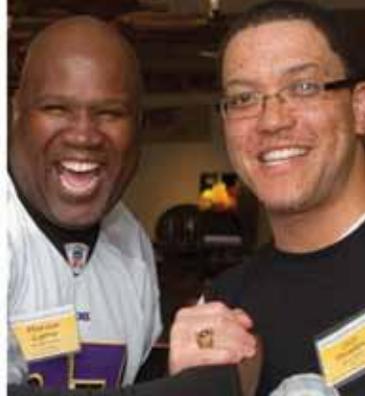


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stories from the DOVE family worldwide



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Believers from DOVE  
Bulgaria churches

Recently my twenty-two year old daughter Leticia asked me, "What was it like when the first DOVE church started?"

The first church began nine years before she was born. Reflecting on answering her question reminded me that it is good to look backwards sometimes in order to look forward properly (the title of the next article by Brian Sauder).

During the past year, we as a DOVE family worldwide have been taking a good look at ourselves. We want to become more effective as believers in Christ serving together in His Kingdom. We started out thirty years ago by being birthed out of a youth movement in Pennsylvania where we were simply sharing Jesus through everyday living. But that was thirty years ago. What about today?

We tried to boil down our God-given mandate to just a few words and we felt it became clear to us: "Living the King-

dom—Transforming our world." That's it. Short, straight-forward and powerful.

Then, as we prayed about our focus for the next few years for our church family worldwide, we realized God is taking us back to where we started! We simply need to be who we are, and live out our God-given spiritual DNA. Our vision is clear: To build a relationship with Jesus, with one another and transform our world from house to house, city to city and nation to nation. We are an international family of churches connected through relationship.

Our three-year primary goal is to prioritize identifying, developing and including young leaders on every level of leadership.

How does this affect you? Listen closely. The first DOVE church was birthed in 1980 during the Jesus movement. The world was different then. We

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# Larry Kreider



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need to take a fresh look at what is happening around us today to understand what our Heavenly Father is saying to us, so each of us can experience the Kingdom of God now. The Bible tells us to “look to see what he will say. . . .” (Habakkuk 2:1). Today, especially for those of us in the Western world, we live among five different generations, called by God to work TOGETHER. Identify where you fit in the following categories:

and creative. They think differently than both the Baby Boomers and the next generation; the Millennials.

**The Millennial Generation** This group, often called Generation Y, were born between 1980 and 2000 and are now entering the workforce. Two of our children, Josh and Leticia, were born into this generation. The Millennials grew up with technology. In fact, many have never even seen an office without computers,

and mentoring the generations coming after them. God promises to pour out His Spirit in the last days, our sons and daughters will prophesy (while the older generation dreams)! (Acts 2:17-18). It’s a TOGETHER thing! Nearly every Tuesday evening, I minister to dozens of young



## Let's find ways to do this TOGETHER



**The Builder Generation** This is my father’s generation, consisting of those born before 1946. They are known for being hard-working, loyal, and financially cautious. In the USA, this group makes up nearly one quarter of our population.

e-mail and instant messaging. They are hard working team players. They value diversity and tend to be accepting of those whose beliefs are different from theirs.

**The Baby Boomer Generation** This is our generation (LaVerne and I), born between 1946 and 1964. Our generation is known for being independent, goal-oriented, competitive and hard workers. This generation is motivated by accomplishment and wants to make a difference. Thousands of new churches were started by baby boomers all over the world in the 1980s.

**The New Silent Generation** This group is sometimes called Generation Z and is the most recent generation, born after 2000. They have never known a world without the internet and cell phones. Most are computer savvy by the time they go to school. They are technologically connected and often prefer to interact with others through social networking and texting. They are used to instant gratification and sometimes have little patience for things that take time.

adults from our county (and I am 60 years old!). I am energized by connecting with a younger generation and love to see them pray for each other as the Lord brings supernatural healing and freedom.



**Generation X** This is the generation of our first two children, Katrina and Charita. Generation Xers were born between 1965 and 1979. This group came of age with the advent of computers, MTV and the AIDS virus. Gen Xers are known for being flexible, independent, adaptive, cautious

The U.S. census bureau reported that almost half of the global population is under the age of 21. Researcher George Barna says 77% of all who come to Christ do so by their 21st birthday. So then, those who are under 21 are by far the most open to the good news of Jesus.

Each generation is responsible before God to fulfill its God-given destiny and fulfill the words of Jesus in Matthew 28: 19-20, to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. Let’s continue to find ways as the DOVE family worldwide to do this TOGETHER!

Every generation (including yours) must continue to focus on reaching out

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and my new blog at [www.dcfi.org](http://www.dcfi.org).

