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## Mission Experiences in South Africa

Hey Team (and friends)!

I apologize since it has been almost two weeks since my last update - we have had very limited access to internet recently since we have been traveling quite a bit.

Late last night we returned from a quick two day trip to the Kingdom of Swaziland. Swaziland is a separate country bordered on all sides by South Africa. We traveled for the purpose of attending the wedding of two UJ-Bunting alums, but also had a couple other experiences along the way. We toured a Swazi cultural village where we watched some villagers perform a traditional Swazi dance; and the night before the wedding we ate at a traditional Swazi restaurant where those who were brave enough sampled some Ox tail. When our server was questioned as to what Ox tail really is, she said "You know the meat around the tailbone of an ox, that's it." It was delicious.

Last Saturday we had quite the day. In the morning we visited the Door of Hope orphanage, where we got to play with about two dozen babies, all under 12 months. After leaving the orphanage we traveled about thirty minutes to nearby Soweto, the largest township in the world. Townships are black communities that were built by the government during apartheid to segregate the black and white communities. Four male students who we have been ministering to joined us for the trip, and they served as our tour guides while we were there. In the evening we attended a professional rugby game, which was quite the experience.

One awesome story from two weeks ago. Yandisa, one of the UJ-Bunting staff guys, spoke out of 2 Corinthians 5:21 on Wednesday at LeLife (our evangelistic meeting). After the meeting I was speaking with "K" one of the students we have been spending time with for the past few weeks. As we are sitting there he looks at me and asks "So Phil, what did you think of the message?" I was immediately

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South Africa Woman displaying Beads, University of Johannesburg



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## Oak Grove/Fulp Serve in MS



Team Participants

Oak Grove and Fulp Moravian Churches went on their third mission trip to Mississippi the week of May 14—21. Members from Fulp who went are Rev. Dan Nelson, Ben Nelson, Jeanne Harrell, and Bobby Knouse. Members from Oak Grove are Arnold Reeves, Loretta Snow, and Rev. Matthew Allen.

We stayed at the Moravian Mission House in Ocean Springs. We were thankful for the hospitality of Weldon and Joni Harris who serve as BWM hosts. They are a couple from Pennsylvania who host the various mission teams who come. Weldon works with Camp Victor and Joni is a nurse.

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Pray for the fund-raising efforts of the Unity women's Desk. Pray that we may match the challenge gift of \$10,000 with \$10,000 from the Southern Province, the Northern Province, and Europe and with grants from foundations.

Give thanks and praise for the women's Fellowship of Kernersville Moravian which has pledged \$1000 in support over the next four years and have issued a challenge for nine other Southern Province women's Fellowships and ten Northern Province women's Fellowships to match their pledge.

Pray for the women who are dealing with HIV/AIDS around the world that they may find cures and assistance with their daily lives.

Give thanks and praise for clean drinking water if you have it. Pray for the many women in developing nations that do not have clean, accessible water.

Give thanks and praise if you can read this prayer list. Pray for the many women and children who cannot read or write. Pray that the Unity women's Desk may find ways to provide education to an additional 100 girls each year with the Scholarship Fund.

For the complete **Prayer List**, you may access it at the website [www.unitywomensdesk.org](http://www.unitywomensdesk.org)

The Rev. Patty Garner, Coordinator

## **Oak Grove/Fulp Serve in MS** (Continued from Page 1)



During the week we worked on two projects. The first was renovating space in the Christian Education building of a Baptist church in Pascagoula where Camp Victor is moving. Currently, Camp Victor is in downtown Ocean Springs and it is a ministry that helps restore houses for people who don't have the means to do it themselves. Since Katrina, Camp Victor has been in an old sewing machine factory owned by the county. The county recently sold the building to a developer and Camp Victor has to move out. The second project was working on a lady's house in Moss Point, just north of Pascagoula. We grouted tile floor, installed laminate flooring, put in kitchen cabinets, and did some exterior work. The homeowner's name is Ann Williams and she was very grateful to us. Hopefully in a few months she will be back in her home.

It's hard to believe that nearly 6 years after Katrina some people are still not back in their homes. But through volunteer efforts, progress continues. Our group worked hard, but enjoyed the Christian fellowship of each other and getting to know folks in Mississippi.

There is still plenty of work to do in Mississippi and Moravians will continue to send work crews. We are looking forward to another trip next year. We thank Oak Grove and Fulp Moravian Churches and the Mission Society for their monetary support.

