

Jesus Loves Me Home College Fund

One afternoon, in December, we held a youth meeting at Charles Wilfogette’s church. At the end, we had a question and answer time. One of the one men in Charles’ church stood up and said that he didn’t have a question but since we had shared our gifts with them, he wanted to share his gift with us. He started singing. He had a beautiful, incredible voice. He had such passion about what he was singing and how he was singing. It was incredible and for a moment I was mesmerized listening to him. I realized he brought tears to my eyes. My next thought brought different tears to my eyes... this young man will never be “discovered”, he will never be able to share his voice with the rest of the world because they do not have “Haitian Idol” or producers scanning the country for up and coming talent. It is a shame and makes me feel even more blessed to have heard him sing.



It also made me think about all the young people of Haiti, especially our children at the Jesus Loves Me Home. What opportunities will they have? What talents will we miss by not doing what we can? It is rare that we are asked to help provide an education past high school for our children, but occasionally the opportunity arises. Junior Delphin asked for a digital camera because he wanted to study graphic arts. A generous supporter provided him with the camera. I was also able to give him money for one semester of school. It will cost around \$100US each semester and a little higher the further classes he studies. We have Sony Jn Pierre who has an opportunity to study in medical school. Because we missed the first deadline, the cost is now \$4,800. We have received some money for his schooling, but not enough. These two boys do not have any family, they only have us to help them. We have a few more kids that are on the verge of graduating and will need help.

We are in the beginning stages of planning the college fund...the whos, hows, whens of it all. We have the two boys already needing help. If you would like to help us start this fund, we can use the money to help these two and the future kids that need the help. I’m feeling led to help those that ask us and are in need. Many of our kids are able to do this on their own when they leave, some are not and need us!



Immersion in 2011

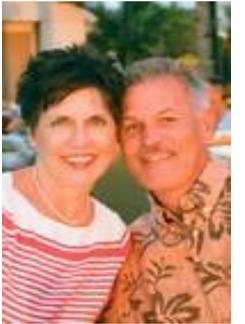
4,468 have been immersed into Christ during 2011. White Fields world wide ministries now assists 377 native evangelists in 33 different nations. These evangelists, along with our American and Australian team members, report 4,468 souls immersed into Christ for the remission of sins in January. It is 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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Self Help Projects

One of the strengths of the White Fields’ ministry has been our effective partnership with native evangelists. They are on site to do the ministry and they have special insight into the culture, language and people. God has blessed us with literally hundreds of native partners and, as our outreach expands, we trust him to give us even more!



“... the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.” [1 Corinthians 9:14] White Fields has been diligent in our efforts to match native evangelists with American sponsors, thus setting them free to evangelize while making it possible for them to care for their families. This has been an effective means of multiplying the influence of the gospel in many nations throughout the world. We are grateful for all of you who have sacrificed and given faithfully to support our native evangelists.

We live in a changing world, and have to deal with changing times and situations. Things like: inflation, the decline of the U.S. economy and the dollar, hardship in the lives of sponsors – some who desire to sponsor cannot, sometimes they have to quit, and the Lord has called some of our sponsors home. White Fields deals with these problems and others on a regular basis. Although we have done well at finding sponsorship for a substantial number of evangelists, we have to decline to support others – we just don’t have enough financial partners.

There is another approach: we could help our native evangelists and the churches they serve to become self-supporting. Through various self-help projects, they would be free to develop income locally and “outgrow” their need for sponsorship from America. Projects like: raising animals (ex: goats or chickens), tools to practice a trade, and micro-loans for small business.



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Such projects also help people to trust God for their income and, also, to use God's blessing to be generous with those in need and to evangelize. The verse I quoted earlier from 1 Corinthians was penned by a "tent making" evangelist. Some of Paul's flexibility in following the Lord's leading was due to his side business.

White Fields has experienced both success and failure in self-help projects in our past. I have had success in the Ivory Coast, Africa, but have seen similar attempts fail, both in our own experience and from the attempts of others. We want to learn from both our failures and successes as we move

forward. Some safeguards will need to be put in place. Safeguards like: local oversight and the recruitment of experienced individuals to assist. I discussed this concept with our partners in both Liberia and India. They are open to the idea.

Lord willing, we will begin a phase of pilot projects in 2011. The original investment for each project will be \$300. I am praying about and planning for 10 pilot projects this year. I'm looking for partners who will be willing to invest in a project. This is a dollar figure that many individuals (or Sunday School classes) could readily afford.

The purpose of this article is to "open the door." I want to pique your interest and stimulate your thinking about the possibilities for the future. Possibilities to bless our faithful native partners, possibilities to make more and more churches self-supporting, possibilities to help others learn to trust in God rather than be tempted to trust the American dollar, and possibilities to expand White Fields' evangelistic and church planting efforts to more places in the world.

Would you be willing to sponsor a pilot project? Will you pray for God's wisdom and blessing on this venture?

Please feel free to communicate with me. Proverbs 15:22 says, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

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Please ask God to continue to guide and give us wisdom.
 For Jesus' sake, Tom



White Fields Orphanage Ministries

By Lori Darnell, Director

We thank Lydia Abbott for visiting and giving us this report during her missions trip to India.

