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BAPTIST CHURCH

Missions Festival 2009

They Will Come and Worship—From our neighborhoods and the nations

Friday, February 20

Missions Festival Dinner

■■■■■ 6 p.m., **Worship Center** ■ Hear stories from our missionaries about how God has been working during the last year while enjoying dinner with the church family. Different table coordinators plan the menu and decorations for a table of eight people. Registration for table coordinators and attendees is available online.

Children's World Dinner

■■■■■ 5:45 p.m., **Amphitheater** ■ While their parents enjoy a meal and hear stories about missions from around the world, children in kindergarten through fifth grade will have their own dinner. They'll be learning about some of the challenges that missionaries and other Christians face in closed countries.

Saturday, February 21

The Final Stage

■■■■■ 10 a.m., **Delta Lake Center** ■ Our Central Asia team will be leaving us in a few months. Hear about their fears, concerns, upcoming challenges and joys. You don't want to miss this meeting.

Sunday, February 22

Flag Ceremony and Services

■■■■■ 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. ■ This year's keynote speaker, Dr. George W. Murray, will speak during all three Sunday morning services.

Missionary Booths

■■■■■ 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 4-6 p.m., **Fellowship Hall and Foyer** ■ National and international missionaries will display information and photos about their work.

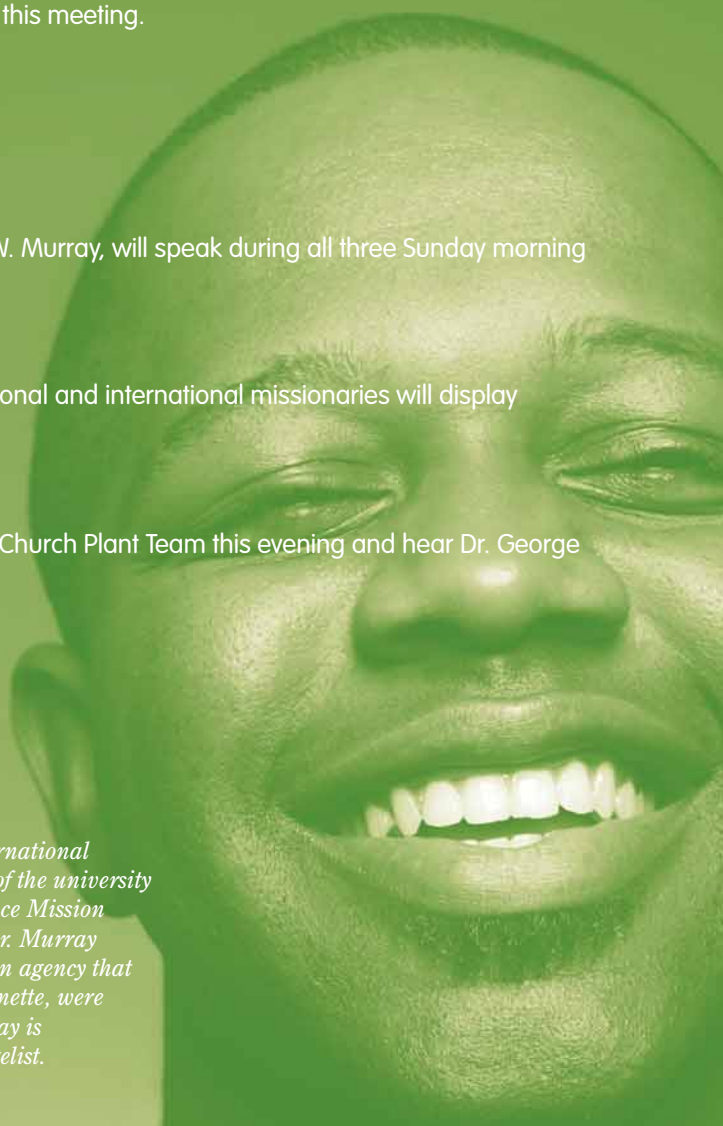
Closing Ceremonies

■■■■■ 6 p.m., **Worship Center** ■ We will commission our Central Asia Church Plant Team this evening and hear Dr. George W. Murray give a final challenge regarding our place in service.

Registration is needed for the Missions Festival Dinner, Children's World Dinner and childcare (for infants to four-year-olds) during the dinner. You can register online at www.pray.org/missions.



Dr. George W. Murray became the chancellor of Columbia International University (CIU) in July 2007. Prior to that, he was president of the university from 2000-2007. He came to CIU from The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM), where he served as executive director. For 10 years Dr. Murray was general director of Bible Christian Union (BCU), a mission agency that merged with TEAM in 1994. Prior to that, he and his wife, Annette, were church planters in Italy, also with BCU, for 13 years. Dr. Murray is an experienced missionary, teacher, preacher, writer and evangelist.