# Looking Back to Look Forward

“You have to decide the ‘one thing’ that becomes the barometer by which you measure success. If nothing else changes in the next few years, what one thing has to change (to make you more successful)?”

These were the words from one of the officials of the International Mission of the Southern Baptists. The Richmond, Virginia meeting was one of several that DOVE's task force team held with respected leaders and advisors not affiliated with the DOVE family of churches. This input proved to be significant in helping to bring into focus all the valuable recommendations that were made for the future of DOVE churches worldwide.

The idea to do a thirty-year evaluation

occurred during the summer of 2009 when Larry Kreider, the international director of DOVE, was on sabbatical, seeking the Lord for direction for himself and for DOVE. He sensed the Lord would have us conduct a review of our effectiveness as an organization and develop a strategic plan to move forward. Specifically, Larry wrote, “We should take some months to re-evaluate our mission, structure, plan and prepare for our future.”

## First steps

With this commission from the Lord and the affirmation of the International Apostolic Council, a comprehensive evaluation and strategy development effort was started in September 2009. A task force of Larry Kreider, Ron Myer, Steve Prokopchak and Brian Sauder were commissioned for the task. The idea was to affirm existing priorities and identify new ones.

First, we received outside input about how to conduct this specific type of comprehensive assessment and strategic plan formulation. Floyd McClung, a former recognized spiritual advisor, advised us to, “Discover what you are good at and build around those things.”

As an evaluation plan was formalized, it was determined that we would ask for input for improvement from within DOVE and from outside sources as well. Keith Yoder, spiritual advisor of DOVE, encouraged us to, “Stop and listen to the Lord yourselves with enough of outside input to jog thinking and challenge your assumptions.”

Keith advised that outside sources should consist of persons who are familiar with DOVE and persons who were not. It was one of those outside sources, the IMB, which helped us take an abundant amount of valuable input and bring it into focus.

## Moving forward

Starting with the International Apostolic Council in April, 2010, a self-evaluation of the IAC team and DOVE International was led by Keith Yoder. At these meetings, three additional work teams were formulated with representation from the international family of DOVE. The teams focused on the following three areas: Developing Better Communication; Developing a New Generation of Leaders and Financial Structures of the DOVE family worldwide.

Moving forward, the task force decided to conduct research to obtain input from within the DOVE family. Responses to evaluation questions were compiled from all senior elders. As well, questions were forwarded to: the European, African, and the USA leaders. Larry personally carried questionnaires for senior elders and church members to Africa. Meanwhile, a “street level” cyber survey was conducted with believers from DOVE churches in eight nations in order to measure values affinity. We received almost 200 responses. (The survey is summarized on page 6.)

The task force's job then was to

compile this feedback and look for patterns leading to concrete conclusions. The results were forwarded to the work teams. They began to meet, assess, brainstorm, evaluate, pray and compile specific recommendations that were presented to the Apostolic Council.

The evaluation process indicated a strong values affinity and unity at multiple levels of the DOVE International family. The core values of church planting, small groups, discipleship and financial alignment were found across the nations. The International Apostolic Council was pleased to observe this and will be sharing strategy that the Lord is revealing to us at the International Leadership Conference and in the months ahead.



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## New logo

One of the assignments for the communication work team was to develop a new logo. The new logo was selected and will begin appearing on all forms of communication.

God has given us a new mandate of **Living the Kingdom – Transforming our world**, emphasizing transformation.

Our three-year primary goal, our “one thing”, is to identify, develop and include young leaders in every level of leadership worldwide. This and many other changes will keep us focused in this next season. Exciting days are ahead!

—Brian Sauder, Apostolic Council

## Results from DOVE Family Values Survey

Believers from all of the DOVE Regions of the world were asked about the DOVE Values. Of those that responded, the following results were found:

- 97% responded with a moderate to high passion to fully obey and follow Christ
- 94% have a priority for the experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the supernatural spiritual gifts in their personal life
- 95% give priority to some form of small group expression in their local church
- 83% tithe to their local church on a regular basis.
- 93% feel it is important to plant new churches
- 95% say their church has vision for and gives priority to evangelism and missions
- 78% have been or are presently involved in a discipleship relationship

# Get Over Yourself



**T**oday I was booking a ticket with a United Airlines operator located in Chicago, Illinois. She remarked that it has been difficult for her to make ends meet financially as a single parent. To my surprise, she even told me she was three months behind in her mortgage payments and her utilities were being cut off.

“Why is she telling a stranger this personal information?” I thought, but then reasoned that perhaps it is easier to reveal deep struggles to a stranger rather than to a close acquaintance. I asked if she had a local church that could help her and if she would share her first name. She told me it was Joelle.

