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Eastern European Relief

With our Heavenly Father's grace and blessings, 2009 marks 27 years of relief work for EERC to help provide relief to needy, sick and old fellow believers in Eastern Europe. The Committee helped relieve pain, hunger, loneliness, sickness and despairing needs of widows, old, needy, and destitute fellow believers, and has shared blessings, lifted up and encouraged loved ones who have so much less than we do in this land of abundance.

Due to much unavailable, or inferior medications, hospitals and doctors often expect to be paid in advance. The Relief Committee maintains emergency medical relief funds to help Ukrainian brethren receive medical help. Such funds also enabled believers to travel to other locations to receive life-changing medical treatment, and hospital services. Unselfish Hungarian brethren provided their homes for housing and transportation to hospital and medical appointments. Funds are also occasionally provided to help ease severe winter heating needs.

Recent rules require that mostly new clothing be sent to Romania. Much new clothing is being shipped and warehoused in Romania by our Sister Church Relief Committee - available to all needy brethren in Eastern Europe. Our Nazarean Relief Committee is providing travel funds to help brethren to get to these available supplies of clothing and shoes. Only your faithful prayers and loving donations will help supply such needs.

Circumstances and situations increasingly change in Eastern Europe, except poverty. Our gracious Lord blessed the Nazarean relief committee to work together with the Sister Church brethren to avoid duplication. While our overall relief efforts pale in comparison to their vastly more extensive European relief work, these beloved brethren have nonetheless cordially extended their right hand of fellowship, graciously invited, welcomed, and included our relief committee to more closely combine our efforts in this wonderful, ongoing labor of love.

The following are basic ongoing activities our Nazarean relief committee is engaged in:

Maintaining relief funds to provide financial assistance for needy Ukrainian believers to travel to the Sister Church relief warehouse in Romania to pick up shoes and clothing. Each person is allowed to take into Ukraine 55 kilo, about 110 lb. Approximate cost of each trip is about \$200. EERC is providing \$150 per trip.

Shipments of assorted vitamins, over the counter medications, antibiotics, ointments and creams, pain relief and health needs are sent from Ohio for old, sick, needy Ukrainian brethren and families which are not available or are of inferior quality in Ukraine. Cost per shipment varies, but each usually runs over several thousand dollars.

We maintain \$2,000 emergency medical relief funds both in Ukraine and in Hungary for medical, hospital treatments and related medication needs. Hospital and doctor charges are usually required to be paid in advance.

Shipping costs of around \$1,750 are soon due for about 200 boxes of clothing and miscellaneous supplies shipped earlier this year to Ukraine. The Committee also responds to occasional specific emergency situations as well, such as sudden, unexpected death of parents, which often plunge families into despair and dire needs.

Your loving prayer and financial support remain vitally important, and is deeply appreciated. Church collections and donations can be forward to the Foundation, earmarked "Eastern European Relief" or "Romania Relief".

May our loving Heavenly Father continue to abundantly bless each of you and be your Great Rewarder.

With brotherly love and esteem in Christ Jesus,

The Eastern European Relief Committee

Ghana

REPORT ON THE FAITH EVANGELICAL MISSION OF GHANA NATIONAL YOUTH REVIVAL.

At 7am Saturday morning, the entire revival started by intercessory prayers, which were led by Bro. Daniel a youth member from FEC Mataheko.

At 7: 30am we went into praises and worship which was led by Bro. Samuel Nartey Engmann a youth member and a musician from FEC Adabraka. The praise segment saw the strength in the youth to praise God, and it was joyous to see young men and women singing and praising God together.

There was a powerful song ministration from Sis. Priscilla Mills a professional musician with one album recorded. She is a chorister and a youth member from FEC Manponse.

The linguist (MC) who is also the Acting General Secretary of the National youth Ministry, Bro. Seth Lamptey of FEC Accra Central organized a Bible quoting competition. It was keenly competed amongst the various branches and a winner could not

emerge because there was not enough time to go on quoting. The competition was therefore postponed to the next gathering. FEC Lashibi branch was in the lead as at the time of postponement.

