

Builders In Ministry

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Messages

Greetings From Andrew Singh

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, greeting in the name of Jesus Christ. Before I share about what has happened here at Wesley Meadows UMC, I just want to lift up the name of Jesus and let every one know that Jesus is King.

I can't even believe that one year has gone by so fast. God has been very faithful and gracious to our church family. Our church has grown from 60-90 members and more our on the way. We have started Kid's day program which is held the first week of every month. Through Kid's day we are teaching children the value of prayer, and relationship with Jesus. Also, our praise band was invited to lead worship at the District conference of the Kentucky annual conference of UMC Church.

Moreover, in May the Watoto Children Choir from Kampala, Uganda came and shared their stories with our community. Our church was very fortunate to host these children, who have lost one or both of their parents through Aids and civil wars that has affected Uganda. These kids were an inspiration.

Also, our church has began sending Bibles to Liberia. Also we are packing, school materials, books, shoes to support the children's ministry in Liberia. We are also planning to support the children of Sex workers in Ajmer, India, with school supplies and other important things.

Last week our church hosted the fifth Interdenomination Ladies retreat. About 45 churches were represented. Thanks be to God.

Friends there is a lot to say, but through it all we give Jesus the glory.
In Christ
Andrew Singh

Jason Speegle in The Dominican Republic

My wife Mandie and I have been serving Jesus in Dominican Republic (DR) for a little more than 2 years. We moved here with Medical Ministry International (www.mmint.org) with the purpose of opening a dental clinic from which to provide dental care for people who could not otherwise afford it. With God's provision and help, the clinic opened in March of 2004 and recently celebrated its 1st birthday! Praise Jesus! Mandie is the administrator of the clinic and she currently has 6 dentists working full- and part-time in the clinic.

Shortly before the clinic opened, I (Jason) began teaching high school in a bilingual school here in the capital of Santo Domingo. I just finished my first full year of teaching Algebra 2 and Physics. I plan to teach the same two subjects again during the 2005-2006 school year. This work for me was completely unexpected, but definitely a part of God's wonderful plan. The students have been a blessing to Mandie and I and we have been able to share the love of Jesus with several of them.

We are currently embarking on a new adventure. We have been called to institute a division of Crown Financial Ministries (www.crown.org) here in the DR. Crown is a ministry that teaches Biblical financial principles. Crown is well known and growing rapidly in the US and other countries throughout the world, but has not yet been introduced in the DR. We have been called to introduce this ministry to the Christian leaders of the country and find the Dominicans that will become the leaders of this ministry here. We are currently planning to have a large three-day conference in February or March of 2006. The conference will be to introduce Crown Ministries to as many pastors and Christian business leaders as possible, and to challenge them to introduce Crown's principle's within their church or business.

God is doing fantastic things in the DR. We would love to hear from old friends or from anyone interested in our ministry or mission trips to the DR. You can email us at speegles@gmail.com. God bless all of you!

"Z" - Youth Work in Malaysia

Greetings to all of you brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. We truly do serve an amazing God and it's been inspiring hearing about what He is doing in the lives of people around the world. As for me, I've been working in youth ministry full time over the last few months here at Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya in Malaysia and it's been a good challenge. God has been teaching me a lot about working with youth and how to reach out to them and I truly feel that I am growing by experience.

Just recently we started our college fellowship called "Live Wire" and it's interesting seeing how things are turning out. So far it's a small group but we hope to see the numbers grow as the faith amongst the college members increases. What started out as a small bible study a few months ago is now taking a big step into becoming a full fledged college youth service by next month. We also started our Young Adults Fellowship not too long ago and it's encouraging to see a number of people that keep returning as we grow together in faith.

However, with all ministries, there are always struggles that we have to overcome. I would like to ask you to keep the youth ministry here and myself in your prayers as we strive to really root ourselves down in the Word. I'm finding it especially tough in the city context where there are so many distractions and modes of entertainment for people to keep a strong focus on reading and learning from God's word. Pray for us as we overcome this struggle.

As always, we're also eager to bring in resource people from overseas to encourage global ministry and to help us to learn more about what God is doing in other places as well as learn from others overseas so if any of you are planning a mission trip and want somewhere to go, feel free to contact me at szetho@hotmail.com or you can e-mail the church at tmcpj@streamyx.com and do let us know. I'm especially interested in the areas of youth contemporary worship as well as training for our youth leaders. However, we're not limiting ourselves to only these areas of growth.

I look forward to hearing from the rest of you builders in ministry. Take care and God bless!

In Christ,
Szetho Wei Shen "Z"

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