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Star Mountain Rehabilitation

TAKE OFF! Increasing the work and filling the gaps

During my first year in Star Mountain, I had to find out, what is the status quo of our mission better to say "our ministry", where are the gaps to fill, and where are the areas of development of the work. Actually as you may expect, the work done in Star Mountain is magnificent and incredible but the field in front of us is even larger. Here are some results of the extension of our services and commitment.

The current number of volunteers did already increase up to four! And we are grateful receiving some more applications for the summer. We even have an experienced youth volunteering this summer. We may start a small exchange for volunteers in both territories to give them the opportunity seeing the "whole" picture of the Holy Land situation.

More service for disabled children

With the financial support of the Bible Land Society, Diakonie Austria and the Austrian Development Agency we are able to extend our area of action to another four very neglected villages in the north west of the Ramallah district. These villages are trapped between the Israeli security fence in the west and some Israeli settlements (blue), this is

causing a big lack of all kind of services for the population especially for disabled children. We plan to install two additional resource rooms in the existing regular kindergartens (in Rantis and Aboud), where we can give education and do integration work for almost 20 disabled children.

We will also upgrade and update the community based rehabilitation work (CBR) in cooperation with the medical services of the Palestinian Medical Relief Society. Actually we'll serve more another 50 additional mentally disabled persons and their families through home visits, mobile therapy units, through lectures, seminars and trainings for parents, community responsible persons and stakeholders and by supporting the integration of disabled youngsters and young adults in schools and working places. This will increase the total number of

beneficiaries in our Community Work Department from 190 to about 260 clients.



Growing Kindergarten

Since last November we are running our "Star-Kids" international and integrative Kindergarten for disabled and non-disabled children in the age 0-4. The first group has 10 places, 3 to 4 are reserved for disabled kids. We like to organize/raise for

these places financial support (as some kind of Pateschaften/ godfather relations) from individual private donors as well as from the Moravian Church. Here in Palestine it is very difficult to find adequate places for disabled babies and little children.

Our kindergarten is international: Two teachers are speaking Arabic, one speaks German; English is the language between
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Mission Awareness Dinner—A Mission Celebration

Advent Moravian Church

May 3, 2008

Band Prelude/Mission Fair Displays and Fellowship 5:00 pm

Dinner 5:30 pm

Featured Speakers: Phil Raiford, Donna Tesh, and Glenna Tasedan

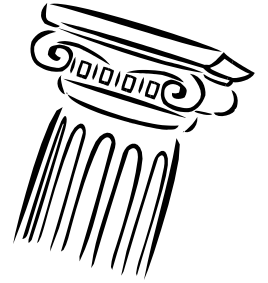
Brass Group with Ted Kimball

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Call Sheila to submit your display 336-773-1732

A Message From Our President



What is our mission?

To bring peace, joy and Hope through Jesus Christ to all!

We Hope for meaningful lives.

We Hope for solutions to world hunger and peace.

We Hope for all people to get to know Jesus Christ.

Is there any Hope?

Families are falling apart.

Violence and drugs are ruining our schools and communities.

Diseases are killing our people.

Is there any Hope?

Can we have peace and joy in our hearts?

Can we have fulfillment in life?

Can we have strength and empowerment to live meaningful lives?

Does anyone really care?!

These are questions that confront all of us at some point in our lives. The answer can be found throughout the Bible.

Yes! There is Hope! Jesus cares for each of us. It is His promise that the God of Hope fills us with all joy and peace in believing that we may have Hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost, *Romans 15:13*

God gives us power. This power is capable of giving us Hope. The Bible tells us God has that power. We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, *Romans 1:16*.

No one is Hopeless whose Hope is in God!

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

Moree Monthly; The Chay Language Project

“But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

Galatians 6:14

One of the translation projects that our team is working on is in a language we call “Chay”. Here are some specific requests that we can share with you. The Chay church is under persecution. Will you pray with us for them?

