



Global REPORT

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MBMS International

From the Central Canada Regional Office

We see repeatedly in Scripture that Jesus was moved to compassion for the poor, the weak and the lost. Jesus' statement reminds us that action is a natural companion to compassion. When He looked upon the crowds, He was stirred to respond. When we observe the lost and see the need for transformation among least reached people are we stirred to respond in the same way?

We want to keep you updated on some of the opportunities that are approaching as well as to update you on the life changing events that have taken place over the past year. Thank you for your commitment to prayer and transforming lives through holistic church planting.



The Winnipeg office of MBMS International resources the churches of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Lloyd and Carol Letkeman, regional mobilizers and short-term ministry coordinators are joined in the office by Eileen Klassen and Fern Janzen. Mark and Melissa Jede serve as interns.

Summer ACTION

For over 15 years, Youth Mission International provided a summer program for young adults called ACTION, a two month introduction to international mission. ACTION has continued to be offered under the governance of MBMS International and for the first time this summer, it is being hosted in Manitoba. Teams will be trained in Altona and Gretna and then sent to MBMS International sites in the D.R. Congo, China, and Mexico. For more information please visit www.mbmsi.org/action.

UM Saskatoon Chalo!



Our Global Position for Service often begins in our own neighborhoods. MBMS International hosted their second annual Urban Mission Saskatoon in partnership with the MCC Saskatchewan's Chalo program. Participants were oriented to the realities refugees encounter as they immigrate to Canada in the hope of starting a new life in safety and freedom. Church teams entered a weekend of learning, worshipping, serving, fellowship and outreach. Prayerfully consider joining other church teams this October or November for a life changing gps location during Chalo UM Saskatoon.

SOAR Heartland

In 2007, we enter our fifth season of partnership with ministries in the North End of Winnipeg, where many children have come to anticipate a wonderful Spring Break filled with fun, good food and loving friendships with Heartland teams. This season, Heartland has invited Danielle Strickland to be the guest teacher during Orientation weekend. Please be in prayer for the ministries, participants and lasting fruit of the Gospel as many will be encouraged to listen to the voice of Jesus March 22 – 31, 2007. For more information, please visit www.mbmsi.org/soarheartland.

Orientation to Mission with Bethany

Each year, Bethany students are introduced to mission in urban, rural and international settings. Carol and Lloyd Letkeman were invited to help facilitate an orientation to mission January 3-5, 2007. The Letkemans invited students and leaders to use their most significant resource in mission, their ears, to listen to God, people and their surroundings in the way Jesus modeled. Bethany students are privileged to serve Christ while they discover their call to globally positioned service.

Saskatchewan Global Impact

Jim and Marilou Nightingale and their family are off to Brazil! We celebrate with the Nightingales as they thank God and their communities for full funding, visas and flights. Continue to pray and support the Nightingales as they minister in Sao Paulo, Brazil and bless the conference with a new camping ministry.

Blaine and Michelle Warner work with the language translation project for the Nanerige people in Burkina Faso.

Trever and Joan Godard, leaders of the Matthew Team, help coordinate all short term mission teams from any MB church or school in North America to any country of Latin America. They are starting a new ministry called The Matthew Training Center to equip potential missionaries from Latin America and also College interns from North America to go out to the nations. They also help the new MB church plant called RETO in Guadalajara.

Liana Penner teaches at Colegio Cristiano "Elliot", where she is responsible for English classes for Preschool through Grade 5. She also serves in an emerging MB church plant in Trujillo, Peru.

Russ and Marj Speiser partner with MBMS International and PROCLAIM! International to use the creative arts in teaching, worship and evangelism throughout Europe.

Barbara Block teaches art at Kodaikanal International School, a Christian multicultural school in South India which is linked to Bethania Association, a home for needy children.

The focus of Richard and Hazel Funk's ministry is lay leadership development, primarily in Salzburg and secondarily with the six other Mennonite Churches in Austria. Thus they are involved in teaching, preaching, counseling and mentoring.

A few other Saskatchewan families are considering full time international service with MBMS International. Continue to pray for those in the process of discernment.

Celebrating Mission



Parliament Community Church in Regina and Bridgeway Community Church in Swift Current invited MBMS International to partner in their annual missionconventionsthiswinter. In addition, Parliament and Forest Grove hosted Celebration Mission Nights, evenings of inspiration and information presented our international office. Samir Youssef, evangelist to Muslim communities, shared testimonies and video from the church planting initiatives in North Africa. Randy Friesen, MBMS International's general director, also gave a challenge to Go, Pray & Support holistic church planting that transforms communities among the least reached. Thank you for those who celebrated mission during these events. Please visit www.mbmsi.org/cmn for more information about CMN events across North America.

TREK around the world

Several college age individuals from the Prairies are experiencing a year of Mission on the TREK program. Nicole Enns (Winkler, MB), Jenn Batt (Altona, MB), and Greg Sawatsky (Dalmeny, SK) are serving in New Delhi, India. In addition, Philip Wiens (Edmonton, AB) is serving in Peru with Team Lima. Please support our TREKers by visiting www.mbmsi.org/trek and praying for them regularly.

