



Mission Leadership Team 2009 Annual Report

Mission Leadership Team:

- ◆ Partnering with other Christians throughout the world in fulfillment of the Great Commission.
- ◆ Providing opportunities for members to actively engage in mission work.
- ◆ Providing opportunities for members to actively share God's love with others through meaningful service.
- ◆ Meeting crucial needs of people in the community in the name of Christ.
- ◆ Equipping members to actively, effectively, and enthusiastically witness for Christ in their personal lives.

Mission Leadership Team

Members:

Kevin DeWitt

John France

David Hiltner

Lorraine Kenter

Val Krueger

Mike and Nancy Pickens

Cindy Pisano- Chair

Corrine Sattler

Trevor Steele

Andy Wiegand

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mission Trips

Fishers of Men

In July, Ivan and Lorraine Kenter led a mission trip to Mexico to assist Fishers of Men in building Refuge Ranch. The goal of Refuge Ranch is to provide a safe, loving Christian home for unwanted and abandoned children in Mexico.

In November, Lorraine and Ivan returned to Mexico to participate in a Fishers of Men Evangelical Medical Mission Crusade. The team provided medical care to over 1,150 people. Eighty-three came to Christ.

World Servants

In July, a team of 24 from *The Road* went on a Mission Trip to Richwood, West Virginia.



The team included: Jeff Ballmer, Charlie and Margaret Ferry and their children, Hannah and Charlie IV, Steve and Ginny Superits, Jeff and Patty Stammler, Joe and Cindy Schwallie and their children Corrine, Jared, Serena and Braden, Jeff and Melanie Rogers and their children, Jason and Austin, RJ and Joseph Braden, Ed McConnell, Tom Gundy, and Joanna Steele. The team re-

paired and re-roofed a home, insulated an attic, installed a door, painted, and landscaped.

Campus Crusade for Christ Mission Trips

Travis Carter and Michelle Pratt went on a Spring Mission Trip to Panama City Beach, Florida through Campus Crusade for Christ. Participating students approached 10,500 individuals and went through the "Knowing God" booklet with 4,190 individuals. 277 accepted Christ.

Mike Sattler participated in a summer mission experience in Chicago. During the 9 weeks Mike was there, he planned activities and led Bible study/discussion groups for students at the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Journeys of Joy

This year, *The Road* partnered with Friends of Russian Orphans (FORO) on a pilot project called, "Journeys of Joy." Nine of our church families (and one family outside the congregation) hosted 13 Russian orphans. The children participated in the VBS program and learned the message of the Gospel. They also had a fun time swimming, golfing, visiting the zoo and attending a carnival. Most importantly, the children learned what it was like to be part of a family. Hearts were opened and 9 of the children are in the process of being adopted. With God's help, a number of these orphans will now grow up in our midst and have a real chance at becoming believers in Jesus Christ. This project would not have been possible without the support of nearly forty volunteers who helped with hospitality, transportation, translation, logistics, communication, photography and other important roles.



Make A Difference Day INC

Saturday, October 24th was national Make A Difference Day. Across the nation individuals came together to make a difference in their communities. For the second year, **The Road** participated, but with a twist. We did it In the Name of Christ. Over 270 members of the congregation took advantage of the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus as they worked to share the awesome love of God with others. Through 20 different service projects, **The Road** touched the lives of over 800 people in meaningful ways. We helped new moms, pregnant moms, and single moms, the disabled, those in need of blood, the poor, senior citizens, local residents hit by the hard economic times, fire fighters, policemen, foster children, the unchurched, poor children around the globe, people in need of medical care in third world countries, and persecuted Christians in prisons in other countries.



Community Breakfast



Gift Wrapping Boxes for Operation Christmas Child



Clean-up at Medical Mission Storage Warehouse



Project Farmbrook



Making Cards for Persecuted Christians throughout the world



Gift Bags for New Moms



Free Oil Changes for Seniors and Single-Moms



Clothing/Toy Drive for Foster Children



Community Resource Table



Blood Drive



Cookie Trays and Prayer for Fire-fighters and Policemen



Nursery



Send-Off



Habitat for Humanity Project



Pregnancy Center Baby Shower



Pumpkin Painting with Seniors



Landscaping at The Ability Center

Student Outreach

The Road teens reached out to the community by hosting a Free Car Wash in June, distributing water at the Sylvania Triathlon, and painting the exterior of the Good Samaritan Center.

Kidz on a Mission visited Kingston residents, made cards for Operation Christmas Child, distributed packets of hot chocolate to Sylvania street crews, decorated bulletin inserts for Valentine's Day, gave Chex-Mix to Sylvania policemen, and decorated covers for family Easter devotionals.

