and took a look at the positioning of South Africa relative to the US, and realized just how far it is. The April trip I took along with Sam Gray and Betsy Miller was incredible as the article in the recent ONWARD made clear. But after that 17 day trip, I found myself 8 days after getting home heading back to the UK for the All Tanzania Partners Conference. This conference is held every 18 months so that all mission agencies working with the Moravian Church in Tanzania (MCT) can gather to discuss their on-going partnerships. The principle focus of this conference was AIDS and the Bishop Kasanji University.

Since January I've traveled some 65,000 miles and as I sat there holding the globe, realized that meant I have traveled around the world two times. I honestly cannot say I enjoy all this travel, but once I am with the incredible Moravian brothers and sisters I meet, it all seems worth it. Their energy, hard work, and sacrifices for the Lamb are inspirational and I am exceedingly humbled by their gracious hospitality!



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