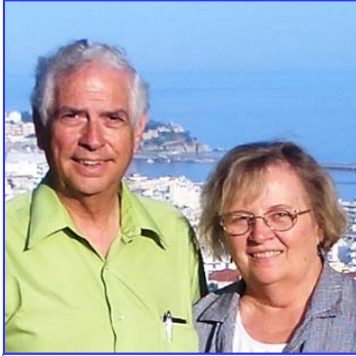


CCMI Newsletter

Cornerstone Church & Ministries



FROM THE HEARTS OF PASTOR GERALD & SOPHIA



Pastor Gerald & Sophia

Welcome to the summer issue of the CCMI Newsletter. Since this is the first issue in about three months you may have thought you had been taken off the mailing list. Or maybe time is going so for you that you didn't really notice. For whatever reason, over the past several months there seemed to be a slow-down in material being sent in. The churches may be so busy doing the ministry that there is no time to report on what is happening.

In this issue we are trying to catch up on most of what has been sent in since the last issue. You may notice some persons may have more than one article and the news may be from several months ago. That is the reason.

For the coming year, we may consider a different schedule, every other month or even once a quarter. It

would be helpful to hear from our readers about the value of the newsletter from your perspective. Our vision isn't to create a newsletter or magazine for its own sake. That's the reason, if we don't have material, we don't send it. The purpose is to provide a way for churches to communicate what God is doing so we can all share in the blessing.

So as we evaluate the effectiveness of such a tool, we welcome your comments and suggestions. The newsletter is to serve the people, not the other way around. I'm not interested in developing a program or project that becomes a burden to keep running, if it doesn't serve a need or purpose. Please let us know what you think. Send your comments to me at Cornerstone Church & Ministries, P.O. Box 1366, Harrisonburg, Va. 22801.

This spring, our missionary journeys have taken me to Ethiopia and then Sophia and me to Israel, Montenegro, and Hungary. We were privileged to have Pastor Dale and Kathy Bentsch travel with us for the Israel part. While we have been to the other countries before, it was our first time in Montenegro.

Montenegro is a small country north of Albania that was part of old Yugoslavia. It gained its independence last summer from Serbia and is working at becoming a part of the European Union. There are only three small evangelical congregations in the whole country with a combined membership of about 100 people. Ron and Blanche Nyce, who were part of our church before moving to Pennsylvania, have been serving there as missionaries for the past three years.

He was originally invited there by the government to serve as an agricultural consultant. Working with the minister of agriculture, he worked out a plan to open a meat processing plant to provide jobs for people in the community and a market for farmers in selling their cattle and sheep; but their real interest is in seeing the gospel change peoples' lives in a place where there are virtually no born-again believers.

The two main religions are Orthodox and Muslim. Most people belong to one or the other but none seem to have an understanding of what it means to be saved by grace through faith. In keeping with our vision to take the gospel to places that

have not heard, is this a place we should get involved? We met the pastors of two of the three churches in the country. I preached in one of the churches. We were impressed with their commitment and what they were doing; but they need help. I would feel good about helping to support their work. I encourage you to join us in praying. We appreciate your prayer support as we travel. Thank you We are home for the summer.

Pastor Gerald & Sophia

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Update from the Greenawalts in Hungary

By David and Beth Greenawalt

Greetings from Budapest! Spring weather has shifted into hot summer. Last week a nearby farmer delivered 120 bales of beautiful fresh new hay. Stored under an overhang on the back of our house, it's now filling the entire downstairs with its sweet aroma. The cherries on our tree are already ripe; we picked a bowl for the cell group whom we hosted Wednesday.

I often picture our work here as one of planting and watering seeds. Some of the seeds seem dormant or slow to germinate. Others are like the new shoots just starting to emerge.

I meet with the English Club weekly. Our last scheduled meeting for this school year was June 7 when we were planning a garden party. I had hoped to have a hand-crank ice cream maker for this occasion, but so far I have not been able to find one. I thought the novelty and shared joy of making the ice cream would be a great addition for an occasional English Club meeting or could become a tradition in our horse camps. (If you know where we could get one, please let us know.)

