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.Greetings ICM!

Interior Coverings is now going into our 3rd year as a non-profit organization. In this newsletter we would like to reflect back and share some of what the ministry has been a part of these past few years. We have had an interesting journey on where the Lord has been taking us, and how we are to be connected to the body of Jesus Christ.

Everyone, including myself, that has been a part of the ministry came as a volunteer giving of their time and financial contributions to help get the ministry started. We have encouraged this heart to give; however, we didn't believe the world needed another church with a building program. We also were aware that the kind of teachings the Lord was giving us to share would not be palatable for everyone, and that HE would show us where He wanted His messages to go. For this reason, we began the ministry as a website, and home church. It has be a wonderful learning experience for us to connect with the world-wide web of the family of God. It has removed the flesh and emotions of our natural self, allowing the creative power of His word to become Life to others in areas we may never have the opportunity to travel to in the natural. Today, Interior Coverings Ministry has filtrated into over 30 states in the USA, and 15 countries around the world. This has been accomplished by God with minimum overhead expense and the heart of volunteers.

We have been blessed with receiving financial contributions from people that believe in what ICM is

doing. We have now come to another area of opportunity for the ministry. Our primary focus has been to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light (2 Timothy 1:9-10). Rather than starting a building program that would involve an increase of overhead expenses, ICM is opening up a scholarship program to encourage short term missions.

We see America as being blessed by God. Even the poorest of the poor are rich compared to what the rest of the body of Christ is surviving with in other parts of the world. The experience that ICM has received in working with outreach missions has beenf BRINGING FORTH THE SONS OF GOD with spiritual growth and development through short term missions. This happens when individuals take on a heart of wanting to love and give to those less fortunate, and are willing to make sacrifices for this to happen.

The success of ICM's scholarship program will be based on the belief of contributors wanting to be partners with us. We will not be able to help everyone, but what we are asking is for those with a desire to go with an organization to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and are required to raise your own financial support, to please send us a letter. Each application will be taken before the board of directors for consideration of helping with sponsorship.

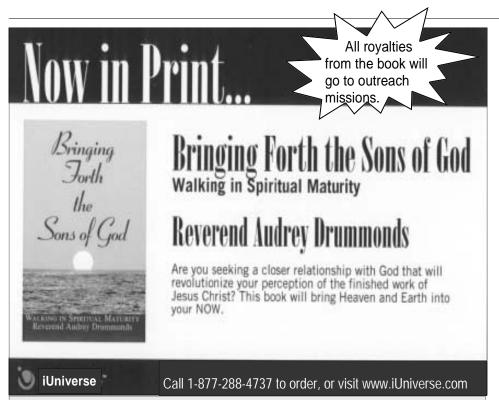
We have designed this newsletter with some of the feedback we have received of the importance of doing outreach and foreign missions. We have also included recognition to our service men who have given their lives for America, one nation under God.

I hope you will enjoy reading these letters, and please be aware that our Heavenly

Father gave us each the ability to speak a universal language of His love. It is with the heart we can give, with our eyes we can laugh, with out mouth we can smile, and with our arms we can hug. With these communication skills we can each spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ one person at a time to bring the fullness of the body of Christ to the Father.

May you receive our Father's blessings of love each and every day,

Reverend Audrey



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What is a SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP?

By Audrey Drummonds

People ask me, "What is a short-term mission trip?" It is a group of people going into another culture to fulfill the Great commission of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. The thing that inspires people is that for around 7-10 days they have the opportunity to roll back the pages of the Bible and travel with the mindset of Paul and Barnabas. They can live in a second culture and be touched by the magnetism of Jesus Christ across our world.

What is the PURPOSE of a short-term mission trip? Every team has a goal or purpose that binds them together as a band of brothers and sisters. Some go to evangelize by teaching or preaching. Others go to simply build a worship place for the people or to relieve pain. As people leave the USA, they must realize they are moving into another culture. It is hard for us to change our world view, but while we are in another country we must alter our American world view. Our trip must also

have a spiritual theme that guides our team. The theme is, "WE HAVE COME TO SERVE" based on Mark 10:45.