The word was ministered by Pastor John Clotney Head pastor of the Lashibi branch and also the National Youth pastor. He preached on the theme "THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SONS OF GOD." (ROMANS 8: 19-20)

The preacher said before we can manifest as sons of God to make impact in our churches and Generation, we must find purpose. Jesus had a purpose from his childhood so he pursued it. The youth must not be aimless but must know why God brought us into this world.

Finally, Bro. Charles Nartey encouraged all youth members to come together as Youth and play their role in the church. He also asked all to pray, serve well in their various branches and learn hard in schools to achieve the best.

Reported by Bro. Charles Nartey

Puerto Rico

As always, we are pleased to inform you as to what is happening at Mision Cristiana Nueva Vida, and we give thanks to our Lord God for the many blessings we receive.

In the month of August, we were visited by our elder, Jim Haring and his lovely wife, Angie and as always, we were so blessed by their visit. They brought with them a former missionary couple now members in the Ontario Church, Bro. John and Sis. Jerrie Gorenflo. A presentation was made of an Evangelistic Course which teaches the Bible in chronological order. The course is very good and we accepted the challenge to learn this material so we can increase our knowledge and be able to teach the word of God with more confidence to non-Christians. This is the next outreach plan for our mission – reaching out to a group of children and married couples in the near future. Pray for us that the Lord will open doors where and when He wishes us to go .

During the weekend visit of the Harings and Gorenflos, we were so wonderfully surprised with a visit from the Pena family, who came down from Chicago. They were part of our church until they moved to the United States ten years ago. When they left, Giorgio, being the youngest, was only eight years old and now he is



Some visitors that joined us for lunch.

an adult, as are his brother Giovanni and sister Linette, who is now the mother of three beautiful children.

Regardless of the distance or the time they have been away, the good times have not been forgotten, especially our sharing of the Gospel with them. Their visit brought such joy to our hearts and helped us to really understand and be reminded that the Word of God always brings good fruit.

We continue with our Women's Bible study in English on Tuesday at 10 A.M. This weekly occasion permits us to enjoy the fellowship and grateful moments to pray for one another, and conclude by having a small brunch. This meeting serves as an ointment for our souls. Wednesday nights we meet for Art Class at Raquel's home at 7 P.M. and share refreshments and prayer afterward. This is an opportunity to invite friends interested in crafts. On Friday night we meet for Spanish Bible Study, about the Life of Jesus, which has opened a new perspective about the ministry of our Savior.

We thank you for your continued support, love and prayers showed to us in many different ways. God bless each and every one of you for His love shared with us and for our blessing. Yours in Christ Jesus, Raquel Gottardi and Bernadette Gregoire



Part of our Sunday morning group in front of the church.

Argentina

Mocovi

“My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus”. In the context of this verse, Apostle Paul is giving thanks for the Phillipians for having shown their care in offerings and prayers towards him and he announces to them that the Lord has received them as a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. Likewise, we are also grateful to those who support us through prayer, making our service among the Mocovi people in Argentina possible. We are sure that this verse will become true in your lives.

We are thankful for the Lord’s faithfulness, protection and provision since He has shown Himself so far as Supplier and Protector amidst great trials.

As the days go by, brothers in the church are taking part in the activities we have, which means an important step for the development of the church. So far, they had only listened and seen. Although some of them are still rather shy, they are feeling like getting more and more involved in the activities.

Our aim is that they will later become trained and confident to preach, to discipleship and to take over the church. We have recently had a special labor day and everyone made their contribution: some were painting doors and windows while others were planting trees; women prepared some food and old people made “tortas fritas” (round pieces of fried dough) for everybody and children got cups of chocolate. It was a very nice experience.

Classes of moral values at school have already been launched and we think of the importance that coming generations are taught differently from what they have received through the lives of their parents, grandparents and the rest of their ancestors. Our prayer is that these teachings may significantly change their lives so that homes open their doors more widely and we are able to directly share God’s salvation plan to the students without parents’ opposition. We also pray that we are allowed to share these classes with high school students. They are in a crucial age where important decisions should be taken, decisions that set the life’s path.

