

Merry Christmas - Celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ

As we travel to ministry sites outside the United States, we are struck by the many sights and sounds of Christmas. Even where Christ is not known as Savior to very many people, they still decorate their homes and businesses, have Christmas sales, hold Christmas season events, and celebrate the season. Just as in the United States, people everywhere celebrate the season without appreciating the miracle that took place on the first Christmas.

As we prepare for a new year, I hope all of us can be reminded of the purpose for which Christ was born. He was born to redeem mankind from our sins and to provide the only way to forgiveness and the only way to eternal life. Make your celebration about Him this year!

Novosibirsk, Russia Business English - November 2-10, 2007

We used the newest Practically Speaking Business English curriculum and materials for this one week event in the south of Russian Siberia. Students braved the early snows and cold to come to class each day and learn from our American team. As relationships were formed, we were privileged to share the gospel of Christ with the students. Our gratitude goes out to our partners in Novosibirsk. Thank you Andy and Alvin for your commitment to the work as you live and work in Novosibirsk for the Kingdom.

Our mixed team was made up of men from Fort Worth, Texas, Statesboro, Georgia and North Augusta, South Carolina.

Managua, Nicaragua Conversational English - December 8-16, 2007

We have just completed this event in one of our favorite cities: Managua, Nicaragua. We worked with a new church partner (Hermon Baptist Church in Managua) as we conducted the Practically Speaking Conversational English course and our Practically Speaking English for Children program. During this event, we tried out an accelerated six day teaching schedule. We were able to demonstrate that the English teaching and the evangelism can be effective using this schedule in certain settings.

Many of the students responded to the gospel message with a "yes" to Christ Jesus and more responded to the invitation during our closing Sunday Celebration.

Minsk, Belarus Business English - January 26 - February 3, 2008

This project is fully staffed with groups from Greenville, Mississippi, Buford, Georgia and Fort Worth, Texas who are anxious to return to Minsk after a successful ministry during July, 2007.

Managua, Nicaragua Conversational English - January 12-26, 2008

We will work with one of our partner churches to conduct the Practically Speaking Conversational English course. This is our traditional two week event with the addition of our one hour Practically Speaking Children's English program.

Volunteer positions are still available for both the two week event and the one week children's program. You must already have a valid U.S. passport. Contact Jody immediately if you are interested in participating in either of these events.

\$1,800.00 (for the two week event)

Approximate cost:

\$1,500.00 (for the one week event)

Holzhausen, Germany IMB Support (Childcare and VBS) - January 26 - February 2, 2008

In support of our IMB missionaries on the field, we will provide care and teaching of their children while the adults attend a conference for training, spiritual enrichment, and fellowship after long separation from other Americans. This ministry is recommended for anyone who loves children. Families are welcome to serve together in this ministry. Although this team is completely filled, we hope you will keep this in mind for January, 2009.

Training and Travel

Training and travel have kept us in the air and on the road since we returned from Belarus in August. In addition to the international mission trips, we have traveled extensively in the United States this fall, including various parts of Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana for the purpose of training and preparing groups for upcoming ministries. All of these groups are made up of ordinary people who want to make a difference in someone's life.

We were able to squeeze in a visit with our son, Aaron, who is stationed at the Naval Support Activity Base in Panama City, Florida. We also found the time to spend some wonderful time with our grandchildren and family during the Thanksgiving holidays. The boys, Max and Drew are growing fast and little Nicole is already almost 6 months old.

Ministry Needs

- Prayer is at the top of our list of needs. Knowing that you are praying for us and our work is a tremendous encouragement. Please pray for continued health and stamina, God's direction as we finalize our 2008 schedule and wisdom as we explore new countries in which to serve.

- Finances are always on our list of needs as God continues to provide for us month to month through people like you who believe in what we do and trust us to be good stewards of God's resources. Even small donations make a difference. We want to continue to expand our reach to the world as well as support the children's home and begin to offer financial help to some of our partner churches in other countries.

- A good, working Pentium 4 (or later) notebook computer is needed for one of our partner churches in Nicaragua.

Make Your Year End Contributions Now

Contributions received before December 31, 2007 are tax-deductible for the 2007 tax year. Giving statements will be going out to our contributors during January, 2008.

Merry Christmas!

Jody and Trisha

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