

# ACTION Newsletter

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Full speed  
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From the Desk of the USA Director

## New Responsibilities & New Workers

Jeff Hawk, 58, of Woodinville, Washington, was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Action International Ministries on September 15. Jeff is a native of New York and has been a Christian since his college days in Colorado. He moved to Seattle to work as a Boeing engineer and took early retirement to give himself more fully to the Lord's work. Jeff and his wife, Shere, have two grown children, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. The Hawks are active at Westminster Chapel in Bellevue, Washington.

He replaces Brian Wildman of Wheaton, Illinois, who served 10 years on the ACTION Board filling the positions of Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and Chairman including representation of ACTION USA at the International Council the past two sessions. Brian's increasing responsibilities as a Senior Vice President of MB Bank of Chicago have made it more difficult for him to attend the twice-yearly meetings of the board.

At the same meeting, Brian Stewart was named Associate Director of ACTION USA. Brian is from Lake Stevens, Washington, and has served with the mission for 16 years. He initiated the Communications Department which he heads and also founded ACTION Cuba 11 years ago, serving as its Director. Brian is bilingual in English and Spanish and holds an honors degree in Spanish from the University of Washington. His wife, Celia, is from México, and they have four children.

Six new members of ACTION were appointed at the September board meeting:

- Sam and Marti Gaffney of SeaTac, Washington, will join the Pastoral Leadership Development division.
- Rick and Liz Marshall of Federal Way, Washington, serve at a Christian bilingual school which they founded on the south coast of Puerto Rico.
- Dr. Miguel and Laura López of Colombia and Bellaire, Texas, do dental public health and evangelism in Papua province, Indonesia.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (KJV), *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...*

Praise God with me for continuing leadership and new workers in the mission! Full speed ahead!

Yours in Christ,



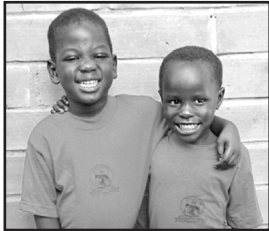
Rex Lee Carlaw  
USA Director



# Worldwide News Briefs

by Jordan Rice

In a recent video produced by ACTION, the state of children worldwide is described: Half of all children in the world live in the most desperate poverty. Some 250 million children work as child laborers to secure survival-level income for their families. Also, 134 million children have no access to any school. All need Jesus. “



Moses and Fortunate at Home of Love, Uganda

There is so much need that it can seem overwhelming. But we were never intended to bear the weight of these burdens, just to do our part. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians: “So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase” (1 Corinthians 3:7, NKJV). To meet this need, we need some to plant and some to water, but God will be ultimately responsible for the increase. Here are some ACTION missionaries who are doing some planting and watering for children in crisis.



Matala Huckaby

## Africa

### Uganda

When Josh and Abby Rattin heard that the Home of Love Orphanage in Uganda had run out of milk, the Lord placed the burden on their hearts. Josh Rattin writes:

“My heart ached. I longed to be there already. Funds had run so low for the orphanage that they could no longer afford milk for the children. Already, two boys had broken arms. The orphanage director shared her vision with me: they wanted to buy cows and build a shelter. They would hire someone

to teach them how to care for cows. But they would patiently wait until all the funds for an entire year of cow expenses came in so that the project would be sustainable. I compiled a little movie, sent out information to some of our supporting churches and friends, and suggested the project as a fun one for Vacation Bible School.

“We were shocked by the response as we anticipate having five churches and one school participate, bringing in a total of nearly \$7,000 by the end of the summer! This is enough to start the cow project once rainy season passes and the ground dries up by late October. Praise God and thank you!”

### Zambia

Kelly and Tricia Huckaby are living in Lusaka helping develop and operate a camping, retreat and conference ministry that serves local churches, pastors, families and children. They recently completed the adoption of two girls living in crisis in Zambia. They write, “On Friday we threw a great big celebration party. We have a lot to celebrate but in particular we wanted to spend the day praising the Lord and thanking him for our completed adoption of Ethel and Mutale. So, we rented a bouncy castle, bought a lot of hotdogs, planned some crafts, recruited some musicians, and brought a bus full of kids out from House of Martha, the orphanage from which Ethel was adopted from. We had probably around 60 kids out here along with a bunch of our friends. It was a beautiful day and full of fun and worship. We serve an awesome God!”



Ethel Huckaby

# Asia

## Philippines

Carl and Lisa Loewen are involved with the Honest Hands Discipleship Home ministry for former street boys and school dropouts. Carl helps with administration and Bible teaching at Honest Hands while Lisa is involved with homeschooling and is a busy mom of four boys.