Horse Camps are scheduled for June 18-22 and July 9-

13. Pray! We have lots of campers eager to come; many details still need to be arranged, and expenses to be covered. We still need to find and train volunteer helpers. Thank you to those who have encouraged us in this ministry and helped to get



Beth and the horses used in horse camps

it going. We currently have two horses and a pony, as well as most of the needed saddles and bridles, etc. However, the monthly expenses have been coming out of our pocket for about six months, a situation which cannot continue indefinitely. If you feel led to specifically support our horse ministry, or know someone who might, please let us know. (Find more about the horse ministry on www.hungaryhorsecenter.com. Sometimes the service is spotty, so if it doesn't come up the first time try again later.)

Living with uncertainty... Though we love the village we live in, for numerous reasons we have begun searching for a different location. A number of other towns or villages seem to be better locations strategically for a new church plant.



Hay under the deck

Maintaining and attempting to train our horses here is difficult, inefficient, and sometimes downright dangerous, particularly as we share crooked narrow streets with impatient drivers for the mile-each-way walk to pasture. For months we have been searching, praying, seeking, asking, but...so far nothing seems like a fit. Nothing seems close to possible. We have had encouraging news, though. A few days ago one of our cell members met with Budapest officials who became interested

in our project and expressed a desire to help us find properties. More meetings next week. Pray for our peace even in the midst of the ambiguity and uncertainty.

In April, Beth and Rosemarie traveled briefly to the U.S. with Abby and Nate to complete the adoption process. Recently, Dave and Matt returned from ten days in Texas, taking part in a missions conference and visiting supporters there, as well as LeTourneau University, where Matt begins this fall. These visits were very encouraging. The Hungarians have an expression, "One eye is laughing and the other is crying." That pretty well describes our feelings as we see Matt preparing to leave for studies in the U.S. We are proud and happy for him, and at the same time it is hard to see him leave.

In May, we were blessed by visitors, Gerald and Sophia Martin from Harrisonburg, VA, and Ron and Blanche Nyce, missionaries in Montenegro. Gerald pastored Cornerstone where we trained in cell church methodology. Nowadays, he and Sophia concentrate on pastoring the pastors and missionaries connected with the movement. We were blessed and encouraged by our time with them.



Sophia and the Greenawalt family

Monday is a national holiday here - Pentecost. Our church has scheduled a hike into the nearby forests. We have invited Jano and Zsuzsi, two neighbor children who attend our cell and horse camps, also two young men that Dave is reaching out to, Andras and Attila.

Dave & Beth Greenawalt and their family live in Budapest, Hungary. Dave pastors and is a resource person for church planting in Hungary.

Albemarle Church Commissions New Leaders

By Pastor Jon Quesenberry

On Sunday, March 18, Pastor Gerald and Sophia Martin were with us here at Albemarle for our leadership commissioning. During the Sunday morning service, three new leaders were commissioned.

The commissioning of new cell leaders was a milestone in our "Laying a Foundation" Year of Equipping for Ministry which began in September 2006. Following the Encounter Weekend in September of last year, our new cell leaders, along with 17 others, completed the School of Leaders, Level One course that went through December of 2006. Fourteen members completed the School of Leaders, Level Two course this Spring on March 11.

Bruce & Barbara Caisse were commissioned as Youth Leaders. Bruce Caisse was a member of the Albemarle church until 2001 but has lived in Maine & Connecticut for the past five years. While in Maine, he married Barbara. Soon after the couple arrived in Albemarle in the fall of 2006, it was clear that the Lord was leading them into youth ministry.



Bob French was also commissioned as a new cell leader at Cornerstone. He and his wife Sharon have lived in Western Albemarle County for many years. Bob is the former pastor of the Oakleigh Christian Fellowship in Afton, Virginia. God brought Bob and Sharon to Cornerstone in 2003. Since that time, they have been a blessing to the body here.

During the morning celebration we also recognized our Missions Support Team led by Janet Martin. The Missions Support Team at Cornerstone will be our congregational link with our Faith Promise missionaries by providing regular updates as well as encouragement and support.

We thank God for the new leadership that He has raised up here in Albemarle County to reach our community with the Good News of Jesus and continue to make disciples in this area!

Jon Quesenberry is pastor of Cornerstone Church of Albemarle near Crozet, Virginia.

