

GOOD NEWS!

THE FIRST ROCK CHURCH NEWSLETTER



FROM PASTOR

We'd like to dedicate this first newsletter to a focus on missions and missionaries.

Our entire 35 years, we've been privileged to be able to support various missionaries, and God willing, we plan to continue for as long as we exist.

We believe that just as an individual is blessed when they obey God's Word concerning giving of tithes and offerings, the church and her congregation are blessed when they sow seeds into the Kingdom through missions giving, and for the same reasons. God has blessed this church from the beginning, and we are grateful for the opportunities He has given us. We hope you enjoy getting to know the missionaries you support.

We love you. Pastor and Michelle

DID YOU KNOW?...We currently send financial support to 9 missionary efforts: 6 international and 3 domestic. This first newsletter is dedicated to introducing you to these missionaries and giving you an understanding of what God is doing around the world with your support.

IN BRAZIL: Billy Joe and Josephine Hart founded the Brazilian Children's Outreach (BCO) on May 1st 1974 for the purpose of providing social assistance to needy children in Brazil. From its inception through 1989, the organization served as an orphanage for children and adolescents.

Since 1990 B.C.O. has provided comprehensive educational programs for children and adolescents, and social assistance to the children's families. BCO's vision is to transform impoverished Brazilian children into becoming contributing citizens healthy in mind, body and spirit.

— CELEBRATING —

35 Years



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Want to see what these ministries are up to right now?

Every month, each missionary we support sends some form of correspondence to update us about what God is doing in the ministry they serve.

We post these updates on the wall in the Fellowship Hall for you to see.

When you have a minute, take a walk back there and have a look!

IN INDIA:

Pastor Jameson P. Titus and family - Ministering to the mind, body and soul, since 1981. Christ for India has been operating a seminary that has trained and graduated young men and women who have been sent out all over India spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. The four-fold mission:

1. To train young men and women to become pastors and evangelists,
2. To plant churches in unreached areas and build churches where people can worship,
3. To alleviate pain and suffering through humanitarian outreaches at our on campus hospital, at village medical camps and eye clinics and
4. To give children and opportunity for education so they become future leaders in India.



We talk of the second coming; half the world has never heard of the first!
Oswald J. Smith

IN CHINA:

FRONTIER HARVEST MINISTRIES

Pastor Chuck Lenhart and his family have been planting churches among China's unreached peoples for more than 21 years. There are 300 or more ethnic groups in China today than when the mission began, with one hundred million individuals. The Lenharts are dedicated to training and sending evangelistic church planters from the ministry to these unreached people groups.

IN AFRICA , SOUTHEAST ASIA, SOUTH AMERICA,

EASTERN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA:

FRONTLINE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL—

Pastor Mike and Cheryl Johnson

Doing our best to do our part to help fulfill The Great Commission in poorer lands by being involved in short-term outreaches, humanitarian and evangelistic projects and leadership conferences. Our main focus is on Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin American nations.

MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL—Pastor Bob Mason and Family

Establishing churches, orphanages, medical clinics and homes, and holding crusades among the unreached people groups of Central and South America, Africa and Southeast Asia. We endeavor to cultivate ministry partners and create opportunities for teams to accompany us on mission trips. We commit to operating this ministry with the utmost integrity and character to bring absolute Glory to our God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.



The Lenharts,
Frontier Harvest—China



Bob Mason—Missions International



“Go into all
the world and
preach the
good news to
all creation.”

Mark 16:15

LOCAL MISSIONS **SERVING RIGHT HERE**



THE GENESIS WOMEN'S SHELTER

A non-profit organization in Kaufman, TX committed to providing immediate safety and shelter, along with victim care services, for women and children in crisis. Founded with the vision of collaborating

with the area resources already in existence in helping rebuild and transform lives that are truly broken. It is a place of refuge for those in need. The Center offers 24-hour crises counseling, shelter, resources for daily needs, parenting classes, job services, medical referrals and spiritual mentoring.

The focus of the Center is both physical and spiritual. We believe with this approach women are able to progress in putting their lives back on track. Clients are empowered to make their own choices and are shown options for creating a new life for themselves and their children. The success of the Center to date is attributed to the spiritual focus that motivates all that is done.

STILLWATERS A crisis resource center serving women of all ages in areas of abstinence, character development, crisis pregnancy intervention and abortion/sexual abuse recovery. The goal is to promote family and personal integrity. It's a place of hope offering counseling, assistance, pregnancy tests, and more.

IN NICARAGUA

OUR NEWEST **MISSIONARY**

Rosalynn McCurdy,
Turning Point
Ministries—Casa de
Gozo Youth Center

Rosalyn founded and has been operating this youth center in a rural, impoverished community in the mountains outside Nicaragua's capital city of Managua for the past 10 years. The center offers vocational classes such as computers, sewing, baking, music, carpentry and athletics.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR
A FUTURE
NEWSLETTER?
Tell us about it !

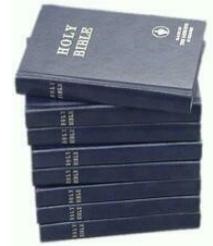
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a new one at least
every couple of
months.

IN HOTELS AND MOTELS EVERYWHERE! THE GIDEONS

DISTRIBUTING BIBLES AROUND THE WORLD

Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others.

For this reason, we focus on distributing complete Bibles or New Testaments. These copies of God's Word are printed in more than 90 languages and are either given directly to certain individuals or placed in selected public locations where large numbers of people, who may be searching for answers, will have the ability to encounter the Word of God.



Last, but certainly not least: our own church outreach.....

THE ROCK CHURCH PRISON MINISTRY

Our Rock Church prison ministry team has joined the Bill Glass Behind the Walls prison ministry and the Mike Barber prison ministry, attending various events and watching the men and women behind bars find freedom in Christ.

