



## Pray For This Team In The Philippine Islands



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This team of evangelistic workers pictured above left for the Philippines on April 23rd. As you read this newsletter they are in the Philippines preaching, teaching, and singing God's word. Please pray for their safety in travel and for God's blessings upon their ministry. Pray that the messages they bring will strengthen the lives of the Filipinos spiritually.

This team was invited by the Churches of Christ in the Philippines to come and preach and sing at the 96th Convention of the Churches of Christ in the Philippines. There are over 600 Churches of Christ in the Philippines and they go all out to support their convention. This is a great honor they have bestowed upon our brethren to invite them to speak at their National Convention.

While in the Philippines our team will visit all the Preachers who are being supported by White Fields Overseas Evangelism. Pray that these visits will be fruitful for the Kingdom.

**Immersion in 2008**

**5,137 have been immersed into Christ during 2008. White Fields world wide ministries now assists 310 native evangelists in 33 different nations. These evangelists, along with our American and Australian team members, report 5,137 souls immersed into Christ for the remission of sins in January thru March. It is a great victory and we give all praise to God. Thank God for His victory and for the souls won to Christ through the power of His gospel.**



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## More News Concerning Haiti



Dear Christian Friends and Prayer Partners. Last month we devoted the whole newsletter to our visit in Haiti and the present situation in the nation. We had a great response to this newsletter. One response came from Johnny Puckett (formerly of Chattanooga, Tn.). Johnny and his wife Eleanor have been long time supporters of the work in Haiti. Johnny and Eleanor have made many trips to Haiti helping us with the work there. Since Johnny is so well known and loved, we thought you would like to know his response to the newsletter.

Johnny telephoned Reggie and said, "We want to sacrifice and give \$500 at this crisis time to help feed the orphans at the Jesus Loves Me Home. But we want you to challenge others to give and we want someone else to give \$500 to match our gift." We told Johnny that we would publish his challenge and pray for someone else to do this. Before we could ever get this published several others responded and gave a total of \$2085 so that we can send this extra money in addition to the regular support to help feed the hungry orphans during this national crisis of hunger.

Almost as soon as we returned home from Haiti riots broke out and the nation has been brought to its knees by riots, street demonstrations, destruction of property, and murders. Pray for Haiti.

We give you this news from Haiti from the news media:  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) -- Hungry Haitians stormed the presidential palace Tuesday to demand the resignation of President Rene Preval over soaring food prices and U.N. peacekeepers battled rioters with rubber bullets and tear gas.

Rioters were chased away from the presidential palace but by late afternoon had left trails of destruction across Port-au-Prince. Concrete barricades and burned-out cars blocked streets, while windows were smashed and buildings set on fire from the capital's center up through its densely populated hills. Outnumbered U.N. peacekeepers watched as people looted businesses near the presidential palace, not budging from the building's perimeter. Nearby, but out of sight of authorities, another group swarmed a slow-moving car and tried to drag its female driver out the window.





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A man walks past burning tires set alight during food price protests in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Monday.

"We are hungry! He must go!" protesters shouted as they tried to break into the presidential palace by charging its chained gates with a rolling dumpster. Moments later, Brazilian soldiers in blue U.N. helmets arrived on jeeps and assault vehicles, firing rubber bullets and tear gas canisters and forcing protesters away from the gates.

Food prices, which have risen 40 percent on average since mid-2007, are causing unrest around the world. But nowhere do they pose a greater threat to democracy than in Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries where in the best of times most people struggle to fill their bellies.

"I think we have made progress in stabilizing the country, but that progress is extremely fragile, highly reversible, and made even more fragile by the current socio-economic environment," U.N. envoy Hedi Annabi said Tuesday after briefing the Security Council.

For months, Haitians have compared their hunger pains to "eating Clorox" because of the burning feeling in their stomachs. The most desperate have come to depend on a traditional hunger palliative of cookies made of dirt, vegetable oil and salt.

Riots broke out in the normally placid southern port of Les Cayes last week, quickly escalating as protesters tried to burn down a U.N. compound and leaving five people dead. The protests spread to other cities, and on Monday tens of thousands took to the streets of Port-au-Prince.

Preval, a soft-spoken leader backed by Washington, was at work in the palace during the protests, aides said. He has made no public statements since the riots began.

"I compare this situation to having a bucket full of gasoline and having some people around with a box of matches," said Preval adviser Patrick Elie. "As long as the two have a possibility to meet, you're going to have trouble." The protesters also are demanding the departure of the 9,000 U.N. peacekeepers, whom they blame in part for rising food prices. The peacekeepers came to [Haiti](#) in 2004 to quell the chaos that followed the ouster of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

They helped usher in a democratic transition, but critics say both Preval and the international community have focused too much on political stability without helping to alleviate poverty. That could spell trouble not only for Preval, but for Haiti's fragile democracy as well.

