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### Albania Mission Conference

I recently sat in a hotel confer-  
ence room in Tirana, Albania  
with seven of my fellow brother  
and sister mission leaders from  
the various European Moravian  
mission agencies to hear how  
Jesus Christ was working in and  
through Albanian brothers and  
sisters to witness to God's King-  
dom. One of the Albanian lead-  
ers, a young woman who spoke  
excellent English, announced that  
she wanted to share the written  
testimony of one of the other  
women present in the room. I  
noticed that this woman bowed  
her head as her story was read to  
us. This is what we heard.

*I am the mother of three children now  
8, 11, and twelve. My husband left  
me shortly of the birth of my youngest,  
as many men do in Albania because of  
the poverty and lack of jobs. I was  
living in a small town in what is a  
Muslim area of Albania. There were  
very few jobs for women, and I had to  
move to larger city if I was going to  
raise my children. I did not believe in  
God, because Albania official states  
that it is an atheist country, and  
during the years of communist govern-  
ment, there were no churches,  
mosques, or other forms of religious  
practices. However, when I moved to  
new city, my children met some other  
children who invited to be a part of  
youth program. I was happy to let my  
children go, as I could see that they  
were always happier when they came  
home.*

*I still had struggles in finding work,  
and we lived in a one room apartment.*

*Each week I worried  
whether I could  
make enough to feed  
the children and pay  
the rent. I was  
never happy, and  
often cried myself to  
sleep at night, especially when I knew  
I had no food for the next day.*

*One night I came home late from my  
job, once again without anything to  
feed my children, and discouraged that  
I would have to tell them. When I  
came into the room, I saw them kneel-  
ing by our one bed. As I listened to  
what they were saying, I realized that  
they were praying for me –  
something I had never seen or  
heard before that night – my  
children praying to a person called  
Jesus to make me happy, and to take  
care of me and love me. My heart  
broke as I listened and I began to cry.  
I realized I wanted to learn what it  
was about this Jesus that made my  
children pray for my happiness instead  
of their hunger. I began to go to their  
youth program, and today I have come  
to know Jesus.*

As the reading ended, our sister  
slowly lifted her head, and smiled  
shyly at us, perhaps wondering  
how we had received her story.  
She saw a room full of people  
sitting in quiet wonder, moved to  
hear once again a timeless story  
of faith and love. The next day  
in the sacrament of baptism, we  
received a new sister into His  
Body, and what a celebration we  
had!

In traveling worldwide, I see  
many expressions of "church,"  
occasionally full of discord or  
struggling financially. Yet, it is  
these special moments of God's  
remarkable grace that sustain me  
in seeing how the witness of the  
Church quietly grows in some of

the toughest places in the world.  
Perhaps needless to say, but the  
mission work being supported by  
our European Moravian brothers  
and sisters are thriving as can be



REV. JOHN ITILAZYO (LEFT)

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Will Sibert, Executive Director of  
the Board of World Mission, N.A.  
He and his family live in Bethle-  
hem, PA.

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## A Message From Our President—Looking Ahead



It is the season for graduations for young and not so young. Graduations are held from pre-schools to universities. Graduation is a highlight or achievement in our lives. Graduation is a process rather than a single event that strengthens our faith through achievements and a sense of purpose. There is faith that parents have in children that they can accomplish anything. There is also faith that teachers have in the abilities of students to learn different subject matter. Both parents and teachers make significant contributions to the graduation/educational process.

Likewise, education is a process that never ends. Education never closes a mind; it opens it. In the same manner that Jesus is never threatened by a question; he welcomes it. So, graduates as you advance your education, remember that Jesus is the answer to all questions, and when

he answers a question he always leaves the door open so that anyone can get to it from either side. It is easy to believe that you have arrived and know it all but only Jesus knows all.

A few weeks I attended my daughter-in-law's graduation from nursing school which I considered to be a major achievement. English is not her native language and she overcame the language barrier and persevered in a very competitive field and earned a bachelors degree in nursing. As I listened to the commencement speaker, Hill Harper who graduated from Harvard Law school with President Barack Obama, he made two profound points: 1) He quoted Winston Churchill's shortest speech, "Never give up, never give up," and 2) He encouraged students to follow their passion upon graduation. With a Harvard law degree he could have joined

any law firm; however, he followed his passion and became an actor and mentor to young people.

So, graduates celebrate your well-earned achievements, but remember the passion that you follow, if grounded in the love for Jesus, will give you the strength to never give up and the patience to persevere.