Club 56 youth made cookies and gifts for Kingston residents for a memorable visit that included games and great conversation. In addition, Club 56 also:

- ◆ Provided support to St. Vincent De Paul Society, Feed Lucas County, Beach House, and Project Dignity through donations of food, clothing and sports equipment.
- ◆ Hosted a Popsicle giveaway at Wildwood Park.



The Children's Ministry reached out to the community through several events

this year.

- ◆ Over 500 people attended the Family Carnival in January.
- ◆ An estimated 100 people attended Family Movie Night.
- ◆ Over 200 youth attended Vacation Bible School (VBS). Over 400 attended the two VBS Family Nights.
- ◆ Seventy-five people attended the Family Christmas Celebration.
- ◆ A Children's Musical performance was held at Oak Leaf Village.
- ◆ An estimated 40 people attended the Family Easter Celebration.



Evangelism

The Road offered two opportunities for members to learn ways to evangelize. "Just Walk Across the Street" was offered in the Summer. Personal evangelism was part of the Purpose Driven Life Series.

Gift bags with information about Christianity and the church were made available to members of the congregation to give to new neighbors and new moms.

Books such as, *Case for Easter*, *Case for Faith*, *Tortured for Christ*, *4 Spiritual Laws*, and *Christianity: the Faith that Makes Sense* were made available for members to read and pass along to others.

Everyone who visits **The Road** and signs the guest-



book received a visit, bread, and literature from the church. In 2009, 130 visitors received visits and bread. 1,554 new residents in our community received welcome cards through the mail.

World Haven



World Haven works to educate the congregation about the persecuted church around the world and to provide prayer and encouragement for persecuted believers.

During monthly meetings this year, members learned about the plight of believers in China, Eritrea, North Korea, Columbia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Vietnam, Pakistan, and India. Praise God, five of the imprisoned Christians the group was praying for were released!

World Haven provides financial support for a missionary in India. In March, The group held a collection and assembled 13 action packs for believers in Pakistan. Action packs were filled with items such as: socks, shirts, hats, gloves, coats, blankets, towels, and soap. A devastating earthquake hit Pakistan a few months after the action packs were shipped, creating an even greater need for those items.

During MADD INC., World Haven provided the opportunity for 50 individuals to make cards for Christians

imprisoned for their faith. In November, World Haven sponsored a Veterans Recognition Sunday to thank God for the service of veterans associated with the church and to celebrate the religious freedom we enjoy in the United States.

In November, World Haven led the congregation in activities for International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. A week later, two of the imprisoned Iranian women who were highlighted, were released.

Sharon Clark and Stacy Rees spearhead Word Haven.

Helping Those In Need

Bag-it

This year, 4 tons of food was collected for Sylvania Area Family Services as part of **The Road's** annual Bag-it project. 3,654 empty bags were distributed. 1,060 bags of food were collected. Food donations were given to Sylvania Area Family Services.



178 volunteers (147 from **The Road** and 31 from area churches) participated. Local churches partnering on the project included: Family Christian Center, Westgate Chapel, and Echo Meadows Church of Christ.

In addition to requesting a food donation, each bag that was distributed included evangelistic literature and information about the church. Ben Black spearheaded the project.



Easter Baskets

Baskets containing clothes, school supplies, and hygiene items were given to 21 Sylvania area families.

On-going Food Collection



To help Sylvania families hit by the hard economic times, **The Road** instituted an on-going food collection. Items were donated to Sylvania Area Family Services to distribute to needy families.

Good Samaritan Outreach

Each month, **The Road** serves a meal at the Good Samaritan Center. Rosa Baer spearheads this outreach with the help of church members who make casseroles and help serve.



Thanksgiving Baskets

The Road provided \$1,500 in gift cards to 30 Sylvania area families in need. In addition, **The Road** members donated turkeys to the Good Samaritan Center for distribution to area families.

Operation Christmas Child

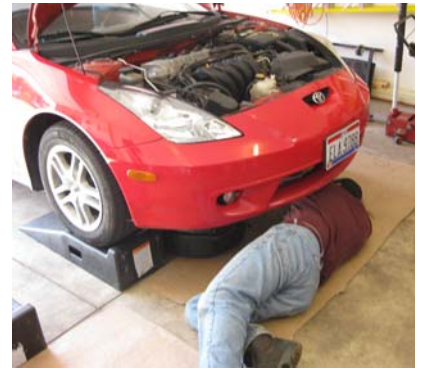
Each year, **The Road** sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe



boxes. The shoe boxes are distributed by Samaritan's Purse to boys and girls in the poorest nations of the world. This year **The Road** members filled over 200 shoe boxes. Cindy Moffett spearheaded the project.

