

## 3rd Quarter 2013

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# Grand Opening

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35 A Publication of Harvest International, Inc. This past week we held our first children's camp here at Camp Mahanaim. We had 150 children from our Renault Sunday school program here for 3 days and 2 nights. We were very pleased with the Haitian counselors and our camp director Myrlande, who did a great job of leading the 75 boys and 75 girls.

The kids had an amazing time and they didn't want to leave the camp, but they listed 15 new things that they had experienced while at Camp Mahanaim.

While the first camp was going last week, Deb and I couldn't help but reflect on God's goodness and guidance over the past 4 years since we began the Camp Mahanaim project. It has been a huge team effort and it is together with you, that we share in this celebration of the "first week of camp". To each person who has supported the Wray family, and the camp Mahanaim project, to those who have come and worked, (some several times), to those who have sent supplies and materials, to those who have brought items in your luggage or sent on a container, to those who have donated money, and most of all to everybody who has prayed. We thank you and we pray that the Lord will bless each one of you.



1. Sitting in a chair



2. Sitting at a table to eat & being served



3. Using the water slides



4. Sleeping in a bed on a mattress and only having to share with one other person



5. Riding in a vehicle (we picked them up in the bus to bring them to camp)



6. Playing soccer on a field with goals and a referee



7. First time seeing fish caught using a line & hook, then being released back into the pond



8. First three days ever that they didn't have chores to do



9. First time riding a bicycle (for some of the girls)

- **10.** Using a flush toilet and urinal (for the boys)
- 11. Having three meals a day
- 12. Having a chicken on a Wednesday (if they get to eat chicken, it would only ever be on a Sunday)
- 13. Having water to drink whenever they wanted it
- 14. First time seeing a sea turtle
- 15. First time hearing the word of God for three days in a row



Dhan & Dolly Lalsee Zimbabwe

Today, we are writing from Dominica where we are visiting our daughter and her family and friends and waiting for Dolly's new passport. We return to Grenada on the 24th for a month where we have two speaking engagements at Missions Conferences, then back to Florida (Ocala), Pennsylvania and New York in the Fall for another three Conferences (Dhan will speak at two) before returning to Grenada at the end of October, and back to Zimbabwe in January.

Over the last few weeks, we have had the extreme pleasure of seeing several of you, and getting "welcome back" hugs. We also had the privilege of sharing with many, in church buildings and homes, individually and in group settings, sometimes over a meal and often late into the evening hours. Our first stop was London, then Florida (Miami, Ft Lauderdale, Ocala, Gainesville), Texas, Nebraska and Kansas (Elbing, Burrton, Newton). In some cases, we met with past missionary colleagues, former pastors, their children and grands. What a joy that was. We had not seen many of them since 1986 but we share many precious memories, including Dhan's conversion and early spiritual growth. Thanks for making all of this possible, for your warm welcome and for the implicit yet powerful reminders that you are indeed a vital part of our ministry.

As you can imagine, we have already slept in many beds and packed and unpacked dozens of times during the past two months. Throughout, we have been the beneficiaries of the kindness and gracious hospitality of many who, with love and goodwill, bravely put up with our many movements, entrances and exits, and coped with the resulting uncertainties in their schedules. Words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation to you all. Thanks for allowing the Lord to use you to provide our accommodation and transportation needs.

You would have seen on the news that the Zimbabwe elections were held on July 31 and, from all accounts, it was relatively peaceful. However, we ask that you continue to pray for the Country - particularly, that out of this, the Church would grow and be strengthened, and that the Lord's people would display great maturity as they honor Him in their lives.

Several of you have also joined us in praying for our sister-in-law, Valda, who had surgery in June to remove a mass on her brain. The surgery was a great success but unfortunately the pituitary could not be saved. We are happy to report that the doctors are pleased that she continues to make very good progress. She has one final doctor's visit before returning to Grenada on the 18th. We appreciate your standing with us; thank God for His mercies and pray that she would enjoy good health as she learns to live on hormone replacements.

Above all, we praise our heavenly Father for His favor and faithfulness as we recall our Lord's words to Peter and the other disciples in Mark 10:29-30. Indeed, He is no man's debtor; He is worthy!

Dick & Barb Johnson Uganda





A few months ago we were in Uganda where we visited the Hope Primary School and many of the children in the project. One who is presently engaged in education at Kampala International University is Tadeo Katuramu, studying for his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. He has completed his third year of study.

As often happens during our trips to Uganda and as we think we know most everything about our students Pastor Sam gives us the rest of the story which is exactly the case with Tadeo.

