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MISSIONARY ACRES

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WHERE THERE IS NO VISION...

“Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). Our residents here at Missionary Acres took that verse to heart and have proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ all around the world. They have had a vision of a lost and dying world without Christ and have answered the call. We want to be ready to answer ‘their’ call when they find it necessary to change ministry locations (retire). In order to be ready to do so, **we would like to share our vision for Missionary Acres with you in this newsletter. We believe that where there is “no vision” the ministry will perish!**

In our last letter we talked about the year of miracles and our Great God of the Impossible. As you will see in this newsletter, God has continued to bless Missionary Acres in many incredible ways during the first half of 2010. He is still in control of this special ministry and leading us on to greater things! We believe that the gifts that we received this year are only the beginning. With God’s help and blessing we hope to see two very large projects completed:

(1). Over the next five years we hope to see four new houses constructed here at Missionary Acres! We can build a 1200 sq. ft. home with attached garage for about \$35,000. We are trusting God to provide funds to build four houses! When these homes are occupied, the reassignment fees paid by the new residents will be enough money to build a fifth house! We have \$25,000 already in reserve for the first house. Will you pray with us that God will provide the \$9,500 needed so that we can get started on it?

(2). We would like to see the Lord provide fifty individuals/churches who would join our “Administrator’s Club” and pledge to give \$1/day (\$30 /mo.) to the general maintenance fund of Missionary Acres. This would be a tremendous boost to our annual operating budget. Who will be the first to join with us?

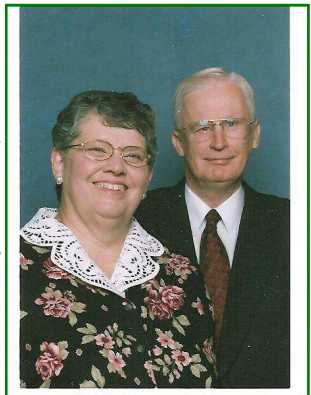
We believe that this vision for the future is possible but only with God’s help! All of our houses are full and in the last month we have been contacted by five couples wanting information about retiring here. We also need staff members! We need another full-time couple immediately! At the present time, both couples on full-time staff, as missionaries, are supported by churches/individuals. The other part-time couple and full-time man on staff serve here and pay their own way out-of-pocket. We need to be able to offer new staff something in the area of remuneration in order to go forward. Will you help us pray about these needs? Will God use you to help meet these needs?

20 Residents Visited the Creation Museum in Kentucky



TWO MORE COUPLES TAKE UP RESIDENCE AT MISSIONARY ACRES

Bill and Jan Paton have served the Lord under BCP in church-planting ministries all over the United States. Many churches have benefited from their ministry of love and several have graduated from mission status to become self supporting ministries. Before coming to the Acres they were pastoring Calvary Baptist Church in Chatsworth, Illinois.



Terry and Yvonne Miller served the Lord in Israel, Belgium and Argentina before joining Baptist Mid-Missions in 1983. Under BMM they worked in St. Louis, Missouri in a Jewish evangelism ministry and then among Spanish speaking people of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. The Millers retired in May of this year and joined our family at Missionary Acres.

PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE SHINGLES

“Ken, are you sitting down? I have some good news for you.” Now those are the kinds of words you like to hear as an administrator! With those words our Administrator in the BMM Home Office, Rev. Steve Butler, shared the good news that an anonymous donor had sent a gift of \$25,000 dollars to complete our fundraising project for re-roofing all of the houses here at Missionary Acres!!!

Praise the Lord and pass the shingles! Wasn’t that the name of a song during World War II? (Well, it was something like that!) It certainly will be our battle cry as we complete re-roofing the remaining 12 houses. This gift did not come too soon, either. Several of the remaining roofs are showing signs of age and beginning to leak. We already have three groups lined up for the fall! Will you bring a group to help us to complete this project?

MORE GOOD NEWS!

The phone call about the re-roofing needs being met came in January. This call and gift were followed up by another unbelievable gift in February. This gift came from a small church in southern Minnesota. The gift in the amount of \$20,000 was designated for “sewer replacement”! Wow! The Lord even cares about our infrastructure here at Missionary Acres. We certainly do need to replace our aging sewer lines (40+ years old) . This tremendous gift will make that a possibility over the next few years as time allows! Praise the Lord for providing for needs we had not even thought of!



NEEDED: SKILLED LABORERS

We always accept help of any kind. Many of our volunteers come with little or no background in construction/maintenance and are a tremendous help because of their willingness to listen and work hard! God has allowed us to accomplish great things through our volunteers.

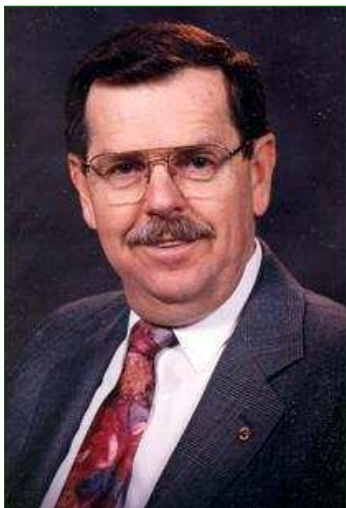
God always sends the right person at the right time. We have experienced this over and over again. Some jobs just require a skilled individual. We have such a need at this time. We need experienced cement workers and drywall finishers. We have two garage floors, three driveways, a front porch floor, steps, and several sidewalks around houses that need to be poured. We also have a house that needs the drywall joints taped. Perhaps God would have you to help with one of these projects! Please call ...soon!



HEAT PUMP NIGHTMARES

“Ken, I think something is wrong with our heat pump, we don’t have any heat/air conditioning.” This is a phone call that I dread! Unfortunately, we have had this recurring call six times already this year. Four of those calls resulted in having to replace the whole unit (heat pump, air handler, etc.). Talk about a nightmare! This has certainly put a tremendous strain on our tiny operating budget. In the first six months of 2010, we have spent over \$13,000 repairing or replacing heat pumps! We asked the HVAC Company, “At what point do we get a volume discount?”

We believe that this is a need that God can meet, too! He has already provided the finances to pay for one of the systems through a very generous church in Iowa along with a couple of individuals! Praise the Lord! Will you help us pray about this need?



IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Charles A. Nichols
Aug. 21, 1935 - July 7, 2010

It is with grateful hearts to the Lord for his godly example that we share with you the home-going of our dear friend and former resident, Charles Nichols. Bro. Nichols and his wife Joan were residents of Missionary Acres from 2000-2008. They lived the last two years in Ankeny, Iowa, near their daughter and her family.

Chuck and Joan served the Lord as pastor of several churches from 1956-1965 and as missionaries in Brazil for 18 years. Chuck served as the Field Administrator in the BMM Home Office for MA from 1985 to his Retirement in 2000. His capable leadership helped to further develop the ministry of MA into what it has

FRIENDLY DEER VISITS THE ACRES

While several residents were taking an evening stroll around the park before retiring, they were joined by this young buck . Even the camera flash did not frighten him.



become today. Chuck and Joan were a tremendous help to all during their time here at MA. Chuck used his carpenter skills to trim out several houses that were being remodeled. Chuck was a faithful witness to the Lord in our local area, visiting cancer patients in their homes and prisoners in the county jail as his health permitted. Our loss is definitely Heaven’s gain.

SEE THE ACRES – AND MEET THE RESIDENTS : www.missionaryacres.com