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Beauty for Ashes

Children's Medical Ministries

THAILAND.

Leper Colony

By John McMichen
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*To appoint unto
them that mourn
in Zion,*

*to give unto them
beauty for ashes,
the oil of joy for
mourning,*

*the garment of
praise for the
spirit of heaviness;*

*that they might
be called trees of
righteousness,*

*the planting of
the Lord,*

*that he might be
glorified.*

Isaiah 61:3

We have many people to thank for the wheel chairs that were given to us, including **Hope Haven** who gave us 70 wheel chairs. Thanks to my friend, **Bill Collins**, for his assistance. We saw many people come to know the Lord through these chairs. My good buddy and Mennonite friend, **Alvin Miller**, came over and assembled all of them for us and also helped in some of the distribution. Giving to the leper colony was our greatest joy! We gave them over 40 much-needed chairs.

The governor came over to the colony with some of his staff and participated in the ceremony and the Lord opened the door for me to witness to him. These chairs have been one of the greatest evangelism tools we have ever had. What a joy it is to see people so thankful and at the same time see God open the the door for us to tell people about Jesus.



A little girl with cerebral palsy who has traveled on her father's back all her life can now move on her own. . . . A man born with no legs has slid along the ground for 40 years. . . . Now, he is mobile.



INDIA

Little is much when God is in it. Do you believe that? I do, because many times we have seen little seeds producing great results. The King’s Kids Good Life Guides (kid’s coloring books) are one of those small seeds. and what are the great results? Open doors. Many times we were able to start Sunday services in places that did not have a single Christian through the tool of the coloring books. We praise God for that!

As we made plans to begin something in Mirjapur, we needed a place to gather the children. We learned that one lady, by the name of Shantamma, had heard about Jesus. So with a smile and a warm welcome, she said that we could use her front yard to have the kid’s club. And that’s how it started.

Shantamma was eager to give her heart to the Lord. She had known about Jesus as a young girl, but after coming to Mirjapur, she had no one to teach her more about God. In her heart she always wanted to become a Christian. So, after meeting us, she begged us to come back more and more. Her home became our base in that village. And after a few months, she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior.

By this time, parents were also joining us for Sunday morning services. We thanked God for that, and prayed that they would commit their lives to Him. We especially targeted Shantamma’s husband, Chandraiah. As a leader in the village, we felt it was vital for him to be saved, thus leading the way for others to follow. He never really opposed the Gospel, but showed no interest, either. His main strong-holds were smoking and drinking, and his position of leadership. He felt he could not give up those things.

But by God’s grace, one day in December he told us he was finally ready to give his heart to the Lord. With great joy we accepted him into the family of God. It was so exciting to see Chandraiah himself taking his idols off of the shelves and walls. Now he’s a different person.



Children in India with their Kings Kids Good Life Guides.

By Sam Gunti
Director of Children’s Ministries
Hyderabad, India

Praise God, on February 1, we witnessed the baptism of Chandraiah, Shantamma and their daughter, Vijaya, 17 people in all, some from other villages. Now there are five families coming to Sunday services at Mirjapur. We have also started the construction for a church. Through the support of an anonymous giver, we were able to buy the land, build the baptismal tank, and complete the foundation.

Thank you all for your prayers, your support, and your encouragement to us. God is truly using you to bring many souls into His kingdom.



Free Medical Camps sponsored by CMM in a tribal village several hours from Hyderabad, India. The boys holding the signs were very willing to help. The signs were made in town and were written in English and Telegu.



One of the 17 people baptized that day.



This lady was excited to receive her first pair of glasses.

PERU



AMAZON HOPE

The first CMM medical/evangelism team headed up by **Dr. Mary Tieken** boarded the Amazon Hope in September, 2002. Mary was quick to make a note of and purchase necessary items needed to make the trip smoother and more comfortable for everyone (see *Beauty for Ashes*, Vol. 2, Issue 5 at www.childmed.org).

The second team went in October, 2002. The medical team ministered to 450 people and the dentist saw about 200 patients. The evangelism team performed puppet shows for the children in Spanish and showed the *Jesus Film* in the evening.

CMM plans to enhance the evangelistic approach. By equipping the next team with a 28lb. generator, an LCD projector, a VCR, speakers and a screen, they will be able to show the *Jesus Film* and *God’s Plan for Man* videos to an audience sitting along the shore of the river. This can easily be done by attaching the screen to the side of the boat.

The next team will leave for the Amazon on July 26.



Lord, I wanna be your hands, I wanna be your feet. I’ll go where you send me . . .

The third team had **Dr. Dan Jones**, an emergency room doctor from Alabama, in charge. Dr. Dan spent a week in February with a team of medical professionals on the Amazon Hope, and he writes to share a life-changing experience of which he was privileged to be God’s instrument of hope.



“An eleven-year-old girl had a disfigured hand which was extremely embarrassing to her and was socially ruining her life. The pictures show the outcome of her treatment and an ecstatic child was our reward. The work on the Amazon Hope is just beginning and I know God has bigger plans that He has yet to reveal.”



