

# WINDOW



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## Building Missions into Your Congregation's DNA

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**B**uilding Missions into Your Congregation's DNA, is not only the topic of one of the training seminars offered this year to our local churches through Global Ministries, it is also one of the most effective strategies of engaging the local church in God's grand plan to save the world by "making disciples of all people groups" as captured by the Great Commission. Scientists describe DNA as deoxyribonucleic acid; the extremely long, double-stranded nucleic acid molecule arranged as a double helix that is the main constituent or building block of our physical bodies. Its foundational importance often leads us in the Church to use those three simple letters—DNA—to describe the all important structure, make up and very fabric of our local congregations. As each physical body has a unique DNA so each local church as part of the body of Christ has its unique DNA.


Theoretically, if a new element can be inserted into an organism's DNA, it will permeate the entire life of that body, changing it completely. Think about the possibilities of this in regards to missions. The Great Commission - making disciples of all people groups - is not just one of the purposes of the local church; it is THE purpose of every local congregation! For too long we have categorized this purpose as "missions" and have relegated its oversight to a committee whose responsibility is to compete with all the other committees and ministries and purposes of the local church for attention, participation and financial support. What would your church look like if "making disciples of all people groups" was your DNA? What if you

intentionally integrated THE purpose of the church into everything your local congregation is currently doing?

Integration is the act of incorporating or combining into the whole. So, instead of serving up "missions" as a side dish let's stir it into the recipe of the main course! Here are a few questions to get you thinking.



1. What ministries, groups, and activities are currently a part of your local congregation?
2. How could the mission committee help each of them incorporate "making disciples of all people groups" into what they are already doing?
3. How could each of these current ministry groups help the mission committee incorporate missions into the DNA of the entire church body?

I am convinced that a large majority of the people in our local churches are pro-missions and do want to be involved in some level in the Great Commission. You may be asking, "Where are they?" or "What are they waiting for?" They are right there in your church in the Sunday schools, Bible studies, small groups, bowling leagues, children's church and youth groups...waiting for someone to integrate missions into what they are already doing for Jesus. As the old Life cereal commercial invited us, "Try it, you'll like it!" If you would like more help building missions into your congregation's DNA, feel free to contact me. 

-by Randy Sizemore

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# Mission mobilizers

## and The GMC Tree


I have been using the illustration of a tree to discuss the mission movement in the Evangelical Congregational Church. The crown of our “GMC tree” is flourishing with 57 missionaries deployed in 12 different countries working with 20 different sending agencies advancing the Kingdom and experiencing the hand of God in many ways. Our 500 international EC Churches located in 7 nations are reporting spiritual and numerical growth and our relief and development initiatives such as the sustainable development program in Liberia and the children’s homes and orphanages in Mexico, India and Nepal are meeting the basic, daily needs of the marginalized. The trunk of our tree, the Global Ministries Commission with its staff, commission members and various committees is growing into an effective, productive administrative and supportive team. The roots of our tree, the local congregational mission committees, pastors and members are where our attention is currently focused.

Reading through Luke’s Gospel I came across a story that I’ve been calling, “The Potential of The Poorly Rooted Tree.” The owner of this tree is ready to cut it down because he can see no hope or productivity in its future. The wise gardener however answers his impulsive directive with a suggestion. He says, “Leave it another year and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it” (Luke