"We voted Preval for a change. Nothing happened," said Joel Elie, 31, who like many Haitians is unemployed. "We're tired of it and we can't wait anymore."

While the peacekeepers spend more than \$500 million a year in Haiti, the World Food Program has collected less than 15 percent of the \$96 million it says Haiti needs in donations this year. The WFP issued an emergency appeal Monday for more.



## Our First Priority by Doug Willis

Mike Benson reminds us that someone once said, "If a man has a **soul**, and he has, and if that **soul** can be won or lost for eternity, and it can, then the most important thing in all the world is to bring lost **souls** to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ." Saving lost **souls** ought to be our **FIRST** priority, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to **save** that which was **lost**, Luke 19:10.

In his book, *Hearts on Fire*, Don Humphrey exposes our indifference to winning **lost souls** to Christ. He notes: "The average member of the church of Christ has heard 4,000 sermons, sung 20,000 songs, participated in 8,000 public prayers...and converted zero sinners" [p. 3]. God never intended for Christianity to be church-building centred. God's obvious intention, as revealed in the New Testament, is for us to **go to the lost** and tell them what they must do to be saved, Mark 16:15,16.

Paul left no doubt as to what needs to be done when he quoted the commission the Lord gave him, "To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, Acts 26:18. The Holy Spirit through the pen of Paul reminds us of our duty in 2 Timothy 2:2 & 4, "Preach the **Word**"... "Do the work of an **evangelist**."

The Lord Jesus, Himself, set us the example as He went from cities to towns and from towns to villages telling the glad news of salvation, Mark 1:42,43 and Luke 8:1. Paul wrote, "for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel", 1 Cor.9:16. With Paul we also say, it is the love of Christ that constrains us because we also know the terror of the Lord. God has given to us **the ministry** of reconciliation; and has committed to us **the word** of reconciliation. We therefore are ambassadors for Christ, 2 Cor. 5:11-20. Our ministry is to proclaim this **WORD**.

When is the last time you pleaded with someone to become a follower of the Lamb?

Please pray for me that the Word of God will have free access as I go into Southeast China this coming 6-20 May.

Submitted by Doug Willis



Doug Willis & his Grandson, Dominic. Doug preached in Carl Junction Mo. Dominic came forward with a commitment to going on a missions trip.

## Rick & Della Deighton



We realize that many here in the USA are struggling with economic problems, and we pray for them, but the problems in some countries are far more severe.

We realize that many of you are already giving sacrificially to White Fields or other missions, but there may be others on our mailing list, who would like to be involved in helping these children. If so, ask God to show you creative ideas for the stewardship of all that has been committed to your trust. Are you getting a tax refund? A bonus? Could you have a yard sale for Jesus' little ones? Is your church looking for a VBS project? Does your Sunday School class need a challenge? Look at how God has blessed you and ask, "Lord, what would You have me to do for the desperate needs in Ukraine and Haiti? Since "it is more blessed to give than to receive, I look forward to hearing from you about how God is blessing your life! "Lord, help us live simply that others may simply live" is a good motto to remember and apply.

Whether or not you can give financially for these needs, would you please pray for them and ask God to provide for them?

### Travel Schedule

April 24-25	Flights from Boise to Kharkov, Ukraine
April 26	Preach at Messianic Jewish Church in Kharkov
April 27	Preach at Christian Life Church in Kharkov (This will be their Resurrection Sunday according to eastern tradition.)
April 28-May 2	Fellowship and outreach in Kharkov
May 3-4	Visit Andriy & Maryna Takhtay in Zaporozhia and see their new church they have planted. Plan for outreach.
May 5-7	Outreach in Odessa
May 8-14	Outreach in Nikoliav
May 15-17	"Man & the Christian Worldview Symposium in Yalta (Crimea)
May 18-22	Outreach in Crimea
May 23-24	"Ready to Give an Answer" training for church planters in Crimea. Both Sergei Golovin and I will be teaching.
May 27	Return flight home

**Please continue to keep Irene in your prayers!**

To all of you who pray for us and those who support White Fields we say **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** We thank God for you and pray His blessings on your lives.

Yours & His,  
Rick & Della

## More News Concerning Haiti

Meanwhile, new customs procedures aimed at collecting revenues and stopping the flow of drugs has left tons of food rotting in ports, especially in the country's north. In a country where almost all food is imported, cargo traffic from Miami ground nearly to a halt, though shippers say intervention by Preval last month has improved the situation somewhat.

Government officials say the riots are being manipulated by outside forces, specifically drug smugglers who can operate more easily amid chaos and supporters of Guy Philippe, a fugitive rebel leader wanted in U.S. federal court in connection with a drug indictment.

Annabi, the U.N. envoy, said "people with political motivations" were exploiting the demonstrations, but didn't say who he was referring to.