The Lord Jesus is the answer and has the best in store for you. You will experience both high's and low's, you will experience significant accomplishments, and you will have failures (challenges); but put your trust in Jesus Christ and he will give you the strength to use all opportunities you encounter to further His kingdom on Earth.

*Eyon Crooks, member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church, is the President of the Mission Society Board of Directors.*

## Moravian Disaster Response—The Need of Hope

To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ . . .

The need for volunteers to respond to disasters will never end until our Lord returns and sets up His Kingdom here on Earth. What a glorious day that will be!! However, until then, we have work to do and we must not let anything stand in our way!! Below is another of many opportunities in which you can restore hope to someone that may have lost hope; to bring love and compassion in the midst of crisis.

Our work on the **Gulf Coast** following Katrina is still ongoing as many people continue to live in unfinished homes. Our mission to build four Habitat for Humanity Houses continues as we start our 4th one in August. We will need teams on a regular basis to complete it on a timely schedule. Our work in Hope, Indiana is

also still ongoing but beginning to wind down as homes flooded last summer are completed. I am positive that you can look around your own community and find many in need of this same Hope, Love, and Compassion.

I want to thank each and every one of you that have been a part of this ministry, whether you have gone and helped rebuild, or given financially, or prayed, you have ALL made a difference in many lives and for this I PRAISE GOD!!

Beginning in June, another hurricane season immersed, "so let us not grow weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a Harvest if we do not give up"! For you that are volunteer veterans, lets get at it! If you have yet to volunteer, LET'S GET AT IT!! Call or write me and I will help you find a place or

way for you to serve, or give, or pray. Pray is something we all can do!

I love you all and can't wait to see you "OUT THERE" somewhere, your partner in this love of Christ, Mark Ebert

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# Antioch Youth - "I Was Given a Great Opportunity To Grow."

**B**lessed, that is the one word that comes to mind most when I think about my recent trip to Honduras. It is a huge blessing that I even had the opportunity to live and serve in Honduras this past year. I met so many wonderful people and was taken in and cared for by some amazing, loving families. I became a part of their lives and my life was enriched by their presence.

For the last portion of my time in La Moskitia, the part of Honduras where the indigenous Miskitu Indians live, I worked with youth in two villages along the coast. The Moravian Church is a dominant church in the area so I had the wonderful opportunity to work with other Moravian youth. I worked with three churches in the area—preaching, teaching songs and dances, and leading Bible studies.

I had preached once before in my own church, New Philadelphia Moravian, for youth Sunday and once more in a small clay church in Kenya, while working at the Ray of Hope Orphanage. Both times there were multiple preachers and my sermon was not much more than a short meditation. I had learned in my short time in La Moskitia that sermons there can rarely be described as a short meditation, sometimes the services could go on for more than three hours. I found it a little intimidating at first, I was still just beginning to get a grasp on Spanish and speaking in front of large groups of older, wiser people was something that I found a little daunting.



After a few weeks the preaching got easier. I would always ask my house-mom how she thought the sermon went afterwards, hoping for some kind of feedback to see if the message was relevant, sound, and not too boring. The first time I asked her how it went, I was hoping for a general "it went fine" or "I like what you said about this and that," she told me "you need to work on how you say tree. It's árbol not arbol." My pronunciation of tree was the least of my worries, at the moment, but she is a practical woman and I can now say árbol.

angry, it is just very enthusiastic. Some of my friends told me that they enjoyed my sermons and got something out of them, the only problem was that I talk too suave, too smooth.



As I look back, I see God's hands working in the relationships made in the past few months.

He brought people into my life, ministers and friends, who guided me and helped me to grow. I made friendships that will last a lifetime, if not longer. I was given a beautiful opportunity to minister to the youth of La Moskitia and they ministered to me. I pray that they continue growing together in God's grace and love and never stop serving

By the time I started feeling more comfortable preaching I had made quite a few friends. When you begin to know the stories behind the faces in the congregation, preaching becomes a little different. You begin praying in earnest about the words coming out of your mouth, that they belong not to you but to God and that you know the impact they could have on someone's life.

Ministers in La Moskitia have a certain enthusiasm when they preach. This is a generalization, of course, but they normally spend a good portion of their sermon yelling. It isn't mean or

one another in obedience to Christ's call to love.

