



Lela Steel ing with Ukraine



What a great time we had on Wednesday, May 12th. Karen Warren, one of our board members and a very close friend of Lela's, brought Lela to the Harvest office. Last week Karen asked me to help her set up a SKYPE session with Viktor, Diana, and Alyona. Viktor and I started planning the event and tested our connections to make sure that our software worked and that the video camera was set up so that we were able to see everyone.



**Danny, Pam, Lela, Cassie, Tom
at Harvest International, Inc.**

Lela arrived at the Harvest office at 10:45 amidst much fanfare. There were several staff members that had not seen Lela in a couple of months and they were all very happy to see her and how good she looked. There were many questions about how she felt and what she had been up to, etc. much to her enjoyment of having to tell everyone about her life at Oakhurst.



**Karen, Lilchik (Lela), Katia
Alyona, Viktor, and Diana
(on the computer behind Lela)**

At 10:55 Viktor called me on SKYPE and we all made our way over to my computer so that Lela could see Viktor, Diana, and Alyona. She was so excited when she saw Viktor. Lela kept saying "Viktor Migo, I want to jump through this computer and give you a great BIG HUG AND KISS, ou, ou, ou," (for those of you who know Lela well, ou, ou, ou is a good thing).

We all got to see Baby Mark, Alyona and Slavic's new son. Viktor was very happy to see Katia who he had not seen for at least a year if not longer.



Slavic, Alyona and baby Mark

Everyone enjoyed the time we spent talking to our friends and loved ones in Ukraine. We had lunch and continued sharing with one another and telling stories about visits to Ukraine with Lela. It was wonderful.

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35



Rod & Debbie Wray Haiti



BUCKETS OF LOVE



I have received some very encouraging news from our missionary family in Les Cayes, Haiti. We sent a 20' container full of relief items for them to share with those people living in tent camps in and around Les Cayes. The container had 7,000 lbs of food products i.e. Rice, Beans, Oil, Spaghetti, Peanut Butter, and Crackers, plus 700 "Bucket's of Love" that contained items that each recipient could use such as Tooth Paste, Tooth Brush, Toilet Paper, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Bottled Water, Flash Light with Batteries, Extra Batteries, and Personal Hygiene Products for women. The buckets were handed out in a controlled area to those in need.

The report from the field is that the people that received the buckets were overjoyed with the items in the buckets. Here are some comments from Rod Wray as he handed out the buckets.

"Hi Danny; On Friday with the help of about 30 people we went out through all the areas of Simone (the area where we live) and did a census of all people who have come out from Port au Prince since the earthquake. We made up special tickets and gave about 1000 out as we went from house to house and then we did a big distribution yesterday morning.

It turned out to be a successful distribution of a lot of very nice things. Wow....the buckets were filled with all kinds of "goodies".....even a flashlight in amidst the many good food items.

It was pretty crazy there for a while but as the UN arrived along with the Haitian police, things settled down. We were soooo organized in the yard with a lot of Haitian friends helping. It was all very well done, although there was a sense of panic in the air so at one point we waited 10 minutes for the people to stop pushing and try to line up....(I don't think that is in their vocabulary). All in all, it was a hugely successful event and the many items we've received were distributed to the refugees who have come from Port-au-Prince to the Simone area."

The "Buckets of Love for Haiti" project was one of the most participated in projects that we have done. Over 1, 500 people in the Ocala, Marion County community got involved with this project. Some gave funds to purchase the items and pay for the shipping, most went out with their families and purchased the items themselves and filled a bucket. Not all



the buckets were the same. Some had messages from the donors, others had bible verses in Creole, French and English to encourage those that received the buckets.

Thank you to each of you that had a part in this great project to bless those in need in Haiti.



Tony & Tracey Herrera Haiti



Marc Johnson

The month of April has found us very busy as we prepare to make Haiti our home. On April 14, Tracey headed back to Haiti to bring in the second shipment of tents for the Tents for Haiti Now project. Our prayers were answered as we made it to Port Au Prince with relative ease and no difficulties with customs. Fifty families now have temporary shelter as the rainy season rapidly approaches. As Tony was not able to take this trip due to previous obligations in the U.S., a dear family friend, Marc Johnson, assisted Tracey in escorting the shipment of tents. His skills as a plumber were also very useful at the orphanage in Petion-Ville where they stayed, as the orphanage had been without running water for several weeks prior to Marc's arrival. God's provision once again was shown in glory. As Marc worked on the plumbing and a few other needed repairs at the orphanage, he was able to mentor some of the older boys, teaching them technical skills, providing them with spiritual encouragement and fostering new friendships.

