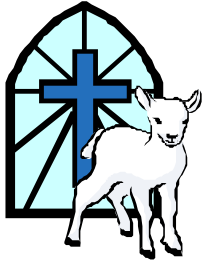


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THE GOOD NEWS



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OUR MISSIONS "SUCCESS"



KENYA

Agape Children's Ministry in Kisumu, Kenya, was the destination for the team of seven who ministered there for about three weeks in July. This ministry really tugs at your heart, because in Kenya, young boys are often kicked out of their house at a very early age, since only daughters will eventually bring in a dowry to the parents. Fending for themselves on the streets, boys turn to glue-sniffing to get through each day, eating what little food they can find. Agape Children's Ministry has now taken in more than 100 of these boys, teaching them about Jesus and His love, and showing them that love in the dormitory life and the day school. This ministry is expanding, and more boys will be brought in. Ministry here changes lives, yours as well as theirs!



SOUTH AFRICA

Jay and Sarah Gerhart of Africa Ministry Resources hosted this team of three who were trained and sent by "The Sending Place." This team's presence for three weeks was used as the catalyst to start two new church plants there, one in Soweto, a suburb of Johannesburg, and the other in a little village of Phaweni! There were frequent opportunities to both preach and teach the Gospel. Many home visits were also made, praying for those sick kids with AIDS, and praying with those who were in mourning, having recently lost loved ones to that same horrible disease. The team also visited orphanages, Christian clinics, and a variety of churches, and also taught missions at a Soweto Seminary. More church plants will be done here in the future, as it is a fertile ground for the Gospel. Wouldn't you like to take part in this ministry's future?

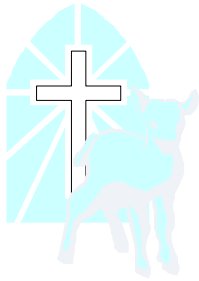


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Our Web Site

There is a lot of information about "The Sending Place" and our ministry on our website at www.TheSendingPlace.com. You can find all of our past newsletters, photos of the Redding, California property where the facility will be built, extensive information about the places our mission teams are going, and much more. Check it out and send us your comments, we would love to hear from you.

RUSSIA

East European Mission Network conducts a "Language Camp" in the public schools of Petrozavodsk, Russia every summer. This year, "The Sending Place" trained and sent 3 people, who joined with about 40 others from around the world, to travel to this northwestern Russian city. Each missionary teaches English to the Russian students, using the Bible as the English text! In the process of learning better English, the students learn about Jesus and His love for them. There is much hopelessness in Russia, so the students who come to know Jesus have a new light and a new hope in their lives. This was a three week mission trip, with two full weeks spent in the classrooms of Russia. Missionaries on this trip ranged in age from college students to retired people in their 80's! Would you like to do this next year?



Our Continued Success Needs You!!

People who live in third world countries have enormous needs! American Christians have incredible resources! What do you think God wants us to do about that?

The three mission teams trained and sent by "The Sending Place" this summer returned from their mission trips noticing this obvious connection, and determined to do something more about that. James 2:15-17 paints an obvious picture in our minds: ***"If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."*** And James 4:17 adds, ***"Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."***

These passages ring in our ears as we return home from mission trips! Indeed, the people we ministered to have enormous needs, spiritually as well as physically. As we return to our home congregations, we see that we have incredible resources, spiritually as well as physically. It's time we take this far more seriously than we have been! Working and partnering together, we can meet many of those enormous needs- - if we want to!

This is all a part of what "The Sending Place" is all about. By recruiting, training and sending more and more missionaries (maybe even YOU), we link up people with needs with those who have the resources to meet those needs! For example our South Africa mission team helped start two new church plants while they were there, and made contact with four other congregations. The team did hands-on ministry while there, preaching and teaching the Gospel, watching people commit to Jesus, and helping with some of their physical needs as well. After returning home, and giving their report to one congregation, that church's Board of Missions and several individuals have already committed to building four church facilities and supporting one orphanage full time!! That is so exciting! Talk about amazing results from just one short-term mission trip!

