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NEWS OF SPRING & SUMMER ADVENTURE!

From: England, Kenya, Ecuador, South Africa, Honduras and New Mexico

Dear Friends,

There are not very many things in this world that we can be ABSOLUTELY sure of. I can think of only three. One is that we can be SURE that things around us WILL eventually change. Two is that we will all die someday (unless the Lord “raptures” us). The third is that we can be SURE that God will NOT change. **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8.** This gives us the assurance that God’s promises are sure, in spite of our circumstances. Whew!!! That makes me feel a lot better about EVERYTHING!

I know I’m following the same theme that I did in our last newsletter; but with the unemployment rate approaching 10% in America, I know that many of you may wonder where God is at this time of economic hardship. I DO know that God IS still there for you ... and for me. He still wants us to walk in faith and reach out to others. God demonstrated this principle to us in a great way through our MFMI concert tour of the Southeast US recently. It was about a week before the tour was to begin and we only had about 7 confirmed bookings for the month. I had been advised by some to cancel the tour. I prayed, and the Lord was very clear. He said, **“Go... and I will open up many opportunities for you.**

Go and strengthen My people. This is not a time for you to pull back.” Within a week there were several more bookings and many opened up spontaneously along the way. We ended up ministering 24 times! What an incredible time of blessing it was for us, and the wonderful people we met along the way. Some of you receiving this newsletter are some of those new friends we met on that tour. Thank you for your great hospitality!

As you read this newsletter, rejoice with us that we have not had to slow down our ministry during this time. We have made some extra efforts to be frugal concerning our finances, but because of the generosity of friends like you, we are continuing to make ministry plans for this coming year. May we all experience the blessed truth, **“It is in giving that we receive”.**

Safe in His Grace,
Karen Lafferty, Director

England Ministry Tour March 4 - 17, 2009

It was the second time Karen Lafferty had been awarded the “Radio Mic Award” for the radio play her music had been getting on the “New Christian Music” world-wide charts. NCM is an organization based in the United

Kingdom that markets Christian songs to 800 Christian radio stations around the world (not in America). Each year NCM holds an Awards Weekend at Leighton Buzzard in England. It had been fifteen years since Karen had ministered in the UK. She was very excited to return and renew some old friendships, visit YWAM bases in the London area, and attend the NCM Weekend. Karen’s calling through the years has always included giving young Christians the opportunity to “spread their wings” a bit. Traveling with her were Danette Chappell, a young musician/photographer, and Callie Evans, who has a calling for Europe.



The three had some beautiful accommodations and great connections as they lodged their first week at YWAM Harpenden Highfield Oval, north of London. The NCM Awards Weekend was full of interviews, concerts, great fellowship and giving of awards. Karen

was presented the “Radio Mic Award” as an American Female Worship Artist from Country Music artist George Hamilton IV. She was also able to contribute to the UK DVD series called “Principles of Praise”, which can be viewed on YouTube under “Karen Lafferty on Seek Ye First”. Callie and Danette kept busy manning the MFMI info table. Danette helped document the whole tour with her awesome photography skills.

The rest of the two weeks were spent ministering to the staff and students at YWAM Harpenden and YWAM Holmstead Mannor and performing concerts. Danette played bass guitar and helped with back up vocals, while Callie would take a part of the programs to share her passion to minister in Scotland and “wow” the Brits with her New Mexico cowgirl roping skills. The three also ministered at Calvary Chapels in the London area where Karen reunited with friends from the Jesus Movement, Pastor Alwyn Wall (Westminster) and Pastor Ron Matson (Portsmouth). One of Karen’s former MFM Amsterdam staff, Neil and Karen Leatherbarrow, booked the team for an assembly at a London Christian high school. Many from other faiths attend because of the quality of education. The Leatherbarrows are part of Steiger International (www.Steiger.org), a youth ministry that started in Amsterdam about the same time as MFMI.

Some YWAM friends gave the group awesome sightseeing days in Oxford and London. Learning about many incredible historic sites gave the three a good taste of Britain and a more passionate heart for the people of the British Isles.