Eight kilometers away from the community is the city of Crespo where we travel three times a week and broadcast a radio program. It is important to highlight that there is no other Christian programming on the station and in a church effort,



we have taken on the challenge and we are preaching the Word of God using this mass medium. It is also necessary to say that this represents direct entrance into homes in Colonia Dolores and in others towns. We are also thankful to the Lord for providing us with a motorbike: there is transportation to go to Crespo and carry out these programs.



The past weekends, outbreaks of violence have occurred in the community’s disco as a result of the effects caused by the consumption of drugs and alcoholic drinks sold in that place. There have been quarrels for three weekends in a row and an injured person was taken to the hospital. The situation is getting worse and worse as the days go by. The enemy’s power in people’s lives can be clearly seen. The church is meeting on Fridays for a prayer service. Our most important prayers are for the community and weekend services since the enemy’s oppression becomes more intense during those days.

Prayer Requests

Pray asking the Lord’s wisdom and grace to remain faithful to Him and shape a way of life under the Spirit’s control.
Pray that the church may grow spiritually and in number as well.
Pray that the light of Christ may break through this town’s darkness.
Pray for the sick, paying special attention to Edelmiro, Vanina y Daniela. Pray that the Lord may have His will in them through the illnesses.
Pray for the moral value classes given in the state school.
Pray for finances in order to meet the cost of the radio program.

Yours in Him,

Omar, Stella & Kimberley Gava



Brazil – CLM

Deus é fiel!! God is faithful!!

All of God's children can testify of the statement above. When we look for God's hand in our lives, we can testify of His faithfulness everyday. We would like to share a miraculous story of God's faithfulness to His will and purpose. This story has in no way arrived to the last chapters. Without a doubt, there are many more miracles to be seen in one young girl's life.

In April of 2002, an active little 2 year-old was brought to CLM. Her parents were living on the side of a major highway in a shack. Her mother had significant mental problems and did not talk and her father was an alcoholic. They already had several children who had been taken away and either adopted or were in the government orphanage. As Elaininha started to talk, it became obvious that she had some difficulties with her speech development. As she grew, she seemed to be growing into the problem, instead of growing out of it. Speech therapy was started. When she entered school, she presented major difficulties in keeping up with her class academically. Further evaluations were done and it was determined that Elaininha needed a special school where she could get more individual attention, as well as, be followed by speech and psychological therapy. She was doing well, although she did not like the long van ride to the city and back everyday. At the end of 2008, Elaininha was finally free for adoption and a family from Guarapuava solicited guardianship of her. Unfortunately, the experience did not work out and she was returned to CLM 6 months later.

A couple of years ago, we were hoping so much that Elaininha would come up for adoption because of her special needs and because we believed that having a smaller family than CLM, would really be beneficial to her. In sharing about her needs, a family from Tremont, Illinois showed interest in her case. Unfortunately, her case took a long time. When she finally went to live with the Brazilian family, the American family continued to follow her situation.

I will let Dale and Dana share with you how the Lord was working on their end:

“We are Dale and Dana Stuber, son & daughter-in-law of Ken & Pauline Stuber. We live in Tremont, Illinois and have three sons. Sam is 15, Max is 12 and Calvin is 10. Three years ago, after coming home from Midwest Camp, Dale & I were talking one night and sharing with each other that God had individually told us it was time to pursue adoption. We had discussed if for a couple of years, but had never both felt the green light at the

same time. Now God was saying “it's time” to both of us. We asked each other why? And felt the answer was because we have a family to share with a child, a house and yard and resources to provide.



Also, Dale wanted to bless me with a daughter. We were kind of scared and excited. Over the next few months we discussed it often and searched the internet for direction. We know many couples from our church and elsewhere that have adopted, so we had a great team of resources. We felt led to choose one or two daughters, ages 3-7. I talked to Mo Thompson (mother of 10 children adopted from CLM) and told her of our desire. She had just read the CLM Prayer Warrior e-mail which told of a girl, age 4, that would be a good candidate for adoption and that the court could free up at any time. Mo said God had put us in her mind when reading of this girl. We e-mailed Mary Gibson and asked about Elaininha and she told us all she knew. Then we prayed, and asked God if this was from Him. He convicted us that we were to follow Elaininha (whom we had named Nina) to the end of her story, no matter what the outcome.