*Leah Weatherman is a high school graduate (2008) and a member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church, soon to enter Appalachian State University.*



# First Friday Prayer Gatherings

## *New Understanding of Peoples & Moravians Around the World*



*"Then Peter called him: "Sir, if it is really you, tell me to come over to you, walking on the water." "All right," the Lord said, "come along!" So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. Matt 15: 28-29, The Living Bible.*

The Mission Society tested the waters on February 6, 2009 by sponsoring the first monthly Prayer Gathering in recent years at Christ Moravian Church. We

heard news of the recent summer camps in Labrador, along with personal experiences from a past missionary. During the following months, our mission awareness improved with missionaries sharing their experiences from Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua.

What a privilege to touch the world by praying for concerns in these countries during our time of group prayer! The worship time with a variety of music and musicians helped to prepare us for this

time of sharing about God's work in the world. We look forward to the upcoming Prayer Gatherings as the Holy Spirit guides and directs our time together.

*Sheila Beaman Administrative Asst. for the BWM for 20+ years, is a member of Macedonia Moravian, and is currently serving as Vice President of the Southern Province Moravian Mission Society. She is married to Charles and they have two sons.*

## **Will's Travels—Albania & Western Tanzania**

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heard in this story and others.

In an atheist country very resistant to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus, a woman hears her children praying for her happiness instead of their own hunger and discovers the love of Jesus – not a common story in Albania, but a timeless story we all love to hear again and again!

### **Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church in Western Tanzania**

After leaving Albania, I traveled to Sikonge, a small town south of the regional capital of Tabora to represent the BWM as one of several Unity partners. Sikonge is where Drs. Hoffman began their AIDS ministry in conjunction with Bethlehem's Central Moravian Church alongside the Moravian Hospital located there, which they then expanded outward to the many small villages in the surrounding area to support the children victimized by this terrible disease.

This Synod was important because the current Chair, Bishop Isaac Nicodemo, had already announced his intentions to retire after 14 years, leading to a new administration. In the large hall on the campus of the carpentry school, approximately 180 people gathered to hear Bro. Nico-

demo's farewell address, various ideas he presented in his address, and finally, to discuss in small groups particular ideas the Synod leadership assigned to each group to report on in plenary sessions for voting. The Rev. John Itilazyo is the new Provincial Chair, who had been the Vice Chair under Bro. Nicodemo. The Rev. Jackson Kakusi now will be the Vice Chair, and The Rev. Richard Lwali is the new General Secretary.

Sister Mary Kategile graciously acted as my translator. One night the Synod ran well past midnight, as heated discussions ensued around pastors' pensions and pastor children's education. Around nine o'clock, Bro. Nicodemo stood up to make an announcement. Suddenly, Mary stopped translating and stood up at the Bishop's request. I glanced up at her face, and could see tears starting to form as at the same time, people began clapping, slapping their tables (Tanzanian form of applause), and shouting. The Bishop had just announced that Mary was now approved for ordination – again one of those special moments!

There is much work to be done in the Western Province in restoring confidence among the pastors, as financial struggles has meant that they often went without their

salaries. Several younger, well educated persons also were elected to the new Provincial Board, who should prove to be a help for Bro. Itilazyo as he begins his new leadership duties.

The other three Unity Provinces were represented. Bro. Buya, Chair of the Southwestern Province lent his considerable intelligence and broad experience, having lived in Germany for 10 years, to several different points under consideration. In his closing comments to Synod, he lifted up the question "What is leadership?," and offered some wonderful illustrations for Bro. Itilazyo's reflections, as well as for our own, from his own story. Each evening, we were blessed with amazing sunsets full of gold and red light etched across the African sky, as the noises of the nearby town with children laughing and playing and roosters cawing, signaled the close of another day, offering hope for how God would bless the new day.

May we all pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Albania and Tanzania, as well as for His Church around world!

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MARY KATEGILE RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF HER ORDINATION



VJOLICA MAZI - NEW CHAIR OF ALBANIA MORAVIAN MISSION AREA



# July Pray Every Day 2009

1." Be my strong refuge..." Be a constant reminder to all who have lost so much of their worldly goods and security in the storms and floods of recent times. Call many volunteers to go and help restore a livable situation in disaster areas.

2. Sing praises and rejoice in Jesus. He is always present and never fails to honor his promises. Thank Him for Mission Societies and organizations that take the message of love and salvation to a hurting world while at the same time are working and serving those whom Jesus loves.

3. Trust in the Lord. Rely on Him for your strength. Pray for all of our men and women in the military, "Keep them safe, oh Lord. Pray for peace among the nations for Israel, and especially pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

4. Use what God has given into your keeping to serve others. Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima as they labor for the Lord in Sierra Leone. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers to work beside them.

