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SERVING THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF MINISTRY

From Bill

Personal Perspective

Summer 2003 has been an exciting time. Amidst all the ministry projects that we have going on with FLM, I am most grateful for God renewing my passion for Him. We attended “family camp”—a first for the Wakefield family. The phrase I repeatedly heard was, “It’s all about Him.” In the camp setting, far removed from “real life”, I focused on this intensely.

Life really is all about Jesus. He wants us to seek Him and He wants to come to us. The busyness of life, work and ministry all absorb time and energy from going to Him.

This summer I also began using “The Purpose Driven Life Journal—Reflections on What on Earth Am I Here For” by Rick Warren as my daily devotional guide. (If you have not yet seen this journal, or the companion book, I highly recommend it.) God has used this devotional journal immensely to strengthen my focus on Him. This has been a tremendous summer of personal renewal in preparation for the season of ministry ahead. I know we have heard this before, but life IS all about Jesus.

Ministry Opportunities

Prayer & Praise

Praise God with Us

- ◆ Excellent praise report from Kaluga, Russia (*see below*)—10 young men in prison have found new life in Jesus Christ!
- ◆ New FLM staff who are contributing creative talents to enhance our ability to tell the FLM story through power point, brochure and web-site.
- ◆ Continued overwhelming appreciation of missionaries and their sending organizations for FLM’s willingness and ability to serve them at home and abroad.

Please Pray with Us

- ◆ Trip to Mexico: Mexico City and Queretaro, **September 6 – 12.**
 - *Rich time of ministry and fellowship with Central American Mission field staff (training focus on team building).
 - *God’s wisdom in personal time of counseling with missionaries one-on-one.
 - *Divine opportunities to minister to the national churches and church leaders that the missionaries serve.
 - *Good health and safe travel. Blessings on Wakefield home.
- ◆ Trip to Moscow, Russia: **September 23 – October 3.**
 - *God’s blessings in ministry with the teachers and staff at Hinkson Christian Academy (training focus on “Teacher as Counselor — Discipling students for Christ”).
 - *Ministry to the Juniors and Seniors at HCA regarding character development, identity in Christ, and using their talents for eternal purposes.
 - *Good health and safe travel. Blessings on Wakefield home.

From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:16

Praise Report from Kaluga, Russia

This past February, Keith Boyer and Doug and Suzanne White traveled to Kaluga to minister at Word of Life Church. Keith addressed Biblical lay counseling skills to better prepare crisis counselor workers to minister to the needs of the Russian people as well as to provide opportunities for Russians to receive Christ as their personal Savior. Doug and Suzanne educated several churches on how to start addictions recovery programs. The church sent a letter that was very encouraging. Portions of this letter follow:

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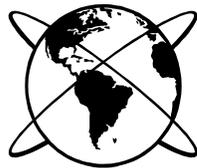
Staff Update

FLM is encouraged to report that over the last year God has blessed us with several individuals who now contribute their time and talents to FLM: Keith Boyer, Tara Sedlacek, Joyce Wakefield and Doug & Suzanne White. Each has brought talents and gifts that have blessed FLM's efforts to serve missionaries worldwide. Just as our bodies depend on the many parts to work together, the time, talents and passion of these individuals have significantly advanced the work of Front Line Ministries far beyond what one person could ever do. We trust that you who pray alongside FLM will thank God with us for the blessing that these individuals are to serving His missionaries on the front lines of service.

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Funding

If you would like to make a contribution to Front Line Ministries to offset the expenses of our upcoming travel to Mexico and Russia, please use the enclosed envelope and designate *Ministry Trips* on your donation.



From Bill , Ministry Opportunities (Continued from page 1)

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September will be filled with ministry opportunities. Central American Mission, International, has invited Bill to return to Mexico (Sept. 6-12) to work with 40 field staff. Bill will conduct a team building retreat with special focus on integrating and orienting new field staff to their ministry teammates in the field. In addition to the speaker sessions, Bill will be available for consultation on team related issues, church ministry issues and for personal counseling for missionaries and couples.

Shortly after returning from Mexico, Bill will depart for Moscow, Russia (Sept. 23- Oct. 3) to work with the teachers and students at Hinkson Christian Academy. Hinkson educates the children of missionaries in Moscow, representing over 50 evangelical missions who are leading many to Christ in Russia. Bill will conduct a retreat on the topic of "Teacher as Counselor". The focus will be on equipping teachers to meet the individual needs of students at Hinkson in grades 1-12. These individual student needs cover a wide range of topics: learning disabilities, character/ identity development, understanding personal strengths through personality type, dealing with depression and anxiety, cross-cultural living and maturity issues. Narrowing the topics will be a challenge in itself.

Bill will also spend two days at Hinkson Christian Academy working with the Juniors and Seniors on similar related topics. In addition, he will be discussing cultural transitions to the students' home country for college.

Please pray for Bill as he prepares to travel to Mexico and Russia. Please pray for the missionaries at CAM and Hinkson Christian Academy. Front Line Ministries desires most to glorify God in what we do and to build the missions army of God so that they can fulfill His call in their lives to reach the world for Christ.

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Praise Report from Kaluga (Continued from page 1)

"We send you heart greetings from Russia. We all want to thank you for your visit here and for the deep teaching that you gave us. We thank you for your kind and understanding heart. Praise God for you! We keep listening to the tapes and re-reading the notes. It helps us a lot..."

We want to share the joy of our hearts with you. In May we received a call from the psychologist of the teenagers' prison. She said she wanted to cooperate with us and work with the teenagers. So, we've been visiting this prison since June. There are 16 teenagers, 16-18 (years old). Over a year ago we began praying and asking God to make the ministry broader. Praise God, He answered our prayers! Of course, this is a new direction for us. We pray for the teenagers and ask God to change their thinking, change their lives. 10 of the teenagers trusted Jesus and accepted Him into their hearts.

We pray for those of our team, who go to the prison and ask God to give them wisdom and to direct them in this new ministry. It is interesting that though the prison is for boys, the psychologist asked us, women, to come and not men. She would like to have a long cooperation with us. We also pray for the head of the prison and for everyone who work there... All who are ministers of the help-phone line "Hope" remember and love you, and send their greetings... Your visit was a great blessing to the whole church."

Many times when FLM travels to foreign lands to serve missionaries or the national church, we are not aware of how the Lord uses our gifts of service. It is wonderful to see Him use Keith Boyer and Doug & Suzanne White to build up the Russian body of Christ so that they can lead others to Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support of them as they ministered in Kaluga.

Please continue to pray for Word of Life Church as they minister to individuals in need, whether in prison, on the streets addicted to drugs or alcohol, or simply separated from our Heavenly Father and in need of a Savior.

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