Many in the crowds are demanding the return of the exiled Aristide, and thousands showed up Monday for a rally by a key Aristide ally, the Rev. Gerard Jean-Juste, in the oceanside slum of Cite Soleil.

But the anger among everyday Haitians over food prices is real. "The government of America sees that the kids of America are eating and going to school -- and that we Haitians are not," said protester Frantz Pascal, 45. "For Haiti to move on, the high cost of living must go down

### HELPING TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Of course the orphans are not the only ones who are hungry. The entire nation of nearly 8,000,000 (8 million) population is hungry. Knowing of this hunger, before we left America to travel to Haiti we were talking with 2 of the most loving supporters of White fields and they graciously gave \$1000.00 so that while we were in Haiti we could distribute this money among the Christian Churches and sponsor a FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN JESUS NAME ministry. We gave this money \$50.00 to each Christian Church in the Gonaives area with the understanding that the Preacher's wife and other ladies of each church would prepare a meal of rice and beans and serve it in Jesus name to the hungry of the area. Here are the first reports to come back from this effort:

Dear Dad, I thank you very much for the beautiful work which was made by you. The \$50 that you gave me to feed the hungry, maybe, you do not know for what you done for the people in Haiti, as you, Haiti has a terrible or catastrophe hunger, as you know, they call that Clorox, I remember when I was 15 years old, 1968, it was like this, and they called it lightning, it was terrible for the people at that time, brother Reggie, I cannot tell you how many people who come to my house a day for hungry. the \$50 you gave me, I invite people to come to my house and talk to them about God, and feed them, feed Christians and non Christian. please continue to help the way you are doing. thank you again, and it is better to forward this letter or this report to the brother who send the that money to help the hungry people in Haiti.

Sainsurin Jean-Baptiste

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Here is the report from Renold Saint Hulet. from Gros-Morne's Christian Church.

Brother Reggie, I thank you very much for the money that you gave to Pastor Sainsurin to give me to feed the hungry people in the area where I live, I invited them to come to my house, and talk to them about Christ, the said they will come but not now yet, any way, I planted the word and one day it will sprout. please say thank you to the brother who send me the money to feed the hungry people in the Gros-Morne, there are total 25 who where eating on the meeting. thank you

Renold Saint-hulet

Report from Edrice Janvier, from Grand'deau's Christian Church

Dear brother Reggie Thomas, I thank you very much for the beautiful work that you made, because, my country where I live, the people there are very suffer because, they cannot pay for their children' tuition, they cannot feed their children, please brother Reggie, if you can send more than \$50 that could be a good help for the people there. please say thank you for the brother that God put in his heart to help me feed the hungry people where I live. I have to tell you I fee 30 people for one day, continue to do for what you are doing and God bless you.

Edrice Janvier

Another preacher in Gonaives who is being supported by our brother Fred Green has written this concerning the hunger in Haiti:

"Originally, we have planned to distribute the rice this coming Sunday. But based on a bright proposition made by bro. Micah, we have changed plans. So our ladies here bought almost 2 Tones of rice and roughly a third of this in beans. They did all of this yesterday. They went to Pont-Sonde and Lestere to buy the rice and the beans were bought here in town and we had an additional of 150 lbs of beans from our farm, we harvested that a week or so ago.

After making the proper prep, several of us came to package the rice and beans. One package of rice and beans per family. We have made 256 packages. I do not know exactly how many have already gone, but several boys were on bikes giving them away to our people in their homes. In fact, some people who are neighbors to our people show up begging for a package too. I had to tell them that they have to wait for the time when our families receive their first. Jesus did something like that, right? We took the names and address of those who showed up and who are not members and we promise them to bring to them a package tomorrow, Lord willing.

I do not have the whole list yet, but I do know we don't quite have 256 families. We have 200 for sure, so we will be able to give some to neighbors."

Thanks our dear brother for providing the funds to put food on the table for these people. They will have at least one meal from two to four days depend on the size of the family.

## White Fields Orphanage Ministries

### JESUS LOVES ME HOME NEEDS LIST

1. Monthly food support- \$2571
2. School Tuition- \$6000 once per year due in August
3. Cement steps built going into the dorms
4. Cement kitchen stove built
5. A big table built for food prep in the kitchen
6. A cement wash basin built
7. Money for medicine & clothing
8. Roof repaired on Boy's dorm

### SEEDS ORPHANGE AMAMBAKKUM, INDIA

T. John Samuel and his wife are the resident Directors of the Seeds Orphanage in India. We appreciate the faithful supporters of this orphanage through the years. Brother John and his wife Jessie, are not very good at letter writing. Consequently we get very little information from them concerning the orphans. Once each year in January our White Fields Evangelists visit India and preach crusades. During this time we always visit the SEEDS ORPHANAGE and bring back what information we can. This past week John and Jessie sent us this lovely photo of the orphanage children. We hope you enjoy it.

