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SERVING THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF MINISTRY

From Bill

While driving from Baton Rouge to New Orleans this past month, I was returning phone calls. All of these calls were with our Front Line Ministries staff. Each staff person was hard at work, dedicating their time and talents on a wide range of projects in which FLM is involved. **What struck me is how God is growing FLM!**

Front Line Ministries has grown to **six staff** who not only carry out responsibilities in their vocations but also utilize their gifts and talents regularly in caring for missionaries around the world through FLM. (Check out our website to learn more about these staff.)

Our ability to offer **resources** to missionaries has grown. Through our website (www.front-line-ministries.org), missionaries can presently access resources which address a range of needs: team building; Biblical lay counseling; parenting; and spiritual renewal. We will continue to add to this resource section so that we might place sound materials in the hands of missionaries whom we may never see face to face.

Our **opportunities to minister** continue to grow. This upcoming year already includes:

- Moscow, Russia – Hinkson Christian Academy
- Mexico City, Mexico – Fieles Hombres and CAM International
- Zurich, Switzerland – Association of Christian Schools International
- Nairobi, Kenya – Assoc. of Christian Schools Int'l

Many of you that I've spoken with recently have stated that you pray regularly for the work our Lord is doing to sustain Christian ministry and missionaries through FLM. Your prayers are coveted more than ever as Front Line Ministries continues to grow in serving to those on the front lines of ministry.

Bill Wakefield

RUSSIA — Four FLM staff are headed back to Moscow, Russia, in September! We will serve the missionary teaching staff and missionary students at Hinkson Christian Academy. We will provide:

- * Team Building training for the school staff;
- * College and career workshops for the high school students;
- * Technology training to enhance the missionaries' ability to "tell their story" to their supporters;
- * Organizational consulting for the school administration.

Upcoming Trips...

MEXICO — Two FLM staff will then head to Mexico City. They will serve alongside Central American Missions Int'l and Fieles Hombres (Faithful Men) in providing an addictions conference. The audience will include approximately 20 churches—leaders who minister to those with addictions and family members of those struggling with addictions. *flm*

Praise and Prayer

Praise God with us for the upcoming opportunities to minister in Russia and Mexico. Please pray for ...

- ♦ *Moscow, Russia, September 14 – 23*: Pray for God's protection and blessing for Keith Boyer, Johnny Ervin, Tara Sedlacek and Bill Wakefield as they travel and seek to support the body of missionaries at Hinkson Christian Academy.
- ♦ *Mexico City, Mexico, September 29—October 3*: Please pray for God's protection and blessing on Keith Boyer and Bill Wakefield as they serve with Fieles Hombres and CAM Int'l at the addictions conference.
- ♦ *God's continued guidance and blessing* as we seek to implement a **comprehensive model of support** for missionaries that nurtures, renews and equips them to strengthen their ability to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. *flm*

We're Growing!

Johnny Ervin is the newest addition to the Front Line Ministries staff. He comes to FLM after working for Entergy, a regional electric utility company, for 33 years. He retired from Entergy as the vice president of Customer Service Support. In that role he managed a number of Entergy's functions, including call centers, meter reading, billing, distribution system planning and transportation.

Johnny became aware of Front Line Ministries over the last 5 years through serving on the Elder Board at Berean Bible Church in New Orleans, LA. During this time he grew to be very interested in FLM's work with missionaries. Johnny's decision to retire early was made after a substantial amount of prayer and searching for God's direction with the conclusion that he had spent enough time in the corporate world and now was the time for him to invest in things with more of an eternal perspective.

Front Line Ministries is one of three ministries he feels led to invest a portion of his time because of its mission to help those who are serving God. He is also working with two new church "plants", one in Madison, Mississippi, (where he and his wife Sylvia now live) and one in Gulfport, MS. There are many similarities in the needs of church planters and the needs of missionaries.

Johnny hopes to both learn and contribute while working with FLM by providing planning, organizational and administrative support. He also wants to help communicate Front Line Ministries' efforts and successes to both supporters and mission agencies.

Currently he is involved in performing an assessment of FLM's efforts to achieve its mission. He will also work with other FLM staff on a project that will look into ways to determine a field missionary's overall attitude and well-being. This will allow Front Line Ministries to better target and measure the help it provides. He also will be working on developing a comprehensive missionary care model that FLM and mission agencies can use to work together to effectively deliver the services needed by missionaries. He will be participating in the upcoming fall trip to Russia to serve Hinkson Christian Academy. *flm*

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

Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts to support the work of Front Line Ministries. As we grow in staff and opportunities, our financial needs grow as well. Since we are taking a larger number of staff to Russia and Mexico, these trips are not as of yet completely funded. Pray with us that God will continue to provide the funds as we carry out the work of supporting those on the front lines of ministry.

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What Is an MK??

(by Tim Thompson, Director of Hinkson Christian Academy, Moscow, Russia)

Good question — What is an MK? Missionary kids are an unusual lot. Most have lived overseas for many years — maybe in several different countries. The U.S. may be just a place where grandparents live and where you visit every few years. Being an MK is not easy. Just when you make a "best friend", he or she moves. And saying "good-bye" never gets any easier! An MK may never feel completely at home anywhere, because nowhere is exactly "home".

It's occurred to us more and more that ministry to MK's is "front-line" ministry. Satan knows very well what sometimes misses our attention: many thousands of missionary families are able to stay where God has called them only because an MK school is there to provide for the educational needs of their children. MK schools and MK school staff are on the "front-line" of spiritual warfare in enabling other missionaries to stay on the field.

Front Line Ministries considers it a privilege to partner with Hinkson Christian Academy in supporting the staff and students on the front lines of ministry in Moscow. *flm*

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