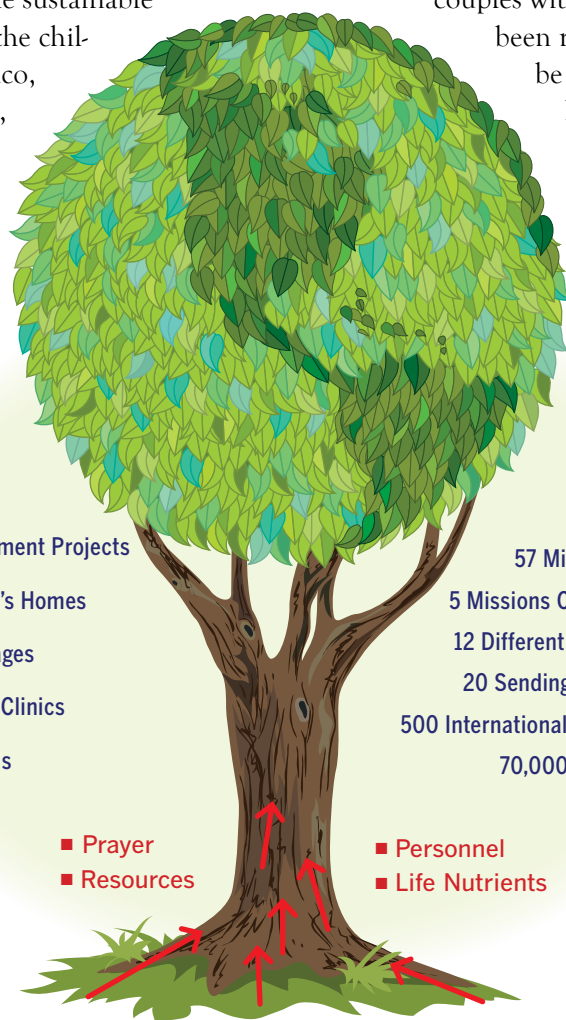
13:6-9). The gardener understood that the tree was still good, strong, healthy, and had plenty of future potential to be productive. The parallel to our GMC tree is obvious. We have a good, strong, healthy mission tree in the global EC Church but for a variety of reasons the soil around our root system is in need of some special attention.

To promote the needed growth in the root system of our GMC tree, Mission Mobilizers, those individuals and couples with a passion for missions who have been recruited and trained by the GMC will be deployed as “gardeners” helping our local churches fulfill their mission potential locally and globally. As more and more of our local churches’ mission roots are strengthened, the root system of the entire GMC tree will be strengthened and our potential for productivity increased! We are currently

in the process of recruiting individuals and couples as Mission Mobilizers. ***Please pray with me that God will provide the women and men with the passion and qualities needed to fill these important roles.*** If

God is speaking to you about the possibility of being a Mission Mobilizer, please contact me for more information. 

–by Randy Sizemore



Development Projects

Children’s Homes

Orphanages

Medical Clinics

6 Nations

57 Missionaries

5 Missions Candidates

12 Different Countries

20 Sending Agencies

500 International Churches

70,000 Members

■ Prayer  
■ Resources

■ Personnel  
■ Life Nutrients



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\*A Mission Mobilizer ministry description is posted on the GMC website. ([ecglobal.org](http://ecglobal.org))



## 2009 VBS PROJECT

Our 2009 Mission Minded Kids/VBS project was to raise monies for our ethnic church plants and church planters here in the USA. The theme was **“The Nations as Our Neighbors”** and focused on the many different people groups living in the USA, and possibly in your neighborhood.

The project raised over \$13,000 which was distributed evenly among the following churches: **Arabic Living EC** – Bethlehem, PA; **Vida Nueva EC** – Reading, PA; **Comunidad Biblica Cristiana EC** – Philadelphia, PA; **Buenas Nuevas EC** – Hazelton, PA; **Iglesia Cristiana EC** – York, PA; and **Maranatha EC** – Highland Park, IL.

In addition to the financial assistance provided, our church planters appreciated the encouragement that these gifts signified. Many prayers were included with those monies, and the MMK program materials helped to educate our children about those who have different ethnic origins than many of us but worship the same Lord. 🌍

### Our 2010 VBS/MMK project will be to raise monies for our EC church in Nepal.

Despite persecution, our churches in this Hindu kingdom are expanding in number and influence. The monies raised will be used for church planting and orphan care. Watch for 5-Minute VBS materials coming soon to our website! 🌍

# “I’m sorry to have to tell you this, but ...”

I hate having to contact a missionary with those words. It usually means that their support account is in bad shape; sometimes it means that support may need to be decreased unless new monies are received.