- Servant hood means knowing the master Jesus Christ personally.
- Servant hood means dying to ourselves and lifting up the Christian Life for others to benefit from.
- Servant hood means having an attitude of giving all.
- Servant hood means striving for humility in all things.

Short-term mission work is the willingness to go into areas of the world for others to see Jesus Christ in you, so that they will be drawn to the Father.

If you apply for a mission trip, you will return home, but your life will never be the same. You will suddenly realize that you were all excited about blessing others, but you will find that they are the ones who have blessed you.

We at Interior Coverings Ministry would like to be a part of your journey. We enjoy the opportunity to make available scholarship funding for short-term mission work. Some of us are sent to plant seed, some are sent to water, and some have the opportunity to harvest the fields, but all are a part of the fullness of His plan to cover the earth with His glory.

Please mail us your financial situation with information about your trip, the information of the group you will be going with, the purpose of the mission, and any contact information which would be helpful for us to consider your financial request for support.

Let us expect great things from God as we attempt great things for Him together.

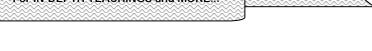
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Responses from the Mission Field . . .

Frontier Missions

Things are moving in Montana! Pastor Mike Raether reports to us that there are now two congregations in the remote areas of St. Regis, Montana. Volunteers have stepped forward with the construction of church buildings. Both churches, Superior Baptist and West End Baptist are moving forward with a vision statement of being directed by God to discover the spiritual giftedness of the congregations. They are also starting a home group evangelistic Bible study. These are huge miracle working powers being manifested by God in the midst of the surrounding darkness in this region.

We thank our Heavenly Father for remember all His children in every part of the Earth.

For the earth belongs to Him and the Fullness of it,

Pastor Mike

Top and bottom photos... Volunteers building churches for Montana Frontier Missions projects.







Dear ICM,

Thank you so much for your donation to my trip to Ghana. Our itinerary was very tightly planned out. We were in a very remote area in the northwestern interior of Ghana. Our purpose there was to help establish a new Bible School, and conduct a pastoral conference. We had the opportunity

to share the love of the Lord on an all night bus ride to Takoradi which is very different from what a bus ride would be in the USA. We spent time sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ there, along with other activities, and then we went to Bibiani for a few days, before returning back to Takoradi. God blessed us with safety and success with an awareness of life for our brothers and sisters in Christ in other parts of the world.

Love in Christ, Nancy Portin

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The next time you feel like GOD can't use you, just remember...

Noah was a drunk Abraham was too old Isaac was a daydreamer Jacob was a liar Joseph was abused Moses had a stuttering problem Gideon was afraid Samson had long hair and was a womanizer Jeremiah and Timothy were too young David had an affair and was a murderer Elijah was suicidal Jonah ran from God Naomi was a widow Job went bankrupt Peter denied Christ The Disciples fell asleep while praying Martha worried about everything The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once Zaccheus was too small Timothy had an ulcer...AND Lazarus was dead!

...No more excuses now!





<u>PHOTOS</u>: <u>Top</u> - Dr. Gerald and Karen Freeman of Global Outreach in showing some love to a Costa Rican girl. (Global Outreach International)

<u>Bottom</u> - Randy Newberry - A baptism in the ocean.

Dear Interior Coverings,

Thank you so much for helping East European Harvest with your financial contributions as well as: donation of binders, glue guns, and the volunteers' support of binding Bibles for China. Over 3,000 Bibles were put together by hand...Wow! Thank you also for spending time at our Bindery and with our jail ministry here in Alabama.