5. **Sunday**-Jon Hus Festival-Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Thank God for the awesome history we have as Moravians. Thank Him for the life of Jon Hus who gave it all so that we might know and worship the Savior in truth. God's grace is sufficient for all our needs.

6. May the Holy Spirit rest upon Labrador Moravians as they pray for ordained pastors to come, pray, and guide their congregations. Pray for Glenna Tasedan as she goes stateside today; may God's message be heard through her.

7. Fear not. God's desire is that you receive the gifts of heaven. Pray for the students and staff of Alaska Christian College. Praise God for the lives won for Him there. Pray for Helen Gullede from the Little Church on the Lane in Charlotte, NC who is serving there.

8. Jesus makes my heart rejoice. Pray for Samaritan's Purse, ministering all over the world. Pray especially for the areas of the world where help is needed and governments forbid Christian charity.

9. Go, make disciples of all nations. Pray for Michael and Cecilia Tesh and the children in their orphanage. Pray that their chickens will lay lots of good eggs and that they will provide good revenue. Pray for their safety and their health.

10. Bread of life, feed me till I want no more. Pray for international bible studies and for the leaders and students who attend these studies. May they share the knowledge of God's word with the world around them.

11. Jesus is the way, the only way. We pray today for Mark and Maddy Munn from Dillingham Alaska Moravian Church serving in medical missions in Uzbekistan. Give them a sense of your peace.

12. **Sunday**-God's salvation is at hand for those who fear Him.

13. Walk in the way of the Lord and find rest for your soul. Pray for Bill and Peg Hoffman from Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA who are serving through the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania.

14. Earthly life is wrought with trouble. Life in Christ is peace and joy. Pray for those who work with "street children" in many areas, in many ways. Pray that many will recognize the love of Christ and come to know Him.

15. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Pray for many under-

ground churches and home churches and small pockets of Christians who continue to share their faith in countries like China and the Sudan and other African and European countries where Christians worship and share their faith in spite of the danger to their very lives.

16. Happy is the one who trusts in the Lord. Thank you Lord for the life you enable us to live because You live in and through us. Show me those you would have me to witness to with my life.

17. If God is for us, who can be against us? Acknowledge Him and all His grace and mercy, knowing that hardship will produce patience and endurance.

18. We are blessed if we obey God's commandments and cursed if we do not.

19. **Sunday**-We are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Praise Him, for it is nothing that we have done to deserve such honor. Pray for your pastor and his family. Pray for the bishops of the Moravian Church.

20. God is true to all His promises. He will never forget. Lift Gerard and Norvelle Goff Rudy as they witness and serve in Ahuwas, Honduras. Pray for volunteers to serve along side them and to teach their children's school.

21. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Pray for the small struggling congregations and for the young fellowships that they would grow and witness for Christ.

22. Love your neighbor and treat him as you would want to be treated. Pray for Vacation Bible Schools and youth mission trips being planned for the summer. Pray that the children will learn to be servants in many different ways.

23. The Lord will not forsake His people. Pray for George Goff, a pilot from the Honduras Moravian Church serving with Alas de Socorro in Honduras. George is faithful to witness for Jesus as he transports people.

24. Put on the breastplate of faith and the helmet of salvation. Pray for teachers of small children, for VBS and Sunday Schools. Pray for the leaders of the children's programs of your church.

25. It is out of abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. Let us Praise Him who gives all. Bless the students in all seminaries who are devoting their lives to serving your kingdom.

26. **Sunday**- The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds. Psalm 145:13 He is unchanging.

27. Is God Sovereign even when we lose our jobs or lose someone close to us, or only when we worship and life is joyful? Let us abide in Him, giving our whole attention and selves in humbleness so He can move freely to enable us for Him.

28. Lord, protect the children in the world; those yet unborn and those living among abuse, war, and hunger.

29. Bring the hope of Jesus Christ to those who are experiencing depression. Jesus died for each one of us. Thanks be to God!

30. Holy Spirit, move among all who left the comfort of their homes to "Go" and serve you in the spirit of humbleness and learning so they can better understand the culture.

31. Unite all Christians around the world and give us life anew to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as 1st c. Christians did.

# August Pray Every Day 2009

1. Let us love in truth and in action. Pray for all those serving in mission activities around the world. Many of them have given up many comforts in order to follow Christ into a world of need.