Mexico Missions Team 2007

By Pastor Jon Quesenberry

The Cornerstone Church of Albemarle is sending a missions team to Mexico this summer, July 2 -14, 2007! The team, consisting of Sarah Bateman, Coleen Paixao, Heidi Albertson, Sarah Shimp, Leah Quesenberry, Arlin Martin, Janet Martin, Jon Quesenberry, and Carol Quesenberry, will be serving alongside our missionaries, David and Linda Mitchell in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Cuernavaca is less than 100 miles southwest of Mexico City.

The Missions team will be working together with the WEC Missionary organization to assist in building the El Monte Retreat & Missionary Training Center near Cuernavaca. They will be assisting with construction on the buildings at the El Monte Retreat Center. The team may also help with the ministry at David & Linda's local church by leading music or helping with their Vacation Bible School.

David & Linda Mitchell are serving as our Faith Promise missionaries in Cuernavaca, Mexico. They are serving through WEC International to coordinate the construction and assist with administration of the Mission's Training Center. This Training Center includes a Christian Camp and a Pastors' Retreat Center and is the first of its kind in Mexico. El Monte will be a place where Spanish speaking missionaries will be equipped to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Jon Quesenberry is pastor of Cornerstone Church of Albemarle, Crozet, VA.



Dinner Theater

By Pastor Greg Mayo

The annual Easter Dinner Theater outreach at Cornerstone of Augusta was a huge success. With an army of volunteers, both old and young, the church was able to serve dinner to approximately 900 guests in three nights. Following the meal, the drama team presented the play, "The End of the Beginning" written and directed by church member Tori Mininger. The result of this three night outreach was 57 people committing or recommitting their lives



Jesus (Michael Brydge) heals the severed ear of a Roman soldier (Henry Fitzgerald) while a fellow soldier (Brian Mininger) looks on.

to Christ. Pastor David Sandy and the consolidation team were mobilized to follow up with each person.

The planning team wondered at times if the Dinner Theater was losing its appeal and effectiveness but, after such a successful event, that question was put to rest. This annual outreach is



Dinner is served! Waiters enter the sanctuary with loaded trays of food.

not only good for those who make commitments to Christ and experience a renewed understanding of the cross, but also for the congregation as it works together and experiences the joy of harvesting souls for the Lord.



Drama director Tori Mininger makes some last minute notes.



Dinner Theater Dance Team

Pennies for Heaven

By Pastor Dale Bentsch

Cornerstone Church of Versailles' Children's Mission Project isn't about tradition. It's about *change*; lots and lots of change; pennies, dimes, nickels, and quarters. Every week the children give their small offering for missions with a knowledge that they can make a big change in a life with the message of Jesus.

Their goal is for each child to send one MegaVoice Player to India this fall (30, and 2 on the way). MegaVoice is a hand-held, solar powered Digital Player that can hold up to 160 hours of recording. They will be programmed with "The God Story," an audio adaptation of the "Jesus Film," and the New Testament, all in the Hindi language. This product was designed to reach the unreached, and the more than one billion illiterate people in the world, many of whom have never heard the gospel. The device fully recharges after 14

hours in the sunlight and works for up to five years. At that point, replaceable batteries are available.

MegaVoice is a Kingdom business located in Tiberias, Israel. David Swarr is the president of this company. They manufacture and distribute these players worldwide with the Scripture and the Gospel message. They can be programmed with any voice recording and are constantly working to bring more Biblical translations of languages into their library. The major cost of these players is the programming itself, with royalties and fees for the different translations and text. These players will cost around \$35.00 each, with some shipping.



Dale Bentsch is the pastor of the Cornerstone Church of Versailles, MO.

The Growing African Church at Albemarle

By Pastor Jon Quesenberry

Two years ago, a member of our church met a young African woman as she was taking a walk in her neighborhood. With her heavy French accent, this young lady told Joann about her desire to serve God and find a church where she could worship with other believers. Earlier that day, Veronique had left her apartment in desperation to walk and seek the Lord in prayer. She had been praying for God to help her find a church, a place where she could be encouraged and supported. As she walked along, she was praying for God to show her where she should go and what she should do when she met Joann. Joann invited her to church and picked her up the following Sunday morning. Soon after coming to Cornerstone, Veronique shared her testimony.