Unfortunately, I have had to contact a number of missionaries lately and give them that message. In two instances, missionaries would have had either to leave the field or severely restrict their work without emergency funds. We are very grateful to all of you who responded to the emergency needs of David and Conce Roof as well as Ed and Val Schubert. (Please see center spread for articles and photos of the work of these two missionary families.)

The current economic situation has affected many churches and parachurch organizations, and the Global Ministries Commission is no exception. Along with dwindling funds for our International Churches and our home office expenses, many of our veteran missionaries are seeing their support accounts drop, some for the first time in all their years of service. Candidates are struggling to get to the field; where it used to take them a year to raise funding, it is now taking three years or more.

All of this affects the work of the Kingdom. You will see by the list on this page that there are many faithful workers with support needs. We would urge you to prayerfully consider how God may be leading you to help our EC missionaries, either through regular monthly support (no matter how small) or even a one-time gift. Please contact the Global Ministries office to find out how you can participate in the ongoing work of our global workers. 🌍

## MISSIONARY SUPPORT NEEDS

MISSIONARIES	LOCATION	NEEDED
Brian and Missy Wagner	serving in Kenya with AIM	\$550 per month
Jeremy Kunkel	serving in CO with EMI	\$600 per month
Mateo and Mai Lou Garcia	serving in Mexico with CTEN	\$500 per month+ One time need of \$3000
David and Celia Dick	serving in IN with OMS	\$2000 per month
Kurt and Nancy Graff	will be serving in USA with Café 1040	\$2500 per month
David and Conce Roof	serving in Brazil with OMS	\$500 per month
Ed and Val Schubert	Serving in Honduras with LWB	\$300 per month
Brad and Maxine Waldman	serving in USA/Caribbean with CCMN	\$650 per month
Nick and Lisa Lakatos	candidates with OMS	\$1000 per month
Dan and Melinda Moury	candidates with Wycliffe	\$5500 per month



# Because Eternity

**H**ave you discovered that many people do not think much at all about *eternity*? People think a great deal about what car to drive, what meal to order, what kind of sporting event to watch on television, but they think very little about how much *eternity matters*.

We are Ed, Valerie, Wes, AJ, and Cheyne Schubert, your missionaries to Honduras, Central America. We have been serving on the field in Honduras for nearly nine years, ministering to children and adults who need to know that “*eternity matters*.”

*“God has also set eternity  
in the hearts of men...”  
ECCLESIASTES 3:11*

“*Because Eternity Matters*” is our family motto. We use this powerful phrase to sign all our letters, e-mails, and cards. It is a personal reminder to us of the reason we left our family dairy farm in northern Illinois to transplant our family to a country which is very different from the United States. Focusing on eternity provides a strong motivation when our ministry becomes very difficult or even frightening, such as during the civil unrest this last year in Honduras. Everything to which we set our hands and minds has to point others to the truth of an eternity in Jesus Christ.

The country of Honduras is about the size of the state of Ohio, is largely Catholic in religious practice, and has the second highest per-capita murder rate in

the western hemisphere. Approximately 80% of the population lives in abject poverty. UNICEF statistics estimate 150,000 children are without homes, and 99 out of every 1,000 children will not live to see their sixth birthday.

The majority of our mission service focuses on the very poor and often forgotten ones. Our inner-city child care center, *Casa de Luz* (House of Light), serves children from 1 to 7 years of age. We currently have 16 children who receive daily care. These are at-risk children, living below the poverty level.

We provide 2 meals, 2 snacks, a bath, medical and dental care, and a safe and fun environment in which to grow and learn. With the eternities of these little ones firmly in our minds, we make Christ

our foundation for all we do through the center. Some of the children have no running water or electricity in their own homes, so the daily baths at our child care center are their only opportunities to get clean. We currently rent a building to operate *Casa de Luz* center and only are able to provide for a maximum of 15-20 children. However, we have purchased a piece of land in the capital and are in the middle of a very large building project with plans to care for 75 children in our new facility. Please pray for God’s blessing on this construction project.

