



HMI Fellowship

Notes & News

'All the believers kept meeting together, and they shared everything with each other.' Acts 2:44

Notes & News is a bi-monthly publication of Harvest Mission International, Inc. containing teaching and information that has been shared at recent HMI Fellowship nights. These gatherings are held for lay-people to learn from God's Word and one another, to share their mission field experiences, and to pray for each other.

Being A Missionary

Two American women, Nikki and Susan, who are working among the Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina, offer some insightful advice:

"In order to minister effectively, missionaries need to become insiders by understanding the cultural dilemmas, and earning people's trust and respect. People need time to see Jesus Christ in the missionaries' lives. They need time to grow to trust Him as Lord and Savior...It means learning how to be friends, practicing unhurried love...How else will we gain a place of true and lasting influence among these people to impact them for Christ? God is patient with us and with our Muslim friends. His love is long-suffering. He gently brings us along until we stand confidently on His promises, holding firmly to the hope that Christ desires that none should perish but that all come to saving faith in Him to the glory of God."

Excerpt from the article "It's Worth the Wait", Wesleyan World Magazine, pp. 12-13.

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." Is. 9:2 NIV

Next Fellowship Night:
Monday, April 23, 2007
7:00—8:30 pm
Bring a friend!
 Concordia Lutheran High School
 Conference Center (former Chapel)
 1601 St. Joe River Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN
 Sponsored by Harvest Mission International, Inc.

YOU are that light for your international friends! Remember: *People don't change because of the light; they change because of the heart.*
'We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.'
 1 Thess. 2:8 NIV


Did You Know . . . ?
Unchurched Population Nears 100 Million in the U.S.
 A new survey released by The Barna Group, which has been tracking America's religious behavior and beliefs since 1984, reveals that 1 out of every 3 adults (33%) is classified as unchurched—meaning they have not attended a religious service of any type during the past six months. When these statistics are projected across the aggregate adult population, the numbers are staggering. An estimated **73 million** adults are presently unchurched. When teens and children are added, the total swells to roughly **100 million Americans**.

Re-read your catechism with mission focused eyes.
 - Dr. L. Merino

Did You Know . . . ?

- 64% of the unchurched say that Satan is not a living being but is a symbol of evil.
- 63% of unchurched adults state that a good person can earn his or her way into Heaven.
- Slightly less than half (48%) of the unchurched define God as the perfect, all-powerful, all-knowing Creator of the universe who continues to rule His creation today.
- 51% of the unchurched assert that when Jesus Christ lived on earth, He committed sins.
- 27% of the unchurched firmly believe that the Bible is totally accurate in all that it teaches.

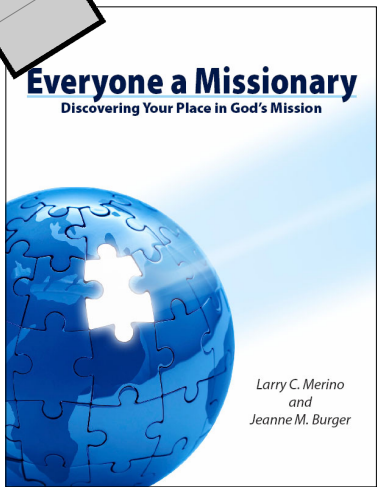
Source: www.barna.org 2006

 **'We may be the only Bible people know.'** - Rev. D. Maki

We are on the web at
www.harvest-mission.org
Newsletters & updates will be posted on our website.

Mark Your Calendar!
Fellowship Nights
7:00—8:30 pm
Monday, April 23, 2007
CLHS Conference Center
Monday, May 21, 2007
CLHS Room 254

Check it out!



HMI's newest resource is now available!

The book contains articles, case studies and other resources written by pastors, lay people, schoolteachers, and directors of Christian education and cross-cultural ministries. It's a great tool for small group bible studies or anyone who desires to discover their place in God's mission.

Book Price: \$19
 (Books will be available for purchase at Fellowship Nights or contact HMI)

Prayer Requests:

- ✚ Pray for all who are seeking to discover their place in God's mission!
- ✚ Pray that more Christians would desire to discover their place in God's mission!
- ✚ Pray for more congregations to partner with HMI to further God's Mission.
- ✚ Pray with New Life Lutheran Church for missionary Joe Boway's trip to Liberia March 13-April 19. (See Joe's newsletters on New Life's website at www.NL4U.org. Go to Mission Partners, then Liberia Mission)
- ✚ Pray a prayer of thanks for Pastor Merino's safe return from his mission trip to Germany, and for the good discussions with Pastor Hans-Martin Dern on the new outreach to the Gypsies living in Germany. (See the Gypsy newsletter on HMI's website. Go to www.harvest-mission.org, click on Resources, then Archives.)
- ✚ Pray a prayer of thanks for the birth of Elizabeth Hannah Keller on March 8, 2007! (7 lb.)
- ✚ Give thanks that Southwest Lutheran Church has been willing to share their building with families displaced due to the fire at Centlivre Apartments. Pray that God would bless Southwest for their outreach.

Cross Border Partners	
4611 Newaygo Rd. Ste. A, Ft. Wayne, IN 46808 Tel: 484-8580 / crossborderpartners.org	
Donations Needed: Bibles, Devotional Materials Furniture Appliances (large & small) Misc. Household Items (king/queen sheets; towels; wash cloths; blankets; dishes; pots & pans)	Volunteers Needed For: Pick Up & Delivery Spiritual Support Office Support Sorting, Packing, Stocking Cleaning & Repairs
<i>Cross Border Partners is an outreach mission providing physical and spiritual assistance and the development of friendships.</i>	

Remember—If you have any questions or if Harvest Mission can help you find your place in the mission field, call us at **471-5129** or email at **info@harvest-mission.org**. *We're here to help!*