Joelle gave me permission to pray with her concerning her most desperate needs. I shared how our heavenly Father understands and desires to be her provider, just because He loves her. She expressed so much thankfulness for my encouragement that I wasn’t sure I was going to be able to get off the line.

Someone cared, someone listened and someone told her there was hope in God. That reminds me of a verse in the Bible found in the middle of a very old book, Isaiah. I always thought this verse fit better in the New Testament, but there it is, written 900 years before Jesus came to earth. *If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. . . .* (Isaiah 7:9)

Joelle needed encouragement to stand firm in an active, life-giving faith. So many people are struggling around the world today and it is faith in Jesus that will radically change their life.

In order for those persons in need to hear, we are called to share our faith and our hope. Francis Chan said in his book, *Crazy Love*, “Frankly, we need to get over ourselves.”

Seem harsh? Maybe.

But, think of it this way: In the course of the day, how much do you and I think about ourselves and how life is affecting us, how people are treating us and our

personal wants and desires? In about 50 years no one on this planet will remember that you and I even existed. That’s a reality check.

Recently we had a young lady attending our cell accept Jesus, and we had the privilege of water baptizing her in our bathtub. The process of discipling her and bringing wholeness to her spiritually,

**God gives us opportunities every day.  
Are we seeing them?**

physically, financially and emotionally began months ago before she confessed Jesus as Lord of her life.

Incidents like these strengthen my passion to share the hope that resides within me. At the same time, I realize I need to stand firm in my faith and not waver.

How do we live the kingdom and transform our world? First of all, we need to get over ourselves and, second, we need to respond to the needs around us. God gives us opportunities every day. Are we seeing them?

—Steve Prokopchak, *Apostolic Council*

## Join in praying for the DOVE family worldwide God power replaces manpower



**D**OVE Prayer Watch provides a prayer covering for the DOVE family each hour of every day of the week.

The vision for the Prayer Watch comes from Ezra 8. In this passage, Ezra records a time of corporate prayer and a three-day fast because he was leading a group of exiles back to settle in Israel. They had to travel through dangerous territory and needed protection from bandits and enemies. Ezra could have asked the king, who most likely would have provided soldiers to escort them in a military convoy. But Ezra remembered that he told the king, “The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him.”

Remembering his words to the king, Ezra said, “I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road.”

Ezra realized the importance of relying on God instead of man’s power. Ezra said, “So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.” As believers, we, too, desire to rely on nothing other than God. Agreement in prayer to advance the kingdom of God through DOVE partner churches is the central purpose of the Prayer Watch.

Each church is encouraged to appoint a Prayer General who is responsible for a weekly four-hour time segment to pray for the DOVE family worldwide. In this way, the Prayer Generals and prayer warriors from all the partner churches provide 24/7 prayer coverage.

If your church is not involved in the DOVE Prayer Watch, Nelson Martin, Prayer Watch coordinator, would love to help you get started. For more information, contact him at [NelsonM@dcfi.org](mailto:NelsonM@dcfi.org).

### Tools to help you pray!



**The Prayer Journal** consists of prayer requests from each DOVE church and ministry. It is available in booklet form and electronically. Additionally, a Prayer Journal Update is sent via a monthly e-mail that contains updated prayer information. For information, contact Nelson Martin at [NelsonM@dcfi.org](mailto:NelsonM@dcfi.org).

## Connecting with the community in Virginia Easy does it

Broadlands Community Church has developed a new strategy for reaching its community. The church is hosting fun events such as an Easter egg hunt, a carnival and a 5K run, which are purposefully not evangelistic in nature. These events provide tremendous avenues for opening doors to develop friendships and for people to ask questions.

“We call our strategy Easy, because it is easy to ask people to these events and it is easy for people to come. Almost 100 percent of our members participate because they do not feel any uneasiness about breaking the ice and asking friends and neighbors to join us in the fun: EASY. Also the friends and neighbors do not find these events threatening and are very willing to come: EASY,” said Wallace Mitchell.

“As a natural outflow, our cell groups have felt the freedom and have been motivated to develop all sorts of other unique activities, which range from ladies’ manicure parties to men’s poker nights,” Mitchell said.

Friends and neighbors attending these events outnumbered the congregation three to one.

“The people we are reaching in the community are without a church home and not necessarily looking for one, but they have enjoyed these events. As a result, we are seeing numerous new faces Sunday mornings. Not only that, but we have seen God reveal himself with the lost in ways that have caused them to ask questions,” Mitchell said.

The ideas for these events were planned last year when church members sought God’s wisdom for ways to reach those without a home church. They sensed the Lord’s word to them was “Develop avenues to engage people so that when God moves, people will know where to go and whom to ask.”