As an extension of our work with *Casa de Luz*, we have begun a program for 40 children in the town of Zambrano. The Zambrano campus is



a Saturday program which provides Bible lessons, snack time, fun activities, arts, and English lessons in a two-hour program for children ages 4 to 8 years. The 40 children in this program also come from very needy families. These children are largely neglected, filthy dirty from playing with garbage from dumps and sewers, and have virtually no basic manners. Most have heard of a “god” who demands rituals, but not



# Matters

many have heard of a Jesus who loves them enough to die for them, to give them an eternal hope. Please pray for us to have great wisdom and gentleness with these precious ones.

We also serve through a project called "Love Without Boundaries." This project was founded by a Honduran couple with the purpose of providing Biblical discipleship and safe activities for children and teens. Over time, it has grown to also include ministries for adults. In this project, Valerie works with women and their children through Adult Bible Studies, a Baking Ministry, and English classes. Ed serves through construction projects such as carpentry

and cement work, creating the physical ability for these community projects to take place. No act of service is outside the scope of remembering that eternity has significance. God uses all gifts, not just ones like preaching or teaching. In God's economy, no gift offered to Him in humility is wasted. With an eternal perspective, pounding a nail becomes just as "holy and sacred" as a whispered prayer.

Nine months ago Ed began to assist with a project which focuses on pastoral training for Honduran men. Ed has been working alongside another missionary constructing the very first building for this new endeavor. The work is very physical and tough. With

no electricity, everything has to be done by hand. No big power tools for this job! Ed has helped design the ministry building and has poured a lot of sweat (literally) into the project. The goal of the project is to create a farm-type campus where Honduran men can come and receive pastoral training while supporting their needs through the farm income. During this project, Ed had the opportunity to spiritually mentor a man named Alexi for one month. It was a blessing to come alongside this new believer and encourage him in his new found love of Jesus.

Opportunities are plentiful for *you* to join us in these mission works to share God's love and His plan for eternity with the children and adults of Honduras! We invite you to join us as we *build for eternity* through Volunteer Construction Teams. Ministry volunteers are also needed to serve children, women, and men. We also extend an invitation to partner with us through prayer support and financial giving. We would be humbled to have you join us in these important works in Honduras! Contact us at: [edvalschubert@yahoo.com](mailto:edvalschubert@yahoo.com). Eternity matters too much to not be involved! 🌍

-Because Eternity Matters,  
Ed, Valerie, Wes, AJ,  
and Cheynece Schubert



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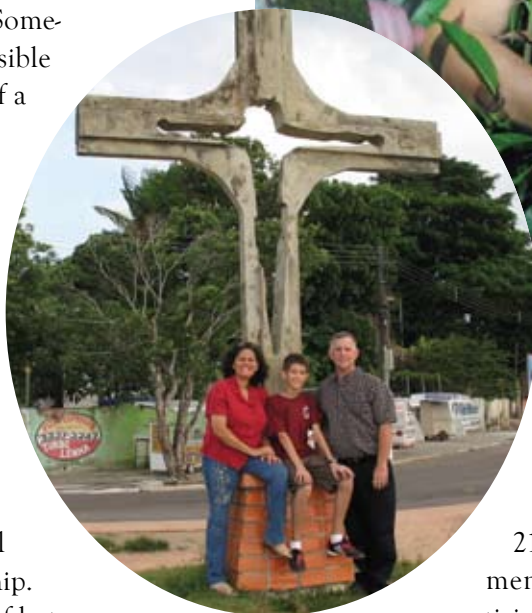
# Roof Ministry up

Dear Friends,

It's with joy and contentment that we greet you and bring you an update on our work in Icoaraci Brazil.