Rev. Matthew Allen, Pastor

Oak Grove Moravian Church



**WESTPORT, Conn. (July 4, 2011)** — Save the Children has made an urgent call to donors to provide life-saving help to thousands of children in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia whose lives are at risk due to severe food shortages. The UN has called this East Africa's worst drought in 60 years.

"Large numbers of Somali refugees are fleeing conflict and drought in their homeland and walking to the border crossing point at Dollo Ado. From there, they are taken to nearby refugee camps in southern Ethiopia," reports Duncan Harvey, Save the Children's Deputy Country Director in Ethiopia.

"Eighty percent of the refugees are children and the majority of the remainder are women. Many arrive in Dollo Ado having walked for weeks. They arrive sick and hungry. Many of the children urgently need food. We are still in a position to avert catastrophe if we act now."



A deadly combination of failed rains and soaring global food prices has left more than nine million people living in remote areas across the region — more than half of them children — without enough food and water and at risk of malnutrition.

More than a quarter of children in the worst-hit parts of Kenya are now dangerously malnourished, and in Somalia malnutrition rates have reached 30 percent in some areas, making the Horn of Africa one of the hungriest places on earth.

### Malnutrition Center

Save the Children has already launched a major humanitarian response in Kenya, Somalia, and Ethiopia, feeding tens of thousands of underweight children, providing life-saving medical treatment, and getting clean water to remote communities. But with the situation worsening by the day — and no more rain due till late September — Save the Children urgently needs money to dramatically ramp up its response.

"Thousands of children could starve if we don't get life-saving help to them fast," said Matt Croucher, Save the Children's regional emergency manager for East Africa. "Parents no longer have any way to feed their children; they've lost their animals, their wells have dried up and food is too expensive to afford.

"We can stop this tragedy unfolding, but we only have half the money we need. We urgently need to raise the rest so we can save more children's lives."

Families have resorted to desperate measures to survive. In Somalia, thousands have left their homes in search of food, with malnourished children walking for days on end in searing heat and risking conflict to find help. Meanwhile, in Kenya, Save the Children has received reports of people feeding their animals the thatch from the roof of their huts in a bid to keep them alive, leaving families without adequate shelter. Many children are eating just a single bowl of porridge a day, missing out on the basic nutrients they need to survive.

### How You Can Help Save the Children Save Lives

—Contact them at [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)

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taken aback, and I thought to myself, "Aren't I supposed to be asking *you* that question? Aren't I the one who is supposed to be initiating the spiritual conversations around here?" But as I gathered myself I recognized that this young man was taking a big step in asking me that question. He was being openly transparent with me and displaying that he was interested in spiritual things by seeking to engage in spiritual conversation. We began to dialogue about the message in general terms and 2 Corinthians 5:21 in particular. At one point he said the words, "That verse, to me, IS Christianity. It explains it perfectly." At this point it was clear that "K" had a clear understanding of the gospel, and when pushed to make a decision to repent of sin and trust in Christ he said "I think a lot about decisions before I make them, and I've been thinking about this decision [to follow Christ] a lot over the past weeks, and I don't think I should put it off any longer. I want to make this decision now. Over the last week God has been changing my life. I've gained knowledge about who this King is and I want life in his kingdom." It is incredible when it is evident that John 6:44 really is true: that it is God and God alone who draws people to Himself. It is so clear in "K's" words that it was the Lord who was working in his heart to bring him to trust in Christ as his King.

Last Friday we had separate Men's and Women's socials. The men heard a message about biblical masculinity, and one of the main takeaways was that true manliness is nothing less than authentic godliness. After the message we watched *Gladiator* and played video games. As for the girls all I know is that they did girly things, and from what I hear the female students from UJ-Bunting loved it. This was a nice change of pace from what we had been doing over the past few Friday Night Events.

This past Tuesday I had the privilege of spending some time studying the scriptures with "K" and "M," both whom have come to faith in Christ in the last three weeks. We looked at Ephesians 2:1-10. One nugget that both "K" and "M" took away was the surreal truth that we are not only saved *from* our sins, but we are actually adopted *into* God's family as sons and daughters. They saw this particularly in v.6 which tells us that in Christ we have a seat with God in the throne room of heaven. It has been amazing to see these two men quickly grow in their joy in the gospel.

This week is the last week of exams for students at UJ-Bunting. Many students have already gone home and many will be leaving this week. We are making one last push to recruit students to the winter camp [retreat] which is coming up this

Friday to Sunday. This weekend will be a



great opportunity for students to experience a lot of teaching and fellowship in a compact span of time.