Veronique is a refugee from Rwanda, a small war-torn country in the center of the African continent. If you have seen the movie "Hotel Rwanda" then you may have an idea of what type of horror this young woman has endured. The story of her arrival in the United States is an amazing testimony of God's ability to protect and save! Over the past two years, Veronique has been a faithful member of our congregation. She and her young son have been a witness and a blessing to so many in our congregation. She has been an answer to prayer! Veronique also has been active in sharing her faith and encouraging other African refugees who have come to Charlottesville as religious and political refu-



Veronique & her son David in 2004

gees. She also has been inviting them to come with her to church!

Since the beginning of May, we have been enjoying the fellowship of other wonderful African brothers and sisters. Tilahon, his wife, brother, and two children, are from Ethiopia. Brother Tilahon wrote and published three books in Ethiopia that caused both the Coptic Church and the Islamic people in his area to persecute him severely. He fled from his country into exile in Kenya. He arrived in the United States in April because Kenya could no longer honor his status as a refugee. Tilahon and his family speak English very well.

Biennu, his wife Immacule, and two sisters are from Burundi. Two young men who are Biennu's nephews are also living with them. This family does not speak English. Because of their connection to Veronique and their commitment to the fellowship, we have decided to have Veronique translate the sermon into French! God is growing His church in unexpected ways! One of my prayers for our church has been that God would bring in those who are hungry for God and will become His witnesses in our area and to the world! God certainly has been answering this prayer - in ways that I never thought possible!

Jon Quesenberry is pastor of Cornerstone Church of Albemarle near Crozet, Virginia.

Minister Named Chaplain of the Year

By Pastor Marty Smyser

In a recent ceremony at Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal, Missouri, Rev. Bob Bixler, who is a member of Cornerstone Church of Marion, was named Chaplain of the Year. Bob has been a volunteer chaplain at the hospital since 1994 and was lauded as a positive representative in the community who has, through the years, gone the extra mile and was willing to take on extra duty when asked.

Bob and his wife Lois, who serves as our church treasurer, have been ardent supporters of the ministry here in Missouri since its inception. They have two children, Joshua and Grace. Congratulations, Bob, on this awesome award for your service. Thanks to both of you for all you do to help the ministry of Cornerstone Church of Marion to be successful.

Marty Smyser is the pastor of the Cornerstone Church of Marion, MO.



Bob Bixler

Baptisms, Graduation, & Multiplication

By Pastor Marty and Mary Smyser

Once I heard a pastor say that one way you can tell if the church is growing is if you have babies and baptisms. Thankfully, we have recently celebrated both, and on top of that, graduations and fellowship.

On May 20, we entered our summer season with a big bang. During our Celebration services, we dedicated our newest baby, Cooper Anderson. Cooper is the son of Shaun and Dawn



Anderson. On top of that, we baptized three people into the faith. David Porter, who received the Lord earlier this year while attending a local youth evangelism event, was baptized. Lea Porter and Kylee Meyer both had recently re-dedicated their lives to the Lord and were also baptized.



Also, we heard testimony from Alex Brandenburg concerning a mission project he will be working with this summer. Alex has been invited to be a

summer intern for the state office of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He will be spending the summer in Columbia, Missouri and will be organizing youth camps and events for FCA all across the state. He shared his testimony, hoping to raise \$2500 for his summer work.

We also graduated four people: Taylor Brandenburg, Kylee Meyer, Kim Hanlin, and Larry Henderson, from School of Leaders, Level One training. We completed those classes in early May and all four have made the verbal commitment to take in Level Two in the fall.

Last, we ended the day with a Fellowship Picnic at our local park. We ate, played games, and in general just had a good time of fellowship. We had several visitors who stayed and attended our picnic. Thanks to all of the leaders who cooked and organized the picnic, things went off without a hitch.