We prepared our papers and waited for her to be free for adoption. We celebrated her 5th birthday at our home, without her, with cupcakes, and singing. We kept waiting, and Mary thought she could be released soon, so a year later, as she turned 6 we sent our dossier papers down to Brazil. We celebrated her birthday again, without her, with cake, singing, and the works, missing her and wishing she was already in our family. We knew Brazilian families had first priority over International couples pursuing adoption of Brazilian children. We loved Nina and felt committed to seeing this through until the end. We did commit to enjoying our already great life with our three boys, keeping busy with their lives, and ours. The summer of 2008 came and went; but then, Nina was freed for adoption in September. We were so excited! We read different e-mails Mary would send, as different Brazilian families came to CLM to visit her. In October, Nina's guardianship was given to a Brazilian family, with the intention of adoption. She went home to live with them. Oh, how our hearts ached. We cried, and grieved. But we had always asked God to shut the door if this wasn't for us, so we did trust in His sovereignty, fully.

In January, 2009, we received an e-mail from Mary telling us the family came to visit CLM with Nina. Things weren't going so well, the mother and oldest son were rejecting her as their daughter/sister. The father was heartbroken. Mary encouraged the mother to just decide that this was her daughter, a decision,

not a feeling. We slightly got our hopes up, but mostly were just sad for Nina. We felt so terrible for her. Our youngest son, Calvin says he knew for sure at that point that Nina would be ours. Dale and I would not let our minds go there, mostly to protect our hearts.

In March, Dale was ready to start pursuing another adoption, and started asking me to pray about it. I was not ready, but said I would pray about it. It had been a 2 1/2 year journey and I didn't know if I could start over, plus I was getting old!!!! We started planning to remodel our kitchen and life just went on. Then seemingly out of the CLEAR blue, I received an e-mail on April 8th from Mary Gibson, saying she wanted to call me, but didn't have my phone number. Could I e-mail it to her? Oh my! I thought either something terrible had happened to Nina, or something amazing was going on. Mary had never phoned me before. She called some minutes later, with Calvin and I being the only two at home. She told me Nina (still Elaineinha at this time, of course) was being returned to CLM soon, the family had made their decision and it just wasn't going to work out. Mary had asked the judge about supporting us to adopt her, he was aware of our desire for her. Mary had just heard from the judge that YES, he would recommend that she be ours!!!! That is why she had called. Her words were, "Your daughter is coming home!" I couldn't really believe this. Calvin was amazed too! Some of my first words were, "We have a wild God!" I phoned Dale at work sobbing, and we were just shocked that whole evening. What a turn of events. Just as we were letting her go and moving on!

Well, we began more paperwork, and celebrated her birthday in April for a third time, without her at home, with cupcakes, candles, and singing. Adoption is equal to patience! So we tried to be patient, waiting for Brazil to invite us to come and spend the 30 days co-habitation. With paperwork and travel, the trip would be 47 days total. It was hard for Dale to keep juggling work responsibilities, wondering exactly when he would be leaving for such a long time! In July, we received the invitation, applied for our visas, packed and left for Brazil on Aug 7th. How wonderful it would be to finally meet our daughter!!! We had sent her pictures of us and our home. We were wondering how she would receive the news of her adoption and have praised the Lord that she received it with excitement! On Aug 8th, we met Nina at the Curitiba airport. How fun!

At this writing, we are now in Brazil doing our co-habitation period, staying at CLM with our 3 boys and new daughter. It is going really well. She is really loving and warm toward us, as she figures out this new way of living and new language! We can see now why God has chosen Nina to be in our family. Nina's speech and learning disabilities will receive much one on one

attention and some excellent therapy in Illinois. While still in Brazil, we have taken advantage of traveling with her in between court appointments and have seen this wonderful country! We are now 2 1/2 weeks into our 6 1/2 week trip. We have already made memories to last forever! We look forward to bringing her home to meet our families and helping her transition to her new life. Nina Ann Stuber - we are amazed and glorify God for how He has worked to let us be your parents!"

