



# Teams on Mission

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## Chaplains from Across the Country Prepare for Service

What a great opportunity to attend the 2008 Christian Law Enforcement Chaplaincy– Theology and Practice conference held at Concordia Seminary in St Louis, Missouri May 19-23. There were 37 attendees who came to learn more about the vital role of being a chaplain for law enforcement personnel. The conference was led by Chaplain Steve Lee of Peace Officer Ministries. Steve will be familiar to many as he was the lead teacher on the group to the Nicaragua police last fall. The conference focused on training chaplains to deal with many of the very unique and difficult aspects of law enforcement. A second part of the training was Homeland Security Training in National Incident Management System (NIMS). The training was specific for clergy: Incident Command for Clergy as First Responders. Course numbers IS 100, IS 200, and IS 700 were completed in what was a marathon of classroom time and study. We pray there will never be any type of critical incidents that will require chaplains to be on site, but sadly, we live in a world where serious and grievous incidents are continuing to occur. This training is essential for any chaplain who would respond to basically any type of critical incident such as a natural disaster, terrorist event, or large scale accident. The training focused on working effectively and in harmony with local EMS, police and fire. Concordia Seminary was a co-sponsor for the conference. This beautiful campus was delightful place to visit because of its beauty and hospitality.



Every day devotions and praise to the Lord Jesus Christ were a part of the chaplains preparation for study.



Concordia Seminary is a LCMS Seminary in St Louis MO. The view is Luther Tower.



Don Axcell is the Head of Christian Police Association for Great Britain and a retired Scotland Yard Investigator. Don was the Keynote speaker.



Mike Dahmer taught the Homeland Security portion of the program. Mike is contract agent for the Dept of Homeland Security.

# Mission Team Inc Scholarships

## Enable and Equip Mission Volunteers

Now in its fourth month, the benefits of the Scholarship program are beginning to be felt by many individuals all across the country with impact to people in several different countries. We now have people enrolled who will be traveling to Africa, Europe, South America, and Mexico. So far MTI has sixteen applicants with eight having actually completing the course and receiving the benefit of the funding. The ongoing work of short-term missions is making an impact on the world and MTI is seeking to bring up the standard of the short-term missionary: better trained and better equipped STM volunteers for the Kingdom of God. Scholarship applicants must write a two page summary of what they have learned at the completion of the course. Here are some excerpts from their writings.

### Read for yourself what the scholarship recipients are saying:

Getting ready for this trip takes many weeks and tons of preparation. First I must physically prepare myself by getting good sleep, eating right, and building my physical stamina. After that I must mentally prepare myself for the things I may see on the trip which I have never seen before. Finally and most importantly is spiritual preparation. I can do this by praying and spending time in the Word and having others pray for me.

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Through this course, I have learned some important things about short-term missions that I had never thought about before. I found this course especially useful for pointing me to verses I can use as theme verses for my short-term mission trips or just simply as encouragement as I go. One of the interesting things I learned is the three groups involved in a short-term mission trip. These three groups of people are the sending organization, traveling team and the field missionaries. I had never thought about categorizing the people involved like that. These three groups are all of equal importance in the success of the trip.

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### Here is an email received from a student who just completed the course and was preparing her summary:

I have finished my summary for my mission trip, and I just want to thank so you much for giving me the opportunity to learn so much about what it takes to go on a short-term mission trip. The course was very helpful, and since I have never been on a mission trip to a different country, I am so grateful that I took this course. It taught me so much on what I need to do and what I do not need to do. There are many things throughout the course that I would have never thought of on my own, and now I feel very comfortable (but still nervous) about going to Belize. I will have Mrs. C. P. (my mentor) sign the last sheet that needs to be signed and talk with her about what I have learned either today or tomorrow, so I should be able to get the summary and the mentor report sheet sent off to you by Friday at the latest. Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity and God Bless.