Missions in Our Comfortable World

Have we become too comfortable in the world as we know it? As we assess our place on the planet, we quickly find that we can be overwhelmed with a sense of insignificance in the face of so many people in so many places! Numbers and statistics fall in meaningless waves on our ears when we hear that the population of the earth exceeds 6.7 billion and is rapidly approaching 7 billion. What value can we have as just one person in the grand scheme of things?

When God tells us that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14) and because we have faith in Christ, “our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20), we have to find out how to connect the dots and discover God’s place for us. In this world, the sheer magnitude of all that we are able to do paralyzes many into doing nothing. But for those of us who have been placed in this world for the glory of our Creator and in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, a calling and a passion have been written on our hearts to go where He sends us and to do what He asks of us.

Yet our desires all too easily become attached to this world as we settle in and get comfortable after a while. The vastness of the world’s needs eventually close off our ability to see how to respond, so billions of people with no access to the truth about why they were made to languish in what Henry David Thoreau called “lives of quiet desperation.” What they see is all they may ever know or ever hope to know unless someone breaks into their despair and announces the good news that they were made for more.

Those who have found life and hope in Jesus Christ cannot be satisfied keeping such a powerful truth to themselves. Once it becomes clear that this world is not our home, our charge becomes certain. C. S. Lewis once wrote, “If I discover within myself a desire which no experience in the world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” When that truth grips our hearts, we cannot remain indifferent to the plight of those throughout the nations who need to hear, understand and believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior for whom our hearts have longed and for whom our souls have dared to wish.

We must see to it that we offer hope in Christ to as many people as He allows us to influence and direct them toward the life-changing message of the Gospel. In the life of the body of Christ, we normally refer to this responsibility under the broad heading of missions. That is its appropriate name, but by compartmentalizing it and separating it from the rest of our ministry, we run the great risk of leaving it to

others. No Bible-believing, Christ-centered Christian would be satisfied in a church without an emphasis on missions, but if we are not careful we might be inclined to assume that missions is always for someone else. What do the Scriptures tell us?

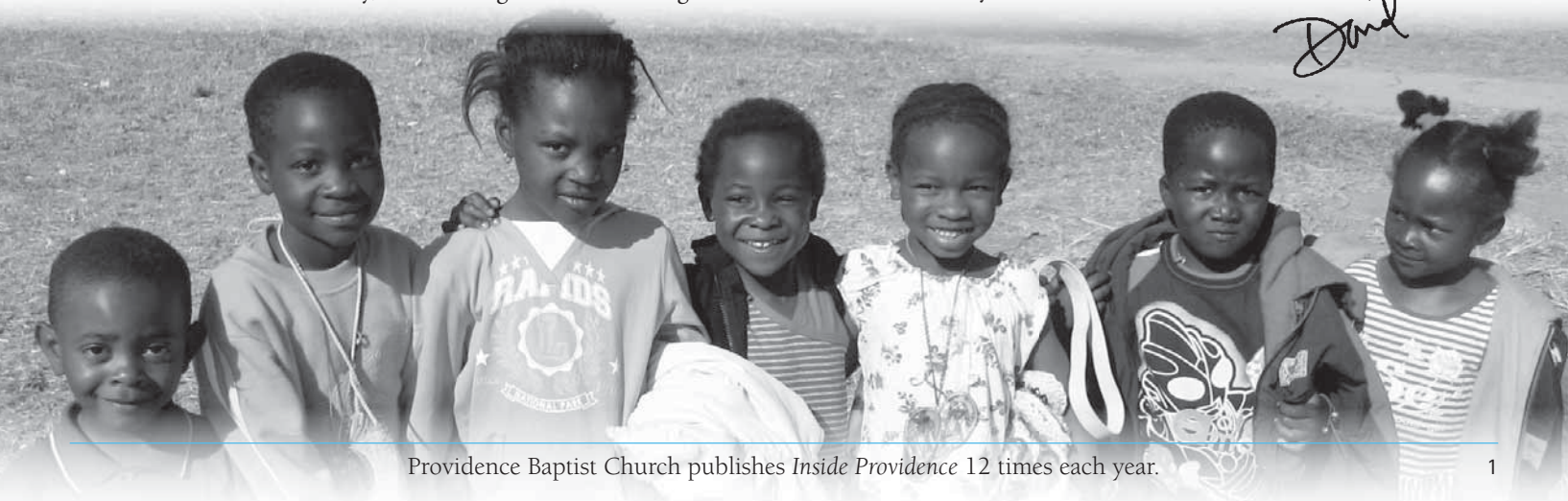
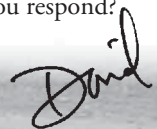
Three familiar passages mark the way for us—Matthew 28:18-20, John 20:21 and Acts 1:8. In each, the message is communicated to all followers of Christ, not just those who sense some special calling to be a missionary. The summary of those three passages leads us to some indisputable conclusions.

