

missions



A NEWSLETTER OF THE SHORT TERM MISSIONS COMMITTEE

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BLESSINGS THROUGH SERVING...

On June 13, 2008 a group of eight young people and five adults traveled from Myerstown PA to **Icoaraci Para, Brazil**. The team included members of our **Myerstown Zion** and **Bartonsville St. John's congregations**. We spent the next fifteen days working with David, Conce & Andrew Roof starting a new building for the Igreja Missionaria Church. The Church is a newly organized church in the northern region of Brazil. The area we worked in is located along the equator and is a

tropical region. Our team, along with local church members, worked at tying steel for the foundation and preparing the land for a building. We also were able to do some work around the Roofs' new home. The team did some local shopping and touring on our day off. Touring included a trip along the Amazon, a local beach, and dinner out. Along with our work, the team built relationships among the people of this area. God blessed us with safety and made His presence known. *(Rev. Dave Swift for Brazil team)*

DESTINATIONS

AROUND THE CORNER and AROUND THE WORLD...

- Icoaraci Para, Brazil
- Burntisland, Scotland
 - Trinidad
- Glennallen, AK
- Pass Christian, MS
 - Monroe, NC
 - Mission, SD
 - Oceana, WV



• EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES • FACILITATING MISSION WORKERS
• MINISTERING TO THE MARGINALIZED • CREATING WORLD CHRISTIANS

Reedsville Bethesda EC church - From April 11-20, 2008, seven individuals assisted in the rebuilding process in *Pass Christian, MS*, with Camp Gospel and Mennonite Disaster Relief. Amber Minnich, Lacie Wannamaker, Sue Killian, Kyle Kutz, Larry Groff, Joe Fegley and Mark Brooks worked under the direction of Earl Boudier for a great week of ministry.

From June 21-July 2, 2008, a short-term missions trip took place with the *Caribbean Children's Ministry Network, based in Trinidad*. Five team members worked directly with the Red Hill Wesleyan Holiness Church in many dimensions of ministry, including: Sunday School, children's & youth ministries, adult ministries, open air meeting, door-to-door evangelism,

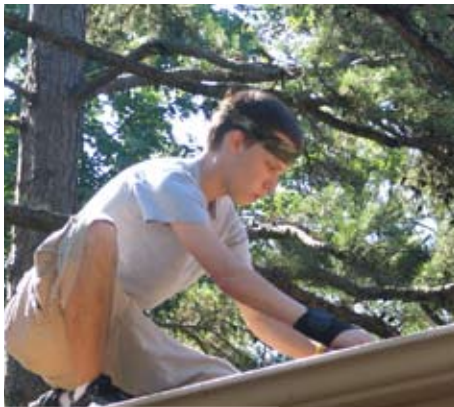
painting and clean-up of the church, as well as local school and orphanage visitation. Kristen Holubec, Lindsay Killian, Tosha Fegely, Lacie Wanamaker and Mark Brooks were part of this team serving with Brad and Maxine Waldman.

July 20-26, 2008, a work team from Bethesda worked with *REACH ministries* in a work camp experience in *Oceana, West Virginia*. Helping with minor construction and repair work on local homes, Bobby Luckenbill, Donna Boyer, and Doug White, along with senior high students Eliot White, Austin Siple, Lacie Wanamaker, Kendall Boyer, Logan Jacoby, Ashley Byerly, Amy Babb, Alexis Blatt, and Annamarie Perkins had an excellent and safe experience!



On Friday, August 8th, 15 puppeteers, known as the *Sonshine Praise Puppets*, from *Palmyra First EC*, started their 8 day journey to *Burntisland, Scotland*. At Burntisland, they filled their days spreading God's Love by: conducting a VBS, visiting local nursing homes, visiting a day care center, beach ministry, and a presentation to the town council, plus more. The puppeteers were tired, but excited to

be able to share God's Word through singing, puppets and evangelizing to this beautiful country. Many friendships were made and plenty of tears shed as the puppeteers headed back home on August 16th. The puppeteers were privileged to witness 33 children and 3 adults accept Jesus as their personal Savior during this trip. God is Good - ALL THE TIME!!!! (Lois Matarazzi for Scotland)



We took a group of 10 youth/adults to **Monroe, North Carolina** from July 20-26, 2008 for a **Reach Workcamp**. We spent all week repairing homes for people who could not afford to have repairs done for themselves. **Lititz Trinity** has sent a group to at least one Reach Workcamp every summer since 1991. (Submitted by Ryan Taylor, Lititz Trinity)

Every three years the **U-Lead** program takes two weeks and goes on a missions trip. Our group has been trained by the U-Lead program and has **team members from Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania**. Gary Brown and Nancy Wadsworth are the team's mentors. Its other members this year were Luke Snyder and Samuel Dennis from Pennsylvania; Weston Fusselman, Liz Perch, and Mary Hollingsworth from Ohio; Jonathan DeVries, Caleb Carr, and Casie Carr from Illinois. Working with **SEND International**, we got the privilege to help serve meals to the Elders and run a VBS program for preschoolers during the **Wrangle Mountain Bible Conference**. God used us to plant seeds of His love in these young Native Alaskans. But nothing could have prepared us for how much the Elders of the Native Alaskan community and the majesty of Alaska's land-



scape would sweep us all up in awe of our Creator. SEND let us stay at the Alaska Bible College that they run in **Glennallen, Alaska**. Some days we did work projects for them and

others they blessed us with their hospitality. It was a great trip in which God worked through and in all those who participated. (Cassandra Carr for U lead)



Six students and three adults from **Trinity EC Church** in Harrisburg went to **Mission, South Dakota** on a summer Mission Trip. We had the opportunity to serve the people of Mission, SD as well as the **Rosebud Reservation** by repairing homes – painting, making minor repairs and building or replacing ramps and stairs into homes. We had a great trip, learning

about the culture of the Native Americans we served, their struggles, and also about ourselves and how blessed we are. We had the opportunity to meet and work with other students from all over the country, and grow in our relationships with God through our experiences and also the times in corporate Worship and group devotions. We had an amazing trip learning to “Love Out Loud”. *“Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”* 1 JOHN 3:18. We had the opportunity to sight see - getting to see Mount Rushmore and the Badlands. Our mission trip was definitely a once in a lifetime experience that we will never forget.

(Brian Parker for H'burg Trinity team)

