

APRIL 2010 MISSIONS & OUTREACH REPORT

by Randy Mayfield

Things are busy and blessed here in Missions! We had more than 40 people at our regular mission team meeting last week and it was an exciting time with many special guests. God is working in the city and throughout the world and it's a joy just to be a small part of what He is doing!

MISSION WEEKEND:

This week we host Dr. Sandy Willson for our Mission weekend. Dr. Willson will share with our leaders in a seminar on leadership and he will preach at all three morning services at Central-Clayton. Our theme for the weekend is, "A Heart for the City" and our focus will be on ministries we support here in the St. Louis area. More than 20 city groups will have tables set up to share about their work.

MISSION TRIPS:

It's also a busy time preparing for mission trips in the next few months. We have a team leaving in late April (April 29-May 9) for the Philippines to minister alongside our national groups there. In early June (June 2-9) the choir is going to Hungary to work alongside our missionaries, Rob & Tunde Futo and later in June, we have a team going to teach in the Bible College and Elementary School in Kapenguria, Kenya with the Kendagor's. In late June (June 26 to July 3rd) we have our Family Mission trip to West Va. and then our annual "Vision" trip to Honduras from Aug. 26-30th. Finally, we wrap up our summer/fall travels with another "Vision" trip to Lebanon to be with our missionary, Robby Hamd from Oct. 1-12. Please pray for all of these trips and for our team members that they will have safe travels, good ministry opportunities and that all of us will grow in the Lord and bring Him glory!

UPCOMING SPECIAL OUTREACH EVENTS IN THE CITY:

Two other outreach events coming up include; "***A Picnic in Paradise***" on **Sat. July 10th** at Jett Bank Park in the city (near Vashon H.S.) with our sister church, Greater Paradise Missionary Baptist Church. This is the church of our housekeeper, Eula Batiste and we have had some ongoing ministry with them over the past year. I visited and preached at Greater Paradise earlier in the year and several Central folks also attended. Greater Paradise also had several of their folks attend our "Unplugged" concert in February and a dozen or more visited our mission team meeting in early April. All are welcome to come out for a free picnic lunch (burgers and hot dogs) and music from noon to 4pm on July 10th.

Then, it's time for "***Christian Day at the Ballpark***" which will be held at Busch stadium on **Sat. July 17th** with special guest speaker, Tony Dungy (Super bowl winning coach from Indianapolis.) Cardinal players will also share testimonies and it will be a great day for the entire family. Central has 200 discounted group tickets available and we will also provide tickets for a number of city kids connected with the ministries that we support in the city including Jubilee, Sunshine and Greater Paradise Church. See Randy or Cari for more info. as more than half of our allotted tickets are already spoken for.

PERSONAL:

I've enjoyed worshipping at the site, sharing at TRIO and teaching my weekly Sunday School Class on the new paradigms in missions. I will begin to travel again for the next few months after being home for more than 3 months now. I'm ready...and so are Sharon and Cari!! :) The family is doing well. Thanks for your continued support and prayers. rm