We began last year with moving our congregation to a larger rented space. As always, when it's God's providence, blessing is in store. In this case more space has spurred growth in the church's ministries and maturity. Not being as "cramped" as before has added new dimension to our worship service and Sunday School gatherings. What's more, now we are free to use the facility during the week for children, youth group, women's ministries and discipleship classes. Something that was impossible to do on the porch of a private home where we met previously.

Our emphasis as missionaries this past year has been developing the teaching ministry of the church. A trademark of the Missionary Church is its courses offered for continual spiritual growth and discipleship. In our prayer letters of last year we mentioned the implementation of the evangelism and discipleship course *Verdade Basicas* (Basic Truths). This is the first course the church offers to everyone with whom we come in



contact. We are happy to report that 21 church members and participants completed the course last year. Many of them commented on how meaningful it was to study in detail the basics of our faith through this course. In October we formed a new class that began again

with 21 new students. We were ecstatic because ¼ of the class was composed of non-churched people. It was the chance we had been waiting for. A chance for the evangelistic element of the course to be put into practice! After a great start we were discouraged when one by one we saw students begin to abandon the course. By the time we reached lesson six, the lesson in which salvation is clearly presented, all of our non-churched



# date

students had stopped coming. A core group of church members did remain faithful and will complete the course in a few weeks. On February 24 those who have already completed *Verdades Basicas* will have the opportunity to begin the next course called *Agora Sou Membro* (Now that I'm a Member). This is a Bible study that helps church members discover their spiritual gifts and helps them find their niche for ministry within the local church. This will be the first time that we are teaching the course. We are excited to see how the Lord will work through this and motivate His people to service! It is our goal for every member to feel realized in the ministry of the local church. This goal brings with it the need to formally organize ministries within the church for our members to involve themselves in. We will be working directly with this task throughout the year. Already a new area of ministry which we are organizing since the beginning of the year is a praise team. We marvel at the talent the Lord is providing as we develop this ministry.

Along with our emphasis on the courses the church offers, I am also regularly part of the preaching and Sunday School teaching schedules. Conce continues to work with the women of the church through crafts and Bible Studies. For the next two months we are hosting an OMS special assignment missionary

couple, Lamar & Kay Ziegler. Kay always comes prepared with new crafts and Bible study material for the women's ministries. Lamar is like me and loves to have hands-on carpentry, construction and fix-it projects. There is always a long list of such things to be done. It promises to be a busy and productive two months!

At the end of this past October we went through an experience that at first was quite shocking. We were informed by OMS that our funding had hit an all time low and it was critical that we remedy the situation from the field or we would have to return to the

States for fund raising. In these tough economic times the first thing that came to mind was "we don't want to ask for money!" After a series of e-mail consultations with both our OMS and EC leadership we were counseled to make the need known. With their help we sent out a letter explaining our support situation and prayerfully left it in the Lord's hands. One by one our faithful support team responded, individually and corporately through special church offerings and fundraisers. Today, I can declare nothing short of a miracle! We joyfully report to you that our support account has gone back into positive numbers! Besides the special one time offerings that have brought us back from the brink, several churches and individuals have also come along side of us in new or increased monthly support commitments. We praise God for his faithfulness and deeply thank each of you who

have contributed. We humbly recognize that you have invested together with us in the vision of bringing Brazilians to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We now ask that you join us in faithfully praying for our young church in regard to reaching the lost. I'm unsettled with the memory of the unchurched who abandoned the *Verdades Basicas* class back in October. It so vividly reminds me that ... "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph 6:12). These and other lost souls like them need to be bathed in the prayer of God's people. Despite the setback that occurred we still have contact with most of these precious people. Even one of the couples that moved away for jobs returned this month! As we continue to build relationships with each one, pray for the Holy Spirit's conviction of their hearts that they will not resist the need they have for salvation any longer. The last Sunday in January gave us a glimpse of the victory that we long to see repeated again and again. A young man named Sulivin accepted Jesus! (The EC team that came in 2008 may remember him.) It's been a long persistent pursuit but his day of salvation came. That's

right; through prayer we'll turn the tables on the *principalities* and win the *wrestling match* gathering souls unto Jesus one by one!

