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TO THE REGIONS BEYOND

TBT's 54TH ANNUAL MISSION CONFERENCE

Our faith promise mission conference begins on Wednesday, March 3rd and ends on Sunday, March 7th. Our guests include the following five missionary families: John & Cathy Honeycutt-Philippines, Dean & Delores McClure-Brazil, Edward & Angela Oster-Argentina, Ron & Kathy Reasoner-Russia and Tom & Patti Wheeler-Whales. Please mark your calendar, plan to be here for the entire conference and ask the Lord what amount He would have you to give to missions in 2010!

Youth Lunch Fundrai\$er

On Sunday, February 7th, immediately after the morning service, the teens will be serving Frito chili pie and dessert in the TBT Fellowship Hall. Come to lunch and support the teens in their effort to raise money to go to camp. Donations are appreciated!



MEN FOR MISSIONS LADIES FOR MISSIONS

On Tuesday, February 9th, at 7:00pm missionaries Walter and Peggy Silva will be here to bring us up to date with their work in the country of Uruguay. This will be our last monthly meeting before the conference. If you would like to participate in the special offering for our conference missionaries, please place your gift in a tithe envelope and mark it "conference gift" and be sure to designate whether it is for the men or ladies.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Due to the inclement weather, our business meeting has been moved to Sunday, February 7th, after the evening service. Pick up a sample ballot on the information desk and be prepared to vote on the 2010 budget as well as new church officers. All church members age 16 and above are eligible to vote.



LADIES FOR MISSIONS CLOSET SHOWER

On February 21st, after the evening service, the ladies are invited to attend a shower to replenish the missionary closet before the upcoming conference. There will be a list of much needed items available soon. Be sure to bring your new, unwrapped items to the Homebuilders classroom and enjoy a time of fellowship with one another.

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Brandon & Nikki Jordan

Missionaries to Haiti

Hello to all again,

After a very long yesterday-with a flooding of thoughts and emotions as to our decision to evacuate our family, we were put on a U.S. Coast Guard plane around 4:30 and flown to the Dominican Republic. We were able to meet with the missionary friends the Wessons as well as with my brother Ben who happens to be on a survey trip here in the DR at this time. We will be leaving here and arriving in Louisiana tomorrow night. We want to thank all those who have prayed and asked about helping.

It has been amazing to see God's hand in the hearts of the people already, days and nights are filled with singing and praying. We personally have been able to talk to and hear of people who have neglected God for so long waiting for a sign-now bowing their heads and accepting Jesus Christ in all His power and love. Up until the time of the embassy asking for us to leave in light of our children, we had assisted in getting all available medical supplies out into the streets, getting out and making contact with our church families (many who have yet to be heard from, and all who are camping in the streets), getting drinking water to our church people, as well as trying to be a source of encouragement and strength in the midst of this catastrophe. Which has made it all the harder to leave them in this desperate time. Soon the shock will turn to violence, and we must pray, our prayer is that the people will turn to Jesus and not blame God for what has happened.

Our hearts are torn with despair as even now we can think of nothing less than our people in Haiti. Our children continue to fear and feel shaking even when there is no shaking. They are afraid to go upstairs, and even little Kofee has been restless, not being able to sleep for long periods of time. Our bodies are aching with stress. We left our people, our friends, our home and our belongings, with only the clothes on our backs. It is assured that it will take time for us to settle in, as we had no plans to leave our home any time soon, and were actually getting very excited seeing some advances in our goals for our ministry. The past six months have been filled with frustration and some forms of discouragement as we had high hopes and big plans upon our return last July, which for reason after reason have not yet come to pass. God knows all much better than we all do. Our only prayer now is for the provision of our people. Things will not be easy and with a feeling of abandonment we feel terrible for leaving them. I am planning as soon as possible to go back and evaluate the progress, and try to be of a help in any way I can. Please continue to pray, and thank you again for all that you have done and continue to do.

We know that many have asked about helping with our needs-love offerings are most likely the easiest and most effective forms of help at this time, as the cost will be great getting the family settled and preparing for my return.

Haiti is still our home,

Brandon, Nikki, Bailee, Kylee and Kofee Jordan
