



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's mindset has to be different from the world. ('Life can throw anything at me and I have courage through Jesus.')
- ⚡ A missionary must relinquish the fear of 'doing it wrong' — remember, mistakes don't separate us from God!
- ⚡ A missionary has to die to quick results & to self.
- ⚡ A missionary should demonstrates consistent Christ-like actions.
- ⚡ A missionary needs to trust in the Lord & know that the Gospel is the key.
- ⚡ The place of suffering in mission work is hardly ever taught; BUT, the rewards far outweigh the discouragements.
- ⚡ A missionary needs to know the difference between being & doing. (Being a friend vs. doing for the sake of doing.)
- ⚡ A missionary should notice ethnic ways & show respect, especially for gender roles.
- ⚡ A missionary needs to convey that they are in a cross-cultural friendship for the long-term.

Questions & Answers

What is spiritual immaturity?

Spiritual immaturity is where the focus becomes ME, not Christ.

How does persecution lead to growth?

The Book of Acts is full of examples of this type of growth in the church through persecution. God is always with those being persecuted and gives them greater passion and courage to be witnesses for Him. Persecution also weeds out the 'part-time' Christians who run away when mission work gets uncomfortable.

What do you mean by 'suffering' in mission work?

Suffering in mission work could be giving up your personal time to be a friend to someone who can't even speak your language; being criticized for believing that God wants you to reach out to other cultures; knowing you will be attacked by Satan for your willingness to serve God, but doing it anyway. 2 Cor. 1:9b says, *'But we suffered so that we would stop trusting ourselves and learn to trust God...'*

The Holy Spirit prepares everybody for mission work!

Next Fellowship Night:
Monday, July 31, 2006
7:00—8:30 pm
 Concordia Lutheran High School Conference Center (former Chapel)
 1601 St. Joe River Dr. Ft. Wayne, IN 46805
 Sponsored by Harvest Mission International, Inc.

YOU Can Be A Missionary By:

- ♥ Explaining how Americans view time and why it is so important (having a scheduled time for doctor visits, etc.)
- ♥ Helping someone from another culture understand how American employers view time.
- ♥ Asking a friend from another culture to help you prepare food for VBS or another activity.
- ♥ Offering to help out at the Friendship Center.
- ♥ Helping a new family enroll their children in school.
- ♥ Praying for those who don't yet know Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- ♥ Supporting missions with your financial gifts.
- ♥ Asking your church or small group to 'adopt' a local missionary & help support his work.



REMEMBER:

"Hostilities are present,
but we are involved in the
greatest work in the universe."
—Larry Merino

Check
it out!

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
Clothing

Volunteers Needed For:

Pick Up & Delivery
Spiritual Support
Office Support
Sorting, Packing, Stocking
Cleaning & Repairs

Cross Border Partners is an outreach mission providing physical and spiritual assistance and the development of friendships.

Prayer Requests:

- ✝ Pray with Polly Hennig for the young Vietnamese woman who has been wrongly jailed in Mexico.
- ✝ Pray with John Ward for a new Christian who is being persecuted for his faith.
- ✝ Pray for protection from the Evil One for all missionaries as they suffer for their willingness to serve God.
- ✝ Pray with Kelly Clymer that she and her Bosnian co-worker can have a closer friendship and opportunities to witness her faith.
- ✝ Pray that a Christian family would be willing to house a Korean boy while he is here studying.
- ✝ Pray with Don Gayer for the opening of the 'new & improved' Friendship Center.
- ✝ Pray that all missionaries place their trust in the Lord, not themselves.

**(Cut this out & put it in a place
where you will see it often!)**

**Join us in lifting these prayers
to the Lord.**

**We are on the web at
www.harvest-mission.org**

**Newsletters & updates will
be posted on our website.**

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!*