Woven all through this story is the sovereignty of God. God's special plans for a little girl who had a very difficult and trauma filled start in life. Nina's story will continue as she moves from a small town in southern Brazil to a small town south of Chicago. We expect to hear of mighty miracles and amazing accomplishments. The CLM family has been blessed to participate in her life and praise God for Dale and Dana and their three wonderful sons, Sam, Max, and Calvin who have been obedient to God's call to adoption. May their love for her continually grow and help Nina to blossom into all that God meant her to be.

We wish you a very wonderful Christmas and an exciting New Year 2010. Thank you for participating in and supporting Canaan Land Ministries. Please continue with us. God has awesome plans for CLM, all to His glory.

In Christian love,

CLM Entre Rios: Mary Gibson, Viktória Fulop, Bethany (Shurance) Villalba, Wilson and Joanna Lobo, Mike and Mary Cochran, Jake and Amanda Teater

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ACCF Youth Choir



Strassburg, France

Over the past ten summers, Margie and I have had the opportunity to chaperone the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation Youth Choir. This year we had the profound privilege of going to Europe. Here are words of the young people on tour.

Throughout the tour, beginning in Ohio, we were challenged to live as disciples of Christ, acting like Jesus in EVERY aspect. We were constantly reminded that a life of following Christ all comes down to the daily decisions and mundane details of our lives, particularly in reading God's Word on a daily basis. This is one way in which God has drastically changed my life. Since Youth Choir I have tried to set aside time every morning and most evenings to quiet myself before God in prayer and in reading the Word.. I have benefitted by daily being reminded of who I am in Christ, and what He has done for me, and recently, the Holy Spirit has been bringing to mind verses from my reading that apply directly to situations I encounter throughout my day. It's been incredible to experience God speaking to me in this way, especially as He points out the little details of my life that need to be more oriented towards Him.



Havilah, Judah, Stephanie & Lindsay

Our first official performance was in Lindenwiese, Germany, and I remember the congregation's excitement in hearing the message of Christ through song., it was evident in the smiles that radiated from their faces. The joy and passion over the message of our songs seemed to permeate in all the congregations. Another highlight for me was simply being able to fellowship with many different people. We were so blessed to be able to spend time getting to know our hosts- both young and old and it was so



Outdoor Concert - Neuhutten, Germany

encouraging to see their passion for Christ and dedication to his work. Even if we didn't speak the same language, we knew we shared a common bond in Christ.

When I begin to think about the Youth Choir tour a thousand thoughts and memories flood my mind. They were some

of the best times of my life, and I truly cherish these memories. A theme that really captured my heart on this trip was the persecution of those who have walked before us. It began at the Behalt (a Mennonite-Amish history center) in Berlin, Ohio. Then again in Europe at places like the cave (Taufershohle), the castle where Anabaptists were imprisoned/tortured, the Black forest where they had secret church services, and in Zurich where the man was drowned for his biblical beliefs. Touring the WWII concentration camp in Dachau, Germany also deeply impacted me. Walking the steps of history where innocent people were killed is a feeling that I'll never forget. Seeing the suffering that our forefathers endured to preserve and proclaim the Gospel deeply touched me. It inspired me that I need to be more bold in sharing the message of hope and salvation to those around me.

I learned a lot during the Anabaptist history lecture at the Bienburg Theological Seminary near Basel, Switzerland. The professor relayed a story to us about some Anabaptists who were ordered out of the country by their government, but their neighbors protested, asking "If you kick them out, who will help us?" The speaker challenged us with this question: "Are you acting so much as the hands and feet of Jesus-loving your neighbors as well as yourselves-that they would actually protest if your government tried to kick you out of the country?" It was a very convicting question for each of us.