The church has creative and non-offensive ways of obtaining attendees’ e-mail addresses in order to send invitations to future events and for continued contact to help maintain new relationships.

“Our purpose is to build relationships, earn the right to be heard and watch God move,” Mitchell said. “EASY.”

—Wallace Mitchell, Broadlands Community Church, Ashburn, Virginia



# from around the world news clips

## Kids' classes in Peru

In Lima, Peru, 35 kids and a few mothers cram together in eager anticipation of the free English classes for the kids in the neighborhood. The Heroes 21 church has recently moved to a new location, so there are many residents who are not acquainted with what is being offered, let alone what it means to belong to the family of God.

Pastor Justo Lleclish and his wife Loren Barros have made children's programs a new focus of the church and we are happy to help with creating a fun, useful way for neighborhood kids to spend their school vacation.



Most of the kids have very limited English, so we touched on basic words such as greetings, colors, food, school objects and interjected lots of games and activities for practice.

On the last day we had a graduation and handed out eleven certificates. More important than any list of English vocabulary are the relationships formed and the love and encouragement that we are able to show each precious child.

To end each class, Pastor Justo asked us to teach the kids to say: "God has a purpose for you. Don't miss it." —Bruce and Lyndell Thiessen

## DOVE Leadership Training School — now webcasting!

In March we began to webcast our weekend classes live from our DOVE-Hopewell school in Pennsylvania. Web casting will allow students to attend classes via internet and complete the school requirements remotely. Students can e-mail questions and the webcast site will also allow for comments. Class hand-

outs will be sent electronically. For more details visit [www.dcfi.org](http://www.dcfi.org)  
—Brian Sauder,  
DLTS Director



## USA cell groups bring change to community park

Residents and police voiced frustration with teen unruliness at the Red Lion Park. Families did not feel safe there. The borough president asked for help, so during the summer our church's cell groups met at the park. We set up basketball, ladder ball, bocce ball, and handed out snacks. A police officer remarked that he could tell we had been praying because there were fewer incidents and families were returning. As a result I have been asked to be part of the Citizens On Patrol program. This is an opportunity to involve other churches in the outreach and prayer walking teams.

—Monte Jones,  
senior elder -  
DOVE Community Church, Red Lion, Pennsylvania



## Community "Down Under"

Our two micro churches (Journeys & Extensionz) gathered together several times this year and have seen God unite us with a common purpose to serve Him. We work with the police to care for young offenders and help neighbors in any way



we can. We are committed in prayer and finances to help support children and teachers in Uganda.

—Bryan & Michelle Bayley, DCF Journeys, Three Rivers Network, Gisborne, New Zealand

## Kingdom business in the Netherlands

Two of the leaders of The Living in the Netherlands run a business, de Ville Internet, which is a full service internet company committed to make easy internet websites and applications. One distinguishing feature of the business is prayer for clients. In the main office a prayer log is kept, where intercession for clients and companies is recorded. De Ville Internet also gives 10% of its profits to support Christian works in need.

## Barbados church works with Haitian brothers and sisters

Colours of Hope had its third annual art show and raised more than \$1,000 for children in Haiti. The Living Room church is taking its first mission team to Haiti in April. The team will assist medical outreach and with agriculture and small construction projects. This is the first attempt at a DOVE church in the Caribbean assembling a team to serve another group of DOVE churches in a different nation.

## Transformed by renewed minds in Africa

The Worldview Transformation seminars 'going around' in DOVE Africa are all about learning to live 'right side up' after having spent your entire life living upside down! Not many of us would readily admit that the cultural norms and mores we learned from parents and society are actually full of half-truths and misinformation. But that is usually the case.

Thankfully, through Christ and His Word, we can become aware of our faulty thinking and replace it with biblical principles of the true 'right side up' Kingdom.

Transformation happens when we change our mind sets, when we learn to think with the mind of Christ and line up our beliefs with the Word of God. Change of destiny begins with a change in thinking.



In February I had the opportunity to see DOVE leaders in the Kitale region recognize some of the bondages that have held them back. For example, it is assumed that the only way someone can be prosperous is by inheriting wealth (usually in the form of land or houses). So if someone does not receive a huge inheritance, he assumes that he will always be poor and resigns to that 'reality.' Many other strongholds were identified that keep people in the poverty cycle. The seminar ended with severing ties to the binding strongholds and praying for freedom. We anticipate what God is going to do in and through these pastors as they lead with transformed mind sets.