First, our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ is to make other disciples. Phrased another way, we are to be His witnesses, declaring the Gospel of salvation to others so they may also come to know Him as Savior.

Second, He commissions us, or sends us and tells us to go in order to fulfill our calling as His witnesses or disciple-makers. In recent years, it has become fashionable to rephrase Matthew 28:19 so there is a more laid-back approach to our witness by translating the first participle to “as you go, make disciples.” That represents an accurate principle, that in the day-to-day encounters of our lives we are to make disciples; however, it does not account for the better translation that recognizes the reality that “going” and “making disciples” have a direct grammatical link, giving the participle the force of an imperative. In other words, you have to go to make disciples of all nations. That is an intentional act of the will, not an accidental result of life as usual! Jesus further emphasizes this in John 20:21 as He says, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

Third, the unmistakable commission is to all nations in Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:19. There were fewer people on the earth when Jesus spoke those words, but the plan He put in place is as perfectly sufficient for billions as it is for millions. If a multiplication process of one person reaching one person who the next year reached another were carried out for merely 35 years, more than 8.6 billion people could be reached—and that is starting with just one! Our charge is to reach the nations, and we cannot do this by paying attention to the missions mandate only when it does not interfere with our comfort in our own little world.

So come be a part of making the calling of Christ to missions an integral part of our life together. Scores of our people are already committed to go to the nations. How will you respond? Don't miss this year's Missions Festival!





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Living with arms wide open

The impact of a movie often begins fading along with the music in the credits. There may be some conversation about the movie's plot or whether the acting was convincing, but most people walk away from a movie the same person they were two hours beforehand. For Jaclyn Konczal, God used a documentary about the civil war in Uganda to plant a seed that would grow into a passion for the repressed and lost souls in a war-torn country.

In the spring of 2005, Jaclyn saw the documentary *Invisible Children*, which tells the story of children in northern Uganda who search for refuge from the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Rebels from the LRA would abduct young boys during the night and train them to be child soldiers. The impact of the LRA and its leader, Joseph Kony, has been felt by everyone in northern Uganda, and the terror of these people is captured in *Invisible Children*.



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“It was maybe the first time that I felt my heart shatter and care, but instead of sighing and moving on, I felt empowered by the Spirit to step into the grief, to really feel the bitterness of this broken world,” Jaclyn said. “I began to pray about it rather than burying it along with the thousands of other tragic situations and circumstances that bombard us every day.”

From Raleigh to Uganda

The transformation began during the last two years of Jaclyn's time at N.C. State University's College of Design. During her senior year, while creating a series of paintings based on the war in northern Uganda, she realized the difficulty of expressing something she had no experience with. These realizations and the undying fire sparked by *Invisible Children* prompted Jaclyn to begin praying about living in northern Uganda.

After many months of prayer with friends and sharing her desire with her parents, Jaclyn received a phone call from a representative of Right Now, a ministry that connects young people with opportunities to serve in missions. Jaclyn had known this representative for two years, and so they talked and prayed about the burden that had been laid on Jaclyn's heart.

A mere two hours after they prayed, the representative found an opening for an artist to join a couple in Adjumani,

Uganda. The couple was forming a community of believers to live among the Ma'di tribe.

During the next few months, Jaclyn finished her Bachelor of Art and Design at N.C. State and began preparations for her move to Uganda. By January 2008, she had raised enough support to spend a year in Uganda.

“One month later on February 11, 2008, I took off from Raleigh Durham International, crying most of the way to London from the grief of being away from loved ones for a whole year,” Jaclyn said. “And then from London to Entebbe, Uganda I remember crying tears of joy and how incredibly faithful God had been to such an incredibly undeserving person like me.

“So began my life in Uganda.”

Serving Where Needed

Jaclyn has been making art since she was a child and started taking classes while in middle school. While readying herself for Uganda, Jaclyn hoped to use her art to reach out to the Ma'di people.

“In reflecting back on my preparation for Uganda, I realize that a small part of me felt I had to ‘bring something to the table’ and for me that ‘something’ was art,” Jaclyn said. “I think our culture would have us believe that we aren't valuable unless we have something to offer, be it a skill or a wad of cash or a pretty face.”