Pray! The church in the Chay country is experiencing increased persecution. Then churches have been ordered by local authorities to stop meeting. Three brothers were sentenced to heavy fines and imprisonment without them even knowing about the trial.

Pray! However, since the sentence has not yet been delivered to their lawyer, these brothers are not yet behind bars and an appeal is possible. Believers have been unified through an around the clock prayer vigil.

Praise! A selection of 13 Chay Psalms is now approved for recording.

Pray! However, due to direct threats, the Chay team members hesitate to lend their voices for future productions and have asked us to stop distribution of Chay Scripture productions for the time being.

Pray! However, due to his concern for the safety of his family who live in-country, Billy decided he should not be filmed.

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE

Protection: Father, give courage and protection to the Chay team in this time of increasing threats against your people in the Chay country.

Truth: Father, please send the Chay your Word so that they might know you.

Patience: Father, give everyone patience and assurance that your timing is perfect for the Chay people.

Following is a gift from the Moree Family from France.

QUICHE LORRAINE

I have been trying to find a recipe as good as the quiches that are baked in the bakeries here. They are absolutely amazing in flavor and texture. This is what I made for our Easter brunch and it was just as good

- 1 frozen pie crust (the kind you unroll)
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 c creme fraiche (you can substitute sour cream)
- 1 c milk
- 2 c shredded swiss cheese
- 6 slices of bacon fried and crumbled
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg

Lay the pie crust in a deep dish pie pan, or a springform pan (if using a springform, make sure the edge are secured). Whisk the eggs, creme fraiche and milk until smooth. Mix in the cheese and crumbled bacon, add salt and nutmeg. Pour the egg mixture into the crust and bake for 10 minutes at 375. Lower the heat to 325 and bake for 30 more minutes. Watch to make sure that the top does not brown too much and lay a piece of foil over the top if necessary. Allow to cool slightly and serve warm with a salad or fruit.

A SENDING CHURCH SERIES

Little Church on the Lane
Little Church With a Big Commission

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 29:18

How does God use a "Little Church" to make Him known among All Nations? Little Church on the Lane actively answers the Great Commission in the Charlotte community and throughout the world by sending individuals and financially supporting missions. Over the past five years especially, this mission focus has been evident through numerous trips and sponsorships of individuals seeking to do God's work across the world. The effects have been far-reaching, both for those who have received, and most of the time even greater for those who have served. I will attempt, through examples, to portray a picture of how God has used individuals and has blessed Little Church on the Lane through the work of missions.

We begin with Mohamed and Safiatu Braima, long-time members of Little Church on the Lane, who are faithfully continuing the work to which God has called them in their homeland of Sierra Leone, Africa. Mohamed & Safiatu spent part of 2007 in Africa, during which time they were able to build a church & library in their village. They returned to the U.S. excited to share the fruits of their labors, but also with a vision to return to set up a more permanent

ministry. Little Church on the Lane is blessed to support the Braima's both financially and through prayer. Mohamed was installed as an acolyte of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church at Little Church while at home this past January, and he and Safiatu have now returned to Sierra Leone to continue the work which God began.

The Moree Family made their home at Little Church on the Lane for several months while in training with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are now working in Europe to translate North African languages and in turn provide more people with access to God's Word. We also support the Moree's financially and through prayer, and we were blessed by the time we got to spend with their family before they left for France.

Most recently, Helen Gullede has left her Little Church home to serve students at a Christian college in Soldotna, Alaska. We are praying God's blessings for Helen.

Other members have been sent to Labrador and to Alaska over the past 5 years to

serve with the Moravian Church, including Rev. Steve Wilson and his wife Claire, Rev. Billy Flippin, Keith Overcash, Pete Hiltz, Craig and Ginny Summeral, Jane Medlin, and Mike Rappe. Little Church has also sponsored the work of Doug Wilson through Samaritan's Purse in Afghanistan and Uganda. God is faithful to connect us with our brothers and sisters all across the globe, even in the most distant (and coldest) of places!