Honduras: Music Seminar – MFM Staff

MFM staff spent March 11–May 11

working in Honduras in Central America. They had two main objectives for the two month stay. The first was working alongside the full time staff of the Pan American Health Services orphanage taking care of 25 children in the rehabilitation wing of the facility. For 4 weeks they worked almost daily helping to feed, bathe, and clothe the children, and also put them to bed. They also helped to maintain the sanitation of the building where the children were housed. The children were very young, ranging from toddler to 7 years old and many of them were in severe stages of malnutrition or had serious physical problems. It was a joy to help and



be a part of giving these children a chance at life, they said. The other objective they had during their stay was to host a three-week music seminar for the local Christian musicians. While working in Honduras in the past, Jennifer Bullock became aware of the need for musical training and a biblical foundation for musical worship. Shortly after she began to work on bringing that to life. God provided a wonderful team of teachers from Ecuador, Venezuela, Honduras, and the MFM US staff. During the afternoons they taught instrument classes. Then each evening they hosted general sessions from 6–8:30 PM. In the evening sessions they taught everything from “teamwork” and “unity”, to “songwriting” and “operating a sound system”. We had about 50 local musicians involved in the seminar. We found ourselves working with lots of young musicians who they believe are going to be the next generation of Christian leaders in the Pena Blanca area. They did their best to invest into these young people and to trust God to do a work in their hearts. It was an amazing 2 months in Honduras.

KENYA, AFRICA

Wow--the Lord is doing so much in Kenya right now--where do I begin? I think the nation is being shaken right now as never before and it's creating a hunger for God's mercy and love to fill. People are more in need than ever before, and they are open to receive and learn.

Fred, Jude and I just returned from an amazing season there where God opened the doors to do village evangelism, teaching, discipleship with college-age Christians, high-school ministry, women's prison, and to host a cell-group to refresh and encourage missionaries. Honestly, I have never felt more opportunities to share the Lord in any one season of my life. That trip really helped us sharpen our vision for our long-term goals in Kenya.

We feel like the most unmet needs are in the villages where people are barely surviving with their farms and are not getting access to any outside help, spiritually or physically. In these rural areas, it seems that poverty begets poverty and ignorance keeps the cycle going.

We have several projects in mind to go along with our evangelistic efforts: starting small businesses to create jobs and a "real world" environment for discipleship, using multi-media and video projection to teach about HIV/AIDS (many people still believe it is caused

View of the Kerio valley, Kenya



by witchcraft or mosquitos) and other practical life skills, and also showing films that will portray the gospel in a way that Kenyans can understand and relate to in their own lives. Lastly (for now), I would like to find some sponsors for children in the village that are suffering from hunger.

We need to raise \$1500 monthly support to return for about two years to pursue this vision. That will include ministry needs and transportation, as well as our own family needs. We are also praying about what businesses we can do there to help us to support our ministry. If you would like to make a monthly pledge, you can contact YWAM Santa Fe through www.musiciansformissions.com and donate to Fred or Kim Masoni. If you want to hear more about child sponsorship, you can email me directly at kimsong5@yahoo.com.

Blessings,

The Masonis

NEWS BRIEFS

Honduras Mission Trip

Because of political unrest, the mission trip scheduled for July 10 – 18 has been postponed until October 16 – 24. The ministry team will include people from First Baptist of Santa Fe (including Pastor Lee Herring) and others from New Mexico and around the US. The team is excited to be able to minister in an orphanage, hold VBS, conduct a pastors seminar, visit the poor, help with medical needs, help restore a home and lead worship services.

Jennifer Bullock on leave

Jennifer (Jen) has been helping the YWAM Santa Fe team for three years in the areas of photography, booking concert tours and teaching in schools. Although she is feeling the need for a break from ministry with YWAM Santa

Fe, she will continue to live in Santa Fe part time. She will also be spending time with her family in Mississippi, and be making some trips to Honduras, as this is one of the main focuses of her ministry. Pray for her as she makes some important decisions concerning her future.

New Mexico Ministry

The MFMI staff (Chad & Meagen Moody and Karen Lafferty) continue to minister in local churches and nursing homes weekly through worship leading, special music and concerts. If your church or ministry has a need, call our MFMI office at 505-471-5872 or email us at YWAMSantaFe@gmail.com



Sandy Hoffman CD Release

This has been a long wait, that has been well worth it. Sandy's guitar instrumental CD is a beautiful compilation of self composed instrumentals that were inspired by scenes from his Santa Fe home, North Carolina roots, travels around the world and the Holy Spirit. Although the CD is called *Sereno* (the Spanish word for serene and the name of the street Sandy lives on)



there are a few "toe tappers" that are sure to make you smile. *Sereno* may be heard and purchased at www.EssentialWorship.com

Omar and Elizabeth Williams are going to have a baby!!