CJM



# Biblical Counseling Changes the Heart

Many people know that Scotty Davis does a lot of counseling for people. Police officers, volunteer counseling at Good Samaritan Clinic, referrals from pastors and even friends are all part of the steady stream of people who need counseling. There are major differences between biblical counseling and other types of counseling. Supporters and followers of this ministry can be assured that all counseling is biblically-based and performed with a servant's attitude and heart. Below is a list of many of the most outstanding aspects of Biblical Counseling:

- ◆ Biblical Counseling is based entirely on the Holy Bible.
- ◆ Biblical Counseling seeks to replace unbiblical thought with biblical thought.
- ◆ Biblical Counseling can be used to overcome life dominating sins and patterns of thought that are destructive.
- ◆ Biblical Counseling is true fulfillment of brothers and sisters in Christ bearing each others' burdens.
- ◆ Biblical Counseling does not seek to use the past events in a person's life to explain behavior but seeks to equip and enable people by the power of the Holy Spirit to bring about change. Biblical Counseling speaks the truth in love and with compassion.



For His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (HCSB)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.

2 Cor 5:17 (HCSB)

## Biblical Counseling Project Work is Priority for the Month of June

Scotty Davis is currently working to complete a Doctor of Ministry Degree at Southeastern Seminary in Biblical Counseling. As part of that work, he is engaged in a study of the spiritual effect of the use of deadly force by Law Enforcement. This is a very sensitive and delicate subject. Scotty will be conducting many counseling sessions with both Cobb County and City of Marietta Police Department officers during the month of June.

Your prayers are needed to undergird this important work that is the first of its kind. Officers involved in the study must meet two very important criteria. First, they must believe the Bible, and second, they must have been involved in the use of deadly force at some point in their career. Sign up is online at [www.missionsteaminc.com](http://www.missionsteaminc.com) under the Police Chaplaincy Study tab. The results of the study should enable chaplains to become more effective in ministering to law enforcement personnel who have done their duty as government representatives to protect and serve the public at a great personal sacrifice.

# Bible Story Telling Class Enables Short-Term Missionaries

The last few weeks a group of individuals at Burnt Hickory have been getting a very brief introduction to the benefits of using Bible Story Telling as a means to communicate the Gospel to people who do not have reading and writing skills to study the Word of God. Modern missionaries have developed the technique of using Bible story-telling among oral learners as a method that people with limited written language skills can master quickly and with no cost involved. Stories can be told and retold to bring alive the personalities in the Bible and allow people to identify with the men and women as they interact with God. David Meriwether (MTI Board Member) taught the course, and Scotty Davis had the opportunity to fill in as a teacher and attend some of the sessions. While the class was brief, the material was in-depth. If you want to know more about this subject, check out the following websites.

[The Hope Project](#)

[IMB Bible Story Telling](#)

[Disciple the Nations](#)

## Prayer Calendar for Upcoming Mission Events

Builders for Christ	Noonday Baptist Association	June 1-7	Ohio
Orphanage Project	Do Missions Inc	June 26-July 7	South Africa
VBS Orphanage Camp	Burnt Hickory Baptist	July 4-13	Ukraine
Youth Choir Trip	Burnt Hickory Baptist	July 13-23	Belize
Family Missions	Burnt Hickory Baptist	June 30-July 7	Mexico
Youth International Trip	North West Baptist Convention	July 28-Aug 10	Germany
Strategy Church Conf	Mission Team Inc	Aug 1-9	Mexico
Medical Missions	Burnt Hickory Baptist	Sept 13-20	Nicaragua

All of these projects have direct input or participation by MTI through leadership or MTI Scholarship.

## Great Opportunities Abound

Every person who we meet is an opportunity to bless or be blessed. Which are you? I believe that when the Lord Jesus walked the earth, he was the most pleasant, kind, honest man who ever lived. Yet when he was with people, Jesus did not mince words. He spoke directly to people about life. Jesus was on mission for the Father and in the process brought salvation to all mankind. We must be on mission every day. No matter who we are with or what we are doing, we are to bear witness to the God who gives us life. This is what I am trying to do with Mission Team Inc. If I can encourage you, may it be to give praise to Jesus for his grace and mercy and love. Thank you for your love and support.



*Scotty*