THE PAST involved how Pastor Sam met Tadeo. He informed us that he saw these boys in the fields around his church and approached them as to what they

were doing. As he engaged Tadeo and his brothers he saw they had spears, nets and bells for they were hunting wild animals. Pastor Sam asked him why he was not in school and Tadeo told him there was no money for school fees. Pastor Sam told him to visit him and fill out an application for the Good Samaritan Project and so the rest is history.

**THE FUTURE** is starting bright. Even though Tadeo is still in school he became a land owner. It came about when he entered a contest with a local mobile phone company. He won the contest and the prize was a plot of land. Well this plot of land happens to be in the northern outskirts of Kampala and the area where Pastor Sam's home is located in Kampala. It sounds impossible but it is not; it may be a very small parcel of land but it is his no less. So when he becomes a doctor who knows where God will take him but if it is to the northern area of Kampala to start a clinic, or to sell the land in order to start a practice elsewhere. God is good all the time.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH GIFT**

It's that time again for the annual Christmas party. This will be held in the beginning of December at Pastor Sam's church, New Life Presbyterian in Fort Portal. It is always a great time of fellowship and celebration and food consumption. Usually there are between 200-300 guests with a special government representative guest. Of course the message of the gospel of Jesus is always presented clearly. The gift for the students this year is going to be blanket for \$25.00. If you would like to participate in helping with the expense please indicate on your contribution for the GSSP Christmas Party. Thank you all so very much.

Thank you again for your love, support and prayers for all of us involved in the Good Samaritan Project. Nothing would have, is or will happen without your intervention to our Father and Savior Jesus.



Alan & Pam May Kenya



Children are thriving, walls are freshly painted, and caregivers are getting along well. This is how we found things at the GFE Children's Home upon our recent visit to Jua Kali, near Eldoret, Kenya. In fact, the mission team agreed this was the best trip ever. Six of eight team members were repeat participants who have already established relationships with the children and caregivers, so there were sweet reunions.

Three team members traveled to Kenya a week ahead of the rest of us to visit the high school students at their boarding schools. The kids were thrilled to have unexpected visitors. These forerunner team members also led a marriage seminar for the married and engaged caregivers. This, too, was very well received.

We were able to spend time with the street children of the Kamkunji slum as we usually do. Our ministry partner in the slum, Patrick Asava, is bearing fruit by helping children to discontinue the use of glue, enrolling some of them in school, teaching them weekly bible lessons, and helping a few of them develop job skills. Patrick's faithfulness to 'gospel' the street kids is evidenced by the glimmer of hope in the children's eyes where previously there was hopelessness.

Dan Just, one of the parents at The Haven and our resident director of the GFE Home, proudly shared with me the official certificate of registration for the GFE Children's Home issued by the government of Kenya. We began working on this registration process in 2005, and we were told that the registration was completed a year ago, but it has taken until this year to receive the certificate of registration! We are grateful to the Lord for the favor shown through this protracted process.





Please keep the children and caregivers of the GFE Home in your prayers, and please pray for Patrick and the children of the Kamkunji slum. God is doing a great work among the orphaned and abandoned children of Kenya! As you pray, lift up the eighth graders who will be taking their national, comprehensive exams during the month of November. This is a huge event in the lives of Kenyan students because their respective scores on the exam will determine eligibility for high school.



Pam and I appreciate every prayer, word of encouragement, and gift of support for the ministry to the children of Kenya. Likewise, we are grateful for the way the staff of Harvest International comes alongside us. We are all privileged to serve the Lord by serving the "least of these."

Lloyd & Elaine Cooke Jamaica



The 'lazy days of summer' are just about over. But for us the summer was by no means quiet and lazy.

We returned from Florida and Barbados at the end of May to marking final term papers and reports, followed by graduation day at Regent College of the Caribbean, where Lloyd teaches. June saw us in continuing involvement with the Ministers Fraternal in the Child Evangelism teacher training effort. We rejoiced at the testimonies given by attendees of help received and insights and inspiration gained into the importance of reaching children with the gospel message. A total of thirty (30) persons participated in the eight (8) sessions over a period of four months. Certificates of 'Participation' were presented to seven (7) persons and of 'Completion' to ten (10). Come October and November this Child Evangelism effort in the churches will take the form of outreach events in local communities, followed by combined Children Crusades.