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Finally, Little Church on the Lane's focus on missions is known from a young age. The Middle School and Senior High youth of Little Church take mission trips every summer, and the students actively participate in fundraising opportunities prior to

these trips. In one year the youth may host a formal dinner, hold a Christmas tree sale, sell coffee, and send personal letters to raise support for missions. The adults in the congregation are tremendously supportive of these efforts.

The Middle School youth have served at Laurel Ridge Mission Camp and have also participated in an overnight camp that focuses on service in and around the Charlotte community. The Senior High youth have traveled with Son Servants ministries to rural Nicaragua and have been twice to Mexico- first to Reynosa, just across the Texas border, and also to Merida, on the Yucatan peninsula. During their time overseas, our youth partner with (and work alongside of) locals to build up the communities, spread the Gospel, and teach children about Jesus Christ. The Little Church youth have also traveled numerous times to Tennessee, where they have worked with Mountain T.O.P. to meet the physical, emotional, social,

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THIS IS A **"WHAT DOES A SENDING (SODALITY) CHURCH LOOK LIKE?"** SERIES. PLEASE SEND A DESCRIPTION (500 WORDS) OF YOUR SENDING CHURCH OR ACTIVITY IN TO MORAVIANONWARD@YAHOO.COM SO WE CAN PUBLISH IT.

Volunteers to Nicaragua

Building crews are needed to help rebuild homes, schools and churches in Nicaragua. Lumber is currently being sawn from trees knocked down by Hurricane Felix and readied for construction. Approximately 100,000 people are living in very crude temporary housing and need our help. This will be hard, hot, dirty work, NO FRILLS! Skilled and Semi-skilled volunteers needed now, unskilled volunteers will be needed sometime in the future.

For now, housing will be camping under mosquito net at best. Facilities will be outhouse and 5 gallon bucket bath. Food will be prepared by local village cook and clean water will be provided. You will be responsible for your airfare to and from Managua with Moravian Disaster Response paying for your travel to and from the village. You will be responsible for any other personal expenses while in Nicaragua.

If you feel God could use you in this effort, please contact me for more information.

I pray that the Savior will speak to your heart and you will respond, in His name, Amen!

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School of Music and Worship Limon, Costa Rica

You may have stood up and shouted when you heard the news of this exciting new ministry! And now it's time to get down on our knees and pray that God would do wonderful things through this program and through these people!



Pray for:

* The EMA (Escuela de Musica y Alabanza) Committee. They will be meeting in Limon on Saturday, April 26th to finalize plans for the opening of the school.

* Morgan Smith and Roman Brady who are preparing for service at the School through the Antioch Project of the BWM.

Roman (Trinity Moravian, Winston-Salem) is graduating from Western Carolina University on May 10th.

Morgan (First Moravian, Greensboro) works for a major music company in Tennessee where she plays violin in the Nashville Symphony.

* The 8 denominations in Costa Rica that are supporting the school: Baptist - Methodist - Anglican - Pentecostal - Tabernacle of Power - Salvation Army - Catholic - Moravian, AND . . . the 77 students they are sending to the school this year to study.

* Sister Nola Knouse (Moravian Music Foundation) who is continuing to develop the curriculum for the school and who will be training the Antioch Mission Servants who will serve as instructors.

* Brother Leo Pixley (President of the Costa Rican Moravian Provincial Board). His board is taking a real leadership role in the development of this ministry.

* Joe and Lisa Mixon (East Hills Moravian, Bethlehem), who will be offering a workshop in Music Theory, Guitar and Keyboard (in May) as part of the acceptance and placement process for the 77 students.

* the many who will be blessed and brought closer to Christ through the musical ministry of those who will be trained and prepared at the EMA (School of Music and Worship)

* that God (through you?) might supply brass instruments, electronic keyboards and other materials needed for the School.