SEEDS Orphanage-

There were about 15 boys and 10 girls. They are also all very happy children and John Samuel's family said they are all very good kids and are doing well in school. They ALWAYS have a smile on their faces. They sang songs in Tamil and then a few in English and then did a special dance to welcome us. Many of them are also learning English but not good enough to fully understand yet. They are all well fed three meals a day and are all dressed nicely. They wear their school uniforms to school of course. The orphanage and everything is tip top shape, clean and well organized. They even have bathrooms in their dorms so that is nice. They all stand in a straight line and then they walk together to catch the bus a little ways down the road this way they are all safely together. John Samuel's family makes sure they take their lunch to school with them because they say even though the government schools provide lunch it is not good, clean and healthy food so they take their own food instead. They are well taken care of and the SEEDS people are doing a great and loving job of taking care of them.

One sad story was that one of the girls was missing this time when I was there at the orphanage so I asked where she was. She was only 14 and her father married her off last year because they are very poor and he needed money and didn't think he could provide for her I guess. The man who married her was in his 40's. He basically sold her in my opinion. Now she is pregnant. Her other sister works and is the bread winner of the family since the father is a drunk even though she is only a teen. That's why she and her sister were in the orphanage in the first place but then the father took them out. Something like that but it was a mess. I felt so bad for her because she was just a little girl.



Jacob's New Life Orphanage-

There are 16 boys at Jacob's New Life and all are happy & physically well. Robert & Mary Devadoss are the Administrators. Robert is a long time White Fields Evangelist. They were all full of smiles and looked happy, tidy and well fed. They sang a couple songs. A few of them are learning English and they all seem to be doing well in school. They are very organized and obedient but the thing I would say most about them is their happiness and joy. You can tell right away that they are happy because it shows on their faces.

You Baptize A Lot Of People, But...



"You baptize a lot of people, but ...?" We hear such questions often; and I think that many have the question in their mind, but are a little timid to ask it out loud.

I'm glad you asked the question. I am very happy that you want Christians to remain faithful. We do, too. In fact, that is one of the reasons that White Fields makes every effort to plant churches in new areas. Jesus designed his church to help people stay true to him. The people to whom we present the gospel have to make great sacrifices and serious life changes in order to convert. It is seldom "easy-come-easy-go."

Allow me to share with you a real life situation that occurred in the Ivory Coast, Africa. The village is Assuefri (Ah-Sue-free). It was one of the first places that I evangelized in 1988. We had a Christian leader ask to come and work with us. A year later, I learned that we had a real-live Simon, the magician (see Acts 8) on our hands. Simon had been praying for people and using visual aids (colored powder in water and breaking pigeon's necks) to show them their sin and how they could be forgiven and delivered – if they paid him to pray for them! Sadly, he had also impregnated a young lady during an all night prayer meeting.

We practiced church discipline with him, calling on him to repent. Simon would not, so we removed his leadership position and prepared to remove him from the church. Due to logistics, Simon got back to Assuefri first, and told people that he had driven the "whites" away and they would never see us again. The church ceased to function. A series of unfortunate events exacerbated the situation, and we weren't able to return to that village for three years.

When we returned, I preached Christ on the streets of the village – our goal was to win people and re-plant a church. 63 people signed up desiring to be baptized. Quickly, we learned that 45 of them had already been immersed, years before (due to our evangelism). We explained to them that a person only needs to be baptized once in their life. They were grateful that we were reestablishing a church in Assuefri.

I learned an important lesson about African Christians. The cost to commit to Christ is high, so when they give their lives to Jesus, they are in for the long haul. These believers had clung to their simple faith, hoping for godly leaders to shepherd them. The Lord kept them until we could return and restore things to proper spiritual order.

We will continue to work diligently to establish quality churches with spiritually strong leaders; and we know we aren't alone; God is at work to keep his children safe! "... *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*" [Philippians 1:6]

For Jesus' sake, Tom

2 More Souls Saved In Dominican Republic



March 17-24, 2011 Esther and I made our way to the Dominican Republic where we conducted meetings with the 2nd Christian Church White fields has established in the past few months,. This congregation is located in the northern part of the capital city of Santo Domingo (which is the first and oldest city in the Americas).

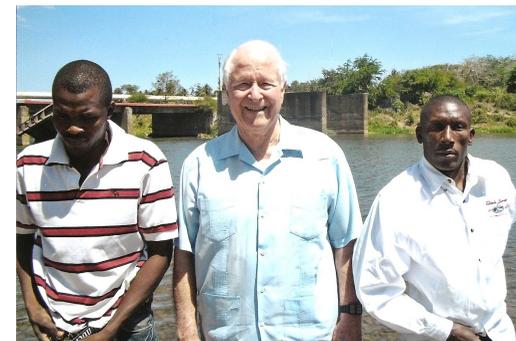
Christopher Columbus discovered the island of Hispaniola on his first journey across the Atlantic in 1492. The city of Santo Domingo, and in fact all the Americas, honor the memory of this great explorer.