Kings Kids Good Life Guides have been translated in four more languages:

- Russian Ukranian
- Arabic Vietnamese

They are also available in:

- English* Portuguese
- Spanish Swahili
- French* Telegu (India)
- Creole Urdu (India)
- Romanian Kituba (Congo)

The primary target of the plan of salvation is the parents, in addition to the children.

*Available in caucasian or negroid illustrations.

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Kings Kids Good Life Guides



Children on the Amazon are learning scripture from the Kings Kids Good Life Guides.

VIETNAM

By Dr. Steve Henley
Saigon, Vietnam

In March/April, I was in Vietnam finishing up a dental project which you had suggested to me in 2000. You suggested that I go to Vietnam and contact **Joy Degenhardt of Maine Aid and Protection Services (MAPS)** as to a possible ministry there. I submitted a

proposal to render dental care for the orphaned and poor children from 10/2000 to 10/2003 and presented it to the Department of Labour. It was accepted and a project was written up, which resulted in a signed contract agreement.

I traveled to Vietnam four times and gave dental care to over 400 children in the government school in Ho Chi Minh City. Children’s Medical Ministries provided some funding for the purchase of dental supplies to be used in the little mobile dental clinic which was set up at the school. Colgate (Vietnam) provided over 500 brushing kits for the children. Dental exams, cleanings, extractions and fillings were given and over 450 children received brushing instructions.

I want to personally thank CMM for helping me in this endeavor. As Vietnam is a Communist country and open evangelism is not permitted. I hope that this project and the extension of Christ’s love through it to the children has helped to further the Kingdom in Vietnam.



Wheelchair Collection in Florida By Dr. Mary Tiekens

Bill Collins initiated the help of Mary and Merle Tiekens last February to what looked like a nearly impossible task - to find and collect 200 used wheelchairs, especially children’s chairs that are so badly needed in the ministry for children with disabilities. An exploratory group made up of **Bill and Erma Collins, Pastor and Millie MacDonald, Joe and June Widmayer, Merle and Mary Tiekens, Dan Payne, Khe MacElroy, Travis Garrison Dr. Rodney White, Bob and Wilma Garmer and Fred and Kim Meyling** met in Lakeland, Florida to lend a hand to the effort. **Pastor and Mrs. James (Ruth) Campbell**, friends of the Tiekens, also joined in. Jim Campbell is president and founder of Radio Training

Network and was willing to help out with free radio spots. Jim and Ruth had been encouragers to Mary as she pursued efforts to find and collect used wheelchairs. God’s timing was perfect in that Fred and Kim Meyling, who live in the same community and had already been collecting wheelchairs and medical supplies, were connected with the group and it was through them that they were able to complete the huge task.

Mark Richard of Hope Haven International secured a 53 foot semi-trailer with Johnson Trucking Company whose driver patiently helped us load and trucked the chairs to Rock Falls, Iowa where they will be repaired and sent to be distributed to poor children with disabilities around the world. **Alvin Miller and Lynn Stephens** came to Lakeland for a week to assist in sorting and loading supplies and equipment. Another new partner was born, Southeastern College with Dr. Rodney White, Dean of Missions, encouraging and sending students to assist in loading



the chairs. What a welcome relief to have these fresh college students assist us in this hot and heavy work! Thanks, Dr. White and mission students.

Millie MacDonald, Pastor MacDonald’s wife, is very excited about the Florida wheelchair collection and is having a ball collecting chairs in southern Florida. God bless Millie MacDonald and all those who are assisting in the Florida campaign for wheelchairs. What a neat and diverse Florida group that God has pulled together!

Through Fred Meyling, CMM has rented two semi-trailers for storage of supplies and chairs. This is just the beginning. Please pray for God’s wisdom and discernment as this mission continues and grows.



In Memory of:

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Catherine Kleinpeter
Bill & Erma Collins

John Childers

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**Spotlight On A
Share Partner**



Mary Tieken, Ph.D. retired from the Illinois State Board of Education in 1994. At the State Board she served as a vocational administrator, working with Illinois high schools, colleges and correctional facilities. Prior to this she was an administrator at John Wood Community College, Quincy, Illinois and in her earlier years she was employed as a high school business instructor.

She is married to Merle Tieken who is retired from his electrical wholesale business, but remains active in condo development and banking. Merle is involved as Mary’s co-worker and encourager. A section of his warehouse is being used to store the wheelchairs they are collecting in Illinois and sending on to Hope Haven International.

Mary has three daughters and son-in-laws as well as a son, **Dan Payne** in Florida who assists with translation/computer work with the Good Life Guides. Two of her daughters, **Carrie and Julie**, are physical therapist and **Becky** is an English teacher. Her eldest of the nine grandchildren is Megan, age 15, who will travel to her first mission trip this summer to Haiti.

In their college years Bill Collins had worked with Mary in Intersivity Christian Fellowship. When her husband, Irv Hagemester, passed away in 1993, Bill re-connected with her and asked her to work with him in Children’s Medical Ministries.

“It is a privilege to work with CMM and, other than raising my family, it is the best paying job I have ever had. Through CMM’s networking I have become friends with some of the finest and greatest Christians in the world. As I serve, it is truly a blessing and a joy.”

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