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SUNDAY MORNING:
9:00 A.M.
Worship
Sunday School
Kids' Church
(It Rocks)

10:30 A.M.
Worship
Crossfire Student
Ministry Worship
Sunday School

STAFF:

Bob Bell,
Senior Minister

David Coplin,
Worship

Larry Lipps,
Families and Children

Larry Marshall,
Outreach and
Development

Kent Stookey,
Pastoral Care and
Involvement

Joe Wisley,
Student Ministries

"Declare His glory among all nations,
His wonderful deeds among all
the peoples."

- psalm 96:3

"Christ gave the Great Commission to the church—that's our purpose. The purpose of missions is to establish churches where there are none, so the church can continue to do the Great Commission." -Steve Saint

Are you aware of Bethany's tremendous heritage as it relates to world missions? Dating back many, many years, its obvious that God has had a keen interest in Bethany Christian Church and our undergirding support of what God is doing in the world. Cumulatively, millions of dollars have been contributed to our partner missionaries all around the world through monthly support and through our Faith Promise partnership in England. Hundreds of individuals have ventured out on an ever-increasing variety of short-term mission opportunities. And a growing number of our own Bethany family have embraced the Great Commission in a way that has stirred within them a desire to "Go." Those numbers, including those who currently are not full time on the mission field, number around 10 individuals and families (some 25 total people!)

It would be nice to admit that this was the result of some great planning and effective strategy. Truth is, we're not sure how it happened. We're assuming, however, that back in the beginning of this church's existence over 100 years ago, someone prayed that Bethany would be a player in world missions. That we would raise up those who would launch out from here and go wherever God called them to go. That the congregation would feel led to take seriously its partnership with missionaries we feel called to support, and free up the funds necessary to help them succeed at bringing Christ to the nations.

Currently, we have 7 international partners (families and individuals), and 5 inner city U.S. missionaries that we support. In addition, we're involved with an AIDS orphan ministry in Sub-Saharan Africa, and a medical clinic and orphanage in Haiti. We also support a handful of Bible Colleges and campus ministries, and are furthering our efforts at church planting by supporting a seminary student from Uganda.

Is it enough? Certainly not. But the Missions Team takes its job very seriously, and makes every effort not only to be good stewards of the funds that are available, but to continually pray & evaluate if we're using our resources to best fulfill our mission.

Want to know more? Grab a Missions brochure. Check out one of a number of Missions displays that are popping up around the building. Find a Missions Team member and ask questions. Adopt a missionary or an unreached people group to learn about and pray for (great for LifeGroups, families, classes).

Bethany Missionaries:

LARRY AND DEBBIE KINEMAN (GREAT BRITAIN)

Larry grew up here at Bethany as the son of our former senior minister, Lanis Kineman, and his wife, Kathryn. In 1976, he was hired as Bethany's youth minister, serving in that capacity for 16 years. In 1992, Larry and Debbie made the decision to become missionaries to England.

Larry and Debbie and their family arrived in Great Britain in 1993 to work with teammates in developing leadership and spiritual maturity in a new church plant – Bromsgrove Christian Church in Birmingham. After four years, the church was able to stand on its own, a totally British church.

In 1998, following a one-year furlough, the Kinemans returned to England to begin a new church in the city of Worcester, a beautiful old city of about 100,000 people where only 2 to 3 percent of the population attends church. They partnered with a local congregation that had been praying about a potential new church plant, and launched Sunday services at Manor Park Church in 2000. Larry preached, provided guidance and direction. Manor Park hired a British minister and has British leadership, so the Kinemans were able to complete their work with that congregation in 2006.

Larry directs basketball programs in the community, speaks at various churches and schools, and leads youth programs and activities. Debbie is involved in ladies' ministries and helps with various youth and adult activities. Together with new teammates, the Littens, they are laying the groundwork for a new church plant in Warndon Village, a suburb of Worcester.

Michael (18), Rebecca (16), and Kirsten (13) are integral partners in the ministry with their parents as they live out their Christian values among their friends at school.



Care Ministry Celebration Marcia McKowen

Bethany's Care Ministry Team was recently honored at a Gala Appreciation Event celebrating ten years of ministry to Bethany's homebound people. The team presently has 29 members whose mission is to visit members and friends of Bethany who are temporarily or permanently unable to attend Sunday morning worship, due to health reasons. The team members seek to give spiritual encouragement and help the shut-ins to maintain their identity and fellowship with the church. Plus, they attempt to identify physical and personal needs that can be met by team members or others, providing those needs can not be met by family.

The Care Ministry has made 3210 recorded visits, plus 2808 Sunday Communion visits, equaling 6018 visits over the past ten years. They have a monthly team newsletter and two team meetings per year, which include an educational feature and also planning for projects. The five yearly projects include a home cooked Thanksgiving dinner which the team prepares and then eats with their homebound, when feasible. This large undertaking is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, with 65 - 75 meals served in recent years. Another one of the well received projects is the sponsoring of 90th birthday celebrations, if the family of the shut-in desires this.

The list is endless of the needs that this ministry has met over the past ten years and will continue to meet in the future. The gifts of *time, spiritual support and physical comfort* will continue to be the priority for Bethany's homebound for many years to come.

