LOVEM International

Laborers Organized with a Vision for Evangelism and Missions

The ministry of Jody and Trisha Kennedy Spring, 2004

More Open Doors in 2004!

It has been an amazing couple of years since God called us into full time service! We are truly blessed as He directs our paths and as He continues to open a variety of doors to us. Please pray for our discernment as we attempt to plan our schedule for the remainder of 2004. Our desire is to choose the great things God has planned for us and to turn down the things that are good things to do, but not the perfect opportunities chosen by Him specifically for us to do. Also, please pray in particular as we try to balance our ministry with our family responsibilities.

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Report on Hulen Street

Jody is working with our new church a couple of days per week when he is in town. In the few months since we joined Hulen Street Baptist Church, Jody has organized a Missions Fair, held 2 different Passport Signup Events, taken a group to Germany on a mission trip, gotten several members to participate in the Bill Glass Prison Ministry, organized and led a mission trip to Mexico and took several from Hulen Street to Vinnitsa, Ukraine. The church is turning a corner as it embarks on a new focused involvement in missions for every member and we are excited to be a part of it.

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Report on Winter Eastern Europe Ministries

We continue to partner with Michael Gott International as we conduct English Language Evangelism events in Easter Europe. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" It is overwhelming to be a part of this ministry that God has clearly chosen to use as a tool for reaching these formerly communist countries. We held one 2-week event in Vinnitsa, Ukraine. Out of over 900 registered students in the school there were approximately 600 decisions for Christ. Until you have seen God work through this venue, you cannot believe it. Jody stayed an additional 2 weeks to direct another English Language Evangelism Event in Kiev, Ukraine. Of the 900 registered students, approximately 530 gave their hearts to Christ. It took about 40 lay volunteers each giving two-weeks of their winter to teach English, make friends, and directly share Christ.

Follow-up teams of missionaries stationed in those cities will continue the work by conducting English Bible studies, English classes, integrating the new Christians into churches and forming new congregations.

Meet Helen

Each of the more than 1,000 Eastern European adults that accepted Christ this winter have a unique and special story.

News about a changed life….

One of these was a mother of 4 children, named Elena. She chose to go by one of the English versions of her name in class, Helen, since it was an English school. Helen was a tired, timid woman who was skeptical that she would be able to learn any English. Her children were beginning to learn some English at school and she wanted to be able to help them. Since the class was free, she thought she had nothing to lose. Helen ended up in Trisha's class, a basic class for students who speak absolutely no English at all. Helen was very self-conscious and wasn't sure that she would come back for the second class. Trisha encouraged her and the others. At the end of class, Trisha gave Helen a little hug and told her that she'd done a great job. Trisha noticed a tear in the corner of Helen's eye. The second day Helen came back, just as terrified, but she was there. Each day, with lots of encouragement, Helen attempted to repeat the English words her teacher was saying. A few days later, Trisha gave Russian Bibles to each student. As Helen received hers, she began to sob. Later she explained through a translator that she had always wanted a Bible. Helen said that she had prayed that very morning that somehow she would be able to get a Bible. She thought it might have some answers for her life. By the end of the school, Helen had seen the love of Christ through her teacher and others. She clearly heard the gospel and prayed to receive Christ as her personal Savior.

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Report on Mexico

Ministries

Twenty-five adults and youth from Hulen Street Baptist Church joined with Jody to conduct VBS, women's Bible study and evening evangelism services in Reynosa, Mexico during the Spring Break. The most important result was that 12 adults and dozens of children accepted Christ. Pastor Saul, our host, will work hard to integrate these new believers into his church. These short-term trips have proven to be a very effective way to introduce adults and teens to direct, evangelistic missions.

Champions for Life Prison Ministry

We volunteer for the Bill Glass Champions for Life Prison Ministry whenever our schedule allows. Jody is one of the coordinators for this ministry which takes us all over the United States. For more

information about this dynamic prison ministry, look on the web at **www.lifechampions.org**.

"If you're not fishing, you're not following."

- Bill Glass, founder of Champions for Life

Coming Events

Contact us to find how you can be part of these vital ministries.

- April 2-3: Prison Ministry in Abilene
- April 30-May 1: Training weekend for those interested in Eastern Europe* ministries
- May 30—June 5: Mexico Mission trip
- June 24-August 14: Eastern Europe ministries (2 weeks each)
- September 17-18: Prison Ministry in Houston

*student enrollment in these locations cities is expected to be from 600-1000 adults at each 2 week English Language Evangelism Event (ELEE)

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Who Can Go With Us?

To join us on a short-term mission trip, one must:

- Be a born again follower of Jesus Christ
- Be an active member of a Bible believing church
- Be 18 years of age or older (unless traveling with a parent)
- Be able to speak English
- Be ready to share the gospel
- Be willing to be a servant to the rest of the team
- Have a valid U.S. **passport** (for international ministries)

PRAYER is the essential ingredient in preparation and execution of any ministry. Without prayer, failure is almost always the result.

Our Focus

- Train and equip lay teams for short-term direct mission projects
- Organize and lead lay teams for domestic projects and international projects in Mexico, Cuba, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, and Belarus and other countries as God open doors
- Involve men and women in prison ministry in cooperation with Champions for Life
- Mobilize and motivate church members to get involved in Christian service

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What is a "Faith" Ministry?

This simply means that we do not receive a full-time salary from any church or organization. Instead, we rely on God to provide for us through his people. God leads individuals, churches and organizations to support this type of ministry. We let people know of our needs through letters, phone calls, speaking engagements, email, personal contacts, and our newsletters. Then we simply wait on God to provide. These finances are used to supply our living and ministry expenses, which allows us to devote our full time and energy to ministry.

How you can support our ministry

- ***Pray for us.*** Ask about our specific needs
- ***Encourage us*** with cards, letters and emails
- ***Support us*** financially
- ***Go with us*** as a team member
- ***Share about us*** with neighbors & friends that might be interested in our ministry
- ***Invite us*** to speak to your group about missions

All donations to LOVEM International support Jody and Trisha exclusively. Donations are tax deductible. To receive more information about supporting our ministry financially, please contact us at the numbers listed below.

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About Trisha and Jody…

Trisha grew up in Arlington, Texas where she was an active member of First Baptist Church, Arlington. She accepted Christ as her Savior during a VBS event. Trisha got her first taste of missions as a teenager.

Jody grew up in Commerce, Texas. At the age of 34 years old, his life was transformed after asking Jesus to take control of his life.

Jody and Trisha are members of Hulen Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas where they attend and serve when not traveling in ministry.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please send us an email to: jody@**lovem**international.org

Our Prayer Closet

Please join us in praying about these specific needs and issues.

- We desire wisdom in sorting through the many requests for mission teams, speaking opportunities and partnerships.
- We need additional financial support to allow us to cover the expenses of our growing ministry.
- We are asking for wisdom and patience in dealing with family obligations and in balancing these with our ministry opportunities.
- We need more volunteers to staff the many, many mission teams that we will lead.
- We want to lift up the nearly 1,500 people we have seen come to Christ thus far in 2004.
- We ask for continued good health.
- We praise God for letting us be part of His great Kingdom work.

We want to pray for you, too. Send your prayer requests to us via email to:

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