



Around The World In 8 Pages JOPLIN, MO

We have never been so thankful to reach their street and see houses still standing...sort of! We were even more thankful we found their house (a huge tree had fallen in their yard covering their whole house) and found Reggie and Esther inside and ok! There were lots of hugs & tears at that moment.

Still the magnitude of the tornado did not sink and still today we have a very difficult time grasping the reality of it all. We can sit at one end of town and see miles wide and miles long the destruction. The tornado took everything in it's path, including bark off the trees and weeds out of fields.

The tornado that hit Joplin (they are finding new information every day) was an EF-5 (200+mph winds). It was 1 mile wide and stayed on the ground for 14 miles. 8,000 homes were destroyed. Thirty percent of businesses were wiped out. More than 19,000 cars were destroyed. Joplin High School and several other schools have been destroyed! As of the printing there have been 156 confirmed deaths. That is the ugly! The beauty...There have been over 30,000 registered volunteers helping in Joplin. Donations have come from every part of the country. Free food every where you look. If you have run out of water in your part of the country, we have it here in Joplin! The outpouring and love and help has been tremendous, almost overwhelming. Because of the generosity of an old friend who came to Joplin with his crew, Reggie & Esther already have a new roof on their home.

Because of White Fields supporters, the love and generosity is even more overwhelming. White Fields has received over \$20,000 and at this point we have given out over \$16,000. This money has been given to 11 families who have lost their homes, 4 single ladies, who have lost their homes, 7 widow ladies who have lost everything, and 2 families who have lost their cars. We are helping more every day and will continue to do so as long as we have the designated tornado relief money. Words cannot express our gratitude for the relief money.

We are settling into a new normal in Joplin. Lacey and her 11th and 12th grade classmates will be going to school in vacant buildings at the mall. We've learned that we might get to the grocery store and the may be out of basic needs that were always abundant before. What used to be a 5 minute drive could take 30 minutes. Businesses are rebuilding and people will rebuild their homes.

One thing we can say is that our GOD is a never changing God. He is our constant! He is greater and stronger than any EF-5 tornado. He was with Joplin. If you could see, you would understand that thousands should have lost their lives that day! He is always with us! His mercy and grace is tremendous!



Immersion in 2011

5,027 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 5,027 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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The White Fields team of Barbara Barger, Lou and Patsy Hall took the next step in walking through a door that our Lord began to open years ago. We showed you a close-up of Elena Fileva in our May newsletter. God arranged our original contact with Elena; he has helped her to be faithful to the Jesus in spite of great turmoil and struggles in her life and family. She has searched the scriptures and has shown a real desire to obey New Testament teaching.



Barbara and Patsy went to encourage her and to teach a group of women that she has developed. Each day 8-10 women would meet for teaching (almost half were not Christian). They showed great interest and were very attentive. The Bulgarian women continually expressed their appreciation.

Barbara and Patsy also taught Sunday School and held a special Children's event in the park on Sunday afternoon. About 25 kids, and their mothers, attended. We are grate-



ful that these Bulgarian women and children had the opportunity to learn the truth of Jesus' teaching and how to respond to his death, resurrection and offer of salvation. Elena is attending a non-denominational church in her city (Svishton – about 4 hours from the capital). The minister is an American who is married to a Bulgarian woman – Tim and Lydia Autry. Lou was able to spend time with him and share the point of view of the Restoration Movement. He invited Lou to preach on Sunday at their small church.

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The nation of Bulgaria is still struggling to overcome years of communist rule, and the recent influence of powerful organized crime figures. Many have emigrated out of the country. Jobs are scarce, especially for women who choose to be moral. There is an aura of depression in the hearts and on the countenances of the people and they are skeptical of Bible believing Christians. We can rejoice that the seed of God's Word was sown in Bulgarian hearts. Lou Hall has a standing invitation to return and work with Tim Autry and the church in Svishton. Barbara & Patsy were greatly appreciated and are welcome anytime. Elena has been encouraged and has plans to hold a women's Bible Study (Barbara provided money for some Bibles).



Please join us in praying that opportunities will arise soon to water the seed and that the Lord will have a harvest in Bulgaria. Pray regularly for Elena and others there who have such a heart for God.

One special assignment for the White Fields team was to research and determine the best way to help Elena find a way to support herself and her family (her mother & three children). They have concluded that completing a teaching degree (she has 4 years of Bible College) in Bulgaria would be the most effective means to equip her for future employment. We are still researching the cost for two years of schooling. God has already given us a brother who is willing to raise tuition funds; please join us in praying that our Lord will move a Bulgarian university to accept Elena so she can pursue her degree.



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For those of us in Joplin, Mo, May 22, 2011 started out as a sunny, late Spring day. Most of us went to church that morning, ate Sunday Lunch, and took a nice Sunday afternoon nap. Others were excited (and bittersweet moments) because the Joplin High School class of 2011 would be holding their graduation ceremony at MSSU that afternoon. Graduation Parties were planned. Birthday parties & get togethers in the parks were being held. Some were visiting relatives in the hospitals. Things that normally happen on a Sunday afternoon.