Much planning will be needed to achieve success in these events, but more so prayers. We depend on you our partners to stand with us by your prayers. Other summer involvements included:

- A brief visit by our grandkids, Annika (10), and Tyler (8) in June.
- A week of special believers Bible studies and public messages at the annual Keswick spiritual conference July.
- 2 weeks of VBS leading and teaching by Elaine. An outstanding feature was the large # of boys who attended.
- Visits Elaine's sisters and a niece for a funeral in July, followed by a family reunion of the Huie family.
- Much of Lloyd's time was, spent marketing his book on Jamaican Missions involvement to bookstores, libraries, seminaries and denominational headquarters in Jamaica. A lot of time was spent in travel into the capital, Kingston, as well as to conferences and other events which allowed opportunities for presentation. Information on the book, will soon be available at the website at www.thestoryofjamaicanmissions.com.

Funerals have featured large in our recent activities as, in addition to that of Elaine's sister's mother-in-law, Lloyd's mother passed away on July 31st. She was 96 and a half years old and prepared to enter the presence of her Lord. Yet her expected passing has left a void in the family. The funeral took place on Monday August 12th. with Lloyd saying a poem he wrote in tribute to her. Our second daughter Gail visited with us for the funeral and has since returned to her family and job in Miami. We pray that Lloyd's siblings and other members of the family will commit to follow her life of faith and service to her Lord.

We seek your prayers and support over the next several months for the following:

- Lloyd's preparations for teaching responsibilities at Regent College of the Caribbean;
- Child Evangelism training seminars, community outreaches to children in Oct., & a Children's Crusade in Nov.
- Lloyd's visit to a Caribbean-wide evangelical leaders' conference (CONECAR) in St. Kitts in late October: pray for provision of funds for registration, travel and his accomodations.

Your faithful prayers and support are truly valued as we continue to serve our Lord in this important section of His vineyard. With your prayerful help we will receive God's enablement and financial and spiritual provision for all these needs and commitments. May you live in the abundant grace of our Lord.

## West brooks Family Ministry in the US Virgin Islands



## GOD OPENS DOORS OF OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the Summer, we continued our regular ministries, including Ginger Thomas, Queen Louise, two days a week at Frederiksted Park/Georges Christian Academy Summer Camp & Island Baptist Youth. We were also blessed to come along side mission teams brought to the islands by various churches. Four significant events highlighted this summer (ministry and personal family blessings), Sam's Graduation in June, Donovan's stay in July, the Vacation Bible School at Island Baptist and Genvi's and A.J.'s wedding the week after VBS. In all – God did exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think! We wanted to share some of the highlights:

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### ISLAND BAPTIST VBS 2013

Sister Dieann from Island Baptist Church shared with me that God was putting on her heart to have a VBS. As the summer progressed and various mission teams expressed interest in coming to serve, but were unable to get here, it looked as if a VBS wouldn't happen. Because of Sister Dieann's faith & persistence, several denominations & YWAM came together to Glorify God

along with Island Baptist Church, Frederiksted Assembly of God, St. Croix Christian Church, Freewill Baptist Church, Orange Heights Baptist Church (FL), Frederiksted Baptist Church, Wesleyan Holiness Frederiksted as well as missionaries @ YWAM and Puerto Rico provided curriculum, (Dee Wilsey & others) craft supplies, food, tents, chairs, sound systems, teaching, transportation and leadership. From all over the island, over 120 children heard God's Word. We praise God for this Outreach!

Here is a short video of the VBS Week, Colossal Coaster World, which challenged the children to Face Fear by Trusting God. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WFuUA8oYHA&feature=youtu.be







Here is one of our Colossal Crafts which used beans from Flamboyant Trees and shells found on the beach. The children can keep this by their bed as a reminder of Jesus' great love & sacrifice for sinners! Sister Tysha (R) lead the children in crafts VBS week.



Roger, Youth Pastor from Puerto Rico, taught the children how we all experience fear, but how our trust must be and remain in God. Pastor Kent (Freewill Baptist) shared the Word and Gospel Illusions @ our Wed session.

A Cool Off in this competition. The "Running Raft Race" leaves children refreshed as the cross over the sprinkler blasts. Dave Claeys and Oliver Westbrooks lead in the Game Zone!





Road Runners (K-1st grade VBS) Joy Boyan (YWAM) & Solomon Westbrooks heading up our youngest group. They had twenty-three K-1st children one day.

4th-5th graders (G-Force VBS) Molly & Shauni heading up G-Force Team.





Simon Westbrooks & Bob Boyan (YWAM) headed up the Boomerangs 2nd-3rd Grade.