To close, I would also like to share a testimony from us on multiplication. On June 3, we multiplied our first cell group

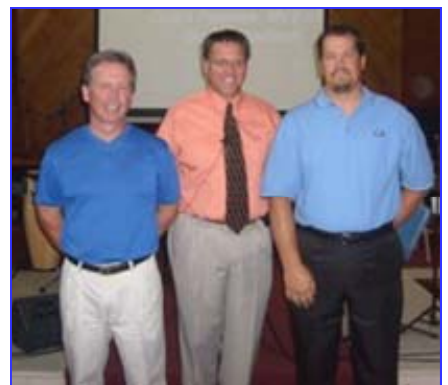
using the vision. It has been awesome to see the vision at work in our ministry and we know that this is just the beginning. Rodney Tiemann completed the class work for Level Three some time back and has been partnering with Joe Brandenburg during those months to begin a new group. On June 3, we officially "SENT" Rodney to become a new cell leader and to multiply a new group from Joe Branden-



burg's group. The new cell meets for the first time on June 9 and has four men who are committed to attend this group. This is very exciting for us as we see the vision come to life in our midst. We give the Lord all the praise for this multiplication.



Marty & Mary Smyser pastor the Cornerstone Church of Marion, MO.



Happenings in Chile

By Richard & Cata Latin

Our family is getting better. We have had a round of flu and are taking medicines. Suamy is doing well in the college. She is traveling every weekend to help us in the church worship ministry. Javiera is taking dance classes to continue growing and working in the ministry.

She is beginning the English school with Kathy Mast. She is doing well with home school. Tomas' birthday was on June 9; he is ten years old. He's growing too fast! He has a beautiful personality. We are so happy with him.

The "El Faro" Church anniversary was a beautiful and special time. We invited many people and contacted them for new cell groups. We read a letter from Pastor Gerald. That was special for us. God has been speaking from His Word for us to go and make disciples.



Pastor Richard

Matthew 26:36-46. Verses 40 and 41 are key in the sense that He proved to us that many persons need to pray more and that we not become stagnant. God is showing us that it is necessary to begin a strong clamor for our nation. For that reason, we are taking steps of faith. As we have times of prayer and fasting, we will see His hand in our lives.

Daniel 10:1-21. We know the enemy is intercepting God's blessing for our lives. As Daniel prayed and fasted 21 days, the churches; Pichilemu, Rancagua, and Santiago are praying for a major commitment of the families towards God and major growth and strategies for evangelism.

On Monday, June 25, we began a new strategy in the different cities that we have named "THE CAPTURE OF THE CITY." It consists of forty days of doing contacts with persons who do not know Christ. The goals we have set for the different churches are: Pichilemu, 1,000 persons; and Rancagua, 1,000 persons. Please pray for us in this effort.

The cell groups are growing in the different cities. God did a miracle in a brother's dad who could not walk. This miracle was on Thursday before we began a new cell in the house of his son. On Friday, it was so amazing that now the family has a new cell of eighteen persons made up of family and neighbors.

Richard & Cata Latin pastor the El Faro Church in Pichilemu, Chile. They also provide leadership for the Cornerstone churches in Rancagua and Santiago.

Young Warriors Wrestling Association

By Pastor Greg Mayo

The wrestling program at Cornerstone of Augusta continues to flourish. This sports ministry, which reaches young boys, kindergarten through eighth grade, focuses on developing the mind, body, and sport of each athlete. Through strong leadership and a dedicated group of parents, the YWWA program has a bright future at Cornerstone.

The program was able to purchase a second wrestling mat this year to accommodate the 36 participants. This was a tremendous miracle since wrestling mats are very expensive; but the Lord provided the \$6000 needed to make the purchase.

An exciting development within the YWWA is the growing number of non-Cornerstone kids who are joining the team and many of those are un-churched. Through Bible teaching, character training, and personal ministry, the YWWA coaches are making a difference in the lives of each young man.



Excitement in Trinidad

By Winston and Geeta Mahabir

Greetings from Cornerstone Ministries in Chagnanas, Trinidad, to all our fellow believers in Christ Jesus, around the globe. I am always so very excited about GOD's love and the many ways in which it is demonstrated to us. GOD is doing so many good things for His people here in Trinidad and I am so happy to share what's happening here, with you all.

