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Maple Springs Baptist Church of Capitol Heights, Md., is dedicated to the growth of a new clinic it built in Kenya. And God continues to move in marvelous ways. People are being touched because Maple Springs leveraged its philanthropy and faith to help expand existing Lott Carey ministries—the right prescription for ailing villages in and around Kericho.

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The Rev. Dr. Dale L. Johnson is Pastor of The Way of the Cross Baptist Church, Palmrya, Virginia, a grandmother, and an administrator at Virginia University of Lynchburg. So why is this expert on foreign missions and HIV/AIDS ministry reaching out to the Lott Carey network? To help grandmothers in Africa care for children orphaned when HIV/AIDS takes their parents.

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Extending Global Mission Means Extending Global Partnerships

Size, location, and budget do not make a church. The health of a church is clearly known by its commitment to missions

The Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention helps churches extend the Christian witness to the ends of the earth. The work of Christian missions belongs to the church. It cannot be outsourced. However, while local congregations can do some things well, global missional impact is best done in collaboration. It doesn't work well in isolation. That is some of the value that Lott Carey's network adds. We are able to enable partnerships on the missional journey that enlarge congregations' missional work around the world.

This issue of the Lott Carey Herald showcases the work of some churches in the Lott Carey network that are hearing God call them to global missional impact in exciting ways. Each of the congregations you will read about in these pages is a great supporting partner in the Lott Carey network. They invest regularly and generously in our core global programs of evangelism, education, and health.

However, these churches have heard God calling them for additional engagement. I am grateful for pastors and churches that see the value of working with existing global partners in the Lott Carey network to enlarge their capacities and contribution to God's vision for a world of well-being. Rather than trying to start something new from the beginning, they have seen the value of coming alongside more closely global partners who have demonstrated accountability and impact to help them do what the Spirit is leading them to do better. These churches are not preoccupied with their own credit. Instead, they are preoccupied with working for Christ and working

with sisters and brothers who do good work, yet are open to additional support along the way.

Finally, the stories in these pages reflect different kinds of churches that are creatively and generously making impact around the world. I have had the privilege of worship and preaching in each of these congregations and count each pastor as a friend. One of these churches has thousands and thousands of members and is located in one of the largest cities in the country. One of these churches has hundreds of members and sits just outside an important mid-sized city. One of these churches has scores of members and is located in rural America. The beautiful thing is that each church is making major impact irrespective the size of the membership or location of its community. Size, location, and budget do not make a church. The health of a church is clearly known by its commitment to missions. After all, a church without missions isn't a church at all!

On mission with Christ,

David

David



Generosity and Faith

Everyone knew God was at work when Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Penn., vowed to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to support a program focused on saving youth from gangs, drugs and prostitution—in South Africa. Now, Lott Carey partners and affiliates are working with Dr. Alyn E. Waller, Pastor and Lott Carey's Second Vice President, on purchasing a farm so the rehabilitation mission can expand. Jacobus and Erica Nomdoe, Directors of the “Teen Challenge” program, file this report. E-mail them at teenchallenge@webmail.co.za.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH

AFRICA—Greetings from our entire family in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. On behalf of the Teen Challenge family we herewith express our sincere gratitude for the generous support our Enon Family provided Teen Challenge. Without your generosity, we would not have been able to provide young men and women with basic toiletries and underclothes.

The core work of Teen Challenge SA – Western Cape is to rescue women, children and youth from the devastating traps of drug abuse, gangs, prostitution and human trafficking. Cape Town is notorious for these activities and ranked second highest in the number of gang related murders in 2009. It has been regarded as the murder capitol of South Africa. Teen Challenge contributes significantly to combating these destructive subcultures through our very effective residential recovery homes.

In light of the alarming increased rate of substance abuse, we have made a conscious decision to focus more on our prevention strategies to reduce the demand for illegal sub-



stances. The Lord has been extremely graceful toward us in this area as numerous doors of ministry opened for us to present and introduce our prevention programs in public schools, churches, and government departments.

The goals of Teen Challenge are:

- To establish and develop residential recovery programs in every province of South Africa where needy persons can find a place to be restored to wholeness.

- To extend the capacity of our prevention program to train and equip more people who will be mobilized in schools on a permanent basis.



- To establish and develop support groups that will assist in the combat of the destructive subcultures.

We are having an impact in several areas:

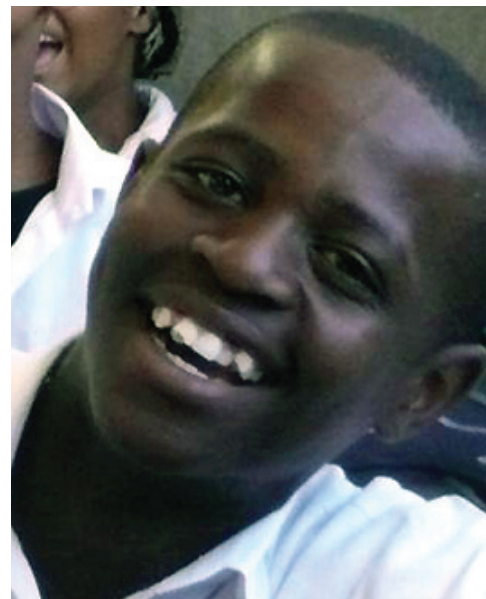
- We have a unique residential program where up to 15 women and 45 men find solace and restoration.

- Our “Tiger” prevention program is helping children ages 7–14 stay clear of drug abuse, gangs and prostitution. Through this program, more than 30,000 learners were ministered to in public schools.

