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Ministry Update

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Responding to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike

The recent storms along the Gulf Coast left hundreds of thousands in desperate situations. Some lost everything, while others received only minor damage and inconvenience. In partnership with Samaritan's Purse, Jody lead a group of Hulén Street Baptist Church men to Donaldsonville, LA in September.

It was hard work to remove trees from on top of homes, clearing debris and to layer damaged roofs with the now famous "blue" tarps. Yet, we received the blessing from grateful homeowners as we shared Christ with them. Some were already Christians and gave God the glory for saving them through the storms. Others were not in a close walk with Christ and they received encouragement to come to the one who can save their soul.

During the week of October 12, Jody will take another group to the coast to join Samaritan's Purse in the recovery effort on Galveston Island.

To learn how you can be part of this effort, contact Jody or see the Samaritan's Purse web site (<http://www.samaritanaspurse.org>). They will continue to schedule volunteer teams in the damaged areas for several more weeks.

Senegal - Next Stop for Jody, October-November 2008

Jody has been invited to join a favorite partner, Johnny Clayton of Fort Smith, Arkansas, in an 11 day journey to Senegal for evangelism through dental and medical outreach. While in Senegal it is likely that the group will also provide much needed leadership and discipleship training to some of the growing churches there.

January to April 2009 Filled with Opportunity

While in Managua this summer, three pastors introduced themselves to Jody and invited the team to visit their churches in the hopes that they could have a team come to minister to their community. As a result, the team visited these three churches and met with the church leadership. At the conclusion of the visits, each pastor immediately extended an invitation to Jody and Trisha to bring the Practically Speaking English program to their communities.

One of the churches is in Managua. The other two are about 1 hour drive from Managua (one to the east, the other to the west). Events are now scheduled for these new locations.

North Africa Project Delayed

Plans are on hold for this project due to the illness of our host partner's baby. This dear family had to return to the U.S. for the treatment of their newborn daughter. She has recovered and the family is making plans for their return to their mission field. We will reschedule this project after they return to Africa.

Partnering with Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child

Jody and Trisha will work in the Charlotte, NC Operation Christmas Child processing center for five weeks during November and December. The processing center will inspect, process and ship a million or so shoe boxes bound for children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child processing centers are taking reservations for volunteers in their 5 processing centers from Georgia to California. Check out the OCC information at <http://www.samaritanspurse.org>.

2009 Ministry Opportunities

Jan 3-17, 2009, Managua, Ni - Conversational English

Jan 22-29, 2009, Holzhausen, Ge - IMB Childcare/VBS

Feb 14-28, 2009, Managua, Ni - Conversational English

Mar 28-Apr 4, 2009, San Rafael del Sur, Ni - Conversational English

April 18-25, 2009, Las Maderas, Ni - Conversational English

April, 2009, Tuva region of Russia, - Conversational English

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

Volunteer positions are still available for these events. You must have a valid U.S. passport. Contact Jody immediately if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Watch your inbox for the specific Mission Opportunity Bulletin about each mission opportunity.

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 2009 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.

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