We look forward to a new year full

of the Lord's blessings as we together extend the outreach of the EC Church to the people of Brazil! 🌍

-David A. Roof

*As always,  
when it's God's  
providence,  
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in store.*



# Celebrating

## INDIA:

Director Randy Sizemore, Bishop Kevin Leibensperger and six others will be traveling to visit our EC work in North East India from May 3-12, 2010. This will be an historic month in the Evangelical Congregational Church of India for two reasons. First, from May 4-7 twenty other churches and denominations will join with ECCI to celebrate a "Gospel Centenary Celebration." The gospel has been preached in this area of North East India for 100 years! The second reason May will be an historic month for ECCI is that following the Centenary Celebration, all of ECCI's missionaries - almost 200 - will gather for the first ever EC Mission Conference! Please pray for Randy, Bishop Kevin and others going on this trip as they have the opportunity to preach and teach and share in these exciting events.



## MEXICO:

The *Evangelical Congregacional Latino Americana* (EC Church of Mexico) is progressing toward the maturity needed to transition from a mission conference to a National Conference. Once again this year their Annual Conference will be focused primarily on the development of their pastors and churches. The theme of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference scheduled for April 7-9 is "The Integrity of The Minister" with the following break out seminars: The Integrity of the Minister With God, The Integrity of the Minister With His Family, and The Integrity of the Minister In The Pulpit. During these seminars both Randy and Carla Sizemore will be addressing the pastors and their wives. Carla will be taking along a copy of the book, "A Woman After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George for each pastor's wife which has been sponsored by one of our pastor's wives containing her picture and a note of encouragement!



# God's Work in the Global EC Church

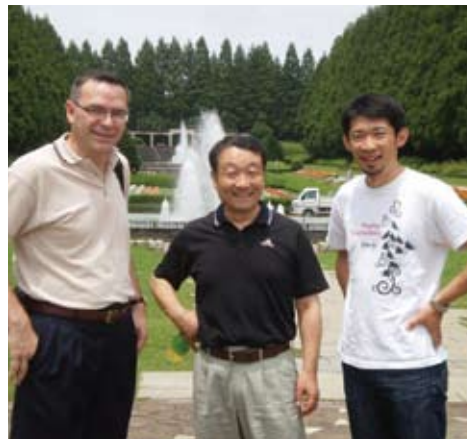
## JAPAN:

The EC Church of Japan continues to make progress in a country where less than one percent of the population is Christian. Director Nobuo Abe reports 3 baptisms at his church in Sagami-hara and one new member in December! The Pastor's Association of Sagami-hara (about 20 pastors from various denominations) organized an art show in October featuring the paintings of Tomihiro Hoshino, who paints with his teeth since an automobile accident left him paralyzed from the neck down. Over the eight days of the exhibit, about 7,700 visitors passed through the doors to witness this Christian artist's testimony!

Japanese church planters Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe were officially credentialed as licentiates on January 10, 2010

by the EC Church of Japan. The Abes' latest newsletter records reports of connecting with Rita and Simon, a couple from Zambia who have been working in Japan for many years who are allowing Tomoyuki and Jessica to use the room in Dr. Oguchi's clinic for church services on Sunday afternoons and praises for the good contacts they made with their neighborhood Christmas party. To receive their newsletter, e-mail them at [harbowtomo@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:harbowtomo@yahoo.co.jp) or [jn.poirier@yahoo.fr](mailto:jn.poirier@yahoo.fr).

We have committed to raising \$1,000 a month to partner with the church planting efforts of the EC Church of Japan. If you can contribute to this need send your contributions to Global Ministries marked "Japan Church Planting."