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By Bishop Sam Gray, Director of Intercultural Ministries



Little Church With Big Commission

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and spiritual needs of families in the poorest Appalachian communities.

The youth are certainly not alone; they learn from their adult friends and leaders what it truly means to serve. This summer close to 30 of our youth and adults will travel together to assist with hurricane relief efforts among our Moravian brothers and sisters in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. The Little Church on the Lane youth and adults also traveled together in 2006 to Gulf Port, Mississippi, to aid in Hurricane Katrina relief.

As surely as I have mentioned these mission experiences, there are at least as many I have failed to recall. Additionally, there are hundreds of people praying and financially supporting the mission efforts of those who are sent. Little Church on the Lane is humbled by the mighty works God chooses to demonstrate through our Little Church. The Commission of Jesus, however, is still Big and Clear. The harvest is plentiful; there is work to be done! (Matthew 9:37)

Nearly 10 years ago, I came to Little Church on the Lane. I was quickly greeted by a kind and loving congregation, pastors who genuinely invested in me, and words of grace and Truth. It did not take long for me to realize that the same devotion to the Gospel that Little Church on the Lane demonstrates internally equally focused outside of the church walls. By my second summer, I was away on my first mission trip.

May God continue to Call, and may we continue to be faithful to that call!

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For updates on the Sierra Leone Mission, visit: <http://sierraleonemission.blogspot.com>

Coordinator: Helen Gulledge

Pray Every Day

May 2008

1. Father, today is both Ascension Day and our National Day of Prayer. How appropriate that we as a nation would come together in prayer on this day. Hear our prayer Oh Lord as we lift our governmental, church and business leaders to you to be led by your will for the good of our nation and the world.
2. Father, today we lift all graduating students to you; high school, college, seminary and graduate school. We ask for your guidance and for good decisions for them. Show our congregations where you want new pastors to serve. We rejoice with them and give you thanks for them.
3. Father, please give us this day a desire to serve you with our whole lives. We glorify your name as we go forward as missionaries into the world around us.
4. Ascension Sunday - Today, Father, we lift Safiatu and Mohamed Braima to you for continued endurance and strength as they labor for your kingdom among the people of Sierra Leone, ministering to their physical and spiritual needs. Shower them with your favor and let them feel our love and support.
5. Pray for Pastor Walter Bishop as he ministers in a new position at New Eden-Immanuel Moravian Church while dealing with recent family loss.
6. Pray for Bible translators working with Wycliffe and other organizations to bring God's word to those who have not been able to read it in their own language. Merciful Father, we thank you for those saints who have gone before, who made it possible for us to have your word.
7. May we find a quiet place to pray and worship you, Dear God. Thank you Jesus for showing us how to pray.
8. Today we pray for the bishops of our province: James C. Hughes, Robert A. Jobst, Lane Sapp, Wayne Burkette, Sam Gray. Give them good health and wise discernment. Thank you for their lives of service to you.
9. Pray for pastors and their wives in churches throughout our province. Ask God to show you a way that you might minister to them this week.
10. We lift up the widows and widowers of ministers who served you faithfully and all retired ministers and their wives. Keep them active in your service and keep us involved in their lives. Continue to bless us with their knowledge and Spiritual gifts.
11. Sunday. Pentecost. Thank you God for the many and varied gifts which you have given us to serve you and others with. Show us how to look for opportunities to do that. Enable us to speak out boldly in your name.
12. Lord Jesus, we lift all missionaries serving you in areas away from their home. Remind them today how valuable they are to you and to us. Fill them with a sense of your joy and provide many opportunities for them (and us) to share your good news with those who are lost.
13. Pray for those you know and for others living in retirement homes, nursing facilities or are homebound, sick or in need of comfort. Ask God to bless them and those who take care of them.
14. Father, Your Son prayed, before His death on the cross, that all might be one, as He and the Father are one. Let this be our prayer, too. You hear the voice of you sheep. Clear my mind of unnecessary stuff so that I can hear you speak to me.
15. God of love and mercy, empty my hands of the things that keep me from receiving your grace. Show me how to open my hands in praise and worship.
16. Pray for those among us whose hearts are heavy because they are facing struggles, feeling alone. Pray that they will come to know that they are not alone; a Christian friend is available to walk with them during difficult times in the presence of a Stephen Minister.
17. Please pray for the young fellowship of Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship as they are being established in the Laurel Springs. Pray for many opportunities for them to bring the good news of Jesus' love to people who have not come to own the truth as their own.
18. Sunday. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together. *Ps 34:3* The name of our God is truly worthy of our praise. Try to spend a few extra minutes simply praising Him for His grace and mercy and His eternal love.
19. Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries has a DVD that is available to be shown at churches. Pray for Rev. Robert Wolf as he ministers through this ministry.
20. Jesus, Lord of all things great and small, show me how to allow you to be the Lord of my life. Lead me into your paths of righteousness and let me know your will in all that I do.
21. Pray for the young people in our churches, that they will not only hear the Gospel, but that it will become very real in their lives.
22. Pray for the Senior High Youth of Little Church on the Lane and other youth groups who are preparing for a short-term mission trips this summer. Ask God to prepare the hearts of the young people going and those whom they will meet that Jesus will be glorified.
23. Pray that Absolute Truth will prevail in the lives of young people in this postmodern generation.
24. Heavenly Father, Help me to hear your word. Help me to understand your word and help me to do your word. Amen *Rev. Mary Carpenter, Presbyterian Minister 9/98*
25. Sunday. Thank you Lord for all the gifts you have in store for us, that we're clueless about today. Thank you for all the gifts you give each of us to use for the benefit of your body, the church.
26. Lord, please give me the faith to enjoy the journey.
27. Jesus said, "God protect them from evil." God please protect us from our fearful thoughts. God please protect me from evil. Amen
28. "Today I shall judge nothing that occurs." unknown (to me)
29. "Oh God, please make me easy to live with." *Atlanta Negro Church*
30. Creator of all, teach us to appreciate the beauty of the world in which we live. Enable us to preserve the vast resources you have entrusted to us. Let us value each other and all living things, to your honor and glory.
31. Glory to You Almighty and Gracious God. May we all lift Your Name on High all day today. Turn the car radio off today and use the quiet driving time to pray wherever you go.