2. **Sunday**- Jesus is the bread of life. Feed on His love today. Worship and praise Him for who He is and for what He has done for us.

3. No slave can serve two masters. Search your heart and discover whom it is that you are truly serving. Is there any thing or any person taking God's place in your time, your finances, your thoughts?

4. The word of truth, the gospel has come to you. Pray for those who are taking the word of God to people who have never heard the Good News. Ask how you can support their ministry.

5. Live in Jesus Christ, rooted and built up in Him and established in faith. Pray for Mark Ebert and the Moravian Disaster Relief teams. Pray for many people to volunteer to go and help those who are suffering the loss of home and belongings.

6. Put away the foreign gods that are among you. Turn off the TV, put away the games, spend some time alone with God. Pray for the bishops and leaders of the Moravian Church around the world. Pray for the members of PECs and Mission Office Administrators.

7. Let the Holy Spirit descend upon all those attending the First Friday Prayer Gathering today in prayer, praise, and worship. Glenna Tasedan will share her time in Labrador.

8. Live in harmony with one another according to Jesus Christ. Pray for Stephen Ministers everywhere. There are many congregations that have people serving as Stephen Ministers.

9. **Sunday**-Whoever believes in Jesus Christ as the Son Of God has eternal life. Praise the Lord. Thank you merciful God for the unmerited favor bestowed on us. Pray for those who are shut-ins and are unable to get out to worship and do routine activities.

10. Our God comes and does not keep silent. Pray for the churches that are forbidden to worship Jesus openly. Lift the teachers and pastors who put their lives in jeopardy by speaking the truth of the gospel.

11. There is one God. He has created all things and all power is His. Determine to trust Him more each day and in each endeavor. Remember Safiatu and Mohamed Braima and their dedicated work in Sierra Leone.

12. Those who cling to useless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. Pray for dedicated Christians living in a world filled with idols that draw them away from the path God has set for them.

13. August 13 Festival-Lord, let your mercy come to me, that I may live. Remember the marvelous history of mission activity of the Moravian Church. Pray that your congregation will follow in those hallowed footsteps.

14. The gates of hell will not prevail against the church of Jesus Christ. Pray for widows, widowers and others who are might be alone or lonely. Pray that someone will speak a kind word of encouragement or do a kind deed for them today.

15. God knows each of our hearts, yet still entrusts us with the task of spreading His gospel.

16. **Sunday**-Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Humble yourself before the King of the Universe. Fill the sanc-

tuary with praise and with a joyful noise. Earnestly seek His presence.

17. Whoever believes in Jesus will have springs of living water to flow from within. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent from Friedland Moravian Church who are serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.

18. Confess your sins and forsake them and you will receive mercy. Pray for Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship in the Laurel Springs, NC and for all other fellowships and small congregations that are struggling to continue in their ministry.

19. The Lord alone is our God. Acknowledge Him and praise Him for who He is. Brian and Heather Marx have been accepted by MAF and assigned to the ministry in Indonesia. Pray that their support will be quickly realized and that their ministry will flourish.

20. Sing aloud to God our strength. Thank Him for the dedicated efforts of leaders of our mission efforts, Will Sibert, Sam Gray, Mark Ebert and many others.

21. Each tree is known by its fruit. Pray for the staff, students, and faculty of Alaska Christian College. Pray for Helen Gullede, from the Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, NC, who is serving there.

22. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guide your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Pray for the church and the people of Labrador.

23. **Sunday**-Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Rest in His grace. Trust in His strong arm. In this time of uncertainty and financial stress, remember that all things have been created by Him and He is in control. Nothing happens that He is not aware of and nothing lessens the amount of love he has for you.

24. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Pray for Michael and Cecelia Tesh and the children in the Ray of Hope Orphanage in Kenya.

25. Pray for all college students as they return to their campuses. May professors be grounded in Your Holy Word, dear Lord. Hold Dusty and Christin Harrison (Clemson InterVarsity) in your prayers.

26. Lift all seminary students in prayer. Strengthen them and uphold them as new light and new life is breathed into them.

27. Thank you, most Sovereign God, for Your Holy Word. May Your very breath be spoken in purity so we can all sing praises to You in one voice!

28. Lord, thank you for all teachers of school children and their hard work. Refresh them with Your living streams of water. Bless all

29. Holy Spirit . . . Breathe your fire upon us. Renew us.

30. **Sunday**- Thank you Father for all of the pastors that have faithfully served You. Bless them in their retirement, enabling them to now be fed each Sunday.