Free Oil Change for Seniors and Single Moms

Over the summer, thirteen free oil changes were provided for senior citizens and single moms in need. Auto Zone on Monroe Street donated the oil filters. Amy Boswick donated the oil. Patrick Riggs provided the tools and use of his garage.



Four volunteers changed oil (Jamie Crothers, Partick Riggs, Neal Applin, and Eric Manning).

Financial Help for Area Families in Need

The Road provided over \$6,120 in assistance to struggling families in Sylvania who had no other means of support. This included help with rent, utilities, and food.

Christmas Gifts

Nearly \$10K was raised this year to provide a Miracle CHRISTmas for 20 kids and 9 parents in need. Over 50 individuals from **The Road** helped by either donating and/or purchasing gifts and items for the Christmas party. One member said, "I can tell you that from my viewpoint, one of the things I like the most about the Miracle Christmas party is the awe factor of it. The fact that needs and wants are met and exceeded beyond what was imagined. That's the part that reminds me of the hope we have in Jesus."

Fulfillment of the Great Commission

In 2009, **The Road** provided a total of \$49,750 in financial support to 10 missionaries and 6 missionary organizations.

Highlights of their work include:

- ◆ Brad and Jan Thurston (Globe Europe)

trained 18 new missionaries, conducted leadership conferences in Kenya, Mozambique, Brazil, and Nicaragua, and provided on-going counseling and coaching for 89 Globe Europe missionaries.



- ◆ Gaurav and Sara Misra are part of a pioneer church planting team reaching out to the Muslim population.



This year they mobilized intercession and worship for their city, built a city-wide network of church planters, and conducted a Bible correspondence course.

- ◆ Malissa Mackey works for Campus Crusade for Christ. This year, 1,243 students on 17 different college campuses in Chicago heard the gospel and 38 accepted Christ.



- ◆ Julie and Victor Zaragoza, founders of Fishers of Men, conducted 7



weeklong Evangelical Medical Mission Crusades throughout the Mexican Republic and six 2-day crusades in the Mexico City area. They

reached over 2,000 individuals. Over half of the individuals reached, accepted Jesus as their Savior.

- ◆ Christian and Lisa Pettitt, are part of Campus Crusade for Christ. They work on the campuses of Miami University, Wright State University, and the University of Dayton. This year, small group Bible studies were held at Miami for nearly 800 students and 130 students put their faith in Christ.



- ◆ Emily Miley is part of Great Commission Ministries. In 2009, Emily conducted 6 Bible study groups that met in various dorms on the Kent State University Campus.



- ◆ Gospelink provides support for local missionaries in Tanzania, Africa. With **The Road** funding, Gospelink was able to fund regional directors in Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to meet with local pastors to provide encouragement, support and training as they work to start new churches. In Tanzania, 218 new churches were started, and 49,517 people came to Christ. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 169 new churches were started and 18,376 people came to Christ.

- ◆ Water for Ishmael brings the gospel to Toledo's immigrant community. Students come from all over the Middle East, Turkey, Iran, Asia, Africa, and South and Central America. Funding was used for scholarships for students at the American School for Women and Children. In 2009, the school served approximately 50 women and 40 preschoolers from 17 different countries.

The Great Commission

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

- ◆ Friends of Russian Orphans (FORO) demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ through practical assistance to Russian orphans and their caregivers. In addition to "Journeys of Joy," funding was used for "Arms of Hope." "Arms of Hope" is a workshop series for baby home caregivers and volunteers in the Nizhniy Novgorod region to provide one-on-one child development and bonding for infants in orphanages.
- ◆ YMCA of Greater Toledo Christian Emphasis Department. This department works to spiritually impact individuals who utilize YMCA services. This year the program began a weekly prayer meeting with 30+ pastors, coordinated multiple Christian YMCA events, helped plan a Leadership Conference and Day of Prayer Breakfast attended by 100 people, and identified, screened and empowered 50 YMCA Chaplains to do ministry within the YMCA.
- ◆ The Pregnancy Center of Greater Toledo is committed to expressing the compassion of Christ through support and education in pregnancy related issues. **The Road** funding went toward pregnancy testing, emergency supplies (i.e., diapers, formula, wipes, powder), and Bibles for the women utilizing their services.
- ◆ Young Life introduces youth to Christ and helps them grow in their faith. **The Road** funding helped grow the ministries at Northview High School, Southview High School, Ottawa Hills High School, Ottawa Hills Junior High School, and Arbor Hills Junior High School. It also helped lay the groundwork to place a new leadership team at McCord Road Junior High School in Spring 2010.