But as she settled into her life in Uganda, Jaclyn found that art would not be a large part of her year in Uganda.

“The reality is that after years of war, people do not have the time, resources or motivation to pour into art making aside

from the traditional singing and dance and the occasional painted tukul (hut)," Jaclyn said. "Many of the traditional art forms that once were a part of life and that you'll find in the southern parts of Uganda are just not happening in Adjumani."

Although art was what Jaclyn thought would fill her days in Uganda, she soon realized that the needs of the people lay elsewhere.

"As motivated as I was to get something started and try to initiate this kind of art making, there was no infrastructure to work from and I also quickly developed the conviction that I wasn't here to start programs but to enter into what is already existing," Jaclyn said.

Life in Uganda

Not teaching and facilitating art classes does not mean Jaclyn's days aren't full. She currently lives with a long-term missionary couple, Jeff and Michelle Theison, from Portland, Oregon. After living in Uganda for 20 years, the Theisons decided to begin building a community of believers from the United States to form a "mission-minded community."

Also living with the Theisons is Erin Carkner. Throughout the year they have also had short-term missionaries from the Theisons' home church, Imago Dei Community Church. Living with a community of believers was a desire of Jaclyn's from the beginning of her journey to Uganda. This desire sprang from the



belief that God designed His people to live in community and that people will see the image of God through the way believers love and serve each other.

"So while we are all very different, with different ministry focuses, personalities and histories, we live and eat and pray and play together as a family and do our best to value each member with the hopes of all becoming more like Christ as we do," Jaclyn said.

Most Americans spend their days with some semblance of a schedule, whether it's getting up and going to work, or getting up to care for children. Jaclyn describes her daily work as "engaging with the local community in daily life."

"My days are full of bike rides to the market, visits to the hospital, digging in fields and preparing tea for the endless amounts of visitors who pass through our doors," Jaclyn said. "My days are full of praying with women in our churches, cooking, washing dishes, pushing myself to speak Ma'di and trying to hold 15 children's hands as I walk wherever I'm going.

"My days are full of listening, listening, listening, pulling clothes off the line, holding babies, playing soccer, singing and dancing to traditional music, discussing with our local pastors, killing mosquitoes and going to where the people are."

Each week is filled with activities that include gathering for morning prayer over

coffee, lunch with people in the community, spending time discussing the Bible, visiting children and caretakers at the Amazing Grace Orphanage, visiting other villages or working in the fields to harvest crops. Each Sunday is spent worshipping with about 30 congregants at Liberty Baptist Church.

"My days are full of things like: mosquitoes, sweat, dirt, beans and mysterious unknowns," Jaclyn said. "No two days are alike and as hard as I've tried to bring some bit

of consistency to my schedule it's nearly impossible in a culture where calendars, watches, cell phones and planners are all

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foreign concepts. So I roll with it, learn to listen harder to the leading of the Spirit, and do my best just to show up and live with the eyes of my heart wide open."

Seeing God's Work

The seemingly small ways in which God works and moves in our life can often go unnoticed by Americans. When asked how she has seen God work and how He has surprised her, Jaclyn was able to



give numerous examples of God's hand at work in ways many people may never see or notice among the busyness of life.

"God has been at work healing broken relationships, restoring dignity, inspiring hope, strengthening faith, encouraging the downtrodden and redeeming broken people," Jaclyn said.

"I've watched as He's brought women of faith together to pray earnestly for each other; I've watched a pastor pass from crib to crib in our cockroach-infested hospital praying for the sick and dying children... I've prayed with women who are being beaten and slandered by their husbands but who remain steadfast and faithful in prayer and hope; I've watched a loving pastor carry a mother and her baby on his bicycle to a clinic to receive treatment for the child's malaria; I've kneeled next to a young woman who instinctively began

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praising God in prayer when I handed her a \$1.50 tiny bottle of eye drops for her child's conjunctivitis; I've watched a family of orphans praise God with a drum by the light of the moon for hours and hours just because they wanted to; I've met a 13-year-old boy who walked 10 miles to our church so that he could learn more about God and bring what he learned back to his village.



has been to her. During her time in Uganda, she has been stretched more than she ever thought possible.

"Since I arrived up until this moment I have been in more challenging, potentially dangerous, incredibly uncomfortable, sometimes scary situations, physically, socially and emotionally, than I ever thought I could handle," Jaclyn said. "With each new situation there is always a choice and it usually comes down to either flipping out and shutting down or stepping forward holding tightly onto Jesus, letting go of my fear, and believing that He is all I need."

