

Greetings!

July-August 2017 Newsletter

I feel like I have been in a whirlwind ever since I got back from my southern fundraising trip. A lot of communication, reaching out to new contacts and encouraging people has resulted in having a full schedule for 2018 and going into 2019 for short term teams. We are currently in a dry season of having an 8-month time frame without teams. Teams are a big part of what supports the ministry's expenses and covers many projects. I am also a very firm believer in the teams as I know what they can do for the participants! My own 28 years of working in missions came because of going on a short-term team. We have a few brand-new churches/groups that will be coming over the next year and a half, plus many of our "faithful ones" returning to do repeated outreaches. From October to February, we have 5 teams with a total of about 80 participants scheduled to come. But we are still looking for teams, so let us know if you are interested in either participating in one or leading one!

The construction on the Camotan church has accelerated. More workers have been added to the crew. A date of October 29 has been set for the Dedication Service of the building and a team will join us to celebrate this huge milestone. There has been so much progress made on the building and we are hopeful that the inside of the building will be pretty much completed by the time we do the dedication of the building. There has been a myriad of decisions to make and many materials to help transport that have kept me hopping over the last few months. But it is paying off and we are so excited to see the completion of this project in sight.



Our Samaritan Project has also been busier than usual; we have had to start waiting lists and tell the churches to move a little slower on their projects 😊! We have had a couple more of our churches begin to catch the vision of reaching out in their communities to provide housing for those in need in their communities. This project continues to build relationships in the churches and to express the love of God in tangible ways in areas where we are working. We recently were able to help two families that were burnt out; losing their houses and all their personal belongings, left with the clothes on their backs. What a blessing to be a part of helping them to start their lives over again! Just during July and August we did 16 projects!



I leave the first week in September to do my northern fundraising trip. I have a very full schedule for the time that I will be in the US. Please pray for the Lord to open doors and give me favor in doing general fundraising and covering projects for the ministry. I will be making two "dental runs" back to TN to do some additional dental work from what I had done during my southern trip. It will also be the time when I get together with my board of directors for our annual business meeting and time to fellowship together. We have a house that we are renting on Lake Huron up in Port Sanilac for a couple of nights. I look forward to sharing with churches and connecting with many friends and family during my time in the US.

We are in full swing in trying to put together what we need for our next distribution for our School Sponsorship Project. We have encouraged people to collect crayons, colored pencils and pencils; taking advantage of back-to-school sales. This year has been difficult for us to find bigger quantities in bulk available and we hope that when it all comes together, that we will cover our projected numbers. We are also raising additional funds to buy what is lacking for notebooks. Our October and November teams will be starting to fill the school packs in preparation for handing these important supplies out to the precious children in the remote mountain villages in our region. We are always looking for people who want to connect with this project; please let us know if you are interested in assisting!



We have registered some new children into the Embrace program. Now we need to find sponsors to be able to provide the life changing benefits that can transform these children's lives. Help us to make the difference of taking them from a state of malnourishment to healthy living!

Our clinic has an outreach to babies and toddlers; providing powdered formula to infants and full cream powdered milk to toddlers. We are always in need of donations to keep this outreach going and want to make people aware of this need. Many mothers have no breast milk to nurse their babies, due to their own poor nutritional level. This outreach can be the difference of life and death for their babies!



Thank you for standing with Servant Ministries. Through your prayers and financial support, we are touching the lives of so many! Together, we can do so much to make a difference!

Blessings,

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