

# SEEDS OF CHANGE

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## BRIGHT LIGHTS IN A DARK WORLD

ISAIAH 52:7: HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THEM WHO BRING GOOD NEWS.

Today's headlines reveal the following: "Abducted Columbia Governor Killed", "American Airlines Overshoots Runway In Jamaica", "Police Fire Kills Afghan Senator", "At Fort Hood", "A 'Sense Of Sorrow' Clouds Holidays", "World Powers Mull Options If Iran Misses Deadline", "Terrorism Feared After Jackson's Arrest", and the list goes on. Everyday we are reminded by reports through newspapers, news magazines, television, and Internet, of what is happening all around us in the world. How many disasters happened this past year? How many tragedies? How many murders? How many crimes? The news broadcasted is not pleasant, not joyous and certainly not good news. "Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News." People are desperate for good news. In a fallen world where the outlook is bleak and dark, humanity needs to know there is hope.

In the midst of all this gloom, Light illuminates the darkest corners of the earth. Jesus, the Bright and Morning Star, ignites our beings with His love. With His passion, the church has been planting acts of Christian love all over the earth. With every seed sown in the blackest soil, His Love grows brighter. Copious demonstrations of divine love were sown this past year and God made His Light to shine out of darkness. The following stories are examples of some of these many seeds of light that "pierced the darkness" in some remote areas of the world.

-SUSIE STEEN

### 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- Field visits to Honduras, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Nepal
- Over 19,000 people on 4 continents trained with Harvest materials through:

- 103 Vision Conferences
- 142 Vision Casting Conferences or other Trainings
- 106 Training of Trainers
- 588 Seed Projects
- 169 Other Projects (long-term projects)
- 62 Conference Follow Up
- 101 People Mentored

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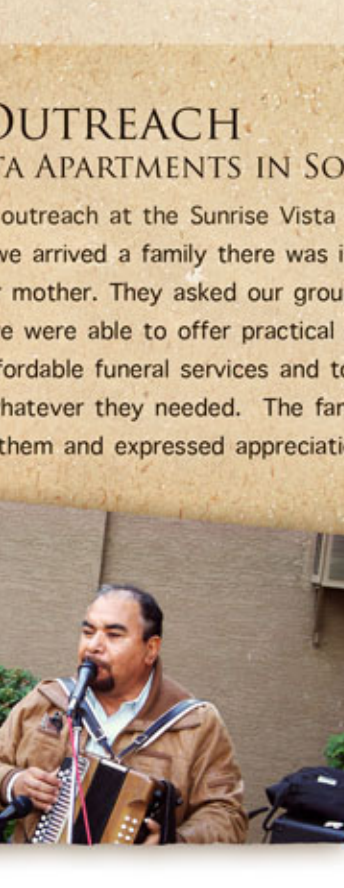
## USA SOIL

Seeds of change also nurture in less-than-remote areas. On the soil of the U.S.A., seeds sown have now blossomed into lush, bountiful foliage. During this past year Harvest attention has moved to planting small group training. For many years, teaching has primarily focused using the method of conferences, but now a seed of change develops to further expand the small group approach. Extended small group mentoring provides more individual preparation where the participants are more apt to practice what they learn and they in turn are better capable of instructing others.

Wherever the light is focused, the darkness dissipates. As Paul would say from 1 Corinthians 4:6-7, "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

## MUSICAL OUTREACH AT SUNRISE VISTA APARTMENTS IN SOUTH PHOENIX

God really blessed the outreach at the Sunrise Vista Apartments on December 12. When we arrived a family there was in crisis following the stabbing death of their mother. They asked our group to pray for them, which we did. Later we were able to offer practical assistance by connecting them to affordable funeral services and to offer our continued support in whatever they needed. The family has allowed me to continue contact with them and expressed appreciation for our care of them.