Coming Home

Jaclyn will return to the United States on February 10, with the hope of returning to Uganda, but unsure of when or what she will be doing. In the 12 months she'll have spent in Adjumani and the surrounding villages, Jaclyn has seen God change her drastically.

"In the States it's easy to buy into a false sense of personal value and entitlement," Jaclyn said. "All of that came crashing down here where as a young, unmarried woman I'm seen as a child, nobody really cares that I paint, my taste in music is irrelevant, and the books I've read, the foods I've tasted and the places I've traveled have no significance to the people I daily interact with. Not only were the former things that gave me value taken away, but also the former people who gave me value."

Out of these realizations, God has taught her that what really matters is who you really are and what you believe in. Going from the world's wealthiest country to a

community where people have three or four outfits, live as subsistence farmers and never travel outside their own district helped to reveal the things that really matter.

"It didn't take long for the layers of my false self to melt away and for God to reveal intensely and lovingly that the only thing that really matters about me is that I am called 'beloved' and 'daughter' by the Savior and King of the Universe," Jaclyn said. "The only reason I have any value at all is because He says I do, and that deep down realization has brought me acres of freedom."

Jaclyn's time in Uganda has shaped and molded her into a servant used by God to reach the lost and the hopeless around her. Even as she has seen the people in Adjumani change with the knowledge of Christ, it is apparent that He used this time to change her as well.



Ivan's Gift

[A story from Kajo Keji, South Sudan]

By Jaclyn Konczal

The open market was full and situated underneath a giant mango tree. There were plenty of fruits there that aren't available anymore in Adjumani so we were happy to get a bunch of mangoes, a papaya and even an ox heart fruit. We took the ox heart fruit to the hospital with us where Erin and I were going to visit Annet's father, who was recovering from a cobra bite on the hand. The snake had somehow entered his tukul at night, and when he went searching for his flashlight in the dark it struck his hand.

Her father was so grateful to see us. He smiled really big and sat up slowly and painfully as his whole arm and half of his body had swollen. We shared the heart fruit with him and Annet's mother, as well as with the doctor who was attending the patients in the men's ward. Just before we cut into the fruit, the small boy we had met outside, who in an epileptic fit had fallen into a fire and suffered severe burns on his arm and stomach, walked into the room and approached me with his sweet, bright eyes. He reached out his hand to me and smiled this gorgeous smile, and the immediate thought in my mind was that he was probably asking me for money, which would have been more than understandable since the severely injured boy could probably have used some help.

Instead, when I reached out my hand toward his, he placed in my palm a coin of 100 Ugandan shillings. He then reached out to Erin and gave her a 200-shilling coin. I stood there with my mouth open astonished. Then I quickly reacted saying to the boy that I couldn't take his money, thank you, thank you, thank you, but asked him to take it back, he needs it more than I do. Annet translated for the boy who just kept looking back up at me with those eyes and refused to take it back—it was his gift to us and he wanted us to have it.

Tears were already in my eyes at that point, and they began their steady descent down my face from there.

The boy's name is Ivan, and he was laying all bandaged and pitiful on a mat outside when we walked up. All we did was greet him on our way into the small building, stopping to smile at him and ask what had happened to his arm. And he walked inside that room of old hospital beds to hand us his precious coins. Three hundred shillings could buy a few tomatoes, a handful of candy, a few mangoes, but here was this injured boy in a dirty, overcrowded hospital in South Sudan handing two white ladies the money he happened to have in his pockets—shouldn't it have been the other way around?

It felt to me like he had handed me pieces of his heart.

Before we left we went with Ivan's grandmother over to his small bed where he lay under a mosquito net trying to fall asleep. We tried one last time to give the money back, knowing how precious even a few hundred shillings is in this place, but he again refused with a big grin and those same bright eyes. So I said thank you in Ku Ku with as much emphasis and sincerity as I could express with my funny accent and asked if we could pray for him before we left. He accepted with grateful eyes and Erin and I prayed over him, thanking God for this little boy who showed us with a simple but profound gesture what real love looks like.

