

# ACTION Newsletter

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## ACTION Chosen for Missions Fest Project

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Missions Fest Seattle is an annual church-based event designed to inform and excite Christians about what God is doing around the world, for the purpose of involving them in His harvest. This year, this volunteer-coordinated conference will be held Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, at Westminster Chapel in Bellevue.

With the theme "Give Feet to Your Faith" and plenary speakers Luis Palau, Greg Lyons, Dr. Jan Hettinga, and Russell Stendall, this year's event promises to be the best one yet since Missions Fest Seattle was launched in 2005. There are also seminars you can attend, and numerous exhibitor booths to visit. Entrance is free.

ACTION has been selected for this year's missions project, and hygiene kits will be collected both days for the benefit of children in crisis in the Philippines. Please consider how you, your family, your Bible study group and your church can participate in this hands-on project that will bless needy children overseas.

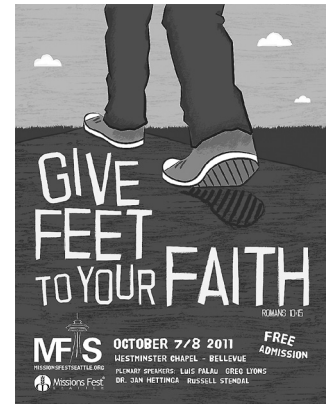
Here are the details:

Please package these things in a one-gallon (10½" x 12") Ziploc bag. Please follow this list closely and do not add anything else.

- 6 safety pins (exactly 6, to pin children's worn clothing together)
- 6 plain Band-Aids (no designs; Johnson & Johnson seems to work best)
- Hand Soap (1 bar; medium size)
- Washcloth (1 new)
- Toothpaste (6-8 oz. tube, taken out of its box)
- Toothbrush (1 new, removed from its box)

A special table marked "hygiene kits" will be set up at the front of the sanctuary and ACTION personnel will be on hand to receive the contributions and pack them for shipment to our office in Manila where they will be distributed.

Missions Fest will be open on Friday, October 7, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on Saturday, October 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Westminster Chapel is located at 13646 NE 24 Street in Bellevue, Washington 98005-1829. We look forward to seeing you there!





# Worldwide News Briefs

by Jordan Rice

## Africa

### Zambia

On August 12 and 13, Camp Cijanano had its grand opening and dedication. The camp exists to glorify God by providing affordable facilities for churches and other Christian organizations so they can offer camps, retreats, conferences, training and outreaches to better serve their congregations and communities. In addition, ACTION Zambia Ministries is able to use these facilities to hold its own camps, training, conferences, and outreaches in conjunction with local churches, organizations and short-term teams.

Steve Allen, who does pastoral training in Zambia, reflected on the dedication ceremony: "We sang, ate, cried, prayed, and dedicated the property to God for His glory over these two days. It was such a beautiful time, especially having Glenn Ripley here to celebrate with us. It was his vision and sacrifice that was a catalyst to making this dream a possibility. He and his wife sacrificed so much for this retreat center. It inspired me to realize how important it is that all I do be for eternity. That is what will last forever. I am so looking forward to what God will do in this place over the ensuing years."

Current Camp Cijanano projects include:

- The construction of a staff house for the camp's missionary family directors
- Improvements to the first campground area
- Maintenance, improvements, and beautification of the retreat and conference area
- Facilities to better serve children

## Asia

### Philippines

Shalom Christian Birthing Home was started by ACTION missionary Mavis Orton, MBE. She is a nurse and midwife from England who went out to the Philippines in 1986. Mavis observed a high mortality rate among both mothers giving birth and newborn babies. Her vision became to develop a place where good maternity care would be available to those with minimal finances. When the clinic first opened, 8 babies were born a month, but now approximately 120-150 babies are born each month. Space is limited with only two rooms for prenatal and postnatal, check-ups and deliveries. But God has been working, funds have been raised, and the basic structure of a new building is now complete. Paul and Ruth Ortiz are coordinators of the Shalom Christian Birthing Home construction project in Manila. In a recent newsletter they wrote:



Praying at Cijanano dedication (Glenn Ripley is at far left)

“Mornings at Shalom Birthing Home feel extremely chaotic. The small living room is filled beyond capacity with women gathered for pre-natal and post-natal appointments. At the same time and in the same little room, several ladies are in labor, while others are recovering with their newborns. This scene does not seem like a very peaceful one. Although Ruth enjoys interviewing new patients, she often finds that most women come to Shalom with stories of immense pain and hardship. In spite of the crowded conditions and constant activity surrounding them at Shalom, they are treated with love and respect. Most importantly they hear of Jesus Christ, the only way to obtain true peace with God.