The Gold Rushers 6th-7thUps were led by Maddi and Kamisha De'nel





## **Nasledie Heritage Foundation** Slavik & Alyona Puzanova **Ukraine**

We have spent nearly the entire 3rd quarter in the forest! We started in June by building a camp in a forest just outside Odessa. Our team built several semi permanent structures to sit under for eating and meeting, a kitchen, bathrooms, showers, and put up over 30 tents. We held several camps for kids and ended the summer in late August by tearing down our camp and storing it away for next year.





We had spent nearly year planning for this summer and with the camp built we were ready for

the kids! We started the summer off with a camp that was called In the Beginning. The children from the Balta orphanage along with a few kids from troubled homes came together for this camp. These 80 kids spent the week learning about creation and how they were God's most precious creation.

The guys on our team jumped right into the next camp which was a high adventure camp for teenage boys. In this camp, several of the boys committed their lives to the Lord.

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The third camp was a camp that involved building cars and then racing them. Don't worry they were cars that were pushed...no motors :0) This camp was mostly directed by a partnering church and their team, but we were glad we could assist a little and provide a place for them at the camp that we had constructed.



The last camp was called Treasure Island. Children from the Carolina Bugaz orphanage and from troubled churches joined us for this pirate themed camp.

In all of the camps, we enjoyed times of Bible study, swimming at the sea or in the pool at camp, camp fires, singing, crafts, games, sports, and skits. However, for us the most important part was that each child that came experienced the love of Christ shown through our team and heard the message that they are loved by God.

The entire summer was filled with great times! Of course, there were many trials and difficult things, too. But as always God provided the strength and encouragement we needed at just the right times. Praise God with us for another great quarter of ministry.

Please visit us at www.nasledieukraine.blogspot.com to see many pictures from our summer at camp.



## House of Hope Ukraine

We have all had a great summer at the House of Hope. We have been diligent on keeping up with the garden and have eaten A LOT of fresh produce. Thank God for this house that has a large space for a garden. Along with the garden work we have all spent time resting this summer around the house or in camps.



The boys put some of their savings together and bought a new pool. It sure has been great to have cool place to rest in the hot sun.

All the guys enjoyed an afternoon at Viktor's home. There was resting, eating treats, and enjoying time in the sauna.





This summer Viktor also took a trip to an orphanage outside of Odessa in the town of Ananiev. There we were able to donate 200 pairs of shoes to the children.

We are looking forward to fall and will have some new boys at the House. We are excited to welcome Slavik and Sasha.









Bangalore, India

After two years we were headed back to India to work with Pastor Daniel and his wife Ms Betty, We were very excited, plus there are five of us going. Pam Barrett (Harvest International), Ruth Anna Housand (summer intern Romania), Thomas Dominy (Ms. Pam's son), Adelina Ghiurau (from Romania), and Me (Randy).

We were traveling from the United States and Adelina was traveling from Europe, we all arrived in Bangalore, but the four of us were late because of a connection problem, (like the second plane we were supposed to be on was taking off about the time we were getting off the first plane). It wasn't a problem because the airlines fixed everything and got us to Bangalore, plus they gave us some food vouchers (yummy). India is one busy place. Bangalore is non-stop with people; we went downtown to get medicine for the clinics that we were going to be holding, and even after dark the town was abuzz with people coming and going.

We got up very early the next morning as we had a long way to travel to get to the first village, it was one of the untouchable villages that we had visited two years ago. We were excited to be going back there as it was one of our favorite villages, we arrived there early afternoon and everybody came out to see us and the children were so happy to see us (they remembered us). Ms. Betty and Ruth Anna went to work setting up for the medical clinic, and the rest of us was getting ready to work with the children in a mini version of VBS. We had a wonderful time with the children as we told bible stories, played a game or two and did some crafty type stuff, and colored. I think for most of them it was the first time that they have used crayons. The medical clinic went very well as many people came to see Dr. Betty. These people don't get to go to the doctor and any medical care is very minimal because of their caste. Untouchables are the lowest ones in the caste system.

That evening we were going to hold an evangelical service at the church but they had a very bad storm come up with winds and rain and lighting, so the service kind got rained out plus we were without power for several hours. That night we slept on the church floor, (we slept on the floor or roof every night). Good stuff, love it. The next several days we traveled from village to village doing medical clinics and VBS with the children, (we traveled 2500 kilometers). We went to most of villages that we had visited two years ago. Another one of our favorite villages has a well out in front of the church with a hand pump. The people of the village come to get water there because it is a good well and the water is cool. The Pastor uses that as a opportunity to witness and share about the living water that can be found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I'm reminded of the story from John 4:4-26 about the women at the well and her encounter with Jesus, "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." Will you pass some living water to someone today?