There are two moments from Youth Choir I will never forget. We were up in the mountains for both-near Salzburg and in the Emmental on our way to Langnau, Switzerland. They were the most incredible moments of the entire tour! Seeing the glory and majesty of God's creation was awe-inspiring! When I got off the



The Ladies - Bachenbulach, Switzerland



Zurich, Switzerland



1st day in Zurich

bus I wanted to drop to my knees in worship. If something God created is that beautiful, how GORGEOUS must God himself be!!??? It made my soul long for eternity-to be with Him, the one who is Ultimate Beauty. Everything else slipped away as I tried to take it all in, and somehow God used those moments to calm my soul, draw me closer to Him, and renew me. The song we sang "How Great is Our God" became real and alive for me after those experiences on the mountains.

Let me conclude. We have pages more of testimonies and I could write a short book.. But there are two words that continue to come to my mind - "amazing" and "humbling" when I think about the planning for and the experience of YC 2009.

Had the tour been our decision alone, we would never have gone. There were just too many logistical issues and unknowns as well as the cost and economy! But God, in His gentle way began opening doors.



Matt, Raymond, Brandon & Brad

whatever is necessary' for the choir to come to Europe. With those two events in mind and taking a giant step of faith we announced we would go. We were amazed how God supplied in all areas above our hopes expectations. We are humbled by the privilege of being part of such a God-inspiring, faith-building,

First, A \$10,000 donation earmarked for the tour was received. Then came the offer from friends in Germany 'to do



Nathan & Katie, Daniella & Dan - Jr. Chaperones



Tafer Hohle - Secret Antibaptist 'Church near Zurich'

gospel-preaching choir.

We learned while in Germany that one-tenth of one percent of the population are truly committed evangelical Christians. We are thankful this choir was able to take the gospel message of hope and encouragement to the church in Europe and to the many visitors who came to hear the message in song. We thank God and are humbled by the opportunity to serve such a great God!

Richard Jankov, chairman for the DAP Committee



Final Evening Program- Bachenbulach

South Pacific Island Ministries



Last February, many of you would have received our SPIM ANNUAL NEWSLETTER with our 2008 summary. An Unmistakable word from the Lord in

September of last year confirmed to us that Victor was to write another book. He heard the Lord's voice prompting him on the exact message he was to write as he sat, Scriptures in hand, in the lounge room of a Bed and Breakfast in mid-town Jerusalem. Jet lag had kept him awake at 2 a.m. As we visited the same place this year, I noted the old-fashioned phonograph and logo that some of our generation might remember-it was opposite the couch where Vic had been sitting. It was the Master's voice indeed!



Going on from there, the Lord's faithfulness was revealed from the fulfillment of one "fleece" to the next:

- A former publisher agreed to publish the book and release it by 1 July if we had the manuscripts in by mid April.
- We were blessed with adequate funds required for the writing project.
- A beautiful rental home in an inspirational Galilee setting was made available to us where we could isolate ourselves for the writing project.



Even though Victor sat in an office with an awesome view, he experienced relentless physical attacks that were resolved through prayer and "God appointments". We witnessed



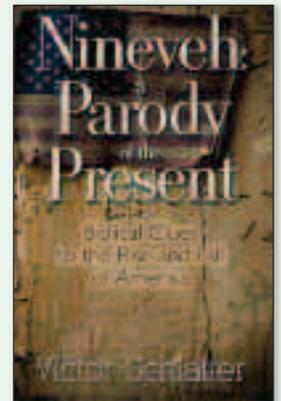
victories over computer and internet problems, electrical surges, unique interruptions and weather conditions that were all overcome by "ministering angels".

When the manuscripts were completed and in the hands of the publisher, we attended an International Director's Conference in Jerusalem, then Victor spoke at Messianic Conference in Haifa before we left for the USA.

By now, many of you would have seen or read the fruit of His assignment which was published in record time and released the first of July which gave us the opportunity to attend Christian and Messianic Jewish Conferences, Church Camps and share in many churches where the Lord opened doors.