—Kerri Craig

## DOVE family helps spread relief Haiti one year later

Through the compassion of the DOVE family, \$37,900 was donated for Haiti relief efforts during this past year. Within a week of the earthquake, we gifted \$10,000 to two ministries ready to administer immediate relief to victims: YWAM St. Marc and HSG Ministry in Port-au-Prince. Supplying water, food, and medical care were top priorities in the early relief stages.



Following the earthquake many displaced persons migrated to rural areas. Four DOVE Churches located in Montrouis desired to serve these families but lacked resources. Through the generosity of the DOVE family, these churches could reach out with the love and compassion of Jesus and provide rice and necessities.



Later in the year, a cholera epidemic spread throughout the rural regions. The need for water purification and sanitation were vital to stop it. Water purification tablets and Clorox were distributed by Haitian partner churches as effective sanitation.

Many families displaced by the earthquake continue to live under plastic, burlap, tin or cardboard for shelter. They are unable to remove the debris from their land or afford rebuilding supplies. Money from DOVE has also been donated to assist in building inexpensive wood structures until home owners can rebuild permanent homes.



We believe God has given us a strategy to prosper and empower the Haitians. We have embarked in an initiative among the partner churches which will enable a family to generate income through a micro-loan enterprise. We began by giving a family a goat. When the goat gives birth, the young goat is given as a repayment. It is

then given to another family who will repeat the loan cycle. Marketing goats is the first of numerous income generating possibilities for Haitian families.

Also assisting in relief efforts were teams from DOVE churches such as Lighthouse Christian Center, Massachusetts, which helped with food distribution in December.

God is breathing hope and destiny for Haiti to emerge out of a historic pattern of desolation and poverty to transform this nation.—*Nelson Martin*

## Touched by God in Bulgaria Diagnosis doesn't limit God's faithfulness

My name is Emily. I am fifty years old and for the past 23 years I have had Lupus. Six years had passed since my last bone density analysis so I was overdue for another test.

On December 9, 2010, I went to see my doctor who was familiar with my illness and examined me very carefully. She appeared very surprised about my good condition, especially considering how many years I'd had this disease.

As I answered "no" in response to her many questions regarding various symptoms, she grew increasingly amazed. She began the bone density exam. We decided that if the results were good, she would not do any other tests. As I lay on the exam table, I prayed "Lord, You are my God. Glorify Yourself as You have always done."

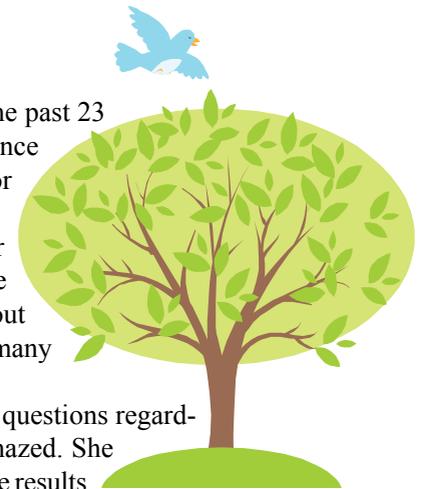
When we examined the test results, I exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!" The doctor was silent for awhile, before saying, "Yes, it is true. Your results do not even place you on the list of osteoporosis patients."

We talked for a long time and she admitted that she had never met another patient with a diagnosis like mine who maintained such enthusiasm, strong spirit and confidence. She added, "Our books say that the life expectancy for the sick from Lupus is five years. You have lived for 23 years. Perhaps you control things well, make the right decisions, etc."

I waited for her to finish and agreed that doing my part is important, but added that I believe that if God is not in control, everything is in vain. I am so thankful to God for these results, but even more, I am thrilled with God Himself. I cry out, "God, I praise You! You glorified Yourself again."

Many times we do not understand why God allows some things to happen in our lives. Paul says that we "comprehend things in part" but God is sovereign. Despite adversity, we experience His love and care and feel His tender embrace.

—*Emily Kurian, Dove Christian Fellowship Bulgaria, Sliven, Bulgaria*



changing nations

# Africa transformation

## DOVE Rwanda builds school for community

The Kanombe Celebration of DOVE Rwanda, located in the heart of Rwanda's capital city, has recently completed a new church building – arguably one of the largest among all DOVE Africa churches. But they are not sitting down to rest. Construction continues. This time it is classrooms for a school that should open later this year. The school will reach out to underprivileged children in the community. The teachers will be qualified members of DOVE churches. Compassion International has visited the site and hopes are high that they will partner with the project, particularly in sponsoring orphans. The school will be a tangible expression of Christ's love to the neighborhood, as well as a tool for influencing the next generation for Jesus! For more information e-mail [omondis@doveafrica.com](mailto:omondis@doveafrica.com).