*Contributors to the Pray Every Day this month were Barbra Garwood, Virginia Rumbley, and Joanne Jemsek.
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the teachers. The children are learning German songs and games and also some typical European feasts like Carnival and Nikolaus are celebrated and inter-denominational. The teachers are Muslim and Christian and the pedagogical program has subjects from both religions teaching the children that we can live together in peace and respect for each other.



The daily program is like this:

Feeding of the animals (chicken and rabbits), creative working with scissor, colors or stick; walks through the nature of Star Mountain (climbing trees, smelling flowers, making picnic), baking pizza on Saturdays and many other.

As soon we complete our first group we want to open a second group to work more specialized with the different ages and abilities.

Art Therapy Leads to WISH List

Art gives us the opportunity to open our thoughts and souls as an aesthetic and in-

spiring way of self-expression.

For a long time we have used the arts for rehabilitation and communication with and between mentally disabled children, who are often gifted with a very special access to the arts.

Within the framework of our Art Therapy we are planning an Art Competition: 'My Wish' organized by Star Mountain, where institutions specializing in work with mentally retarded children as well as regular school classes from the region Ramallah will share in the contest and exchange ideas and thoughts.

Realizing this idea of encounter through arts we want to take away fears of contact from the children and break through the existing categorization of 'normal' and 'disabled'. On the other hand we hope to refer our experiences in Art Therapy to others as well as gaining new methods and inspirations from the other institutions and schools.

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Best wishes from Star Mountain

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