Tracey stayed busy as well. In addition to coordinating the tent project, Tracey had the privilege of administering standardized tests to those children who are preparing to travel to the U.S. on student visas. The tests were given on a one on one basis which allowed Tracey the opportunity to get to know each child a little better. She was able to provide encouragement, answer their questions, and share the gospel.

After just a day back in Ocala, we were given the opportunity to present our ministry at our home church River of Life Community Church. We debuted a short DVD prepared by our pastors wife, formally introducing us, and we unveiled our new Ministry Gear T-Shirts. Two hundred shirts were donated to our ministry by the owners of Ministry Gear as their contribution to our mission.

The end of April had us traveling to Ft. Jackson, SC to enjoy the graduation ceremony of Ti Tony from Army Basic Training. He did very well in his training and looked fantastic. We spent a few days in SC and then delivered our son to his next phase of training, AIT in Ft. Eustis, VA. He will be trained on the mechanical, electrical, avionics and weaponry systems of the UH52 Kiowa helicopter.

Our projected date of departure for Haiti is June 1. We are now concentrating our efforts of preparing for this big move and continued fundraising. Thank you to all who have signed up to be prayer warriors on our behalf and also to those who have donated your time and money to help support our ministry. We look forward to sharing with you as we see firsthand how God is moving in Haiti, drawing the Haitian people to Himself.



Our Son - Ti Tony



Cullie & Sandy Woodall Haiti



After completing necessary repairs around our home, Cullie was able to leave Haiti on February 26 for much needed rest. His mind was set on being in the States for three weeks and going back to face the needs of the Haitian people. It did not take him long to see the need to slow down and seek God's direction. God opened many doors for Cullie to share about what was happening before, during and after the earthquake; how God provided for his needs. He shared how the six weeks in Haiti after the earthquake were some of the most difficult in his life. In the midst of those tough times God drew Cullie to Himself and gave him peace, even when he did not know what the next moment would bring. One of the hymns that he often sang was: Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Cullie has been blessed with time to relax and be restored physically and spiritually. He is preparing to return to Haiti the first of June, anxious to get back to ministry. Thank you for all your prayers and support for our family and ministry in Haiti. Please continue to pray for the adoption process to be complete so Sandy and David can return to Haiti.



Tom & Ginger Schmidt Haiti



The Schmidt family is busy with last minute preparations for our return to Haiti. We are thankful God has placed Haiti on our son Ben's heart, and that he will be going with Tom to help set up Shiloh Children's Home, Christian School and Church. Tom and Ben will be leaving June 2nd to meet with the owners of the property God has provided for this ministry, and make the transfer. Ginger and the three younger children will follow later in June, after the birth of Becky and Joe's second child.



Jeremy, JoHanna, Joshua

We have two more churches to visit and then a special prayer/commissioning from our home church Sunday, May 30th. We praise the Lord we have reached 75% of our needed monthly support level, thanks to the generous, sacrificial giving of many individuals and churches. We are confident the Lord will provide for all the needs of this ministry.

We have been given a container that we can load and ship to Haiti with Earthquake Relief items and needed supplies. The needs are very great in Haiti. Tom is asked, each time he goes into the country, to take children and care for them.

Tom has also been able to set up getting food for the children in the school which is a huge blessing to these children, many of whom have had nothing to eat when at school and often their families can't feed them either.

We have a lot to do in preparation for our first team in Haiti at the end of June from The Bridge Church, in South Carolina.

Please pray for a vehicle to buy/send for Haiti, More prayer warriors, 100% monthly support.

We are excited to see God's hand in all of our preparation plans and continue to be in constant prayer for wisdom in all we do as we begin this ministry.

The House



The Depot



The School (outside)



The School (inside)



The Water Tower



The Garden





Children's Corner



Thank you from GARDEN OF JOY

School is up and running well. There is a sense of security getting back to the normal. We have had films and no uniform days to help with the "fun" of school. There is certainly pressure to finish with school ending August the 13th, but there is a sense that things are right again as far as the children are concerned. All the children want to say thank you for the hot meal each day. Parents say thank you for your faithful giving so they can educate these precious youngsters. The school staff want to say a big thank you for the money sent to stucco the walls. They are thrilled to see the school getting finished. We ask that you pray for our teachers, that they will be diligent in their work, wise in their decisions and loving in all they do with the children. We ask that despite the heat of the summer we will push through to finish strong. Again, we all want to say thank you.