Earlier this year, we had members of our congregation participating and graduating from the "SCHOOL OF LEADERS, LEVELS 1 & 2." From this graduation, we saw members establishing and leading their own Cell Groups in various locations around the central area of Trinidad. I praise the Lord for this, as the Word of GOD now reaches a wider and broader population of the community apart from the church geographical location. Out of these Cell Group meetings, we have had people from the community expressing their desire to know more about the saving grace of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Praise GOD!

In the month of April, we had wedding bells ringing as the church conducted two wedding ceremonies. Junior and Avianne said "I Do," to each other on April 28 and on April 29, Terrence and Indra sanctified their relationship and became husband and wife. May GOD bless these two lovely couples, and years and years of wedded bliss and happiness, is my prayer, in Jesus name.

In the month of May, we saw the women's arm of the church organize and carry out a Mothers' Day function to celebrate all the mothers of the church congregation present at the special Mother's Day service. A small gift was also given to each mother as a mark of appreciation for the blessed role they have in giving birth and training the children with whom God blessed them. May GOD bless all the mothers worldwide.

On May 20, the women's arm of the church hosted another surprise function. This time it was a baby shower arranged for a young sister of our church who is expecting her very first baby. It was our first baby shower for the year 2007. My lovely wife, Geeta, was the main speaker for the evening's function and was happy to announce that the entire evening's procession was a happy and enjoyable one, both for the expecting parents, Natasha and Brian, and all others who attended. The couple is expecting their newborn sometime in the month of June or July. May the Good Lord bless their marriage with a new addition in their family.

Another exciting event that took place during the month of May was our "Men's Encounter." From May 18 - 20, we held our sixth Men's Encounter. The venue was the same as for all our previous Encounters of prayer and meditation. The venue, which is beautifully situated high upon the

mountain range, makes one feel closer to heaven. ANAPAU-SIS, which means "Place of Rest," is the given name of this magnificent compound where one can have a bird's eye view of the handiwork of the ALMIGHTY GOD. Our Encounter Programmes are usually on the weekends so as to facilitate both students who are attending school and the working class. I usually lead the Encounter myself, along with my facilitators, who assist me with support prayers and with emphasis on individual attention of the actual participants. My facilitators for the Encounter were Sylvon Mahabir and Brother Bissoon, a senior member of our church. Our participants for this sixth Encounter were: Ricky, Avalon, Richard, Sunil, Selvin, Adrian, Chris, and Terrence.

Our sessions began on Friday night after dinner with a brief introduction of each other and the three main goals that we hoped to achieve at the end of the Encounter: to encounter Jesus at the Cross; to encounter each other; and to obtain a New Vision. All in all, we had a fun-filled Friday night and then went to bed. Early the next day, the next session began after breakfast. This was one of deep soul search-

ing and an almost actual time travel to the crucifixion of Christ where the participants found themselves at the foot of the cross, at the mercy of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. GOD'S magnificent presence was now filling the room in which we all were and the revelations that followed were fantastic and out of this world. Praise GOD for the manifestation of His Holy Spirit in our lives. Here are the testimonies of the participants.

RICKY: "Some strong force took me from the chair on which I was sitting to the foot of the cross where I knelt with tears flowing from my eyes. I did not know why I was crying; I cannot explain it. Then, in a strange way, it was revealed to me that I needed to ask for the Spirit of forgiveness to receive the power to forgive my mother and father for abandoning me and treating me with rejection."

ADRIAN: "I smoke cigarettes and all I thought about all the time was getting a cigarette to smoke. My experience at the foot of the cross gave me new hope and deliverance from the spirit of nicotine. I thank GOD for this extraordinary blessing."

CHRIS: "With the numerous problems at home, too many to mention, I thought that I was never going to be able to make it to the Encounter. Miraculously I made it, thank GOD. It is such a relief for me to know that, at the foot of the cross, I could lay my every burden down. I did exactly that. It feels good to have all my sins forgiven. Thank you Jesus!"

AVALON: "I feel so good today, I feel like dancing with joy for Jesus has taken all sins away. I struggled with the sin of lust for so

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Sixty Complete "Under Cover" Course

By Pastor Greg Mayo

Sixty students, including several teenagers, completed the life-changing course "Under Cover" by John Bevere. This course challenged contemporary ideals about authority through in depth study of the Scriptures. Small group discussions helped students to apply Biblical principles learned during each class.