## Fish Farming in Kenya for Kingdom finance

The DOVE church in Kadawa is not just “fishing” for men! Thanks to Ben and Joanne Brubacher of DOVE Westgate and Carl Harper of DOVE Elizabethtown, the Kadawa church is ready for fish-farming in three lovely ponds.

In February, the team arrived ready to brave the hot African sun. They rented an excavator and loader, purchased 1,100 feet of pipe, and got to work! Despite various challenges such as no gas, a machinery fire and other frustrations, the mission was accomplished.

Three thirty-by-ninety-foot ponds are ready to be filled and stocked with Tilapia fingerlings. One little fish costs ten Kenya shillings, which is about thirteen cents in American currency. Profits from this project will be used to support evangelism and church planting in the region.

**Want to sponsor some fish?  
Visit [www.springsofafrica.com](http://www.springsofafrica.com)**



## DOVE Uganda



## Gifts that keep giving

**A child shares an encouraging story.** Nebaza Gloria, who is about to enter primary five wrote that her sponsor's gifts have changed her family's life.

Two years ago, her sponsor gave her a goat that produced two kids the following year. Last year, the goat produced two more twins. In order to expand the small herd, Gloria's family requested a he-goat. Now they have six goats. Two were sold to raise money to meet the family's needs.

“This has been a blessing,” Gloria said. “I and my family are grateful for all the support from the DOVE Uganda Children's Fund.”

Gloria wrote, “I have been receiving school fees and school uniforms since July 2004. I received a mattress, bed sheets and recently I received a blanket from my sponsor. I was given a mosquito net. I attended the Children's Christmas party, which was very enjoyable, and I had a ride on the train.”

The DOVE Uganda Children's Fund started in 2004. A Children Census helps pinpoint the need and the children are matched with sponsors through letter writing. Saturday Bible Clubs are held for the children. Pastors are trained on how to teach the care and protection of children to their church families.

**You can sponsor a child, too! For more information visit [www.ducf.org](http://www.ducf.org)**

**For more information on ways to work together to transform Africa, visit [www.africatransformation.com](http://www.africatransformation.com)**

# News from DOVE Mission International

The following serve as long-term missionaries under DOVE Mission International, Africa and USA. They serve the Lord and work hard in the nations to which God has called them. Please pray for them. Perhaps your small group might like to pray for them and write to them? Prayer and encouragement are vital in the challenges they face. **For more information or to donate, visit [www.dove.mission.org](http://www.dove.mission.org)**

## DMI AFRICA

### KENYA Amos & Grace Mulwa



After two months of rest in Nairobi, we returned as team leaders to Garissa. Several DMA missionaries, staff and Ziواني students have been sick with malaria. Please pray for God's protection upon all of us as there are more reported cases of malaria than ever before.

DOVE Ziواني School continues to produce top students! We give God all the glory for the commitment of the teachers.

Community development continues in Anole. A well drilled this year has a bountiful water supply. Pray that the saltiness can be treated so that it does not interfere with plans for a horticultural project.

### KENYA Leah Tsisiche

As I continue to teach at Ziواني Academy, several parents have asked that I give extra classes to their children. One of these girls gained entry into a local private school, which is a big accomplishment. I am humbled by the trust these parents have put in our school and the teachers.

### KENYA Catherine Nanjala



I am happy to teach at Ziواني. I love the children. The biggest challenge I have been having is toothaches. Please pray that I will receive good dental services. I am overjoyed by God's presence and testify that He is active and all-powerful.

### KENYA Joseph & Martha Ohito

We praise God for allowing us to serve Him in Garissa. We went through heartbreak at the loss of our baby in December. Martha returned to teaching and it is going well. The agricultural project where Joseph works has had many challenges, including a broken water tank and drought that has affected the crops. Pray for God's wisdom as we serve the community.

### INDIA Philip & Kerina Omondi



We thank God for taking care of us as a family and church despite the hard times we have faced in Mysore. Our goal is to raise leaders who are filled with the presence and the wisdom of God. Destiny Centre is looking for a new place to meet. Please pray for favor and that God would provide finances. God is demonstrating His faithfulness with miracles, salvation and grace for the task. We are also opening a new work with an unreached people group called Siddis.

### KENYA Irene and Peter Wafula



Faza is a beautiful island in the Indian Ocean off Kenya's coast. As a family, we produce sesame oil selling it from a shop in our home. It's a way to interact with the Muslim community. Irene also teaches in the local preschool, and Peter has a football club with young men. We trust that the seeds we are planting in these lives will bear abundant fruit. We seek to cre-

ate relationships with the parents through collaboration in their children's education.