Odessa, Ukraine

We arrived in Odessa Ukraine after a long trip back from India. We then went to the House of Hope to take our bags and freshen up a little bit before we were off to dinner to some missionary friends house for dinner (Audrey, Laura, Michelle) and it was the best food that we had eaten in two weeks. This is where we met a few of the boys from House of Hope and also from the orphanage.

The next days were pretty relaxing; we would do things in the mornings with Viktor or Alyona and then hang out with the boys from the House of Hope in the evenings. On Saturday we were supposed to go to a Children's day celebration with Slavik and Alyona but there was a very bad storm on Friday night with high winds and lighting and it knocked out a lot of the electricity for the Odessa area so it was cancelled.

One of the mornings we were able to go see one of the orphanages that Viktor works in. There we got to see the wonderful ministry God put in his hands, and also all the projects he has for the place and mostly for the children he is working with. Another day we went to the Lost Boys Home, which is an orphanage for handicapped children. We helped them with a special program for 1st of June which is Children's Day in Europe, and we played with the boys. While at the Lost Boys Home we met a family that was in the final process of adopting their tenth child, they were extremely nice and encouraging in so many ways.

Most nights involved us hanging out at the House of Hope with the boys doing various things like taking a bike ride to the salt lake, playing games, just spending time talking to them, and the nightly occurrence of the boys trying to beat Randy at ping pong, which did not happen. We finished our time in the Ukraine by going to church with the parents and boys from the House of Hope and having pizza after church with the whole gang. What a great time together.







### Dear Sponsors,

Greetings from Haiti! Garden of Joy is now home to 525 students from Kindergarten for three years old to grade 13. Education has become more important in Haiti in recent years.



## How did Garden of loy begin?

Pastor Manius has a heart for children and their education. In 1989 we were talking at the church about the lack of education for the very poor. We wanted to start a small school to educate the mental capacity, to feed the soul spiri-



tually and to feed the body with a hot full protein lunch. So in September we opened a small school in the church with 18 children and two teachers. It quickly grew as the year progressed. Children were getting the three R's only. Learning how to read, write and do simple math are the basics and that is all they got the first year.

Harvest International had a school in the Thomassin area that they were closing. Through a series of God appointments, Garden of Joy became the school for 11 more children. At this point Harvest International began a sponsorship program that paid for books that the children rented, uniforms measured and sewn, and school tuition. On top of all this the children were feed a breakfast and a lunch!



We separated the church into rooms to accommodate the different classes. It was a noisy place of learning! Children in Haiti memorize their lessons and repeat them over and over again. In the basement of the church we put the three kindergarten classes.

### Our six goals for this school were set in 1989!

- 1. To finish the building and get our license.
- 2. To have all the students accept Jesus as their Savior
- 3. To receive enough money to pay the teachers.
- 4. To have more students and good discipline
- 5. To have true Christians working at the school.
- 6. For the school to be a model in the zone



How many of these goals have we reached? Where and how is Garden of Joy running now? Our hope is to send a letter once a month. Next month we will answer the question what is happening at Garden of Joy this year.

Educating children is not cheap – books, uniforms, and tuition are the main expenses parents must pay. There has been a huge decrease in support for the sponsorship program over these past two to three years. Think what you buy for \$25, maybe a dinner for you family and what that can do for a child in Haiti. Please consider encouraging others to support a child. Please send a financial gift for your child. Thank you for prayerfully considering what you can do.



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all your children shall be taught by the lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. isaiah 54:13



Steven Masood

Jesus To Muslims

Steven Masood is a Christian from a sectarian Muslim background. He became a follower of Jesus in April 1973 in Karachi, Pakistan. His testimony has been published in a book called <u>Into the Light</u>, available in several languages, including English.

He has a Master of Theology degree and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the London School of Theology in association with Brunel University, London. Both research degrees were granted on writing theses on subjects related to Islam and Christianity.

He has spent over 30 years studying and working in Christian-Muslim relations and has taught Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim relations as a visiting lecturer at several Christian institutions in Britain and the Far East.

Apart from teaching, Steven lectures at seminars, in conferences and churches on various subjects including on Christian approach to Muslims. His lectures include topics related to the integrity of the Christian and Muslim Scriptures and ways to share the Gospel of Jesus. Further info is available at: www. JesusToMuslims.org

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