As I speak in other churches, I will be asking them to partner with other congregations overseas, too, perhaps being a "sister" congregation, in an on-going relationship. That in turn will motivate those churches to send even more of their own members back to those overseas churches, to better partner together to help save the lost, as well as meet their physical needs also! What an exciting process to be involved in, far more exciting than any potluck or picnic ever could be!

Are you currently actively involved in Jesus' Great Commission, to ***"GO and make disciples of all the nations?"*** I invite you to get involved in a big way! Habakkuk 1:5 says, ***"Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe, if told."*** I have been talking to and listening to many missionaries and mission agencies, and all agree, that God is right now doing astounding mission work among the nations. Many say it's the greatest mission activity of all time!

So let me ask: What have YOU done so far this year to be part of God's great mission activity? Who have you shared the Gospel with? Where have you gone and what have you done to get out of your comfort zone, in order to share Christ and His love? How many new churches have you or your congregation helped plant this year? How many missionaries has your congregation sent out so far this year? How many are you planning to send next year? How many orphans have you helped overseas, whose lives are now better because of what you have done? How much money have you given regularly to the specific tasks of doing missions, and the training and sending of missionaries? If you are not happy with any of your answers to those questions, it's time to change your answers! It's time to turn loose your resources and gifts, both spiritual and physical, to accomplish great things for God's kingdom!

Let me share some of the needs you can help meet. First "The Sending Place" is now a rapidly expanding ministry, to help facilitate all this. I am currently the only person on staff. Many volunteers are doing lots of things, but unless we can pay more people to work full time, much work will not get done. I am asking you as individuals- - Will you consider pledging \$100 to \$500 per month for future salaries? And I am asking you as congregations- - Will you consider pledging \$500 to \$1,000 per month for future salaries? I believe God has raised this ministry up to do enormous work, but it will not happen without your financial commitment to make sure that it does. We would love to partner with you in a greater way.

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We also have other pressing financial concerns. At our Redding property, where the missionary training center will be built, we need to enter the local water district, at a cost of \$42,000 dollars. To complete Phase one of our plan, we need another \$425,000 to pay off the mortgage on the property. To do Phase Two, we need hundreds of thousands of dollars to build the road, construct a bridge, and put in the rest of the infrastructure. Then Phase Three needs millions of dollars for constructing the dormitory and cafeteria. At that time, full time, on-site training of missionaries will begin, with "The Sending Place" able to maximize it's resources and become much more effective. Phases Four and Five will later result in better classrooms, church sanctuary, offices, staff houses and guest houses.

You can also help by supporting the missionaries themselves. As we begin training for our winter teams, you may want to help with those who are going. For example, each missionary going to Guatemala will need to raise \$1,500 in order to make their journey.

I believe God has already shown that this ministry can do incredible things, with your help. Thanks to all of you who have already been supporting God's work through us. Your money has been well spent. I promise that all of you who financially support this missionary training and sending ministry in the future can say the same!

Pastor Darrel Deuel

Thanks For Your Financial Support

A big "thank you" to all of you who continue to give your financial support for the work and ministry of "The Sending Place"! And another "thank you" to all of you who gave so generously to support the missionaries who went overseas this summer. Over \$40,000 was needed to send all of the missionaries, and all of that was received, thanks to you. All of you are "partners" in the tremendous ministry that was done. We appreciate both "goers" and "senders." Both are necessary to do the work of ministry to help save the lost.

New Training Began On August 23!

With all the summer mission teams having returned, it's time to look forward to the winter mission team. Training began on August 23 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 8701 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA. A new training site will also be added in the Minneapolis, MN area, with training to begin in early October. Those of you who are outside the Sacramento, CA or Minneapolis, MN areas, can also now train from a distance. Send in the registration form now. For more information, e-mail us at: thesendingplace@hotmail.com or phone (916)685-2331.

Our winter team will leave on March 25 for a two week trip to Guatemala City, Guatemala, where the team will be hosted by "The Servant's Heart", which ministers to the poorest of the poor who literally live in the city dump. You can preach and teach the Gospel, help serve food to the hungry, and help teach vocational skills to the people.