Spending Time with IN HIS HANDS & CHARLIE'S CHAMPIONS

In April a team from Church of Hope and Good Shepard Presbyterian Church in Ocala went to Haiti and visited with In His Hands and Charlie's Champions orphanages. They stayed at Pastor Charlie's guesthouse and were greeted with excited children. During their visit they played many games with the children and told Bible stories. One of the stories was on Jonah and how he was "running from God". Many of the children related to the story and gave their testimony on how they were like Jonah until they began their life at the orphanage. Now they profess their love for Jesus and are grateful for the life He has given them. While visiting, the team also weighed and measured each of the children and gave out deworming medicine. The children were full of laughter and felt so blessed to have these special visitors.





Alan & Pam May Kenya



In April, a team of five folks from Memphis, TN paid a visit to the Haven/Fresh Start home in Jua Kali, Kenya. The children and adults of the home were found to be thriving and enjoying the break from school. All of the ministry objectives of the mission team were accomplished, relationships were enriched and God was glorified.



Good Neighbor Project

We celebrated Easter with our Kenyan friends, and we partnered with them to minister to their neighbors in the village. We called one of our ministry endeavors the “Good Neighbor Project” whereby we delivered a sack of groceries to the immediate neighbors of the orphanage, prayed for these neighbors and invited them to a meal and a bible study at the children’s home. This event was a huge success. About 350 people came for the meal and bible study, and one comment was echoed by several neighbors, “You have shown us what it means to ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

The team also distributed Croc shoes to the orphans, offered First-Aid training, visited orphans and other children in a slum of Kitale town, participated in “purity talks” with the kids at the home, pursued a relationship with the headmaster of the kids’ primary school, met and initiated a relationship with the village chief, helped kids to write pen-pal letters and taught Sunday school at the local church on Easter Sunday. Perhaps some of the greatest ministry opportunities, however, took place in the ‘free time’ in which we simply spent time with the kids, showing them the love of Jesus by showing them we care.



Croc shoes for Kids



Pen Pal Project



Enjoying School Break

Another great outcome of the mission trip is the “vision casting” that took place. We have always believed God would have us establish a high school in the village so the children of The Haven/Fresh Start home would not have to go away to boarding schools (and other local high school students could attend as well). That has not changed, but we now believe God would not have us to establish our own elementary school, but rather to come alongside the public school to raise the standard of education so the whole village can benefit, rather than withdrawing the orphans from the local school where they are obviously ‘salt and light’ in the community. Please pray for God to bring to fruition what he has placed in our hearts.



Celebrating Our Time Together

The second mission trip of 2010 is quickly coming upon us. A team comprised of folks from Ocala, FL and Memphis, TN is planning to visit the orphanage July 28 – August 6. Please pray for the details of this trip to be ironed out and for God to prepare the hearts of the team members and the Kenyans in anticipation of our time together.

***If you are interested in going on a short term mission trip to Kenya
please contact Alan May at pam_n_alan@yahoo.com***

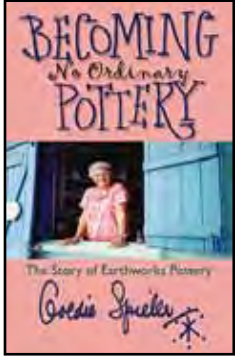


Dhan & Dolly Lalsee

Zimbabwe



God has used a number of His servants in the discipleship process in my life. One of those is a very dear British lady, Shirley Harbour, whose smile was as infectious as her love for the Lord and His word. Through her, I developed a love for the scriptures as together we studied God's word in my early Christian days in Watford, England. It was then that Jeremiah's experience in the potter's house (Jer. 18:2-4) became very meaningful to me. In fact, I even entertained thoughts of becoming a potter!



We recently received an autographed copy of a book, "Becoming No Ordinary Potter" from our friend and sister in the Lord, Goldie. A completed Jew, born in Canada and now a Barbadian citizen whose heart is torn between her two homes, Barbados and Israel!

The book is autobiographical. The pottery pieces that she has created reflect her love of color, nature, architecture, her painting, needlepoint skills and more. Those of us who know her work can recognize it anywhere.



Similarly, our heavenly Father, the Master Potter, uses all our experiences, even the seemingly terrible ones, to create the tapestry of our lives and to fashion us into vessels through which His glory can be revealed. Eph. 2:10 reminds us we are God's workmanship (work of art) created in Christ Jesus unto good works...

