



LHI Newsletter

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From New LHI Board Chairperson Rick McClain

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God. Does anything else really matter in this life? This life is very short and fairly meaningless (according to Ecclesiastes), except for one thing. It is the one chance we have to make it into the Kingdom. Jesus knew this, which is why he told us to make the Kingdom our top priority.



I figured this out somewhere along the way, which is why I have one main goal in life: get as many people in the Kingdom as possible. Many of the people we need to reach live with us in the United States, but most of them live in all of the other countries around the world. This is the reason I want to be a part of LHI. God has given us a responsibility to spread the good news about the possibility of living in the Kingdom with God, Jesus, and the rest of our brothers and sisters forever. God is counting on us to do this extremely important work.

The LHI board was recently talking about what our organization's purpose is. It might seem obvious, but the exercise did bring some clarity to what our mission is. Andy Cisneros is on our team so it wasn't long before he arranged our thoughts into an acronym of what we are about. Andy loves acronyms and this one really hit the mark. We want to "Reach the world for the Kingdom of God" by working together to SEEK (as in Seek ye first the Kingdom of God):

Search for those in other countries that desire to minister

Establish a partnership with those in other countries that are like-minded and desire to minister

Encourage/Strengthen/Support those ministries for the

Kingdom of God

It sounds pretty simple, but when you start to think about it, you realize that this is potentially a HUGE job that will take all of us working together to make it happen. There are numerous ways to be involved in this ministry, some ways that probably haven't even been discovered yet. I know there are many people out there who are passionate about this ministry, and I want to thank you for the excellent work you have done in the past. Moreover, I want to

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encourage you and anyone else willing to join us to keep making a difference in others' lives eternally.—Rick McClain

Malawi Flooding

Undoubtedly, many of you have heard news reports of the terrible flooding in Malawi. Here is a message we received from Linda Nkomba, our fellow laborer in Malawi:



“Sorry but I have come with sad news. Malawi has been hit by very heavy rains and stormy winds which have destroyed a lot of people's homes. So on

top of late pastor Machembas church, we have Pastor Magalasi, Kashoni and one more from Maxwell and Howards area that have been destroyed. A lot of people are homeless. It's the first disaster of this kind to ever happen in Malawi. Bridges on the main roads including the ones on small roads have been washed away.”



“Attached are pictures of flooded Blantyre city, you



may recognize the post office opposite Merhrit's work station and the shops in Blantyre just to show you what I have



seen since I do not have the pictures from our destroyed church buildings yet. Please pray for us for God's intervention as the rains are still coming.” It is our understanding that at one point nearly a third of the country was under water.

The LHI Board sent \$3,000 to provide immediate help for our members who have been affected. The Malawi governing board met to determine how to allocate these funds.



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After receiving these funds, Linda wrote: Words are not enough to express what this help means to us. A lot of people are still in shock after losing their homes and fields.”

The funds that were sent from the emergency fund will need to be replaced to be available for a future emergency. And it is probable that additional funds will be needed during the recovery. If your church or mission organization would like to provide funds for this need, they will be appreciated.

Kenya

On January 27, we received an urgent prayer request from Pastor Maurice Chahilu, who is one of the leaders of our work in Kenya. His wife, Pamela, collapsed and was in a coma. The next day we received this message from Paul Chahilu. He said, “Thank you so much, prayers have been answered. She is out of the coma now.” She evidently had a very severe headache at some point. They did a spinal tap yesterday to test for meningitis. They hope to get the results today. She is still in the hospital, but awake and able to communicate. We are thankful for answered prayer.



Philippines



Larry Rankin is currently on an extended visit to the Philippine Islands. Forty-six attended the seminar in Trento. Agusan del sur December 27-29, 2014. Ages 1 - 80. What a successful event! The progress of the church and the outreach they are doing in Agusan and Surrigao provinces is worthy of mention. These people are absorbing every tidbit of scripture they can. It's hard to imagine the commitment to learning in spite of the difficulties they face in life.



Peru

Anthony Buzzard and Carlos and Sarah Jiminez returned safely from Lima on January 27. 120 people attended all or part of the series of meetings that were held there. Several pastors formerly associated with Edwin Mauricio were present for instruction in the kingdom message along with others from the community.

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Haiti

Thanks to all who have agreed to continue their support of the orphans in Haiti. Thirty orphans are being supported with \$30 per month. This aid provides for all the expenses for each child.

The LHI Board is making plans to send another team to Haiti to construct the final building that is needed in the compound which houses the church, school, and orphanage. Anyone interested in being a part of this team can contact David Krogh at dkrogh@abc-coggc or 678-833-1839.



Mission Month

Information will be mailed in late February to each church to be used during our annual Marching for Missions focus during the month of March. We want to use this tool to help keep our membership informed of the many efforts that are being carried on to advance the cause of the Kingdom and the name of Jesus Christ around the world.

Our Thanks

The members of the Lord's Harvest Mission Board want to thank all those who so faithfully support the mission work in many countries. The work in these fields cannot be effectively carried on without the financial support of many individuals and groups. With your help a big difference is being made in the lives of people in many places. They are receiving both spiritual and humanitarian help.