



HMI Fellowship

Notes & News

'All the believers kept meeting together, and they shared everything with each other.' Act. 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

- ➔ A missionary must remember that we reap what we did not sow; therefore, someone else may see the rewards of our planting. *"I have sent you to harvest a crop you have not worked for. Other people have done the hard work, and you have followed them in their work"* John 4:38 GW
- ➔ A missionary cannot look for a return on effort expended—the effort is made out of love. *"When He saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them. They were troubled and helpless like sheep without a shepherd."* Matt. 9:36 GW
- ➔ A missionary must remember that mission work begins with prayer! *"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is large, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord who gives this harvest to send workers to harvest His crops.'"* Matt. 9:37-38 GW
- ➔ Be aware that a 1st generation immigrant may not respond to evangelism efforts; BUT we have a good chance to win a 2nd generation immigrant with our friendship.
- ➔ A missionary should remember that the idea of 'loving your enemies' is very intriguing to other cultures.
- ➔ The pressures on a missionary's emotions are much greater when working across cultures.
- ➔ Remember that the *relationship* with the person brings the *relationship* with Christ.

Questions & Answers

We had a great idea for missions at our church, but it didn't go well. What should we do now? Stop doing it and try something else!

I just made a big mistake with my international friend.

Did I ruin everything? A missionary can take heart in knowing that God uses our mess-ups for His good and His plan will prevail!

Free Admission!

**Next Fellowship Night:
Monday, Oct. 30, 2006
7:00—8:30 pm**

Concordia Lutheran High School
Conference Center (former Chapel)
1601 St. Joe River Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN

Mission work is done in God's time, not *our* time.

I'm not sure if I'm cut out for mission work. How do I know? In order to change and grow both spiritually and in maturity, the process of ongoing 'cognitive conflict' is a necessary element. *"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."* James 4:12

How do I discover my place in God's mission?

Every Christian has a place in God's mission, but not everyone has the same place. Don't wait for the 'ah ha' moment; plug along until you discover *your* place.

Did you know there are **75 million** unchurched people in our country—an increase of **92%** over the last 13 years? They are your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family. *Who will tell them about Jesus?*

HMI is presenting two 'Insight for Outreach' seminars that would be a good opportunity to bring someone to a mini workshop on the 'jolts' of culture shock. Thanks to a generous grant from **The Lutheran Foundation**, these seminars are **free of charge**. Seminars will be held at the Indiana District, 1145 S. Barr St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802 on Monday, **October 2, 2006** (6pm—9pm) and Saturday, **December 2, 2006** (9am—noon). **Space is limited, so send your reservation in now!**

Save me a seat!

'Insight for Outreach'

October 2, 2006 (6pm—9pm)
 December 2, 2006 (9am—noon)

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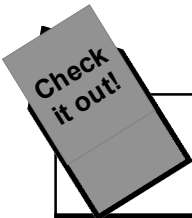
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Reserve your seat by mail, email, or telephone.



"God created all human beings to be addicts. Addictions are misguided attempts to fill a void designed for God. Therefore, be addicted to God!"
 —Pastor Doug Batchelor

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



Cross Border Partners
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<p>Donations Needed: Bibles, Devotional Materials Furniture Appliances (large & small) Misc. Household Items Clothing</p>	<p>Volunteers Needed For: Pick Up & Delivery Spiritual Support Office Support Sorting, Packing, Stocking Cleaning & Repairs</p>
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Cross Border Partners is an outreach mission providing physical and spiritual assistance and the development of friendships.

Prayer Requests:

- ✝ Pray that you will discover your place in God's mission!
- ✝ Pray for all the sowers of the Seed, that they will not be discouraged.
- ✝ Pray for good attendance at the 'Insight for Outreach' seminars.
- ✝ Pray that we can show Christian love to others.
- ✝ Pray a prayer of thanks with HMI for the successful 3-day training workshop held Sept. 15-17.
- ✝ Pray for God's protection and blessing for those who attended the training workshop.
- ✝ Pray for willing hearts to do God's will.
- ✝ Pray for better awareness of cultural differences in order to avoid mix-ups.
- ✝ Pray a prayer of thanks that God loves us even when we mess up!
- ✝ Pray for salvation for those who do not know Jesus.

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!*