In His Service, Debbie Erdman & Suzette Vickery



Dear Friends of ICM,

Thank you for your partnership with Global Outreach International. This has allowed us to become a vital link between the missionary on the field and His base of support in the USA. Our connection together has provided the ability to reach out to more missionaries in more countries, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. We have just added another country in which we are working, Moldova. This brings a total of 30 countries we are now connected to in outreach missions.

Serving Him together,

Wes White



Hello Sis Audrey.

We had an exciting time over there. I guess you've heard the news reports. I am going to send you a letter with pictures from over there. The services were great. The convention went very well ,400 to 500 every night.. The second week we went to the churches in the mountains, that was a challenge in itself, just getting to them. But there were still somewhere around a 100 people or more way out there. there were several people that came to the Lord for the first time, many were ministered to for healing and what ever the needs were God blessed tremendously.

Thanks for the help, financially and the prayers. We had a couple of close calls. One night the presidents police stopped us. They came running out of the woods firing shots in the air to make us stop then they came up to the van we were in with guns pointed at our heads we thought they were going to shoot, then the Pastor in the back of the van yelled to tell them who he was and one of the guys with the guns recognized him and told them not to shoot and to let us go. We definitely were thankful to the Lord for that. On the morning that we went to the airport, which was 2 days earlier than we had planned but they were insisting all Americans leave as soon as possible, we had just got in the airport when we heard that they had shut the road down outside and were shooting people in the parking lot . So you see it was an interesting trip.

Thanks again and God Bless you, Randy Newberry

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Hi Everybody,

I arrived home last night but I am in some sort of culture shock and travel adjustment today. It was all much more than I expected. The poverty, needs and life there places a really renewed perspective on things for me. I was really in boot camp for a week, worked hard and saw a lot. The barrio team served mostly in the rural areas near the Haitian border. We started out early

each day and would travel up to 1 1/2 hours in rugged mountainous roads to our destinations. I worked with the Pediatrician and we saw over 200 plus kids; I helped some evenings in the recovery room too at the clinic complex where another team was performing surgeries all day. I was mostly out there traveling to designated towns with a team of doctors. They brought a huge amount of medicines from the states and we were able to examine and treat as well.

People would storm and crowd our bus for help everywhere we went.... that part was emotionally draining to say the least. Third world disease and illiteracy were commonplace. Prayed over people, spoke to them about the love of God and gave out scripture

cards everywhere. There were evangelist teams from the local churches also preaching and bringing the word at the same time in most places. I really believe the team and I brought hope and life to the area because of "Christ in us", Amen. It was awesome. Praise God.

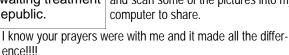
Also connected with two local churches (a Mennonite and a Pen-

tecostal Church) and blessed them with a gift and both said it would be used for instruments for the church and one will finish a bathroom (they had none).

The team was GREAT! The love flowed through everyone. I was able to share a devotional with the team one night and God blessed it mightily! It

was very rewarding and the people of Dominican Republic were friendly and warm towards us. It was one divine appointment after another. I even ministered the salvation message to a Dominican immigration official at the airport just before we left and prayed with him; that is a story to share!

I did enjoy a <u>hot</u> shower last night and my cushy bed....a lot! I have so much more to share! I just wanted to let you know that I am safe and sound. I took about 7 rolls of film so I am going to try and make a power point presentation and scan some of the pictures into my computer to share.



Thanks again for your support and prayers.

I look forward to seeing you all again.

Blessings,

I embrace you in love, Marlene



Mother with child awaiting treatment in the Dominican Republic.

Sister Audrey,

Thank you to ICM for helping with our mission trip to Africa. Brother Simeon's had requested for us to bring on our trip microphones for his church. Thank you for helping us with these purchases. Be blessed, and know you have a part of what is accomplished while we are there.

We are ONE BODY!

Tina and Marvin Grant, Speaking Life Ministries



Hi Sister Audrey,

Blessings to you and yours at this holy Resurrection Day. Let the joy be in you for the rest of your life. Bless the Lord. Thank you so much for your uplifting words in your e-mail.

