

MESSAGE OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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LAST NEWSLETTER FROM C.M.P.

We need a response from you

Thank you to all those who responded last month to let us know your preference about the way you would like to receive our newsletter. **But . . . if you have not yet communicated with us** about future newsletters, please do so as soon as possible. This is the last newsletter that Calvary Missionary Press will be able to print for us. Scott and Mary Coverdale have been serving God faithfully for many years by operating Calvary Missionary Press. Since 1983 they have been printing, labeling and mailing our newsletters at materials costs. They have been a great blessing. Scott and Mary are now retiring. We wish them the best and are thankful for their ministry!

We plan to continue mailing a printed newsletter **and** to place it on our website as well. With this newsletter we are once again enclosing a postcard so you can let us know, if you have not all ready, whether you want to continue to receive a printed newsletter and/or an email notification when it is available on our website. Or if you decide that you would rather not receive either one, please let us know. Besides using the postcard, you can email or call Eugene Stipe to let him know your preference. Email: Eugene@bcrandall.org. Telephone: (405) 354-9410 Please let us know what your decision is. Thank you.

“Natural Church Development” Conference Encourages Leaders



Our churches helped sponsor and organize the first NCD conference this past month. Juan Galdamez, the NCD Latin American coordinator, came from El Salvador to be the main speaker. Bill also led a part of the conference showing how the churches here are



implementing Natural Church Development. Leaders from a variety of evangelical churches attended the conference.

Our leaders were encouraged as they received further orientation from Juan and as they saw the interest of other churches in what we are doing. Three of the four churches with whom we work have done their first church profile and are now working on improving their weakest areas.

Time Alone with God—Prayer Retreat

Busyness seems to be a common plague that hides our real needs and hinders our relationship with God. In November we will be leading another “*Time Alone with God*” prayer retreat. It is amazing that we will have over fifty people this time!! Nearly half are returning for their second time.

The retreat is quite simple. The people do some study, preparation and orientation before the weekend. On Friday night we will review these lessons. On Saturday everyone will have a time in the morning and afternoon to spend about 3 hours alone with God. After each time, there is a time to share and to practice conversational prayer.

There are other people that have already gone two times. We are holding them off from going until the retreat in January when we will teach and practice the spiritual discipline of fasting. We want to see the individuals and churches develop the practice of getting past the superficial so they can see what God asks of them rather than only seeking God in moments of need or crisis.

Work Days Continue in Vergeles



Almost every Saturday there are people working in Vergeles to finish the metal structure of the shell and put on the roof. We are looking forward to a couple of work teams from the U.S. this next year that will lend a hand in the process.



A Visit to Jennifer, Andy and Michael John

At the time of this writing, Jennifer is to be admitted to the maternity hospital in Krasnodar tomorrow, October 30th. She will stay there until the baby is born. The doctor is concerned with the condition of the placenta. She wants Jennifer in the hospital in case her blood pressure starts to rise or the placenta starts to pull away from the uterine wall. Jennifer is due November 9th.

We are awaiting our visas to travel to Krasnodar and if everything comes through we will leave Ecuador on November 5th and arrive on the 7th. Due to the visas, a process we started months ago, we cannot enter Russia until that time. Please check our website or email us for up-to-date news.



Hippy led Alva to the Lord and is getting ready to baptize her.

PRAISES TO THE LORD

For six baptisms in Samanes in October

For 120 people who attended the NCD conference in October.

For completing the third module of the Advanced Training.

For the visit of Karleen's two brothers and their wives. Karl and Bill are both directors with Message of Life Ministries.

For 50+ people who have signed up to go on the prayer retreat the first weekend in November.



Karleen introducing her two brothers and their wives to the Samanes Church

PETITIONS TO THE LORD

For Jennifer, Andy, Michael John & the new baby due Nov. 9th. This has been very stressful for them because of the language barrier and the complications of the pregnancy.

For the church leaders as they continue to implement changes on both the personal and congregational level to become healthier congregations.

For our trip to be with Jennifer and family to help them during November.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT	Sep-07
Opening Balance	\$23,715.71
Plus Receipts	\$ 4,627.48
Total Available	\$28,343.19
Less Disbursements	\$ 4,379.84
Closing Balance	\$23,963.35
Less Reserves for:	
Budget next month	\$ 5,263.44
Medical Deductible	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$17,699.91

Weekly Praise & Petitions via Email

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