

East White Oak  
**MISSIONS**



“...Making Him Known”



Bethany Fisher in Costa Rica | Summer 2010

“Continue *earnestly in prayer*...praying for us, that God would *open to us a door for the Word*, to speak the mystery of Christ...” Colossians 4:2-3



## • Ministry Focus



*Since 2001, Doug and Sara Johnson have cared for orphans in Guatemala with the ministry of Kids Alive.* The orphanage where they serve (the Oasis) has received 8 new girls in the past month. Most of the new arrivals come to the Oasis through a partnership with the International Justice Mission. IJM works in the capital of Guatemala and

the surrounding suburbs attempting to investigate and prosecute sexual abuse. As a result, many of the girls at the Oasis come with difficult backgrounds that need much healing. The Johnsons also help with a day program in the remote and dangerous area of Zapote. The school/VBS program has provided education and assistance to children and their families living in poverty. Next year a new grade will be added, bringing the total number of students to around 120.

## • Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a new staff member to provide regular counseling for girls at the Oasis.
- Pray for the day program in Zapote; violence is rampant in this area.
- Praise that they've been able to provide filtered water and new stoves in the homes of many students.
- In discussing future outreach opportunities, one idea has been to start an AWANA club in their area. Pray for wisdom as they consider whether or not this is the direction God is leading.
- Praise God for the success of grandson Tage's open heart surgery.
- Pray for safety for Doug, Sarah and son, Jared, in Guatemala.



### • Ministry Focus

*Dave and JoAnn were honored in July at the SEND International Annual Conference (pictured above) for having served as missionaries for 40 years.* For 24 years, Dave and JoAnn were church planters in Japan. In 2004, Dave was asked to become the Personnel Director of SEND International USA. In this capacity, Dave oversees the department, giving focus to missionaries on home service, post high school MK'S, and retirees. JoAnn served in the Personnel Department as well from 1994–2010.



*Japanese church plant in Detroit*

Dave and JoAnn are also involved in a Japanese church plant in Northwest Detroit. Dave is on the leadership team and leads the worship service once each month, and both serve as translators during the worship services. They host a small group meeting which includes both believers and seekers.

Where did they begin their ministry? Right here in Central Illinois. Dave was a pastor in Congerville, mentored by EWO's Pastor Zehr. Those three years gave them a good foundation for church planting in Japan.

### • Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to send more workers (both Career and Short Term). SEND needs workers from the U.S. as well as national workers in countries where churches have been planted.
- Pray for the Japanese church plant in Detroit as they plan special outreaches for Japanese who have been transferred to the States. Many are lonely and some are curious as to what church is all about.

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## • Ministry Focus

*Jim and Paula were childhood friends of Pastor Jeff and Karen VanGoe-them.* After college at Moody and Fuller, they joined Wycliffe and went to Peru (Jim as bush pilot, Paula as educator). After 8 years of frontline Bible translation efforts, Jim became field administrator for the translation works in Peru. In 2007 they moved to Dallas where Jim serves as director of field programs for all the Bible translation programs in the Americas. They work closely with local and regional partners so that the translations are accepted and used by those they are intended to reach.



*Guatemala Partnership Team*

Paula works part time at the childcare facility at the international headquarters, travels with Jim sometimes, and does grandma duty fairly often. Jim travels extensively in Central and South America to meet with field leadership teams and partners. In just the past three months he has been in Peru, Brazil, Singapore, Costa Rica, Panama, Orlando, Charlotte, and Los Angeles.

## • Prayer Requests

- Pray for safe travels and good health during the busy winter months.
- Pray for Daniel and Peggy Agee as they finish work on the Mazotec translations and recording. Pray that the Mazotec people will be excited about the Word in their mother tongue.
- Pray for Jim and co-worker Jose as they coordinate projects that will involve new missionaries from Central and South America.
- Pray for Pedro Samuc and the Old Testament translation project taking shape in Guatemala. Pray that funding will be sufficient.



## • Ministry Focus

*From 1994-2002, Matt and Michelle attended EWO and worked to reach college students at Illinois State University. After a stint in Freiburg, Germany and a term in Indianapolis, they returned to Germany in 2009 to lead the student ministry and coach a team of campus ministry interns in Berlin.*



*Thanksgiving Dinner Event*

German students wrestle with a stubborn belief that Jesus and Christianity (any religion, really) just isn't intellectually credible, and this seems to create a strong apathy and disinterest in God. Recently, the campus ministry team initiated spiritual conversations with hundreds of students in the University cafeterias and cafes in Berlin, yet in the first 6 weeks of the semester only 12 students had expressed any interest in what they shared. So the team was amazed when over 50 students came to a Thanksgiving Dinner event, many of whom they had just met that week. After hearing a testimony from one of the team members, genuine spiritual conversations began all over the apartment, most initiated by the students themselves, and one woman came to faith in Christ!

## • Prayer Requests

- Pray that God will reveal insights and cultural clues that will help them to minister effectively to German college students.
- Pray for continued progress with the German language.
- Pray that God would remove the veil of apathy that hinders so many from coming to faith, and to reveal Himself to students in Berlin.

# PLEASE PRAY FOR SUDAN'S REFERENDUM

## **Sudan—Africa's largest nation—needs our prayers.**

A referendum to decide whether the already semi-autonomous south will secede from the North is scheduled for January 9, 2011. This land has already seen two million die as a result of over two decades of civil war between the North and South. Pray that this will not happen again.

**The referendum is part of a 2005 peace accord** which ended fighting and has given the nation's people a tenuous measure of stability, and enabled Africa Inland Mission to reenter Sudan after many years of very limited ministry.

Vote  
scheduled  
January 9,  
2011

### **Please pray for Sudan**

- Pray for peace and acceptance of the results, whatever they may be.
- Pray for those organizing the referendum; that all preparations will be made in time, and that the process would be fair.
- Pray for Sudan's leaders: President Salva Kiir in the South, and President Omar al-Bashir in the North.
- Pray that ministries in Sudan will be able to continue, and that God will continue to open doors for more outreach.

## ***East White Oak • Special Missions Giving***

**from designated missions fund approved in December 2010**

Argentina Team *Mission Trip Needs* (\$2,500)

Moriah Foundation *Operating Needs* (\$2,500)

Dallas Theological Seminary *Operating Needs* (\$2,500)

Daniel Orner *Mission Trip to Haiti* (\$500)

Christmas Missionary Gifts 37 *Missionaries received* \$200 (\$7,400)

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