Pastor Greg Mayo says, "This course is critical for believers in our day since submission to authority has been so skewed by our cultural norms. Being under the cover of God's assigned authority is not God's way of punishing His children but rather His way of blessing them."



Baptism



Pastor Greg Mayo and wife Sherri baptize Sterling Woods.

Greg Mayo is the senior pastor of the Cornerstone Church of Augusta, VA.

Excitement in Trinidad (cont.)

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long that I believed there was no escape from it. That's a lie from the pit of hell because, at the foot of the cross, I was given the strength to overcome my sin and I sincerely claim Jesus' promise to forgive me."

RICHARD: "I felt as though I was actually walking along with Jesus, carrying the cross together with Him on the way to His crucifixion. I never knew how much pain He bore for my sins. I now view the death of Jesus on the cross with a new vision."

SELVIN: "At first I did not think about the Encounter as anything special, so I tried to make all sorts of silly excuses not to go but finally decided to go. Seeing the cross in church didn't mean anything to me, but now I see the cross in a different perspective. While at the foot of the cross, I felt as though electricity was surging through my body and I heard voices forgiving me for my sins and also telling me to get up and give praises to GOD and stop asking for forgiveness for I was already forgiven."

SUNIL: "I never really understood the effects that sins could have in my life until I attended the Encounter, after numerous invitations and encouragement from Pastor Winston. As my sins were revealed to me, I took them and placed them at the foot of the cross. When I got to my feet after that prayer session at the cross, I literally felt as though I had lost so much weight that I could now fly."

TERRENCE: "I wasn't aware of the many aspects and experiences of my life, both in the present and the past, which were obstacles that

hindered the invitation and dwelling of GOD'S Holy Spirit within me. My awareness and knowledge of vows and curses upon my life is now heightened. I thank GOD for this enlightenment and for the revelation. To GOD be the glory for great things He has done for me and still continues to do. Thank you, Jesus!"

I am so very thankful to GOD for the marvelous way in which He manifested His spirit in the lives of the participants at the Encounter. I trust the Lord to continue giving me the necessary strength and resources to successfully fulfill His work here in Trinidad. My heartfelt thanks to the faithful children of GOD who support the various activities of the church in an effort to bring new souls to know about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. May GOD continue to bless His people here in Trinidad and around the world as we work together to win souls for the kingdom of GOD.

Winston & Geeta Mahabir pastor Cornerstone Ministries in Chaguanas, Trinidad.



Pastor Winston Mahabir

Reflections from Papua New Guinea

By Rick and Anji Zook

As we waited for our annual Regional Conference to begin, I walked across the Center and saw some of the new missionaries preparing wood for building their houses in a new tribal location. This caused memories to come flooding back of all that has transpired in the past year.

Right after Easter last year – and after months of preparations (like preparing our own lumber) – myself and several other men headed bush to get things ready for our helicopter shuttles. That was a Herculean undertaking in itself, but then the real work began. With the help of several other missionaries, a few Lusi people, and a whole lot of Mouk Christians, we entered into a season of house building.

After several months of work, our house was live-inable and fairly well secured against intruders, both large and small (i.e., insects – this is the most buggy place I’ve ever lived!). At this point, we decided to leave the remaining projects and begin our official language study. Never before having set about to systematically learn another (unwritten) language, and endeavoring to use a new system that was unfamiliar to our consultants and to us, we jumped right in.

The last six months have been alternately frustrating, rewarding, confusing, insightful, discouraging, and exciting – sometimes several of these at once – to which anyone who has ever learned another language in a cross-cultural setting will attest. We’ve only just begun upon the journey of learn-

ing the Lusi language and culture, and we face at least two more years of work and study in this aspect of our ministry.

Please pray for us as we continue on in this vital aspect of our work that can often seem alternately like exploration and drudgery, that we would persevere by the grace of God. Pray that we would have clear minds, flexible tongues, open ears, steel-trap memories, and patience like Job’s as we continue. Pray for those who are helping us learn the Lusi language and culture, and pray that more people would move into our village to help us in this work.