After the end of the camp, our team will remain at the campsite for a few days and engage in some mercy ministry in the nearby township. We will be splitting our time between putting on a Vacation Bible School for local children and building a house for a local family. We will spend the last couple days of our time here in South Africa on a safari. We are excited about seeing some wild animals and getting to rough it a bit.

After this week on campus, a week at the campsite, and a short safari, we will return to the states! I can't believe that our trip is almost over, it has flown by!

Back to the U.S.

*Phillip Sineath, Macedonia Moravian  
Campus Outreach Ministries*

## Solar Energy Comes to Kenya

We have electricity all the time. It is awesome. The team came from home (U.S.) and put up a solar system. Thank you! Thank you!! It is so nice to be able to have lights 24/7. The only issue is the children have to learn how to remember to cut them off. They have never had to deal with light switches. What a wonderful problem to have. The team also worked on our water system and improved our water system.

We had a great visit with the team from home. It is always so wonderful when people from home come to Ray of Hope. We all had a great time sharing our love of the Lord.

The children are doing well. They have just completed their exams and are getting ready for a short holiday in August. They enjoyed the team being here and getting to know my family.

We are having a problem with getting food at a reasonable price. There is a shortage of food in Kenya and Somalia. The merchants take that opportunity to raise the prices. We are making it and are trying to be sure there is food for the families in our community. We could use all the help and prayers you can share with us. We are planning a Bible camp this weekend. We will be preparing extra food for the children.

We all send blessings and prayers for all of our mission friends.

Michael, Ceci, and Blessing Tesh and Children, Ray of Hope Orphanage

1. Pray for Dusty & Christin Harrison (Calvary Moravian NC) and the students they are serving through Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry at Clemson University ([www.greekiv.org](http://www.greekiv.org))
2. Pray for Brian (pilot) & Heather Marx (chalk artist) serving with MAF in Indonesia. E-mail is [Bmarx@maf.org](mailto:Bmarx@maf.org).
3. Pray for Steve & Ann Marx (Christ Moravian Church NC) as they work with MAF in Nampa, Idaho.
4. Bless Safiatu & Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone and Charles Sapp who returned from service there and plans to attend school in the fall. Pray for Billy Flippin (Little Church) helping coordinate ministry there.
5. Pray that many young people will find new and exciting ways to serve the Lord through the Antioch Project in Nepal, Costa Rica, Africa, Haiti, etc. Pray for Jill Kolodziej, Director, & BWM Staff leading these efforts.
6. Pray for peace and support for the Woo Family living and witnessing to people in Asia.
7. Pray for K & C serving the Magi People in the Middle East and their many indigenous friends.
8. Pray for Glenna and George Tasedan from Calvary Moravian (NC) serving the mission province of Labrador in Goose Bay/Happy Valley.
9. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford from Friedberg Moravian Church (NC) on furlough in Winston-Salem from Mexico where they serve in church planting among the Mixtec. They will be teaching a Perspectives Course at Ardmore Moravian NC this summer.
10. Pray for AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed – 2 Tim. 2:15), an international organization that participates with parents and churches to produce the Christian faith in youth and children.
11. Pray for Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC) that partners with other ministries to share the Good News with those in the remote areas of Alaska and the Russian Far East.
12. Pray for Sports Outreach Institute which reaches children, youth, and men with the gospel of Jesus Christ through soccer.
- 13.-August 13 Festival - Pray for Masters Academy International with its multiple training centers around the world training church leaders in the context of their own country and culture.
14. Pray for retirement communities, the health care givers working in them, the people living in them and the volunteers serving in them.
- 15.. Pray for Love In the Name of Christ (Love, INC), bringing churches together to help the poor by meeting immediate needs such as food, clothing, housing and life skills training.
16. Pray for the Master's Mission in Robbins NC. It is a training program designed to prepare missionary families for the challenges of remote and urban missionary service worldwide.
17. Pray for George and Ruth Goff, a missionary pilot serving the medical transportation needs with Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
18. Pray for camp directors and workers who make it possible for so many believers to enjoy times of worship and fellowship in a natural setting and for the children whose lives are being touched during the summer.
19. Pray for Kendra Roy from the Dillingham Moravian Church in Dillingham, Alaska who is serving Christ in Brazil.
20. Pray for Likewise Aids Ministry ministering to the most vulnerable children and women and the Adopt A Village Program supporting more than 2,800 children in Tanzania.
21. Pray for the M Family (Dillingham Moravian AK) and all others who are serving through Wycliffe Bible Translators to bring the Good News to people in their own language.
22. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson, and all others who are working to give women a "second chance."
23. Pray for those who minister in diverse settings such as provincial offices, counseling centers, ecumenical agencies, prisons, hospitals, schools and colleges, and the armed services.
24. Pray for Celeste Handy serving with InterVarsity Fellowship at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque ministering to Native American students with Bible studies, conferences, outreach, etc.
25. Pray for C & V and Family serving with Bridges International in campus ministry in TX, especially among Asian students.
26. Pray for provision of needs and encouragement for Dr. Louis and Susan Sutton from Christ the King Moravian Church (NC) serving with WEC (World Evangelization for Christ).
27. Pray for Robert & Anne Thiessen and family on furlough from their ministry in Mexico among the Mixtec. Robert will be teaching a Perspectives course at Ardmore Moravian (NC) this summer.
28. Pray for The Rev. Judy Ganz, serving as the Exec. Director of the Board of World Mission, and Staff continuing in current mission activities and visioning for the future efforts of the BWM.
29. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent from Friedland Moravian Church (NC) who are serving with Campus Crusade in Zagreb, Croatia and for John Musgrove and Sasha Zibarov in Ukraine.
- 30.. Pray for Michael, Cecilia and Blessing Tesh and the children at the Ray of Hope Orphanage in Kenya. Give praise for newly installed solar panels generating electricity and water cistern system.
31. Pray for Mark Ebert and the Moravian Volunteer Resources. Pray that many people will volunteer, many will donate, and that many will be helped.