Praise be to God for all the past and present members of the Care Ministry Team and their willingness to SERVE THE WORLD!

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REAL HOPE FOR HAITI
SHAREL MARCUM

"I tell the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters you did for me." Matt. 25:40

These are the words that run through the lives and hearts of those involved with the mission *"Real Hope for Haiti."* The Zachary family has served in Haiti since 1994. The mission consists of Davis Zachary, the father of the bunch, Lori Zachary Moise R.N., her husband Charles, Licia Zachary Betor, her husband Enoch, and their 3 boys. They all live and work in Cazale, Haiti. Casey Zachary and his wife, Briana, live in New Orleans, LA. Casey serves as a board member helping to oversee the mission state side. Their work mainly consists of four parts; a medical clinic, a rescue center, a community improvement group and spiritual education.

Lori over sees all areas of the clinic and a mainly Haitian staff. They hold clinic 3 days a week, where they see 150 to 400 patients per day including emergencies. Every person that enters the gates of the clinic is given a small devotion, prayer, a chance to worship and health education before they are seen inside. Lori and Licia make arrangements for surgical cases to come to the US when necessary.

Licia runs the rescue center, also staffed by Haitians. They house about 60 babies, children and adults. Most are suffering from malnutrition. Many are suffering from burns, AIDS/HIV and TB. Some patients stay for months to gain weight and strength. Their stay there includes balanced meals, daily devotions, prayer and singing about the goodness of our God. Unfortunately they cannot save them all. The huge responsibility of informing parents and helping with funerals falls to these young women. The rescue center also sponsors several of these children and area children school with supplies and tuition.

The community group, overseen by Charles and Lori, provides agricultural and other education in an attempt to help improve the general living conditions. They provide rescue assistance during natural disasters. They also travel to remote mountain areas to show the *"Jesus"* film and provide spiritual education.

My first glimpse into God's heart for the people of Haiti was on my first visit to the country. We worshiped in a church in downtown Port-Au-Prince, the capital. There were mounds of trash, garbage, and sludge piled about 8 to 10 feet in the air, and on twosides of us. As we passed

mounds of trash I looked up to the one on my right. There at the very top was a little girl who was 2 to 3 year old. She had no clothes on and she was all by herself sitting there eating orange rinds. My heart was forever changed. This is where the scripture Matt. 25:40 became so real to me. God showed me my heart; to touch lives and hearts of God's most precious people—to serve the world I live in. He gives us all a passion for lost souls and lives if we give Him the opportunity.

To find out more visit :

Lori's blog; haitinurse4life's/xanga.com

or Licia's blog; no_lm_not_a_nurse's/xanga.com

You could also pray about making a trip yourself. My husband, Ralph, and I are planning a trip sometime in the summer of 2008. Please consider this opportunity to SERVE THE WORLD.



Not in a group?

New groups will begin forming in late December and January. Watch for opportunities to sign up!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/MINISTRY FORUM

A Ministry Forum is scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 6th, at 7:00 in the Worship Center/ Auditorium. The details of the 2008 Budget will be presented for approval. There will also be a question and answer time. Everyone is invited to participate.





DID YOU KNOW?
(fun facts about Station 12)

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT AFTER 12?

It is a time after Station 12 for kids and their families to share food and activities.

DID YOU KNOW *Extreme Bible Facts* is a new segment at Station 12 this year?

It is a time when Bible stories are brought to life by an *extreme* character.

DID YOU KNOW THE IMPACT TEAM IS BACK WITH LOTS OF ENERGY AND NEW MUSIC?

DID YOU KNOW MYRON IS BACK ALONG WITH TWO, YES TWO, NEW CHARACTERS?

See if you can figure out who they are!

DID YOU KNOW FRANKIE THE FIRE TRUCK TALKS?

It's true, he sometimes answers questions!

Plan to join us Sunday evening,
November 4 @ 6:00 p.m.
in the Discovery Zone!
It's a fun-filled family time!

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS:

September Offering Received.....	\$74,610.71
Average Offering per week.....	\$14,922.14
Percent of Monthly Budget.....	86%

YEAR-TO-DATE

Budgeted offering needed.....	\$674,584.56
Actual y-t-d offering received	\$610,059.28
Budgeted weekly average offering needed.....	\$17,297.00
Actual weekly average offering per week.....	\$15,642.55
Deficit to budget (year-to-date).....	(\$64,525.28)
Percent of budget (year-to-date).....	90%

2007 FAITH PROMISE GIVING UPDATE

Total funds sent to C.M.F for support of the		
Kineman Family:	September	YTD
From Individuals:	\$2,175.00	\$19,823.00
From Missions:	<u>\$1,100.00</u>	<u>\$9,900.00</u>
Total:	\$3,275.00	\$29,723.00

2007 IMAGINE #1 GIVING UPDATE

September, 2007.....	\$0.00
Total given in 2007.....	\$59,079.10
Total campaign gifts.....	\$523,582.53

2007 IMAGINE #2 GIVING UPDATE

September, 2007.....	\$7,251.30
Total given in 2007.....	\$31,190.30
Total campaign gifts.....	\$40,795.30