

Missions Conference

2005 Workshops



A colorful photographic display of 250 or more students and their teachers. We got a glimpse into how the school is run and what the needs are for GES teachers.

Teaching the "4 Rs" in Ghana: Reading, Writing, 'Rithmetic, and Redemption

A passerby might see a booth plastered with pictures of students and say, "Someone was camera happy." But if he would stop and read the poster, "It's All About People", he would realize that those hundreds of faces represent eternal souls that are getting a Christian education.

The "4 Rs" booth gave supporters a glimpse into two educational programs of Charity African Missions. One is the G.E.S. program where pairs of young people are placed as phonics teachers in needy government-run village schools. The booth included excerpts from the G.E.S. teachers' letters, a display of the curriculum they are using, and information on how to apply as a teacher.

Victory Christian School was also highlighted.

This is a private school with nearly 300 students run by our mission. Many displays highlighted the students' academic and spiritual progress over the past five and a half years. The workshop included slides showing everyday scenes at the school, and some personal stories of student successes and failures. Educating children-really, it's all about people and their souls



This booth inspired us to pray for the men's Bible school and the training leaders. They used a village scene and some willing helpers to help us visualize it.

Karaga- And Beyond

Daryl Nolt provided an update of the church work in Karaga and the surrounding villages, inspiring us to pray. Children in each group were invited to take part in greeting a Dagomba chief as he sat in front of his mud hut. Adults were amazed by the simplicity and repetition of the Bible teaching needed to effectively reach the illiterate village people. They experienced a bit of the thrill of seeing village people sing gospel songs and study God's Word together for the first time!

Missionary Mothers- At Home and Abroad



This was a two-part workshop especially for the women! First, they were invited to a typical missionary kitchen portraying the daily opportunities and challenges of a missionary wife and mother. Rebekah Nolt talked about some of the

different twists of missionary homemaking. Women and children were able to experience a few minutes of "normal" life in a missionary mother's day, including simple provisions, callers at the door, and the unexpected "lights out" of Ghana's electricity! When this power shortage occurred, visitors were invited next door to an American home.

There Jackie Kenaston and Helen Leibee presented ideas for awakening the hearts of our children to God's commission for evangelizing the world. MANY practical pointers were given: bring a world vision into your homeschooling, write missionaries and send little gifts, minister to those from other cultures, and use the realities of life to teach valuable lessons--to name but a few. It all starts with presenting our children with a living, vibrant faith in a real Savior!



Languages: Learning All Over Again

A captivating teaching showing some of the difficulties our missionaries face as they move into a new area and try to learn a new language from the people. It aptly portrayed the attitude the language learner must have to cross cultures and bring Christ to others.

Weston and Charity Leibee, missionaries to the Konkomba tribe in northern Ghana, shared with us from their experiences the last year and a half that they spent in language learning. They



showed us the method they used, and demonstrated what one of their language learning sessions was like. We saw how their commitment to learning the language gave them countless opportunities to also learn the culture of the Konkombas, which will aid them in more effectively communicating the gospel to their people.

Serving As Senders

The heartbeat of this booth was to equip and encourage us on the home front in our role as senders, so that we can be a blessing to those who are sent. We could pick up various printed materials that served to involve us in the lives of our missionaries and to stir us to pray. A map of "The Northern Outstations" was available that enables us to see the locations and progress of the work there. On the "children's table" there were profiles of some of the different missionaries' children on the field.



We want to get the children involved in ways that they also can bless our missionaries. Other informational handouts included: bookmarks

for a reminder to pray, a 30-day prayer guide, and profiles of each of the individual families (who they are and what they do). Oh, may we be no less of a soldier here than they are over the ocean! *Call for your prayer poster and bookmark.*



Have you thought about the mission field that lies at your doorstep? This workshop gave insight into that field and a glimpse into what others are doing about it.

God's Heart for the City

What do you think of when you think of the "city"? Do you think of buildings, traffic, crime, and an undesirable place to live? Or do you think of people-souls that will never die, many hurting from broken relationships and lacking direction or purpose in life? The focus of this booth and workshop was to convey a vision of God's heart for those who live in the city, especially as it relates to our street and children's ministries in Lancaster city.

Gospel to Haiti

An update was shared on the mission in Haiti and the vision for meeting spiritual needs by working from the mission base in the mountains and by discipling other small churches. They shared about opportunities to support local and remote schools through the child sponsorship program. Additionally, there is an ongoing ministry to meeting physical needs at the clinic. (This mission has now been taken over by Gospel to Haiti, W10572 State Hwy 33, Hillsboro, WI 54634.)



Peep into a Haitian home
and look at slides of the work there.
God is at work in Haiti, too .

A Day in the Life of a Villager

This booth presented some cultural insights into village life and showed us how very real the spirit world is to the people, creating many taboos and superstitions that bind them. They portrayed what it would be like when a missionary comes to a village to preach for the first time—from greeting the chief and getting his permission to introducing God to a people who have absolutely no Biblical foundation.

This unique set-up of huts and sitting area was done so realistically that you felt like you got an actual peep into real village life.

The young folks that did the workshop presented us with a great picture of daily life:

women carrying water on their heads,
cooking, men eating a real breakfast,
visiting in the *kinaboom*,
and a white missionary greeting the chief.

The onlookers were quite fascinated.