Looking back at our own lives, we see how He has used our background and every aspect of our lives to prepare us for ministry here in Zimbabwe. We continue to marvel at His networking and how He has placed people strategically so He can accomplish His purposes in and through us.

Much of our ministry here takes us into the "high density" areas where we work with pastors and leaders who daily face conditions that those of us in the west cannot imagine living in.

Our western culture and our compassionate hearts cry out, demanding that we roll up our sleeves and meet some of those needs. Wisdom (we believe, godly) restrains us. He has used us in the past to bless certain individuals and no doubt He will continue do so as He sees fit, but we are increasingly conscious of the fact that our so-called help can easily hinder the Master Potter's work in the lives of these individuals.

As we have mentioned before, the faces of missions and missionaries are fast changing.

Compared to the western missionary, it costs little to keep us on the field and it will cost much less to keep the Zimbabwean believer whom God has been uniquely preparing over the years of hyper-inflation, economic and social hardships, etc, etc.

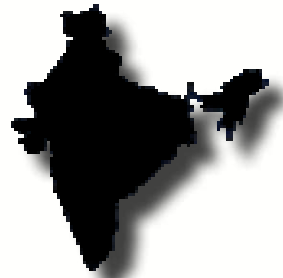
This past week, a pastor invited to his home to pray with his family. God had blessed them with a home and he wanted us to join him in giving thanks. His home is a simple, incomplete, two-roomed house, yet he was so full of praise to God for this blessing! After we had prayed with him, we learnt that he had a house guest, a church-planter, who had been conducting open air meetings in the front yard at night.

It is difficult not to shed a tear or two when we pray for some of these pastors, their living conditions and family needs. Yet they have such a spirit of thankfulness. It is just a marvel to see what God is doing in their hearts and lives.

Please pray for them and for us as we work together, with you, for the expansion of His kingdom.



Daniel & Betty Edwin India



Recently, we traveled to France to say with some friends. When we attended their church, the husband told me that Dhan's example shook them thoroughly and his son wants to become a minister for the Lord. The church members told me that our friends entire lives changed after they stayed with us in India, you can visually see it in their attitudes. I really praised God for that wonderful testimony. Only the Lord's name has to be glorified.

Our new vision is for 300 churches for the Lord in the remote areas of India. We will hand over the church to the pastor and ask him to run it for the Lord. We have finished ten churches and have 290 more to go. We will not leave Him until He fulfills this desire of ours.

Please pray for us. We are conducting VBS for the children. As we were transporting them in a van, some Hindu people saw us and started shouting that they will inform the police. The crime is we are teaching about Jesus. The children shared the gosel with their parents and told them that Jesus is the Lord. Halleluja! The parents were shocked that their children are so strongly for the Lord. When the Hindus shouted at us, the little ones are saying, "No! We will not give up Jesus at any cost". This comes from their hearts.



Kindly pray for us to get a van for ministry. Our van is 12 years old and needs more maintenance. We recently brought our children in a Matador van, which is used for transporting vegetables. If we had a proper van, we could bring more children to witness to.



Thomas & Amy Kay Romania



Thank you for your prayers as we gear up to leave our precious Romania. This is a bitter sweet time for our family. We realize how blessed we are with all the connections that we have here - both with missionaries and Romanians, but then how sad to leave here with all that we feel God has put in our lives. We are also overwhelmed with the blessing of our whole support network back in the States and the joy of being close to you all again soon. However, there are many goodbyes that lie between us and the shores of America. We are trusting God for the details of our new life in Texas, and we are trusting him to continue the ministries that He has started here though our family. We treasure prayers for wisdom as we want this transition to be smooth for each of us.



Randy & Debbie Bullock Romania



Summer is almost here and Romania 2010 Summer Camps are about to begin! Things are starting to come together for our 2010 summer in Romania with teams from all over the world preparing to share God's love with children in Romania. Team members are being trained; airline tickets have been bought and soon, bags will be packed.

Our summer schedule:

- June 24th – July 3rd - Church of Hope Summer Camp
- July 5th – 13th – Odessa, Ukraine Children's Ministry Training
- July 15th – 25th – Richfork Baptist Church Summer Camp
- July 29th – August 8th – Richfork Baptist Church Music Camp
- August 16th – 21st – Hospice Camp
- August 25th – September 6th – Suceva Handbell Camp

As you can see, it's going to be a very busy summer! Please pray for Team Members who are preparing now to come to Romania to share God's love for each child they will come in contact with.

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