31. Jesus Christ, be with us now. You conquered sin and death so that we might be saved. Thank you for Your gift of Grace and Mercy upon us. May our knees never be weary from abiding in Your holy presence. Amen!

# M.M.C. - Moravian Mission Community

The Moravian Church has offered to her youth an opportunity to live in a community of action and reflection based on the principles of Count Zinzendorf's Order of the Mustard Seed:

- \* Be true to Christ
- \* Be kind to everyone
- \* Proclaim the Gospel walking in ministry partnership with local congregations.

## Requirements:

21-26 years old, willing to assume a simple lifestyle that embraces the principles outlined above, and be able to function in cooperation and collaboration with others.

## Characteristics Needed:

Flexibility, humility, willingness to learn, good interpersonal and community building skills, passion, and the ability to evaluate self and others.

## Location:

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

## Length of service:

Aug. 8, 2009—July 7, 2010

**Cost:** \$5,000. which covers all living expenses—room, furnishings, food, bus passes, a monthly stipend of \$150.00 per missionary, and a health insurance stipend of \$2,500.00 per missionary for the 11 months of service.

## A Typical Day:

Will include individual prayer, group conversation and prayer, service in the community, and sharing gifts with a local congregation. Moravian Theological Seminary has also invited all missionaries to participate in one class per semester at no charge. For those with a college degree, classes for credit; for those without, non-credit classes. Missionaries will also have the opportunity to participate in three spiritual retreats as well as participate in various speaking/sharing events.

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<sup>16</sup>But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever *-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit..*"

## Responding to the Great Commission

2009 will be a year to remember. Many, many congregations, teams, and individuals are responding to the Great Commission. This is certainly not an exclusive list, but is clearly an exciting start to the response of the Great Commission. PLEASE share your experiences with Onward readers—two to three paragraphs with pictures submitted to [moravianonward@yahoo.com](mailto:moravianonward@yahoo.com).

Jan 26 Steve Gray, SP - Costa Rica	July 5 Trinity Moravian – MD to MS
Jan, '09 Leah Weatherman, SP - Honduras	July 5 Clemmons, NC - Laurel Ridge
Jan, '09 Roman Brady/Morgan Smith, SP - Costa Rica	July 6 Olivet, NC - Hope, IN
Feb 09 Rural Hall/Peace, NC to Nicaragua	July 8 Raleigh, NC - Costa Rica
May 11 Raleigh, NC - Costa Rica	July 8 S.P. Team - Kenya
May 30 Fulp, Oak Grove, Ardmore – NC to MS	July 12 Unity, NC to Laurel Ridge
June 14 Konnoak – NC to Laurel Ridge	July 12 John Hus – NY to MS
June 14 Christ, NC to Laurel Ridge	July 16 Raleigh, NC—Costa Rica
June 15 Raleigh, NC to Costa Rica	July 26 Christian Faith – WI to MS
June 21 Calvary – NC to MS	July 26 Kernersville, NC—Laurel Ridge
June 27 Melissa Foster – Canada	July 29 S.P. Team 2 - Kenya
June 27 Rural Hall – NC to TX	July 5 Trinity Moravian – MD to MS
June 28 Raleigh, NC - Laurel Ridge	Aug 1 Deborah, Juan & Nick Suarez (SP) – Costa Rica
June 28 Amanda/Tonya Burcham(SP), Labrador	Aug 2 St. Paul – MD to MS
July 3 Justin Rabbach(NP)/Melissa Foster(SP) - Canada	Aug 10 W-S Churches - W-S Area Mission Outreach
July 5 Trinity Moravian – MD to MS	Sept 12 Debbie James, SP to Africa
July 5 Friedland, NC to Laurel Ridge	

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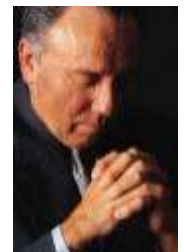
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# First Friday

## Prayer Gathering Invites You . . .

to share the stories, pictures, and answers to your prayers at the First Friday Prayer Gathering of your mission trip you took this summer. People need to hear your stories so as to build their faith in Christ. Please contact Sheila Beaman at 336-773-1732 or email at [sbeaman@mccsp.org](mailto:sbeaman@mccsp.org) and begin the conversation with “*Wow! Have I got a story to share with the world.*”



**COMING UP:** *August First Friday — the Labrador 2009 Handchime Ministry*  
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