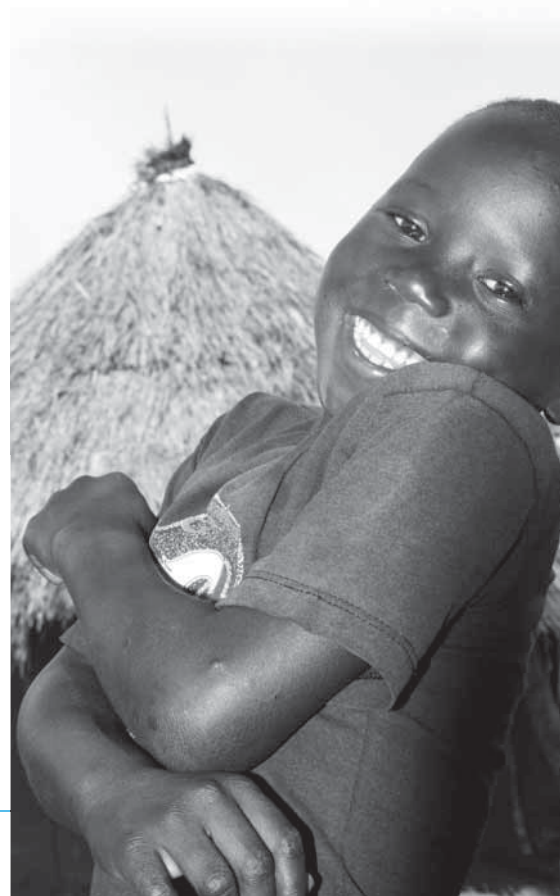
It's no wonder to me after soul-humbling moments like that one why Jesus tells us that His kingdom belongs to children like this who are free to love and share with total strangers, who smile big, toothy grins despite intense pain, who see past skin color and who hold loosely to the things that were never meant to be worshiped.

I still can't stop thinking about Ivan. It was this divine moment where all the moaning and buzzing and voices seemed to stop and everything seemed to focus intensely and clearly on what this boy had just done. I don't know if it's because for the past 10 months it has consistently felt like everyone in Adjumani is looking to me to give them

something, to solve their problems, to satisfy their needs. I don't know if it's because lately I have felt drained, like everyone needs more from me than I could ever possibly give them. I don't know what it was, but all at once God spoke to me through Ivan. What a beautiful God we love. Here was this little boy whom I instinctively thought would need something from me, but it turned out that I desperately needed something from him. God used that child to show me my own need. He used Ivan's gift to bring life back into my heart, flesh back into a cold and disillusioned heart of stone.

I think I will forever keep that 100-shilling coin that is worth more than gold to me, because in an instant it brought the sweet tears of revelation that would wash away my callousness and remind me that I'm just as needy as every other person in this place—that the real, soul-quenching treasure is to know and love Jesus and drink of His love for eternity.

Pictured below is one of the children Jaclyn has met during her time in Uganda.



Happenings at Providence

Students

Impact 2009: The Amazing Race

June 22-27

Students, join us for The Amazing Race, which will enable you to experience what it means to take the Gospel to the world. Impact will be returning to Camp Bob Cooper on Lake Marion. Rev. Finny Matthews and Carl Cartee will lead us during our worship sessions, and family groups will be challenged during the Impact Amazing Race competition. Join us June 22-27 at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, S.C. Registration details will be coming soon. Contact **Stephanie Briggs** (326-3000 or stephanie@pray.org).

College

Help Us Update Our Records

The College Ministry needs your help updating our records with current contact information. If you have a new mailing address or e-mail address please contact **Shirley Doherty** (326-3000 or shirley@pray.org).

Men

Men's Skeet Shooting Event

April 3

Boys, break out the shotgun and make plans to join us for a day of fellowship at the annual Men's Skeet Shooting Event on Friday, April 3, at Deep River Sporting Clays. We'll begin at 9 a.m. and finish with a pig pickin' lunch. For more information, contact **Rebecca Redmond** (326-3000 or rebecca@pray.org).



16th Annual
**MANLY SCRAMBLE
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Gentlemen, it's tee time! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 28. Registration and more information will be available in early February. Contact Rebecca Redmond (326-3000 or rebecca@pray.org).

Worship

OneVoice 10th Anniversary Concert

March 1

Join OneVoice for an evening of music and worship on March 1 at 6 p.m. as they celebrate 10 years of ministry. The concert will be held in the worship center, and all are invited. OneVoice is Providence's high school girl's ensemble under the direction of **Melissa McLamb**.

Community

Handyman Ministry

February 5

We will hold our monthly meeting of the Handyman Ministry on February 5 at 7:30 p.m. in room 207. We have many opportunities to serve members of our community and need volunteers to join us in this ministry. Come learn of upcoming projects and ways to be involved in this ministry. For more information, contact **Scott Ryals** (368-1105 or scott.ryals@ncmail.net).

Raleigh Gardens Easter Egg Hunt

April 4

Save the date! We will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children at Raleigh Gardens on Saturday, April 4. We need volunteers to help us share the story of Jesus' death and resurrection through resurrection eggs as well as people to prepare goody bags and help with an Easter egg hunt.