## NEPAL:

Rev. Th. Janga, Director of the EC Church of Nepal, reports that from our 10 churches, 123 people were saved and 96 baptized in 2009! He also rejoices at the first ever ECCN Youth Conference with about 50 young people in attendance! Rev. Janga and his family will be joining us in North East India for the Centenary Celebration in May. He has requested we bring a few digital cameras to distribute to his pastors to capture testimony of their ongoing work. If you would like to help with this need send contributions to Global Ministries marked "Nepal camera project."



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**LIBERIA:**

God is using the EC Church to “launch” Liberia into a position of spiritual, physical and emotional health! So many of our United States EC Churches have been praying and contributing toward this project in so many different and creative ways! The latest to come to my attention is the “**Sacrifice For Liberia 30 Hour Famine**” event organized by Pastor Matt Hill and the Youth Network on March 19-20, 2010. Teens and youth leaders use the famine to raise awareness and funds for our EC brothers and sisters in Liberia. Speaking of Liberia and their need for food, listen to the following communication from Andre’ Van Blydenstein, the OMS missionary leading the Launch Liberia work with our EC nationals.

*I am pleased to report that the work in Liberia is progressing well... it is amazing to see what progress has been made. In one village that has been devastated four times in the 15 year civil war there was a remarkable movement of God.*



*Every Liberian eats chili pepper in every meal so I asked where they got it from. The answer: from a town 3 hours away brought in by a truck! On further investigation I discovered that that town gets this pepper from Monrovia some 17 hours away by a four wheel drive truck...and Monrovia imports this pepper from Guinea! I asked why they didn't grow their own peppers and they responded, “no seed.” I split open a pepper and showed them the seeds. “Yes,” they said, “but we’ve never planted them before.” So we are teaching people to grow their own peppers, okra and other vegetables in home garden beds. Sadly, there are a number of factors that hinder this progress. Unscrupulous international traders sell expired seed to Liberia so it does not sprout. In addition there are almost no tools in the villages. People have machetes but no spades, hoes,*

*rakes, etc. However the people are positive and thankful to God for what they are learning. I am very happy to report that the sustainable development work is having a very positive impact on the church growth in the villages.*

## Hey church, let's

# Celebrate!

I was in a strategic planning meeting recently and the subject of celebration came up. We don't celebrate what God is doing in, through and around each other nearly enough! If grumbling and complaining is contagious, how much more is celebration! If you're tired of whining and complaining, check out the Global Ministries page on Facebook. Finally a place to celebrate what God is doing around the world!



I am very happy to report that even in the midst of a difficult financial year, our churches and individuals contributed almost \$75,000 toward Launch Liberia in 2009 allowing us to fulfill our monthly payments to OMS as we continue in 2010 toward meeting our ultimate goal of \$140,000 for this total project! Well done and thank you! 🙏

-by Randy Sizemore

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# World Out-Reach Day Replaced By “Spring Training”

The District oriented event, World Out-Reach Day (W.O.R.D.) held on the fourth Saturday in April for the last few years has been replaced with a more flexible training opportunity for mission committees, pastors, mission leaders and local church members. While we are calling it “*Spring Training*,” local churches, groups of churches and districts can schedule these training seminars for any time of the year that best fits their schedule. No matter when scheduled, these seminars are intended to help you “spring” into fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ! So far this new strategy is being embraced with enthusiasm! A handful of local churches have committed to or are considering hosting Spring Training events on various days and months of the year and are inviting their neighboring EC churches to join them! As these host locations, dates and times become finalized we will advertise them through the EC e-mail, the GMC website, Face book page and publications so others can attend as well. If you would like to schedule a Spring Training event contact Randy Sizemore today! 🌍

