

"The Sending Place"  
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# THE GOOD NEWS



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## YOU, TOO CAN MAKE LARGE DONATIONS

**Did you realize that?** No matter how much or how little money you have at your disposal, **YOU** can make large donations to the work and the ministry of "The Sending Place"! How is that possible? By successfully writing applications for Grant Money! Yes, there are many foundations and agencies out there ready to give funds to this kind of project. Some give tens of thousands of dollars, some give hundreds of thousands! But the catch is someone has to ask them for it. James 4:2 says, "**You do not have, because you do not ask.**" So if you would like to learn how to ask for these large donations, make plans now to attend a "Grant - Writing Workshop" on October 9th and 10th at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, in Elk Grove, California. The more who are willing to do this, the sooner "The Sending Place" can reach its full reality! This workshop is for everyone and anyone who wishes to help the word of God be spread. Contact us if you are interested in helping this way.

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INC." (LAMBS)

Is a nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3), Internal Revenue code. Also known as "The Sending Place". We exist for the purpose of training and sending Christian missionaries to proclaim Jesus as Lord to the ends of the earth.

## Are You Ready To Go?

The next missionary training sessions begin on August 23, and continue two Saturdays per month for the next four months. If you are close to Sacramento, California or Minneapolis, Minnesota, you can attend training in person. If you live in some other area of the country, we will send you the necessary materials to do and study, so you can join with us. Short-term mission trips for two or three weeks will begin shortly after Christmas. Please register now, using the form on the insert in this newsletter.

## South Africa

Our mission team heading for South Africa is scheduled to leave on July 5th. They will help local missionaries, Jay and Sarah Gerhart, with their church planting activity in the Johannesburg area, and in the village of Giyani. There is a big need for more churches in those areas. Pray for safety and good results, teaching the Gospel in those areas.

## Trouble In Kenya

Training is now complete for the two teams heading for Africa, ready to leave on their journeys on July 5. But according to the U.S. State Department, "The U.S. Government has received indications of terrorist threats in the (Kenya) region aimed at American and western interests, including civil aviation." **And Great Britain has suspended flights to Kenya.** (We are currently ticketed to fly through London.)

Our Kenya Mission Team has no hesitation of moving forward! Driving to work on American freeways is also filled with risk, and everyone knows there is risk involved in traveling around the world to preach the Gospel. We are praying flights to Kenya will resume. If not, we'll need to shift to another airline and city of departure, cost permitting. Regardless of terrorist threats, there is a great need for ministry at "Agape Children's Home" in Kisumu, Kenya. Malaria has also hit a number of people at the home, so they need more healthy workers now. Pray for healing, safety, and protection for all.

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***Spend Some Time  
On Our Web Site***

There is a lot of information about "The Sending Place" and our ministry on our website at

**[www.TheSendingPlace.com](http://www.TheSendingPlace.com)**

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## **AND THEY'RE OFF**

The Russia Team trained by "The Sending Place" has made the long journey to Petrozavodsk, Russia by plane, train and bus. Some of the team are leading a camp for college-age students, and teaching them about the hope and joy that can be theirs in Jesus Christ. Jamie Deuel and Laura Biggs, from Elk Grove, California, and Jim Morrison, from Antelope, California are joining up with other men and women from around the country through East European Mission Network. Most of the team will be teaching English in the Russian public school system. They will be using Luke 24 as their English materials, so as they learn English, the students also learn about Jesus rising from the dead! They also get together with the students after school, and form long-lasting friendships. Please pray for the Russia Mission Team, that they will be safe, and be good ambassadors for the Lord. And pray that many Russian young people will come to know Jesus in a life-changing, life saving way!



**Twenty-seven people got up early and came to send-off the Russia Mission Team at 4:00 am on May 19! After sharing Holy Communion, prayers were said for the team and their ministry. The missionaries headed for the airport emotionally and spiritually high!**



# God's Way Of Making Your Problems Look Small

One summer when I was on an Evangelism Team going door-to-door in Las Vegas, Nevada, I came across a woman who had a very unhappy story. She had divorced her husband, remarried another man, and she knew that the Roman Catholic Church she attended still considered her married to her first husband. She could not receive forgiveness through Holy Communion. But she had a plan.

Her plan was, just before she died, she would renounce her second husband, and finally be forgiven, so she could go to heaven. The problem was, her plan would only work if she knew when she was going to die! If she died suddenly, like in a plane or a car crash, it would not work. Therefore, she was terrified to leave the house, so she rarely went anywhere. She had trapped herself in a very small world!

How big is your world? Are you doing all of the things in your life that God created you to do? Or have you trapped yourself in a small world? How many of you go from home to job and back, day after day? How many of you spend your time just with your own family and friends, seeing the same few people day after day, year after year? How many of you just pray for things in your own small world? How many of you go to church each week and talk to the same few people? You see, the truth is, though that woman in Las Vegas is an extreme case, most people choose to stay in a very small worlds of their own!

And the smaller your world, the more that the problems we have in that small world look quite large! A flat tire is a big deal. Your air-conditioner breaking down is a big deal. Your spouse hurting your feelings is a big deal. Your children spilling their milk is a big deal. Making no headway in your life is a big deal.

So how do we solve our problems? Or, perhaps to say it better, how do we make our problems "look" small? As we should expect, God has a unique way of doing that. In Isaiah 49, God's servant is frustrated, that the ministry done in Israel just isn't working.

God responds in verse 6, ***"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will give you as A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS, that my salvation may reach TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."***

Do you understand? Do you grasp the magnitude of what God says here to His servant? Do you see how He makes your problems look small? He expands our world! Yes, He tells us to break out of our old patterns, to break out of the small world we have put ourselves into, and shift our focus to the whole world!

Are you having trouble in your family? Is your congregation having trouble bringing the Gospel to your local community? Then look to the ends of the earth! That's what God has called us to do, and why He has raised up "The Sending Place" to do precisely that. When you are training for your next mission trip, and when you are a missionary overseas, even for only a few weeks, your problems here look small, because you are now thinking about being a light to the whole world, which God has called us to do! In other words, you have become a "Global Christian."

So if any of you find yourself living in a small world, with problems that look too large, make sure you know, you do not have to stay that way! As a follower of Jesus, you are intended to be a light to the whole world! We invite you to join us in doing that.

*Pastor Darrel Deuel*

**“The Sending Place”  
Mission Team Registration Form**

Please return to: **Registrar  
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Phone: 916-689-7300 Fax: 916-689-3462  
E-Mail: thesendingplace@hotmail.com

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Name of Mission Team Applying For (If Known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Beginning Date of Training: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( \$50.00 USD/single \$70.00 USD/couple)

**Personal Information**

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
Last/ Family Name First Middle

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Permanent Address (If different than above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Current Address Until ( Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E:Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth ( City, State/ Country, Province) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_ Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_

State Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Children Accompanying You	Name	Date of Birth	M/F	Grade in School
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Languages ( Spoken) \_\_\_\_\_ (Scale of 1-10 how well)  
(Written) \_\_\_\_\_ (Scale of 1-10 how well)

**Church Information**

Home Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country \_\_\_\_\_

Pastors Name \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E:Mail \_\_\_\_\_