Downtown Raleigh Outreach

Volunteers have an opportunity every second Saturday of the month to help those who are homeless or in need in downtown Raleigh. We provide a hot meal for 100-200 people and share the Gospel. Volunteers are needed to provide, transport and serve food. If interested in helping serve, please meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. or downtown at Moore Square at 12 p.m., just across from the Salvation Army. For more information or to volunteer, contact **Kim Tant** (609-0063 or ktantgal@hotmail.com).

Senior Adults

Sweetheart Lunch and Learn *February 18*

Adults 55+ are invited to celebrate American Heart Month with us on February 18 at 12 p.m. in the fellowship hall. After a heart-healthy lunch, a healthcare professional from Rex Healthcare Center will teach us how to stay healthy and avoid cardiovascular diseases. Cost is \$5 at the door. Please make your reservation by February 15. Contact **Nancy Corson** (326-3000, ext. 232 or nancy@pray.org).

Salt Shakers *March 7*

Adults 55+ are cordially invited to participate in Salt Shakers, an evening of fun, fellowship and good food on March 7. Six, seven or eight participants (married and single) will be assigned to a host home. The host decides the menu; everyone brings a dish to share. Make your reservation no later than February 25. Call **Nancy Corson** (326-3000, ext. 232).

Other News

General Pickup Cabinet Procedures

For your convenience there is a cabinet in the welcome center area to leave items for others to pick up. This cabinet is located near the elevators and doors that lead out to the courtyard. It is not to be used for lost and found items. Please clearly label the item with your name, the date and name of the person who will pick up the article. We will be cleaning this cabinet out on a monthly basis and appreciate your cooperation.

Lost and Found Procedures

All lost and found items left at our main building or in the Delta Lake Center will be taken to room 601. Every attempt will be made to contact the owner. Unclaimed items will be cleaned out after 90 days. This room is open on Sundays. Room 601 can be accessed during the week by contacting **Shirley Doherty** (326-3000 or shirley@pray.org) or by contacting security in the evenings.



Free English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes Offered

Do you know international neighbors, co-workers or friends who would like to improve their English? If so, invite them to participate in Providence's ESL classes. Classes are currently in session and run every Thursday until May 14 from 7-9 p.m. on the sixth floor at Providence. New ESL student registration is available every Thursday during classes. Conversational ESL classes are also being offered every Tuesday until May 12 from 7-9 p.m. on the second floor. Free childcare is available for ESL students during Thursday evening classes. Although classes are free, there is a small charge of \$10 for materials. For more information, contact 326-3000, ext. 621, or english2language@gmail.com.



Have a Heart for Reaching Out to Internationals in Our Community?

If so, consider volunteering in Providence's ESL ministry. This spring semester volunteers are needed in the areas of ESL student recruitment and follow-up, childcare, prayer and spiritual outreach, classroom setup or tear down on Thursday evenings and for social activities. No knowledge of a foreign language is necessary to volunteer. For more information, contact **Lucy Stack** (961-3665 or lucystac@hotmail.com).

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

- 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
- LIFE Bible Studies
 - Worship/Teaching – Worship Center
- 6 p.m.
- No Evening Service (*February 1*)
 - Leadership Training
Amphitheater (*February 8*)
 - Baptism/New Members/
Benevolence
Worship Center (*February 15*)
 - Missions Festival (*February 22*)

MONDAY

- 6:45 p.m.
- Women's Precept – Room 611
- 7 p.m.
- Men's Monday Night Bible Study
 - My Evening Walk – Women's Bible Study
 - College Big D-Groups
(*February 3 and 24*)

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m.
- Men's Leadership Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
 - Women's Leadership Focus Study – Prisms
- 9:30 a.m.
- LAMBS – Amphitheater
- 12 p.m.
- Spiritual Awakening – Room 401

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m.
- Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal – Worship Center
 - DivorceCare
 - GriefShare
 - Foods That Satisfy
 - Awana
 - MOPS (*February 4 and 18*)
- 7 p.m.
- Refinery (*February 4, 18 and 25*)
 - Refuge (*February 11*)
Middle School – Amphitheater
High School – Fellowship Hall
 - Winning the Battle for Sexual Integrity (Men's Group) – Sixth Floor
 - Building a Strong Marriage
- 7:30 p.m.
- The Gathering – Delta Lake Center
(*1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays*)

THURSDAY

- 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Precept – Room 659

Elders Update

The elders meet monthly to seek God's vision for Providence and plan for the future. In our efforts to keep you informed about the church's plans and progress, we strive to include a monthly report in each edition of Inside Providence.

Meeting Highlights

- The budget for the Mexico mission trip was approved.
- A plan for assisting hurting or struggling marriages was discussed.
- The current budget status was reviewed with discussion on options given current economic challenges.