## CONFIRMED TRAINING EVENTS:

- 1. April 17, 2010 • St. John's EC**  
Steelstown PA • 8:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Seminars: “*Building Missions Into Your Congregation's DNA*”  
“*Money, Missionaries & Missions*”  
Refreshments & Lunch provided.  
RSVP: 717-838-1171 or [steelstown@earthlink.net](mailto:steelstown@earthlink.net)
- 2. May 1, 2010 • Ebenezer EC**  
Williamstown PA • 8:30 am – Noon  
Seminar: “*Building Missions Into Your Congregation's DNA*”  
Refreshments provided. RSVP: [rbbeilharz@tds.net](mailto:rbbeilharz@tds.net)
- 3. May 15, 2010 • Community EC**  
Sinking Spring PA • 8:30 am – Noon  
Seminar: “*Building Missions Into Your Congregation's DNA*”  
Refreshments provided.  
RSVP: 610-670-1942 or [info@communityec.org](mailto:info@communityec.org)

**You are welcome to attend any of these training events.  
Please RSVP to the church you will be attending.**

## 2010 GMC Spring Training Seminars:

### Building Missions Into Your Congregation's DNA:

This seminar will explore creative ways to overcome the current attitudes, perceptions and real-life reasons that keep the people in your church from being excited, interested and involved in missions.

Teaching material based on the workbook, “*How To Get Your Congregation Involved In Missions*” by David Mays. Copies will be available for purchase.

*(Approx. 4 hours with registration & breaks)*

### Money, Missionaries & Missions:

This seminar explores how congregations gather, raise and distribute support funds for missionaries and mission projects.

Topics include:

- Where does our mission money come from?
- Who is responsible for our mission budget?
- How do we determine which missionaries/ministries to support?
- How do we decide how much support we give each missionary or ministry?

*(approx. 4 hours including registration and breaks)*

*\* Suggested format for both blocks:  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm (including registration, breaks and lunch)*

### How To Host A GMC Spring Training Event:

1. For maximum impact, network with other area EC Churches.
2. Form a task force or committee to plan and execute the training event.
3. Determine the location, time frame and several tentative dates.
4. Contact Director Randy Sizemore to confirm date, location, time, etc.
5. Begin promotion and planning of training event.



## GIVING THANKS For Wise Investments

The Global Ministries Commission expresses gratitude and thanksgiving for the generous and thoughtful financial gift from the estate of Harvey Smith, a store keeper in Ninevah, Pennsylvania and the father of Joyce Maitland. Andy Maitland, Joyce's husband and Harvey's son-in-law, tells of Harvey's legacy. Harvey (Bud) Smith and his wife Thelma (Dutch) Smith were both Christians and were well thought of in the community. They helped many of their neighbors with "no or very little" interest loans and sold property near their Smith Store for \$1.00. Their investment into the families of the area helped the town of Ninevah grow over the last several years. Several of their neighbors also attend the Knox Grace EC Church. We celebrate the wise stewardship of Harvey and Thelma as they invested their resources into others for the sake of the Gospel while they lived on this earth and are continuing to invest in others for the sake of the Gospel even now as they rest with Jesus in eternity.

You too can continue to invest in the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ, after you have entered into your eternal rest by including the Global Ministries Commission in your estate planning. 🌍

## NORTHERN EXPOSURE

The Global Ministries Commission is once again sponsoring several work teams to Alaska. The first team is in May and will serve for two weeks at Victory Bible Camp, about 2½ hours from Anchorage. This team has already been booked.

There will be two teams going to camp LiWa outside of Fairbanks. The first team is scheduled for July 17-31, and the second team is July 31-August 14.

The cost of the teams is only that of the airfare, which is approximately \$800, depending what airport you leave from. Additional costs for sight-seeing, meals eaten away from camp, souvenirs, etc. are all at the team members' expense.

Applications for work teams can be downloaded from our website, [www.ecglobal.org](http://www.ecglobal.org). Go to the Short Term Opportunities tab, then application forms. Call or e-mail the Global Ministries office if you are interested in either of the Camp LiWa teams to see if there are still any open spots before applying. 🌍



Joe Toy wants to thank everyone who contributed to his vehicle fund. Here is a picture of the new 2010 Ford F150 truck, which was purchased in early January. Joe and friends gave it a good workout by driving it down to New Orleans for their ministry at Mardi Gras. 🌍

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