Carl writes, "Our current group of students is doing great. All ten are still fully involved in the discipleship. They arrive on time Monday mornings and their level of enthusiasm for God's Word makes them easy to teach. I am just finishing a series of lessons on Ephesians. We read through the book out loud, and I spend some solid hours teaching them the great theological truths as well as the practical side of living the Christian life as Paul encouraged the young church in Ephesus (even though he wrote from a jail cell in Rome). It is quite exciting to spend time teaching the Word to a group of young men who are eager to learn and are hearing most of what I am teaching for the first time."

Carl and Lisa are looking to return to Canada in May 2012 and a new missionary couple will lead Honest Hands Discipleship Home.

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Erin Johnson works with children sleeping on the streets in Silang. That outreach has continued for over a year and has now expanded to include a weekly Bible study at two street locations.

She writes, "God has continued to move mightily in our ministry. Recently we brought seven teenage boys to Camp Jabez that we had met doing outreach on the streets of Silang. Camp for these boys was a life-changing



**Carl Loewen (front center) and Honest Hands Boys**

experience. They not only had a blast playing games, eating good food, and making new friends, but God moved powerfully in each of their lives. These seven boys are now attending church and excited about their new lives in Christ. Praise God. We were also able to take five of our younger boys to a Sports Fest at Lambs, another ministry for street kids on the outskirts of Manila. It was a wonderful day of fun for the boys and a great time for getting to know each other better!"

## Undisclosed

Debbie C. runs an orphanage for special needs children in an undisclosed country. She writes of a recent incident in which God answered their prayers:

"One of our children had just gone to bed for the night when he got up and told me he was itching. When he went to bed, nothing was wrong, but now he was covered from head to toe with welts and ringworms. Of course, it was late at night and there wasn't too much we could do. We gave him benadryl and put on cortisone to stop the itching for the night, knowing we would be taking him to the doctor the next morning. Not only did we cover him with medicines, we covered him with prayers, and the next morning there wasn't one spot on him!

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**Erin Johnson (far right) and boys at Camp Jabez**

“So many times we pray for big things to happen and we get frustrated because we don’t see answers in our timing or in our ways but we forget about our daily prayers to God and how He answers them.”

## Latin America

### Brazil

Mark and Paige Anderson run the Davis Lar Orphanage in Fortaleza, Ceará, northeastern Brazil. The orphanage focuses on the child victims of prostitution, drug trafficking, abuse, and abandonment by providing homes and restoring the children to spiritual, physical and emotional health while reaching out to their families and communities. The ministry has grown to include six functioning homes in Aracas, a new orphanage being constructed in Eusebio, a boys’ transition home, a girls’ transition home, an apprenticeship unit and a foster care program.



Three of the Girls at Davis Lar

This summer, a few churches in the USA sent short-term teams to help out at the orphanage. They helped with maintenance, presented Bible studies, trained students, and led recreational activities. One ministered through a Vacation Bible School (VBS). Mark and Paige write:

## Prayer Corner

Please pray:

- Praise the Lord for all that is being done for these children!
- Ask that the Lord would use the funds raised for the Home of Love Orphanage in Uganda for His glory
- Pray that Ethel and Mutale would grow strong in their relationship with the Lord
- Intercede with God that the group of boys at Honest Hands Discipleship Home would continue to hunger for the word and grow in Christ
- Trust that the Lord would continue to reveal Himself to the seven street boys that went to Camp Jabez
- Beseech God that the children at Debbie C.’s special needs orphanage stay healthy and strong
- Believe that the children of Davis Lar Orphanage will continue to be encouraged through the Body of Christ.

— Jordan Rice

“A group of 27 senior high school students from Brushy Creek Baptist Church in South Carolina returned VBS to Aracas. In conjunction with the Davis Lar and Conexão Alegria, we had over 100 children participate in Vacation Bible School. They then painted in the afternoons, helped start the vegetable garden in Aracas, counted beans, and led youth Bible studies and activities in the evenings.”

### Gifts

In Memory of	From	Designation
Sulu Kaeseman	Donald & Tena Smith	Bingham Support
James L. Harper	Louis & Mary Kay Smith	Harper Support
Lupe Diaz	Ray T. Saenz	Milhomem Support
In Honor of	From	Designation
Carol Shatney's 60th Birthday	Faith Reformed Bapt. Ch.	Home of Love Cow Proj.
Catherine & Rob Taylor Wedding	Corinthia Van Orsdol	Taylor Support

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