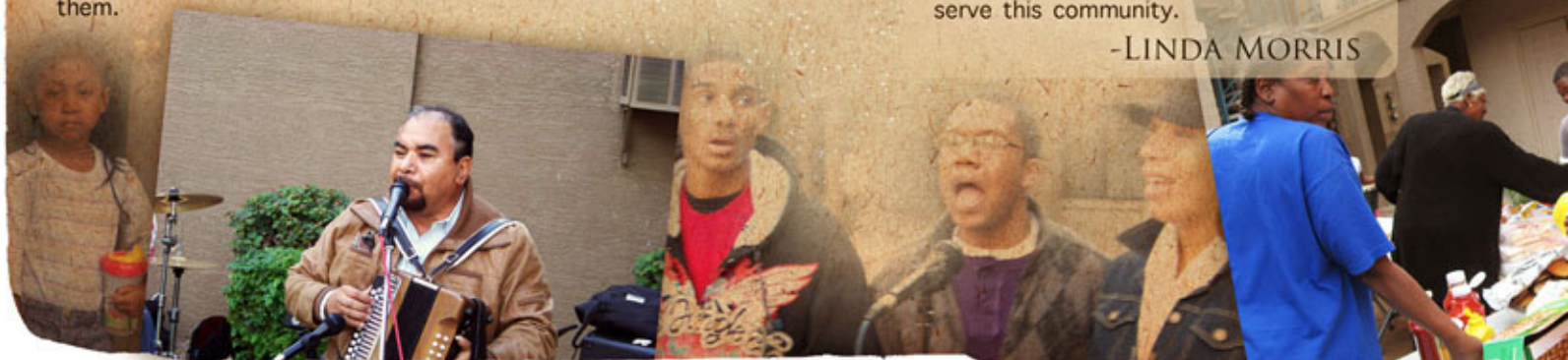



Afterwards the youth choir sang while another volunteer from our church grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for the residents and participants. In spite of the sad event mentioned above, others in the community came out to listen and the children once again came out to play. God was glorified. Program directors from KEYS Community Center came out to distribute information to the residents about their programs for youth in the community. Church members came out to support the outreach in numbers that exceeded previous efforts. There was music, laughter and loud praise to the Lord.

The Longoria family ministered worship and exhortation in Spanish and English. We saw the Spanish-speaking residents emerge from their apartments and some came down to enjoy the food and festivities.

Please pray for the residents of the apartment and that our continued interest and presence in their midst will destroy the works of the enemy who wants to keep that complex in his evil grip. Pray that the drug dealers and addicts will hear the voice of the Lord and turn to Him and that our church will continue to befriend and serve this community.

-LINDA MORRIS



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- 11 staff and contracted services in the US Office and the addition of a new Administrative Assistant to the US Office.
- Our website formerly had an average of 170 visitors per day, with 1,200 hits per day. These numbers have now been growing steadily, and we are up to an average of 353 visitors per day and 2595 hits per day, with the average time on the site per visitor just over 7 minutes. There are about 3,000 unique visitors per month, about 25% of which visit multiple times.
- Translations of Harvest materials created for 12 languages.

- A pilot project to integrate new associate staff with the supervision of Regional Field Coordinators in four of our fields.
- God's provision for our various ministries, projects, and operational costs. We were able to honor our commitment to send 100% of contributions to the fields and our operational costs were provided by a separate designated funding.

-Encouraging presence and advice from our President, Bob Moffitt, Field Coordinator and Team Leader Keith Edwards, and our Board Members.

### CHALLENGES IN 2009

- Natural disaster in Southeast Asia and the Caribbean.
- The economic downturn with several donors in need to reduce or cease to contribute on a regular basis.
- The vacancy of our suites whose rent provide income to cover operational costs.

### VISION FOR 2010

- Deepen our organizational identity.
- Improve our public relations with donors.
- Strengthen the ties between staff and donors.
- Increase the integration of new associate staff in an effective way.
- Celebrate our 2010 Staff Conference as a time for renewal of our common vision.

### BRAZIL: WHAT IS IN A BOOK?

When the book "If Jesus Were Mayor" was translated into Portuguese, our expectation was that it would be distributed to a large audience. And, as a result of that distribution, pastors would read and adopt a ministry strategy that would help them embrace their communities as if Jesus were their mayor. Part of this is already a reality. In the metropolitan area of Curitiba, where there are 22 cities and a population of 3 million people, three associations of pastors are getting together to study the book "If Jesus Were Mayor".

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How did they get the book? Cefas, our Harvest team member in Brazil, is responsible for the logistics of our ministry. He distributes the book in several church events, conferences, and seminars. It is hard work to share the message one-to-one in gatherings organized by different churches, where God's people seek instruction.

Pastor Rodrigo Tapia was one of the leaders with whom Cefas shared the message of the book. After reading it, Pastor Tapia was so impressed with its teachings, that he mobilized 30 other pastors to get together, read and discuss "If Jesus Were Mayor". As they have done this, they are getting prepared for a concentrated effort to evangelize politicians who work in their area.

This major outreach will happen in 2010, when Brazilians will elect their new President and other government officials.

This experience makes us think about the appropriateness of the image on the cover of the book, showing ripples on the water. When we first started to translate the book and put it into the hands of pastors and church leaders, we had no idea of this kind of repercussion. But God did, and we're grateful for being able to channel the instruction that will bring transformation to that part of Brazil. -CLEITON OLIVEIRA



## HARVEST WEB SITE

2009 has been a year of development for the Harvest Foundation web site. We switched over to a Content Management System web powered by Elexio, and continue to gradually add content and features.

Many of our partners around the world contribute articles and reports, making pages more diverse and representative. It's a blessing to see what God is doing in the lives of staff in their own words and with their own pictures.

New training materials are being added as well as translations of selected documents. Many of these are in a section where the person has to register to gain access. The purpose of registration is not to limit access, but to know who is making use of our materials so we can better serve you in the future.

The newest addition to the web site is the option to make donations online by credit card which was added during the last weeks of 2009. Hopefully, it will be easier for people to give and to be more consistent in their giving.

2010 will bring more improvements and new features. Soon there will be forums where staff members can discuss issues of interest. These will be available in multiple languages.

Video and other materials will be added to text-based teachings soon. A few powerpoints are already included and there is a link to an online course taught by Bob Moffitt.

Please continue to send in your contributions and suggestions to make the web site better. This continues to be a work in progress.

-PHILL SANDAHL



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