In the Darnell household, we had a sleepy afternoon, resting up after Lacey's big dance recital the night before. Lacey was also busy doing homework for the next week of school, all the while counting the days until school was out. We were getting ready for youth group when a sudden storm started brewing and honestly the emergency weather beep on TV is what woke me from my nap. I told Lacey she wasn't driving alone and would wait out the storm before leaving! That was a God thing, because we don't pay attention to the storms.

Across town, in the Thomas' household, Reggie & Esther were waking from their nap and getting ready to head out the door to church. They heard the same report we did...SEVERE STORM. They were standing in their sunroom deciding whether to wait the storm out before leaving.

Back at my house, I went to get ready, but Zane had on a local channel and they were strongly urging people to take cover. Their tower cam was showing what was once deemed a "severe storm" headed straight for them, blowing up transformers in it's path. The reporters started screaming "TAKE COVER NOW" and they gave the area...Reggie & Esther's area. Then the channel went dead. My heart sank, but still didn't think it would amount to much as our storms and especially tornadoes dissipate as soon as hitting Joplin or take a hard turn North and miss us.

As Reggie & Esther stood in the sunroom, they heard the "freight train" noise and the sky became midnight dark. They ran to the bathroom and took cover. They were not there long when they heard a suction noise leave the house...it was over.

At my house, I was trying to call my parents, with no luck. We were listening to the radio, but the reports were sketchy and we still did not realize we had actually taken a direct hit and things were BAD. A reporter was on the street at 20th & Rangeline and was reporting things smashed and gone. It was all so confusing and surreal and a sense of disbelief. Things from that point on kind of become a blur and would stay that way for the next couple of days...

Lacey's boyfriend texted her and said 20 people were dead and the area around St John's was destroyed. We were already leaving the house to check on my parents, but that kicked in high gear and more of a rush to get there!

I do not remember most of the trip there. It's probably a good thing because from accountings of others, the street scenes were pretty gruesome. It still was not sinking in how bad we were hit! We traveled our normal way to my parents and all was fine up to a certain point and then things were not normal. I argued with Zane that he had taken the wrong street. We couldn't go that way anyway because of trees down. After we turned and went the other way, I saw houses that were ok. I began to breath a little and calm down. But we came to 26th street and we saw a little bit of what this monster tornado had done. Houses were gone, there was nothing but sticks. We could see into Reggie & Esther's neighborhood and we shouldn't have been able to do that. Panic set in at that moment. We had to park the car and walk the rest of the way.

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We want to introduce you to Ray Gorton. He and his wife are both devoted, co-operative, and supporting partners of White Fields. He always spends almost his entire time at the White Fields booth during conventions. Ray and his wife are missionaries to the Muslims. They have to work secretly but God has blessed their efforts in marvelous ways. Here is his latest report:

With the celebration of Pentecost Sunday tomorrow, I am reminded of the eleven apostles gathered in the room many days after the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus had instructed them to wait there; but, we can believe they were very discouraged and uncertain of the future. Had Jesus forgotten them? Then, like a rush of a strong wind, the Holy Spirit descended upon each of them. They could be understood by all of the people even in their own languages. "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." (Acts 2:41)

Mission to the Muslims sent three families, Bible trained, Farsi speaking, as directed by Christ into Iran in 2004.. They were very effective in establishing house churches and Bible studies, averaging about 60 souls accepting Jesus as their Savior each month. More families have followed.

Two years ago, during Easter week, the police arrested and tortured one of our missionaries for a week. She suffered so many burns and broken bones that surgery was required after her release. Quite an experience for a young Kansas farm girl. Maggie was two months pregnant. Fortunately, the child was not harmed. Twelve of the sixteen Muslim women held in the same cell have since converted to Christianity.

Last October, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei declared the house church network as "enemies of Iran." The arrests continue and to quote Christianity Today (June, 2011) "The house church movement is booming, with converts estimated in the hundreds of thousands." Praise God! Our organization is only one part of the effort there; however, we are glad to be that part.

Oh, yes, Maggie, her husband, and daughter are still working there.

Thank you for your prayers. Please don't stop.

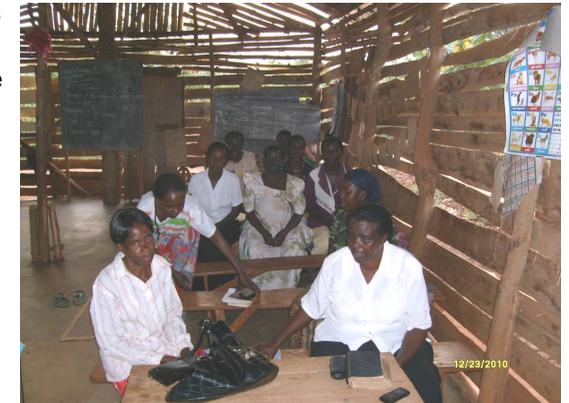
Ray Gorton, Director
Mission to the Muslims

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5 years ago, Barry Kermeen accepted Reggie Thomas' challenge to continue the White Fields outreach efforts in Uganda. Barry is not a preacher by vocation; but the Lord has given him an evangelist's heart. He loves to preach and teach the truth found in God's word. The following is his report from his 4 trip to Uganda, in February and March of this year:

Prior to my trip, I had set two goals.

