

Newtown Christian Church Mission Update

April 9, 2007

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

In a recent e mail from Jim & Denise, she wrote the following: new regulations keep us always going to gov't offices and our bank gave us 5 days to fulfill a long list of certified papers or they were going to seize the account....they are watching very closely how and where Americans are getting their funds now. If they even suspect you are dealing in the alternative market, you're out! However, rate of exchange is \$250:1 and a pint of milk is almost \$5000 (\$20 USD), a gallon of milk is almost \$100 USD dollars and on and on. We bought a small chicken the other day, and legal rate was \$144 USD We are caught between a rock and a hard place now.

The mood here is very negative and that easily brings one down if you allow it to. Everyone is talking constantly about the economy, the situation here politically, and friends are still leaving the country.

Our survey trip was good and thankfully, safe, but very tiring. We were on the road most of the time, looking and praying and trying to take it all in and we all feel at loose ends right now. We just wish we could move forward but everything is in slow motion now, as we have to take things one step at a time. We did not feel God wanted us to move at this time.

We are having our first 'hearing' with the ex-staff on Monday, or so it was set for Monday, but we think they forgot it is a legal holiday here. We will show up but they probably won't. A dear elderly retired lawyer is going with us and has vowed, "They won't know what hit them..." We'll see. Once this is settled, hopefully next week sometime, we will go the police, again, and see if they will escort us to Chinyudze to inventory what is there and see if we can arrange to get it out of there. Oscar still insists our lives could be in danger if we go out there...not the community but some individuals whom he says would try to harm us, like our guards and Rose. Jim also feels they would try to do something, although I've been tempted many times to get into the car and just pitch up. Rose was thrown out of her house at

Chinyudze and is now living at the home...probably has helped herself to all the furniture etc...we hear it is all being sold by her and she is making a fortune.

Please pray God will show us the way as we want to be sure He wants us here to stay and work. With so many leaving I would feel like we are abandoning the country if we left. And....I still LOVE it here.

Their web address is www.agcmision.org.

RESTORATION HOUSE MINISTRIES

Oasis Christian Church, Restoration House Ministries' church in Providence, RI, moved into their first 24/7 facility in January. This is a huge victory for this congregation-which is a multi-cultural church of West Africans and Filipinos. The building will provide a great opportunity for the congregation to serve the people of Providence and gives them a very stable presence in the community. Seokin Payne is the minister of the church. Since moving into the building the attendance of the church has been steadily increasing.

Some inside improvements need to be made and a church in the Midwest is considering making a mission trip out to help provide labor.

In a part of the country where buildings and land are hard to come by-and where laws of the local communities are not always friendly toward churches-this building is a great answer to prayer. Please join Oasis in praising God for what He has done and ask God to use the building to bring many people to Christ.

Praises:

- New building
- New opportunities to minister
- Increased attendance
- Increased offerings

Prayer Points:

- Wise use of the new building
- New opportunities to serve
- Continued spiritual and numerical growth of the church

Their web address is www.rhmnewengland.org

LINCOLN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Lincoln is grateful for the investment we have made in their ministry and the lives of those who lead tomorrow's church. Without the help of their supporters they would not be able to help Christians mature in Christian commitment and purpose. Lincoln Christian College is striving for new goals this year, and they are pleased to report that recently they were awarded the "Enrollment Growth Award" from the Association for Biblical Higher Education in the category of schools with 600 or more full time students. In the fall of 2006 they had the largest enrollment in our history,

Their web address is www.lccs.edu.

THE ORCHARD GROUP

The Orchard Group has been planting churches in New York and the Northeast since 1948. The new churches they have helped start since 2000 are ministering to around five thousand people every weekend! That is a lot of lives that are in the process of being changed.

In 2007 they are expecting to lay the foundation for five new churches to be planted in the New York City metro area.

As we partner together in planting churches, we show people the way to Jesus, the way back to God.

Twenty four hours. One Day. In a new church, it means an eternal impact.

If you would like to check out the Orchard Group's web site it is www.orchardgroup.org

KIDS FOR CHRIST

God continues to do more than what we can imagine, imagine that?

On January 20, a brand new Kids for Christ location was launched in Baltimore. Thirty-two children were present with fourteen adults making a very joyous day in God's Kingdom.

Leo Lavin is the director of this branch and serves as the Youth Minister at the Severn Christian Church.

This new group meets one Saturday a month in a community center in the Brooklyn section of Baltimore.

They also launched a new program in Halls Ferry in the St. Louis, MO area. They started in February with forty one kids present. They plan to meet the first Saturday of every month and are planning a VBS program in July.

Check out their web site at www.kidsforchristonline.com

CATSKILL CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CAMP

The camp banquet is rapidly approaching. Mark your calendars for April 21, 2007. Games start at 3:00 p.m. and the banquet starts at 5:00 p.m.

The banquet will be at Woodland Church of Christ in Oxford. It is not just for kids, so if you would like to know more about the camp this would be the perfect opportunity to learn more.

Check out their web site @ www.ccachurchcamp.com