- The “S.T.A.R.S” (Students Taking A Right Stand) Program ministers to 13,000 high school students, who are encouraged to talk open-



Yielding Divine Results



ly about the temptations and their involvement in unhealthy lifestyles.

- We feed about 150 children and up to 200 adults weekly. We're grateful that our residential students give back to the community by preparing meals.

Our work is relevant and essential. Cape Town is notorious for its gang and drug related activities, which includes trafficking in humans and prostitution.

Extremely vicious gangs in Cape Town sometimes rule entire communities that become breeding grounds for violence, crime, and drug abuse.

The 18,000 gang-related murders

speaks to the kind of society we live in. Drug abuse among young children is escalating. Children as young as seven are targeted by drug and gang bosses. Every day we witness the hopelessness of devastated parents whose young girls and boys trapped in these subcultures.

Human trafficking is also on the rise. A new trend is for traffickers to post pictures of young teen girls and post them "For Sale" on web sites. If a buyer responds, the girls is kidnapped and delivered.

While there is much despair, there is much hope. Our campaigns in the gang-infested, crime-ridden Hanover Park neighborhood brought the gospel to many during a three-night revival at A.M.E. church. Baptisms have renewed our spirits. God's power was like thunder as new people surrendered their lives to

Christ Jesus. Families were filled with pride. Tears of appreciation streamed from their eyes as they watched how God changed the impossible to the possible.

Our Ministry teams are eager and waiting for God's power to further the work. We believe there's great potential awaiting harvest as our Lord brings hope to our communities through the transforming love of Christ.

We need lots of prayers, especially for our teams who work on the streets and are exposed to violent crimes daily. Our greatest desire is to see God bring change in our country, especially among the children and youth who fall victim to these self-destructive lifestyles. We pray and desire that our children and youth be redeemed through the power of God, and that more teams will be raised up to engage in prevention programs. Thank you for allowing us to be part of the Lott Carey family. We look forward to what God will do with us for those who are in need.



New Clinic Provides Healing for Mind, Body and Soul

Maple Springs Baptist Church of Capitol Heights, Md., is expanding the impact of Lott Carey through the construction of a new clinic and providing medicines in Kenya. A delegation led by Pastor Larry W. Jordan, recently visited Kenya and experienced Christian love wrapped in the spirit of homecoming. "The people in each village greeted us with much joy, singing, dancing, hugs, and warm handshakes," says delegation member, the Rev. Lynda Brown-Hall, Missions Ambassador for Central Baptist Church of Camp Springs, Md. She files this report from the east African nation.



preached a short gospel message about sinfulness of all human beings and salvation through the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ; offered salvation to all, and discussed the needs of the village.

Our primary mission site was the Kipsitet Baptist Church, where the Rev. Hezron Cheruiyot welcomed us and declared the following regarding our Missionary efforts: *"I want you to know that during your stay you will experience the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and song. This Gospel is the ultimate expression of God's love for us and is the key to our individual and corporate fulfillment. Here at Kipsitet, the Word of God is central. Worshipping locally and serving globally is our priority. And loving all people is our lifestyle. We are praying that God will use us to bless you. Welcome."*

One of our primary goals is to provide medications for the clinic. But we also brought along vitamins, disinfectants, sanitary wipes, plastic gloves, disposable examination robes, urinals, one hundred Lott Carey t-shirts, tongue depressors, and candy and animal crackers, which the chil-

dren loved.

The Kipsitet Baptist Church Clinic is a blessing to thousands of people in and around the Kericho District. The daily logs showed, and people confirmed, that they are now seeing an average of 300 people per day. There are about 100 people a day who are able to pay and are charged a small fee of 50 shillings (62 cents US) for the medical service they receive. However, there are at least another 200 people who to come to the clinic but cannot afford to pay, but still receive medical care. Their records show we are now serving 300 people per day, 6 days a week, totaling an average of 96,500 people per year.

Money received from those who can pay is used to provide a small salary for the nurse. With the current workload, the need to hire a qualified medical assistant is critical.

We have promised to address the needs of the Kipsitet Baptist Church Clinic, including its expansion and operation, and provide resources for new projects.



Report from Kenya, South Africa and Ghana

Organization Extends Helping Hand to Grandmothers, Orphans

The Helen Project International, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Its mission is to provide financial assistance to African grandmothers in Kenya, South Africa, and Ghana who are raising orphaned children infected and affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Visit the web site at www.thehelenprojectinternational.org The Rev. Dr. Dale L. Johnson, Founder and Executive Director, provides insight on the group's unique mission and appeals to get involved.

Since 2005, I have found many grandmothers who are living in rural regions of Kenya, Ghana, and South Africa struggling to raise their own orphan grandchildren, in addition to other children who have been either infected or affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

In Kenya's Kericho District (which embodies five rural areas), there are 30 grandmothers age 52-81 who are raising two-to-seven children in their homes. These grandmothers are organized in grandmothers and widow groups and need your support.

With assistance from friends, The Helen Project International,

Inc., assists these grandmothers in Kenya in partnership with the Lott Carey Baptist Ministries in Kenya and Sudan and others in Winneba, Ghana and Lethabile, South Africa. The Helen Project International assists the families to obtain sustainable incomes for medical treatment, educational fees, food, clothing, proper shelter, vegetable seeds, livestock, and supplies to make handicrafts.

The popular proverb—"It takes a village to raise a child"—is true in many African communities. The Lott Carey network is a global village that is helping to raise orphans and vulnerable children, and the Helen Project International is a valued partner in this work.



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