



Teams on Mission

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MTI Celebration Banquet On February 1

Preparation is well underway for the first ever Mission Celebration Banquet on February 1 at 7:00 PM. The banquet will be a great time of fellowship and recognition of the work of the past year. We will also, of course, be looking ahead to the slate of activities already scheduled for 2008. Bradley Davis, my son and owner of Illuminate Media, has done quite a bit of work for Mission Team Inc in preparation for the banquet. Illuminate Media has prepared new publicity brochures for the ministry which we will give to all in attendance. Illuminate Media has prepared a promotional video which we will show on Feb 1 and then make it a part of the web site. This seven minute video would have cost the agency several thousand dollars, but it has been donated. At the banquet Alan and Babs Dial, IMB missionaries from



Alan Dial, Special Guest

Lesotho, Africa will be with us and give a short thought on what it means to have US partners. Loyd Miguel Downs, the leader of Youth Evangelism in Nicaragua, will also be with us to give his thoughts about what it means to indigenous people to have a short

term mission teams come to visit. The Board of Directors of MTI will share some of their thoughts, and there will be some new ideas for ministry by MTI revealed. The food is barbecue and all the fixings. If you have not made reservations you need to do so by this Sunday. Call 404.403.9311 or email at scotty@missionteaminc.com.



Loyd Miguel Downs, Special Guest

Please RSVP by this Sunday, January 27th

Missions Conference Will Enable Churches to Take the Lead in the Future



Jim and Viola Palmer,
IMB Missionaries serving in
Nicaragua and Honduras

Plans have been set for several months for the mission strategy conference at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church. The work in Nicaragua with the indigenous people is changing. Jim and Viola Palmer have been working faithfully in the eastern part of Nicaragua and Honduras for almost eight years. Scotty Davis preached a crusade in Puerto Cabeza in 1999 just as Jim and Viola were preparing to move their ministry to Puerto and help to begin what has become a indigenous church planting movement. Since Jim and Viola moved to the area, there have been over 115 new church starts. Five Bible Institutes have been established and buildings built for the institutes. Now staff to administer and grow the institutes is becoming a reality. A lot has taken place in these last eight years. Many from Burnt Hickory and the Noonday Association and this area have been very involved in the process since the beginning. Now the work will become more of a responsibility of churches as the new strategy is developed and given to the churches. The conference begins January 24th and runs through Saturday night, January 26th. Jim and Viola Palmer and key personnel from the International Mission Board will be leading the conference.

New Look for MTI Website and MTI Logo

If you have not made a visit to the website for Mission Team Inc (www.missionteaminc.com) in a while, it will certainly be worth your time to take a look. A new logo has been developed, and a new format and look are all a part of some of the work completed over the Christmas holidays and first few weeks of the new year. The website contains more things than ever before with a resource page containing many items which



churches can download as a pattern or as a form they can customize and use in their work with short-term mission teams. There are photos of all last year's mission projects as well as sections on upcoming trips and events. I cannot express my gratitude for Bradley Davis and the work that both he has done to help make the media of internet and this newsletter a reality on a continuing basis

Teams for 2008

If You Are Interested, call today at 404.403.9311

If you are interested in any of these teams, please call or you can email us at : Scotty@missionteaminc.com.

March 2008 - Nicaragua

MTI will be working closely with Burnt Hickory Baptist Church and others to place people strategically on sawmill lumber cutting teams. The work is very difficult in remote areas of the pine savanna forest of Nicaragua to salvage trees which were blown down by Hurricane Felix last year. Several teams will be forming over the next few weeks.

Cost - approximately \$1100.00



May 20-30 -Lesotho Africa

VBS and True Love Waits Team—This team will be working with the Basotho people in the Maluti mountains. Missionaries Alan and Babs Dial, along with Basotho pastors, will work with the team. The team will camp in remote mountain villages at higher altitudes. Ability to walk distances over uneven terrain is a requirement to be a part of this team.

Cost \$2500.00



July 2008 - Idaho

MTI is forming teams to travel to northern Idaho to work with children in sports camp activities. This trip is now in the preliminary stages and will be updated here as more information is available. The team would work with elementary age children to teach the fundamentals of baseball.

Cost approximately \$975.00



There will likely be other possible MTI teams this year, so watch this newsletter and the website if you are interested in being a part of a team. MTI will also be helping churches prepare their teams for service in different locations, many of these will be listed on the web.

MTI to Announce Scholarship Plan

The Celebration Banquet will be a time for an announcement of a new ministry which has the potential to become a huge part of the work of MTI for years to come. One of the most difficult parts of going on an international mission project is having to raise the funds to be able to be a part of the project. Additionally, every person who signs up on a short-term mission team needs have a few basics that they understand about short-term missions. With both of these things in mind, we are developing the Mission Team Inc Scholarship Program. The program is designed to equip first time short-term international missionaries with a source of funds to enable them to get a jump start on their fundraising and to train them in some basic things that they will need to know. The program will consist of an applicant finding a mentor and registering their sending organization with MTI. Once an applicant is accepted, they will take an online course to accomplish the training which will be supervised by a mentor. Upon completion, a \$250.00 scholarship will be paid to the sending organization for the applicant. It is a good solid plan to train and fund short-term missionaries. It now needs you. We, of course, will be limited only by the funds that we have available to send missionaries.



Scotty To Attend Well Drilling School

The drought in Georgia has caused many to think about what if there was no water. This is the way it is for many people in third world countries. Clean fresh drinking water is essential to life. Missions is all about taking the gospel, the living water, to people. To do missions, every team has a task that will take them to the field. These are varied from building to medical to sports camps to business seminars. If people will come, then it can be an opportunity to do the mission project. Meeting needs is important and drilling a well in a church yard will bring an entire village to the well every day to get water. What a great way to assist a local congregation by helping to bring the people in every day. MTI already has a team of four men signed up to go to the training school and will be looking to put these skills to work with teams this summer.



ALLIANT CPA GGROUP LLC To Prepare Financial Statements

Once again this year the CPA firm headed by Jeff Schwind will be compiling the financial statements for MTI. The firm, based in Marietta, recently acquired another firm and now goes by the name of Alliant CPA Group. This group specializes in non-profit work and files the IRS required 990 form for Mission Team Inc. This work should be completed in the first quarter of the year and will be available for interested persons for review.

Special Thanks to Illuminate Media

Mission Team Inc is deeply appreciative of the work of Bradley Davis and Illuminate Media. This up and coming graphic arts firm has prepared our new promotional brochure, developed logos for the agency and scholarship fund, and prepared our presentation video for the celebration banquet. All this, as well as helping to develop, set up, and train us for the new website. You can check out their website at www.illuminatemedias.net