As I reflected back over the past year and all that has transpired, I’m thankful for all that God has done for us and for the work in Lusi. I’m thankful for His provision for moving in and for house building materials, for safety, for wisdom, for excellent Mouk partners, and for His timing; and I’m thankful that He has allowed us to be part of this pioneering work as we join with a local tribal church in their cross-cultural outreach. Having said all that, I did not in the least envy the guys who are just starting into the whole moving and house-building aspect of their ministry. I’m thankful that God has brought us through that season of our ministry and into the next one, challenging though it is.

Rick and Anji are assisting the Mouk Tribal Church to reach the Lusi Tribe in Papua New Guinea.

Cornerstone Delhi at Work

By Pastor Pradeep Moses



On the June 3, 2007, our Cornerstone Youth, also known as “Dare Youth” did a public outreach show at the YMCA called “THE PASSION.” We had about a hundred and eighty people, plus the ones that were part of this show, in the audience who were invited by the youth.



Ladies' Encounter at Landstown

By Pastor Marlin Sharp

Landstown Community Church held their third Ladies' Encounter May 25-27. Seven ladies attended. It was held at the home of David and Pauline Zook, a very comfortable setting for a gathering of this nature.

As is common in these events, the women came with varying expectations. Working together over the weekend, each one testified on Sunday afternoon that God

had more than met their expectations and, even though there may have been some hesitation on the part of some to participate in this type of weekend, where each one needed to get face to face with God, by Saturday night each one made it clear that they were glad they came.

Each of the ladies was encouraged to come to the cross, and to "do business" with God. After teachings on salvation, sin, restoration, sexual purity, self-image, deliverance, and the baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit, each of the ladies brought their "issues" to the cross and received His grace for each one.

Although Ruth and I are always a bit anxious whether God will really "show up" for each participant, it was evident that He did just that; and even though each of the ladies had different issues to bring to Him, as always He was faithful to meet each one right where they were. The Spirit of God was active in the group and it was exciting to "sit back" and observe what God was doing.

This Encounter will forever be known as the "Chicken Salad" Encounter. As different ladies from the congregation provided meals for the ladies over the weekend, it turned out that Friday evening, Saturday noon, and Saturday evening were all different kinds of chicken salad. Each one was unique and very delicious, but it did make for a bit of a light moment for the women.

Following the teaching on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and a time of prayer and ministry with each participant Sunday morning, the group drove the seventeen and a half miles to the church building where the Sunday morning Celebration service was concluding. The ladies arrived just in time to catch a good number of people, including family and friends, who hadn't yet gone home. As the worship team led the congregation in a rousing chorus, the ladies moved down the aisle, carrying the cross. Opportunity was given to each one to testify to what they had experienced during the weekend.

Landstown has a Men's Encounter weekend scheduled for July. At present, twelve men and twenty women have participated in an Encounter Retreat Weekend at LCC. Lives continue to be transformed and the congregation is continually experiencing the blessing of God as more and more people participate in this life-changing event.

Landstown Community Church also recognized its first graduating class from School of Leaders, Level One. Eight people were officially recognized on Sunday, June 10, as having completed the ten-week course on Foundational Teachings.

Other exciting happenings in recent weeks have been the first 2007 summer "Parking Lot" ministry and the Landstown Community Spring Fling. We kicked off a summer of Friday night movies and other events with "Facing the Giants," shown on a big screen in the church parking lot. Free popcorn and lemonade was available as well. The following day, several of the members of LCC flipped hamburgers and other "burnt offerings," served cold drinks, and helped make snow cones for the Landstown Civic League. It was an excellent opportunity to meet some of our neighbors and build trust in the community.



The Ladies from the May Encounter Weekend. Ruth Sharp (front right) and Angela Artis (front left) served as facilitators. Linda Miller (not pictured) also assisted with the teaching, as did Pastor Marlin.

Reported Cornerstone Baptisms 2007

April 15
Augusta, VA
Doug Henderson
Linda Henderson

May 20
Marion, MO
David Porter
Lea Porter
Kylce Meyer

Total Baptisms 2007 8

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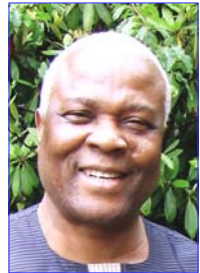
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