“We look forward to the day when the activities at the current clinic spread out into the new, larger facility. The typical way to do construction here is to lay off laborers once the structure is done and hire tradesmen to complete the job. Paul asked his 12-man crew to stay, and is using this opportunity to teach them various trades as they work, such as plumbing, electric and carpentry. This is allowing them to continue studying through the Bible chronologically. It will also give them more opportunities to be hired when this project is completed.”

## *India*

Living Word Centre (LWC) is a registered Charity Trust that works towards equipping the church and uplifting the community spiritually, socially, intellectually and economically in the

eastern Himalayan region of India.

Joshua and Reena Pradhan founded LWC in 1994. In a recent newsletter they wrote of developments that have taken place:

“Joshua has been spearheading medical outreaches that we as the local church have been conducting in various poor tea gardens. The more we study God’s Word, the more we see God’s heart for the poor and needy. So far we have conducted four such outreaches where we take doctors and nurses with us. We have ministered to almost 500 so far. After the patients are given the medicines, they are prayed over and invited for a gospel film in the evening. We find this an effective way of sharing God’s love with the underprivileged people.

“Some friends from Nagaland had visited our centre and seeing the different agro-based vocational training that is conducted at LWC, they wanted to send a group of farmers for training. It was our joy to train 17 farmers in missions and also piggery farming, dairy farming, poultry, mushroom cultivation, feed preparation, fruit preservation, as well as tailoring for the ladies. They want to send more farmers to us for training in the future.”

## Latin America

### *Mexico*

Located in the middle of the Sonora Desert of northwestern México, Timothy House takes in boys 5 to 13 years of age who are orphaned, abandoned, or otherwise

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**Shalom Birthing Center**



**Training Farmers in India**



**Timothy House VBS**

needing a permanent home. It is run by Bob and Joy Huber and their goal is not only to provide a safe, loving home, but also to mentor the children to become godly men, faithful husbands, responsible fathers and productive citizens. Recently their church conducted its first Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Bob Huber writes, "This is the first year that the Timothy House Christian Church has done VBS! This has been a group effort, led by my wife, Joy, which included all the members of our house church. It has been a blessing to work together and see the children blessed by God's love.

"About 80 children have been gathering to sing, learn about Abraham (the VBS theme), do crafts and play games. There have been four classes each day. It has been very hot and humid, but everyone seems to be having a great time!"

## Colombia

From July 5 to 8, 50 children from Bogotá participated in an evangelistic camp run by Raquel de Jesús. She writes, "Forty-four accepted Jesus as their Savior and five rededicated their lives to the Lord. The children learned how to play and work together. They also learned the necessity of personal devotions. Each one received a Bible." Here is what some children from the camp had to say:

Michel, age 7: "I accepted Jesus as my Savior because He is the only One who can fill the emptiness and sadness in my heart. My father left us but I know Jesus will never leave me. Here at the camp, I also learned how to worship God and love Him and also how to pray. I know Jesus will change my rebellion."

Mary, age 10: "What I liked most in the camp are the teachings and the swimming pool. I liked the teachings because I came to know Jesus as my Savior. He is the only one who can save and help me. I surrendered my life to Jesus, gave Him my heart, and asked Him to change my behavior."

## Prayer Corner

Please pray:

- That the Lord will provide the needs of Camp Ciyanjano and use it for His glory
- That the 12-man construction crew of Shalom Birthing Home would continue to grow in wisdom and understanding of the Lord
- That the Lord will use the vocational training and medical outreaches being done through Living Word Centre to bring many to Him
- That the children from the camp in Bogotá would continue reading their Bibles and start going to church
- That the children from the VBS at Timothy House Christian Church would seek to know the Lord

— Jordan Rice

Anna, age 8: "I had a wonderful time at the camp because we were able to play, spend time at the swimming pool, have delicious food, sleep in comfortable beds and listen to God's Word. I accepted Jesus because He is very good and He cleansed my heart from sin. I gave Him my heart. I know He can change me from being a girl who fights a lot with others to a very loving girl. I am asking Jesus to help me have a good relationship with my brothers and stepfather."

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