The Title, *Nineveh: A Parody of the Present-Biblical Clues to the Rise and Fall of America* is a concept we do not want to see become a reality, but even now, the storm clouds are gathering throughout the land.

We returned home to Australia the end of August after 6 months away, only to realize that we were still in a battle with availability on Amazon.com and the ISBN number that enables Christian Bookstores to handle it. Our publisher states that he has never had these problems before! Undoubtedly, there are powers and principalities out there that don't want the message out, but we believe He will be victorious.



Give praise and thanks with us for:

- The Lord making it possible to see all our children and grandchildren, even those in Brazil.
- Steve Meyer arranging a car for us to use in our ministry travels of over 9000 miles and with His blessing we returned it intact.

Serbia Housing Fund

We have created a process where the parents, family, or anybody from the church donates a small lot and we finance the purchase of the material needed to build 1000 square feet home. The cost of the material is about 10,000 CAD. Labour to build the home is often donated by the young brethren from our churches in Eastern Europe.

The young couple that gets such a home pays back approximately \$200 per month until the amount is repaid. Allocation of the funds is done through their Relief Committee. The money returned into this fund becomes available to the next couple that gets married. This process is functioning well but due to the current size of the fund it was available only for the first three or four families. There are currently a number of newly married couples hoping and praying to have such an opportunity. But there would be many more that would get married if they had such an opportunity. We want to make it clear that only the couples that do not have wealthy relatives abroad are eligible for such funding.

A Magala Church family is shown in this picture.

This fund/project is established in Serbia, most of funds coming from Sister Church. It still remains to be seen if and how much help is needed in Romania and Ukraine. Romania has just joined European Union and the impact of that change is hard to predict.

Beside the fact that we provide young people a chance to get married and have a home it also provides a great opportunity to many young people to come together, work together, and give their time and effort to build such homes. This strengthens the fellowship and builds the unity of our congregations and gives hope for the survival and future.

Zoran Lisulov,
Yugoslavia Relief Committee

- Many friends and family that took us into their homes and blessed us abundantly.

- Bernie and Shirley Laubli attending conferences to display and sell our books.



- Those of you that have sowed into our ministry with your gifts and prayers.

Have you ever been this tired?



Or his tired?

This year, like never before, we were aware of the many that were strengthening our arms as Aaron and Hur for Moses, that the victory would be won.



We are thankful for the doors of ministry and distribution of books that he has opened for us here in Australia since our return. We feel like we need a rest before seeking His will for next year.

At the moment this is how we feel but are looking to Him to give us a time of rest and refreshment so we can begin our journey in 2010 with new strength and fresh anointing from His spirit.

Be blessed in this coming year and remember that your prayers brought us through victories last year and we again are in need of your faithful support for the coming year.

With love and blessings in our Lord who is both Lion and Lamb,
Vic & Elsie Schlatter,
South Pacific Island Ministries, Inc.



Paraguay

Over the past seven years, Colegio Privado Adonai -the Apostolic Christian Church-sponsored private Christian school in Asuncion Paraguay-has had the privilege of offering financial assistance to many students who otherwise may have been unable to afford the costs of attending school. The funding of these scholarships and bursaries is the fruit of generous hearts of brothers and sisters from the North American Church. In 2009, more than \$25,000 was donated to the benefit of more than 75 students. The donated funds go towards paying sign-up fees, covering monthly tuitions, buying books and, in some cases, uniforms.

Through this abundance of grace, Colegio Privado Adonai is able to reach out to students and families who would have considered themselves unable to benefit from this ministry. God has strengthened the missionary work in Paraguay through this generosity; Christ has been glorified in the Lambare congregation because of these sponsorships; and the Holy Spirit has worked powerfully in the lives of both benefactors and beneficiaries to make known the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Financial aid is extended to families from the neighborhood and from the church congregation who are in economic conditions which limit their ability to pay the costs of attending Adonai. Some scholarships are also given to reward academic excellence in the classroom. In November at the end of the school year, families fill out application forms for the upcoming year; a selection committee then prayerfully reviews the applications and makes the necessary visits to some homes in December and January before allocating the funds (school starts in February). Some students receive partial coverage of the monthly tuition whereas needier families obtain greater aid. Parents and students alike pray feverently for the opportunity to take part in the blessing of an education at Colegio Privado Adonai.