1. I wanted to spend as much time as possible teaching four of the men. They could teach the others after I left.
2. I wanted to witness the beginning of the construction for the new building that the Nsaggu, Gayaza congregation will use.



Teaching men:

- Stephen Mutugubya interpreted for me. He will be graduating from bible college when this newsletter goes to print. I've been encouraged by his desire to learn. He has worked hard to reach his goal. Stephen would like to further his education after graduation.
- Another young man that I studied with was Daniel. Daniel and I studied the bible together for several hours over the course of two days. I left the Jule Miller Visualized Bible Study Series with him. When I left, I encouraged Daniel to make copies of the questions that go with each lesson. The lessons will be a good teaching tool for him to use.
- On March 5th the men came to where I was staying for a seminar that lasted all day. We watched all of the Jule Miller series. I also had prepared a quiz for the men to take. Their answers really helped me to understand more about their knowledge of the scriptures. We also studied 1 Corinthians 13:8-10 before we finished that evening. At the end of the day, I felt that the men had asked some very good questions. I was encouraged by their willingness to participate in the seminar.

I was able to encourage one congregation as I taught them to give generously from the blessings that they had received from God, even if they do not have cash. The building project is moving along. On my last day in Uganda, I preached for the Restoration Assembly on what took place in Acts chapter 2. There were about 70 people present. In closing, I asked the congregation, "Have you done what about 3,000 people did that day?" I handed the microphone to Bosco, and went to my seat. I had my back to everyone. Bosco looked at me and said that 17 people wanted to obey the gospel. I thanked the Lord for those decisions that were made! I told Bosco that I would give him the money for those people to be transported to Lake Victoria. I wasn't able to go with them, because I had to leave for the airport – but received confirmation later that they had been immersed into Christ!

Thank you for praying for White Fields Overseas Evangelism. Your interest, your encouragement, and your support mean so much to all of us.
Because of the Lord,
Barry Kermeen, evangelist

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Dr. Don Ott completed his seventh visit to Cuba. Don is the Director of White Fields Cuba Bible Institute. The following is his report on this visit and an update on the Institute:

The financial support of twelve individuals and four churches made it possible for me to teach "Marriage and Family Life" for the Cuba Bible Institute. The four-year curriculum of seminar modules leads to a Certificate of Christian Ministry. The purpose of the Institute is best stated in the words of the Apostle Paul to the Evangelist Timothy:

"The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." (2 Timothy 2:2) Seven have been completed and ten more are planned through 2013. Seven instructors have taught with four more scheduled for 2012.

There were 34 participants in this round of teaching. A laptop computer, video projector, 32 books and 3 printer cartridges were provided on this trip. Literature and Teaching Ministry made available for the Institute in digital format an unpublished Spanish translation of Don DeWalt's textbook, Acts: The Apostolic Church. It will be used for a seminar next year.

Twenty house churches reported a total of 589 in weekly average attendance and 73 baptisms in the first quarter of this year. Praise God for his victories in communist Cuba!

Cuba update: Reggie and Esther Thomas had to postpone a June trip to Cuba. The Joplin tornado's damage to their home and other mitigating circumstances led to the postponement.

Updates on Dr. Ott:

Traveling to the Philippines (Bohol) to lead a Marriage Retreat for pastors and wives. October 27-29.

When Tom Mullenix became White Fields Director, Don accepted the position of Board Chairman.

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In response to funds raised by Barry Kermeen:

Dear Brother Barry,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank you so much for sending your kind support to our preachers to buy 8 bicycles. I am so thankful to you brother and also to the sponsors. Apart from this Yesterday we purchased 4 bicycles in one area (We have 4 different areas/locations) and distributed to the preachers. I am sending some of few pictures about the bicycles. I will buy another four bicycles in another area as soon as possible. The preachers felt very very happy to see the bicycles. They remembered the previous days (Sathya's period). These bicycles are so useful for their ministry work.

We the preachers, co workers and GLA orphanage children are all praying for your family members and your ministry work. God richly bless your work. Thanking you so much.

Yours brother in Christ,
D. UDAYA KUMAR



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We have a new web site! Please check it out! We have added some new features!

www.white-fields.org

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Also Tom and Reggie have created a video series on evangelism and the work of White Fields. They are on YouTube!!! Go to YouTube.com and search for WhiteFieldsOE. We have already received positive feedback!