In 1975 we pioneered a new church in the city of St. Marc, Haiti. Brother Francilius Aime became the minister of this church and is still serving in this capacity. In 1980 a daughter was born and the Aimes named her Lukencia. In 2009 Lukencia moved to Santo Domingo. She could not find a New Testament Church and wrote to us asking for help. We made our first trip to Santo Domingo in March 2010 and helped Lukencia start the First Christian Church in her house. This church grew rapidly to 60 members at which time Gary Klein, an American Missionary, graciously offered to provide a church building for the congregation.

We then returned to Santo Domingo and helped Lukencia start the 2nd Christian Church in her house. This congregation now has 25 in regular attendance. During our present stay we led in Leadership Training Classes and also performed a church wedding. On the Lord's Day 2 more precious souls accepted Jesus and we went to the river and baptized them into Christ for the remission of sins.

Pray for both newly established churches in the Dominican. Thank God for the Aime family and for this daughter Lukencia who has served admirably as a woman.

written by Evangelist Reggie Thomas, Director Emeritus



India by Andrew Brinn



India, the trip of a lifetime! This was the very first time I have left American soil. There is no way to describe the feeling of leaving the only security you have ever known. It is defined as stepping out on faith, something we Christians need to learn to do more often. I have always been the kind of person who has tried to control everything around me. Hard work and perseverance is what I thought would lead to a successful life. The truth is that a successful life varies from person to person, my definition just happened to be the wrong one. I based my measure of success upon how much money and how many things I had. There seemed to be a

void in my life though. Something was missing that things could not fill. My life seemed to be controlled by my work schedule. I was missing church meetings and not spending time with friends because I was always working. Striving for the "good life" became a road to nowhere. Each time a missionary would come to speak at our church I wondered what it would be like to go. I loved hearing their stories of foreign countries and the large numbers of people being won for Christ, but never made an opportunity to go. After talking to Reggie Thomas at the Men's Roundup in Indiana, I decided the time had come. My life has never had purpose, I have not done enough for God, and it was time for a change! Reggie gave me the advice and instructions needed to get my passport, visa, and airplane ticket. In the mean time I had to deal with my employer. I did everything in my power to negotiate for time off, even to the point of an unpaid leave of absence, but they would not bend. It was basically serve my employer or serve God. The real question was how much do I trust God? It seemed like there were so many reasons to just give up and stay home, but with every opposition there was justification too. My fears had to be overcome in order to trust God.

My greatest fear is being alone. This may sound a little odd, but I was scared of not seeing another American for 15 days! It is easy to feel alone in this situation, but God is so great! The first person I worked with was Aruldoss. He was so kind to me and his quick smile and laughter made me feel right at home. God put me with the right person at the right time. The Indian people are very welcoming too. It is so easy to feel at ease with them. Even though they are poor they are generally happy people.

With a different prospective on life and what is important, I was able to let go of the pressures of American life. Never before have I studied the bible so much. I broke the binding literally. With Aruldoss by my side we preached to the people in open-air meetings. There were several other preachers with us as well. This was the first time I have let myself be

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used by God. It is impossible to comprehend just how much of a blessing this is until we experience it! To see how much He can do when I stand up and allow Him to speak through me is incredible! Understand that all I did was submit myself to His calling and go, He did the rest. One of the coolest events happened in one of the rural villages. The power was off for the whole day and we did not know this until we arrived. Aruldoss wanted to cancel the meeting, but I told him no. We must continue with faith no matter what happens. I had about 5 minutes of daylight left to study and gather my thoughts. I did not preach one of my written out sermons because there was no light. I did deliver what God placed on my heart to say. Jesus is the light! Never have I spoken in front of an audience without notes! The greatest thing was after we were done and we gave the invitation to the people, the lights came on! God is great! To see his power working like this is amazing! On another night 19 Hindu people chose to follow Christ. Never before have I seen this much hunger for Jesus. These people were able to find the scriptures quickly and eager to read out loud.

Possibly the greatest part of this trip was going to Ooty with Ezra. We met with 4 of the Toda tribes. These people are so secluded that no one has gone to them to share the gospel except for Ezra. He has spent the last 7 years building a friendship with them in order to make this ministry happen. There were 4 Toda ladies that traveled with us to some of the remote tribes. Their singing voices were so beautiful. They also shared with me about some of their struggles. Their husbands beat them when they do not come home in time to cook a meal, and sometimes they are beaten just for being Christians. These people are not the type to change from traditions quickly. They are very skeptical. On my last day there one of the ladies gave me a shirt that they made. I wore it to my church one Sunday when I made my missionary report.

To sum it all up, this was a trip of a lifetime! For the first time I was not in control of what happened around me. Let me clarify, this is the first time I did not try to be in control. God is always in control whether we want Him to be or not! It is a great feeling to let Him lead the way and just follow. When we do the will of our father we can then experience His blessings. It is a blessing just being His tool. Because I obeyed His calling 93 people heard the gospel and were saved by the power of Jesus! Sometimes we do not realize that people are suffering because we are not obedient. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us. This will not be the last time I go to India. Because of this trip I have become a better Christian. To God be the glory forever and ever amen.

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