There are many miraculous stories of families who have come to experience the grace of God after receiving a sponsorship. A large number of converts in the Lambare congregation over the past several years came into contact with Adonai through this sponsorship program, and were then welcomed into the church community in such a way that led them into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

The donations from the church in North America are also imparting hope and purpose unto the lives of the students receiving these sponsorships. Much of the financial aid goes to students who come from very broken homes; whether absent, dysfunctional, or separated, many of the parents of these children and adolescents have failed to show them true love. At Adonai, however, they are welcomed into a nurturing, grace-filled community which seeks their wellbeing and directs them to a truthful Father, a good God of hope. The Lord is working healing and restoration in the lives of students through the love shown them by their teachers and the staff at Colegio Privado Adonai, and this caring relationship will continue bringing forth fruit in the future of the Paraguayan nation. Many thanks to those donors who have made these bonds of ministry possible.

As God lays it on your heart, please give towards the student sponsorship program at Colegio Privado Adonai. Any amount donated will be collected into a general fund to be allocated to financial aid applicants; if you would like to contribute a full sponsorship, the cost is \$500. Please earmark these donations for "Adonai student sponsorship" AND send an email, notifying us of your donation to <Adonaischool@gmail.com> by January 15th, 2010. All donations for sponsorships for the 2010 school year must be sent to the ACC Foundation by January 31, 2010. Donations received after that will be set aside for the 2011 school year. Thank you for your generosity on behalf of children and teenagers in Paraguay.

Donations earmarked for "Adonai student sponsorship" may be sent to:
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1135 Sholey Road
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For the glory of Christ and the edification of his Bride,
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Advances in technology have allowed Christians to stay connected in ways that would have been unimaginable only 20 years ago. Communication that would have proven difficult or impossible just a few decades ago can now occur within seconds across almost every corner of this world.

Among the most powerful advances in technology are email and internet websites. The ACC Foundation is now leveraging these tools to assist in sharing details on the operations, events and details surrounding the ACC Foundation. The ACCFoundation.org website organizes and centralizes information on what the Foundation provides to the supporting missionaries, outreaches and churches among the Apostolic Christian Church.

The website provides contact information and locations for each of the supporting churches and for various missionaries and outreaches. Foundation events and materials are also available from ACCFoundation.org. From Bible Class lesson outlines to digital copies of the Foundation Newsletter, the Foundation provides updated content on a regular basis. But this is where we need your help.

As with any website, greater value lies in dynamic content and user contributions. How often do you find yourself visiting websites that consist of a single page? Do you regularly visit websites that are static and have no updated content for years at a time? Content is what keeps visitors involved and interested - and this is where you can help...

Info@ACCFoundation.org is the email address for sending information about your next event. Whether at your church, outreach, missionary, retreat, CFG or camp, if you want to share

the information, send the details to this email address. Info@ACCFoundation.org can be used to send event dates, locations, photos, or questions regarding the Foundation. Emails to info@ACCFoundation.org are monitored on a daily basis and can be forwarded to particular reps or trustees if requested in your email.

While individuals are encouraged to contribute to the Foundation website via info@ACCFoundation.org, each church should make their event coordinator, Foundation rep or Messenger reporter aware and actively contributing to the Foundation website in order to have your specific event, request or essay published on the website in a timely manner.

For those with older digital cameras, perhaps you can donate it to a missionary or your local church for use during the next choir visit or baptism! A kitchen drawer, sound room or coat closet could be the perfect place to store a camera for taking pictures of your next event to share with the brethren!

As we continue to communicate via ACCFoundation.org, we hope to improve awareness and usage of the website over the coming year. Everyone's input will be critical to building content that has users coming back on a regular basis.

Creative, consistent and committed contributions are critical for content. See you online, and we look forward to your contributions to info@ACCFoundation.org!

David Pentsa,
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ACCF wishes you all a blessed Christmas season as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

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