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# An Iceberg — A Faith Object Lesson

*"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

What does an iceberg entering the sub-arctic flow of Labrador, and our journey in faith have in common? Both are beautiful, and both are slow in motion.

I walked into a home once and the piano was covered in a mass of family photos beautifully framed. It was several generations of joy as so fluidly described at length by the woman of the house. We are more than willing to talk about that which is most important to us. It isn't a job, we don't need training, & need very little encouragement to talk about such things. My question then, is this ...Why doesn't this happen more often with Jesus?



*"Jesus is the priceless treasure, the source of purest pleasure and friend to me so true"* as the the hymn text goes. You can't hide it or keep it secret. The unsurpassable joy He brings to a heart and soul cannot be contained!

As the one person was digging; another looked for pearls; the 3rd sought fish in his net, each, through their active searching, found the treasure ( Matt.13 ). And we are blessed to have scripture in our own language, so we can keep our faith in motion, and the treasure unfolding. Eureka!

The past year & 1/2 here has been about bringing forth the availability of scripture; regular, large, and giant print bibles. We've also added Bibles for different-aged children. Thank you for your support in that effort - your generosity has made a huge difference. Our hope is to begin building a children ' s resource center with colorful Bible story books, movies, puzzles, and Bible software ( we had a donation of an operational computer ) for all ages.

A new tradition emerged here, that of the Moravian Chicken Pie. It turned out to be a nice addition to caribou stew, fish n brews, and flakey ham sandwiches (yum! ), and all the local favorites. Our Moravian Chicken Pie fundraising dinner brought \$1100.00! It was fun to see all the new faces in the church.

Camp at Gosling Lake has been quite exceptional this year; Jen Burtner from Staten Isl., a creative arts teacher, Sherry from Wisconsin, and 2 Moravian youth from NC; Becky & Bailey. They have also been of huge assistance in worship through music and childrens' church.



Goslen Lake

This is a beautiful season for fishing; cod, salmon, char, and trout seem to be the favorites.

The town is full of folks coming from everywhere to fish in these waters.

I am reminded daily the necessity and benefit of listening and in understanding the Inuit language. These folks have most patient and loving hearts and I admire many things about them. My soul is blessed to have the privilege of serving our Lord and Saviour in such a way. There really are no words to describe this gift in our lives.

George and I continue to pray for each of you and your bless-ed journey with Jesus.

Our God loves us... all of us... forever.... no matter what... and nothing... no Nothing! can separate us from His love.

# M Family Update

† Mom's Luncheon went well—more are planned for this year.

† Birthday celebration for youngest daughter's 2nd birthday.

† 8 week intensive study completed by Mom.

† Reporting system on effectiveness of web sites completed.

† Time spent with new family helping them to get oriented to the area.

† Mom has been designated prayer group leader for the region.

† Work in progress on a new system to easily modify scripture websites to work on mobile phones.

*Family expansion of a new baby was expected on July 23.*

*Two bedrooms are available upstairs for needed expansion.*

*M Family, Wycliffe (Contact Mission Office for info)*



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