We love you in Jesus' Name.

Evangelist Jeff Z. Kazanofski & Daphne www.fromhearttoheartministry.com

In March of 2004 I went on a construction mission trip with the First Baptist Church of Groveland. The group went to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua to improve the facilities of the mission property established there. Plumbing for bathrooms, electrical for lights and receptacles, construction of a porch, and the building of a clinic were all part of our construction project. While we were there, we went to Church with the Miskito Indians. When we were not doing construction, we used our time to hand out tracts to children and adults, and we did a prayer walk to all four corners of the town square. The leadership of this mission was done by Jim and Viola Palmer whom we ask that you continue to pray for the planting of churches among the Miskito Indians in Nicaragua and Honduras.

Thank you ICM for your financial support in allowing us to



God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

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Angels in Iraq

by Lieutenant Carey Cash

Praise the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty creatures who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands" Psalm 103:20 NLT

Our battalion was given orders to seize the presidential palace on the Tigris River. And we went into the center of that city, not realizing that about a thousand Fedayeen were waiting for us. And at four in the morning, in the dark, they literally unleashed all their fury. It became essentially a nine-hour ambush, from urban fighting, close quarters. The results should have yielded untold casualties and many, many Marines dead. Just because of the sheer volume of fire, we suspected anywhere from a 1,000 to 1,500 rocket-propelled grenades were shot at the lead elements of our convoy.

When I got to the palace the next day and began to talk to the Marines, and go and visit them - and we did lose one man - what I saw was not a battalion licking its wounds and overwhelmed with the fight they had just endured. But literally it looked like I'd come upon a group of men who had walked through the Red Sea. Over and over the stories kept coming out to me, and I would realize the debt that I had, to begin to record these... "Chaplain, let me tell you what God did for me; Chaplain, the angels that we have been talking about for weeks, preceding this war, shielded me and protected me. It was amazing."

Rocket-propelled grenades would come at them, and literally curve in mid-air and go around them. Untold Marines shared with me that rockets would come and literally dive down as if batted by some unseen hand. We had one rocket go through a Humvee passengerside window, and explode in the compartment. Without a doubt, it should have killed every man in that

vehicle. And yet, when the explosion came through, it blew out the front of the windshield, and so it exploded out instead of in, and not a single man was injured.

When we crossed in the line of departure, we immediately met a section of Iraqi tanks that we had not suspected would be there. In fact, intelligence had not confirmed or reported their presence. We came across the border, it was in the dark, their turrets were leveled, we were exposed, we were at a point of what is called critical vulnerability, and their main guns never fired on us. They were fully manned by Iraqi soldiers and the company commander told me, after the fight, about that incident. He said, "Chaplain, if their main guns had fired, all it would have taken is one round to hit one of our armored personnel carriers and 20-30 marines would have been dead in an instant."

And what I recall after hearing that is remembering back to the countless letters I had received from churches across the nations, saying we are praying specifically that when you cross that border, God would restrain and confuse the enemy. And the fact that those tanks didn't fire and that 3,000 enemy soldiers surrendered in mass and

in concert, tells me that God answered those prayers of the people back here in the United States.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You promised us that you are a God who is able to deliver us. Lord, so often when the events of our world become dark, we fail to remember that truth.

I would pray right now, a special anointing on our men and women in Iraq, who are on the front lines and witnessing death and destruction, and witnessing a world in upheaval, that they would know beyond a shadow of a doubt, as we speak, the awesome power and presence of Almighty God. I pray, oh Lord, that this time would be a time in their life that, if they haven't, they would draw closer to the heart of Jesus Christ. And that you would raise up a nation of prayer warriors to intercede every day on their behalf. To go to the throne room so that we might lift these men up, and they would accomplish their just cause, and they would be protected and shielded, and ultimately that they would know the saving love of their Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. We commit them unto your care and keeping. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

The Preacher And A Little Boy

One Sunday morning the preacher noticed little David was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church building. It was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it.