### KENYA Kennedy & Mitrine Karuri



Wajir is in the semi-arid northern Kenya, quite far from any other town. We teach primary and preschool. Through the Somali students, we interact with their parents. They invite us into their homes to do private studies with their children. They love learning to pray spontaneously from their hearts, instead of repeating memorized prayers at prescribed times.

### UGANDA Martin & Liz Tumusiime



Two schools that we have started in northern Uganda are flourishing! Peace Yumbe Nursery School is in the second year and Hope Kebir Primary and Nursery are now in the fourth year of operation. Even though we added another class this year, we still have to restrict enrollment because the facilities are small. Yet there is a long waiting list. We are raising funds to construct a new building; We are currently living in the U.S. where Liz works to earn funds to support the Arua ministries. Many are involved in supervising the schools back in Arua; it is evidence that these are in fact community schools and that people know we are genuinely concerned for them.

## DMI USA

### AFRICA Ibrahim & Diane Omondi



Ibrahim and Diane give apostolic oversight to DOVE churches in Africa, with an emphasis on new church plants and missions to unreached people groups. They provide training and equipping for leaders and members of the DOVE churches.

### AFRICA Kerri Craig



Kerri is serving as an administrative assistant to DOVE Africa in Nairobi, Kenya. She is responsible for communication for DOVE Africa, hosting teams, and administrative needs of Ibrahim and Diane Omondi.

### CARIBBEAN Bill & Val Landis



Bill and Val lead Youth With A Mission Caribbean, overseeing leadership of 24 ministries. In Jamaica they give oversight to the Montego Bay and Stones Hope YWAM bases. Bill also serves on the international governing body of YWAM.

### MISSIONS Peter & Ruth Ann Bunton



Peter serves as director of DOVE Mission International, USA, as well as the apostolic overseer for DOVE Europe. In addition to helping Peter, Ruth Ann serves a local church in developing missionary strategies and ministries.

### INDIA Theresa Hill



Theresa is serving in Ongole, India with India Christian Ministries/Sarah's Covenant Homes. She is a special education professional and manages the day-to-day activities for children with disabilities and provides staff training.

### USA Joetta Keefer



Joetta is the director of Hands of Hope, whose purpose is to reach the homeless of Philadelphia, share the compassion of Christ and bring hope and restoration. This "hands-on" street ministry cares for people on street corners, alleys, sidewalks and parks.

# Transforming our world through mission teams



**W**hen Jesus gave us the words, “go and make disciples of all nations,” I think He also gave us great freedom as to how we should do that. In the past, being a missionary meant years of schooling and then living for years among another people, perhaps without ever returning home.

Today, due to technological advances, a large number of people are able to spend a short period of time in missionary service, even if it is just a week or two.

While these short term teams do not replace the need for longer term missionaries, we have found that they can be highly effective in transforming our world in different ways. In 2010 one team joined our DOVE church in the Netherlands for several days of outreach, culminat-

ing in an evangelistic event for young people. Another team headed to Peru to reach children with the knowledge of Jesus. In October, a team spent time with our Canadian brothers and sisters in intercession for their nation. Some teams have a medical focus, in which people receive treatment and hear about Jesus. One team visited Iraq, where many Muslim patients received prayer in the name of Christ

Some might ask, “Are these teams really effective?” “Don’t they just come and go and make little long term impact?”

These are valid questions, but ones to which we can answer, “Yes, they do make

a difference!” A number of factors is key to effectiveness. One is that the team is prepared and culturally sensitive to the situations in which they find themselves. Perhaps the most significant factor is that their short-term work is part of a long-term strategy. When the team evangelizes with a local church, they are effective because people are available to disciple those who come to Christ. After the visit of a construction team, a church enjoys the fruits of the work because they have been given a building in which to worship God.

While the crucial factor is the result on the ground, it is also noteworthy that those on the team are often transformed by God. Melissa Seaman, from Overflow Ministries, in Chambersburg, Pa., joined the intercession team to Canada last fall.

She reports: “This trip was by far the most influential experience in my pursuit of long-term missions. Not only did I have the wonderful experience to partner alongside a powerful ministry, but my eyes were opened to a spiritual anointing of intercession placed on me, which I can now embrace and learn to use in the power of God for His Kingdom work.”

People return with a different view of the world and a new heart for what God is doing in the nations of the world today.

In addition, the church sending short term missionaries is also strengthened. In Acts 13 the church in Antioch commission a team to preach the gospel in other nations. In Acts 14 they return, bringing their stories of what God had done.

