

**October 29, 2007**

I am not always the best at writing so I guess it is time to update you on what is going on in the Mission's Work Area. We have had several Missionaries move, get promoted and move, or have had no change. We have had the wonderful problem of how to spend the money that has been donated wisely to help spread God's Word.



You may well know by now that **Tommy and Sue Moon** are back in the US. Sue's mother has a rare auto-immune disease and they have moved close by to take care of her. Tommy has accepted a position at Northwest College in Orange City, Iowa, as their Missions Director in the Department of Spiritual Formations and Vocation.

**Morgan Stephens** will be moving to Nashville Tennessee; it is my understanding that it is a promotion for all the great work he has done. He will still need our support and we will do our part. We congratulate him on a job well done. He has done some great work in Austin bringing young college students to Christ. Morgan has become a church budget item as well as the **Faulkners**. What this means is that they are no longer paid out of the Faith Promise Undesignated account, which is money people donate to Mission's and do not specify where to spend it. This was usually a year-to-year promise Mission's made with the Missionary. The budget is a long term commitment to them.

We have sent emails to our Missionaries asking them what they need to do their jobs. **Charles and Becky Jackson** are developing a mini-loan program that makes small loans of approximately \$100 to women primarily. They say women are much better at paying them back. They train the women in business processes and how to manage their lives and money. They hold regular church services and perform a number of baptisms. We have sent them \$3000 to start two mini-loan programs.



The **Savutos** in Africa help at the Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya. The people there are very poor. They are unable to pay for the medical treatment they need and they can always use our help. You may remember when they were here last they told us about the number of people suffering from the AIDS epidemic. It leaves many young children to be raised by their



grandparents. The grandparents are barely able to make it and now have children to raise. We sent them \$3000 to help with the hospital bills. Their unpaid bills run \$30,000 a month. We have pledged to sponsor the **Jay and Teri Whitten's** Missionary trip to China. We have pledged to sponsor them for three years at \$100 a month. Jay and his wife Teri are friends of Ralph and Sue Wilson who referred them to us and we were glad to help sponsor their trip. It will be quite a change for their children but one they say they are ready for.

I am sure you remember **Larry Cochran** of GO International, our speaker at the Revival and our Mission's Conference. GO International builds a lot of churches and schools around the world. We are planning to build a church with the help of GO International. We are reviewing all the different options they have and hope to send a group to help build it. We will let you know as details are confirmed. This may be something that you may want to do yourself.

The **Mission's Conference** will be the last weekend in April. We are beginning plans now. We have sent the Missionaries we support notice asking them to attend if possible.

That's all of the latest new in Missions. Our meeting is the second Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm in Room 204W. Stop by if you have a chance.

Thanks,

Gerald Stanford