The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time so the preacher walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, David."

"Good morning, sir," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque.

"Sir, what are all these names and little flags for?"

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

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History Forgotten



Author Unknown

Did you know that 52 of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were orthodox, deeply committed Christians? The other three all believed in the Bible as the divine truth, the God of scripture, and His personal intervention.

It is the same Congress that formed the American Bible Society. Immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of scripture for the people of this nation.

Patrick Henry, who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is still remembered for his words, "Give me liberty or give me death." But in current textbooks the context of these words is deleted. Here is what he actually said: "An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left

us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death." These sentences have been

erased from our textbooks. Was Patrick Henry a Christian? The following year, 1776, he wrote this "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."

Consider these words that Thomas Jefferson wrote on the front of his well-worn Bible: "I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator "I He was also the chairman of the American Bible Society, which he considered his highest and most important role.

On July 4, 1821, President Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

Calvin Coolidge, our 30th President of the United States reaffirmed this truth when he wrote, "The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country.."

In 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

William Holmes McGuffey is the author of the McGuffey Reader, which was used for over 100 years in our public schools with over 125 million copies sold until it was stopped in 1963....

President Lincoln called him the 'Schoolmaster of the Nation'.

Listen to these words of Mr. McGuffey: "The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our notions on the character of God, on the great moral Governor of the universe. On its doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions. From no source has the author drawn more conspicuously than from the sacred Scriptures.. From all these extracts from the Bible I make no apology."

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first, Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures: "Let every student

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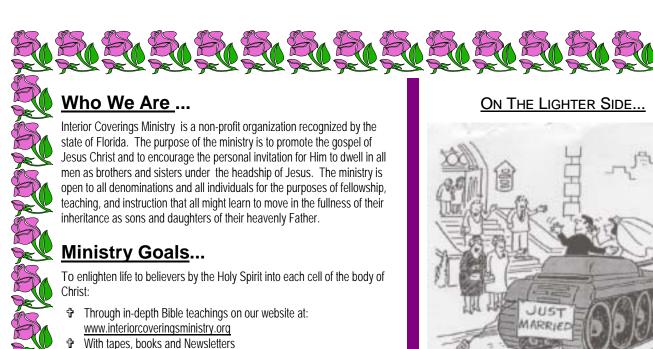
be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation for our children to follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.

James Madison, the primary author of the Constitution of the United States, said this: "We have staked the whole future of our new nation not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

Today, we are asking God to bless America. But, how can He bless a Nation that has departed so far from Him? Prior to September 11, He was not welcome in America. Most of what you read in this article has been erased from our textbooks. Revisionists have rewritten history to remove the truth about our country's Christian roots.

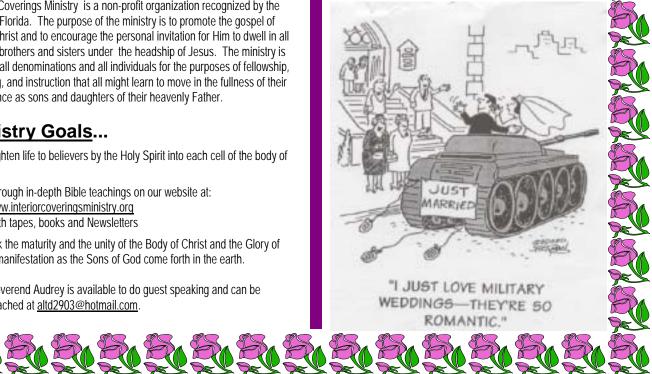
You are encouraged to share with others, so that the truth of our nation's history will be told.

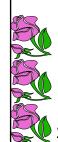
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We seek the maturity and the unity of the Body of Christ and the Glory of God in manifestation as the Sons of God come forth in the earth.

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