Pastoral Staff

David Horner Pastor/Teacher
 Blake Hickman Middle School Ministries
 Bob Stancil Pastoral Care
 Brian Frost Singles Ministries
 Chip Bugnar College Ministries
 Dave Owen Evangelism/College
 Eric Hamsho Music/Worship
 George Tissiere Missions
 Joel Leath Community Ministries
 Joel McDaniel Adult Ministries
 John Erwin Admin./Comm.
 Kevin Sweat Children's Ministry
 Leon Tucker Education Ministries
 Matt Morgan Elementary Children
 Mike Williams Outreach/Inreach
 Ricky Mill Shepherding Ministries
 Steve Wright Student Ministries

Elders

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 Gordon Bolin 783-4716
 Dallas Brown 851-7141
 Earle Finley 844-3605
 Ed Gainor 848-0134
 Dick Harris 876-2284
 Tony McNeill 781-3609
 David Nelson 844-9160
 Richard Newton 790-9241
 Brian Schmidt 845-3439
 Mark Stowers 529-4574

Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting on February 15 after the evening service.

Staff Anniversaries

Joan Ruff 11 years
 Eric Hamsho 9 years
 Blake Hickman 7 years
 Lynn Swanson 5 years
 Lian Liu 5 years
 Beth McMillan 5 years
 Kevin Wood 2 years

Attendance Averages

November 2008

Worship		LIFE Bible Studies	
8:00	406	8:00	108
9:30	936	9:30	1,374
11:00	923	11:00	1,011
Total	2,265	Total	2,493

New Arrivals

The Providence family celebrates with:

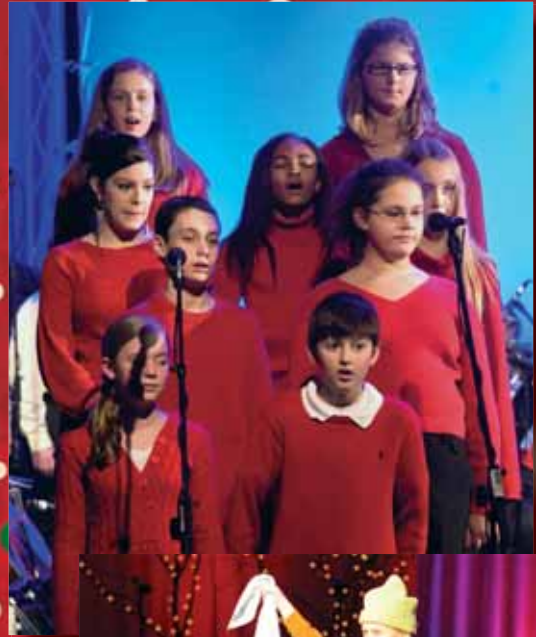
- **Kyle and Kelly Lynch**, the birth of their son, Joshua Armstrong, November 16
- **Blake and Amber Hickman**, the birth of their son, Judah Riley, December 2
- **Luke and Rockie Mehaffie**, the birth of their son, Isaac Andrew, December 3
- **Arnaud and Chelsea Le Chatelier**, the birth of their son, Thibault Georges Marie, December 9

Sympathy

The Providence family offers its sympathy upon the deaths of:

- **Irene Urko's** father, Walter Domashovetz
- **Janet Look's** sister, Cathy Chavez
- **Sandra Rhyme's** father, Dr. Jimmie Lee Rhyme

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Mary Kassian is an award-winning author, internationally renowned speaker, and a distinguished professor at Southern Baptist Seminary. She has published several books, Bible studies and videos and is a popular conference speaker who has ministered to women's groups internationally. She and her husband, Brent, have three sons: Clark, Matthew and Jonathan. The Kassians enjoy biking, hiking, music, mountains, campfires and their family pets: Miss Kitty and a black lab, General Beau.

Scott and Alisa Shaw

Worship Leaders



During the last 15 years, Scott and Alisa have led worship in a variety of venues from retreats and conferences to churches across the United States. After serving several years on staff at Providence, Scott and Alisa currently lead worship at Moses Lake Alliance Church where Scott serves as the Pastor of Worship & Music. They met at Cedarville

University in Ohio where Scott studied Church Music Ministry while Alisa earned degrees in Music Education and Vocal Performance. Along with a love for music, the two enjoy serving in the church, spending time with their three children, and feeding a shared addiction to Starbucks Coffee.

Friday & Saturday
April 17 & 18

Friday: 6-9:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

Registration Fee \$40 (by April)
Late Registration Fee \$45

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