In our last newsletter we were congratulating one of our former staff, Elizabeth Hamm on her marriage to Omar Williams. NOW we're happy to announce... they are going to have a little GIRL!! Carmen Adara is due on November 17th. A lot of good changes are coming. Read more about their ministry at DreamCenterak.org or contact them at bethlehamm7@hotmail.com



Karen Lafferty receives ACT "Pioneer Award"

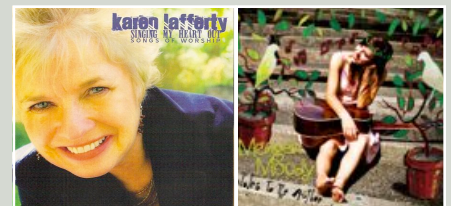
Artists in Christian Testimony presented Karen with their "2009 Pioneer Award" at a recent ACT Missions Forum in Nashville, Tennessee. Read about this award and other recipients at www.ACTinternational.org

Additional Hands in Santa Fe

Thanga & Christina Nohro, MFM India staff, are currently working in Santa Fe and will be ministering locally until December. Next year they will return to India to continue their work.

MUSIC

Check out some of the music available from Karen Lafferty, Meagen Moody, and the "School Of Music in Missions" projects at our MFM Store!



A SUMMER OF MINISTRY

University of the Nations Workshop & College of Arts and Sports Leadership Meetings – Karen Lafferty

This is the year for the bi-annual University of the Nations Workshop. The U of N is the main training arm of YWAM. The training and equipping emphasis in YWAM started with the School of Evangelism (SOE) and Discipleship Training School (DTS). As God spoke to the YWAM leaders about the importance of influencing ALL areas of society, specialized schools began to develop to launch YWAMers into the “Seven Mind Molders” (education, business, science & technology, art and entertainment, sports, government, and church), many courses began to form. Having received a Bachelors of Music Education, Karen has always felt that training the next generation of music ministers was part of her ministry. For many years now Karen has been on the College of Arts (CAS) and Sports leadership committee. In this role, she, along with about ten others from around the world, encourage and oversee the CAS courses.

The U of N Workshop will be held in four locations simultaneously from September 1 - 13. This gives better chances for more YWAMers to attend. The sites this year are Lausanne (Switzerland), Kiev (Ukraine), Cairo (Egypt) and Capetown (South Africa). Karen will be in South Africa to help conduct an arts festival in conjunction with the

Workshop and to teach two seminars on using the arts in missions. These times together are key for keeping a common vision and the focus on the Lord.

Following the Workshop, Karen will fly to Cairo, Egypt to be part of the CAS leadership meetings. These should be exciting gatherings as we hear about the courses that are running in many nations around the world.

Music Seminar: Ecuador – Chad and Meagen Moody

Our most recent project was a 3-week music seminar in Quito, Ecuador. Meagen and I have spent extensive time in Mexico and Honduras but this was our first time to South America. We were invited by the Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Cumbaya to be part of the Music and Arts seminar.

Ecuador is made up of many indigenous people groups and is rich in resources such as oil, timber, and gold. It is also one of only 18 countries in the world having a “mega diverse biosystem”, meaning Ecuador hosts a large variety of plant and animal life.

The Music and Arts seminar hosted about 70 students over the 3-week period. The classes included music theory, piano, voice, guitar, bass guitar, drums, painting and cooking. Meagen and I were teaching music theory, piano, voice, guitar and bass guitar. It was an amazing time for the two of us to see the stu-

dents so eager to learn and to grow in excellence, and to use their talents to glorify God. We also found God giving us a heart to invest in the students and to trust in Him to use these men and women in the future for His purposes.

The long-term vision of worship pastor Gustavo Samaniego, who was over seeing the seminar is to have a full time Christian music and arts school operating alongside of CMA Church of Cumbaya. We were privileged to be a part of the first steps of working towards that goal. Classes will continue once a week from now until the end of the year and possibly by then the Music and Arts school will begin to operate in it’s own building on a full time basis. The arts are such an important part of Christian culture and Worship and we need to continue to encourage excellence in Christian Art and Music.

Meagen and I always find that as we step out in obedience to Him, He is always faithful lead us and to work in us. We are thankful for the opportunity we had to glorify Him in Ecuador and we look forward to seeing how God will use the musicians and artist who are being trained in Ecuador to be worshippers in Spirit and in Truth.



Chad & Meagen with CMA Pastors

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