Why do we send teams? So that Jesus can be proclaimed in the nations; so that many can join in the missionary task,

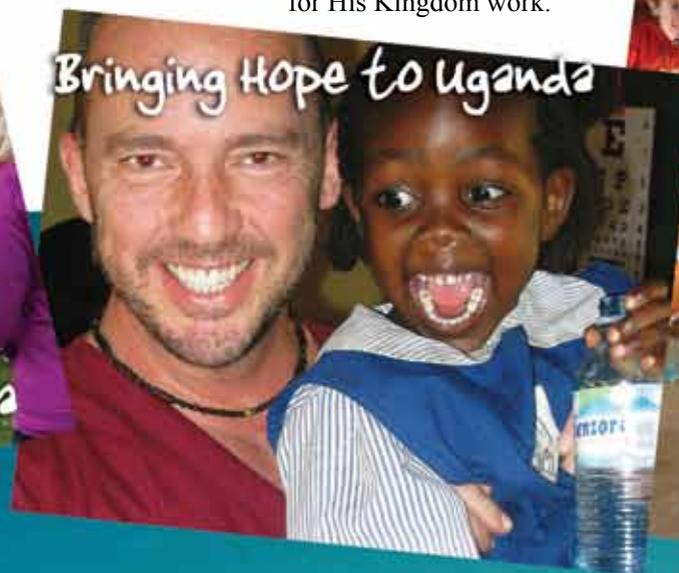
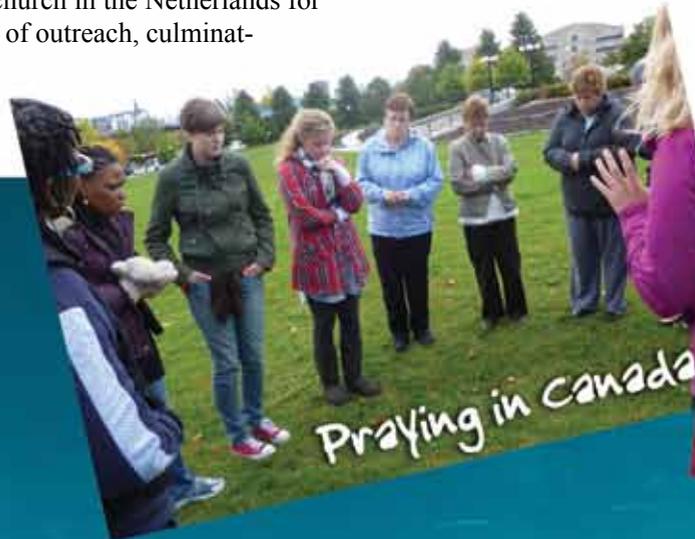
*Cities, villages and nations: the world waits to hear*

not just a few; so that team members can mature in their faith; and so that sending churches receive the blessing of being part of the work God is doing in the world.

We pray that many more will hear God’s call to go to the nations.

—Peter Bunton, DOVE Missions USA

For a list of upcoming short term teams visit [www.dovemission.org](http://www.dovemission.org)



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Nдалu DCF—Stephen & Rebecca Inzofu  
Nyarombo DCF—Nelson Ochieng

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Nyakagando DCF—Caleb & Janet Mwendwa  
Nyakahaama DCF—Partick Bwanakweeri  
Nyakahita DCF—Winter & Irene Kihumuro  
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Rubona DCF—Jackson & Hilda Byeiguru  
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Wakiso DCF—Davis & Grace Havasa  
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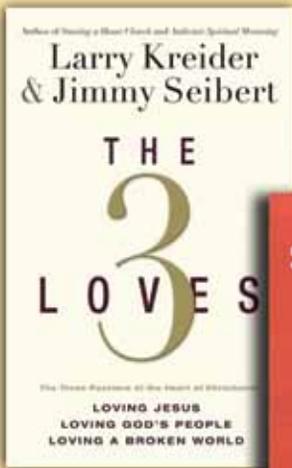
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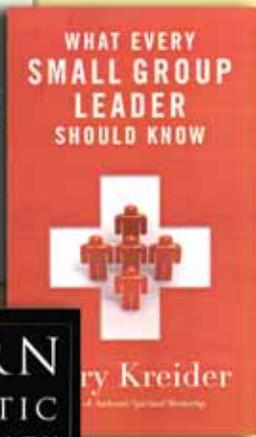
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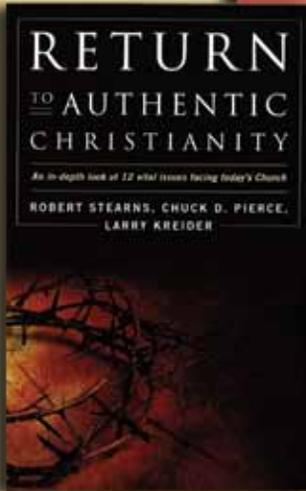
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