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FROM THE CHAIR

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Help! Friends, the Missions Committee needs your help – always – but more now than usual. The Mexico Mission van was stolen. I am not dismissing the fact that it served the purpose, but we who were there in July of this year recognized the fact that it would very soon have to be replaced. Remember, we cannot send in new ones, but they must be five years old before we take it down. Some of the committee members have been looking, but so far, no suitable van has been found.

Jorge has bought a van that will hold about half as many people as he needs it to hold and is temporarily using his van for the use of the mission. But we need to find a 14-15 passenger van that is at least a 2001-2002 for the use of the mission. How about our meetings – do you need a new van for the meeting and would like a buyer for the older one? If anyone has a lead, please call me at (336) 765-0900.

Maria Elena's son, Isaiah, and his wife Reyna and their son are now living with the Reyes, and Isaiah is helping with the missions. He sings and plays several musical instruments and being young, he does relate to the young folks. Isaiah and Reyna, as well as Jorge and Maria Elena, are participating in the worship at the two churches. Twice a month Isaiah is preaching on Sunday night and Jorge reports that attendance has increased. Isaiah is teaching 6th grade at a private school and his wife is a nurse at a nearby hospital.

Since returning from there, I have tried to think of what we could do and what I would do in their place to make it a better mission. I think more involvement from members of NCYM would make a big difference. Although there would be problems with living quarters, etc., it would be wonderful if someone with a burden for the Mexico Mission could feel led to spend some time there. Give these thoughts some prayerful attention.

The Mexico Mission is OURS - NCYM'S - with no expected help from other areas and I think we have too much invested and the mission serves too much of a need there for us to be apathetic about it. It will be as good a mission as we are willing to make it.

All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Psalm 145 10-13

BREAKING NEWS !

FROM BOB AND HOPE CARTER

As we were preparing to leave Zambia for our "home assignment," we knew there was a possibility that our next term of service might see us returning to Kenya rather than Zambia. We therefore "tied up" all loose ends before we left, handing over the film evangelism, discipleship,

orphan, literacy and prison chapel activities to capable Zambians who could effectively continue the work even if we did not return. It turns out that this leading was correct. The Lord has opened a truly exciting door of opportunity for us to serve Him in Kenya when we return to overseas service:

that of starting up and leading a new ministry under SIM Kenya called "HOPE for AIDS." 'HOPE' is an acronym for **H**ome-based care; **O**rphans and vulnerable children; **P**revention; and **E**quipping the Church. This new ministry will challenge us to apply all the lessons we've learned over the past two decades in the areas of public health, working with communities, orphan care, church leadership development and program management - all wrapped up together in one focus area, that of AIDS. Our vision will focus on two arenas of effort: 1) equipping church workers and leaders from many different denominations and faith-based organizations to maximize the effectiveness of their AIDS-related ministries and to network together in order to draw upon each others' strengths and to supplement each others' efforts; and 2) sensitizing and equipping every department of SIM Kenya to minister more effectively and holistically within the pervasive context of AIDS. Initially it will require much time spent listening, learning, praying and building relationships. Although we are saddened by the thought of leaving all our beloved friends and the exciting and rewarding work in Zambia, we are nevertheless at the same time delighted to be returning to a country we already know and where many good friends will be happy to welcome us back. Please pray for us as we begin preparing for this exciting new venture. Pray also that the Lord would raise up committed missionary doctors and nurses to continue serving at Mukinge - this is now a more urgent need than ever.

The Luffs In The Philippines

A need at Faith Bible College: Short term English teachers. Read on and find out why.

An intensive six-week English program, especially designed for people from Asian countries, is being developed at Faith Bible College. The Philippine English is far advanced over other Asian countries and a six-week course held there would be helpful to those students trying to learn English. The goal is to have the first class ready to teach in July/August of 2007.

It's interesting to note that among the students this semester are three senior citizens who range in age from 60 to 78 – two women and one man.

If you've been hearing about typhoons in the Philippines and you are a supporter of Karl and Peggy, you've no doubt wondered if any of the storms affected them. The typhoon in October swept through Manila and did affect them somewhat but not seriously. They lost a tree they had dubbed the "bat tree" because it was home to very many bats. They say they won't miss the bats, but will miss the shade the tree gave. The tree fell away from the house, over the fence and into an empty lot. They were without power for about five days – five days of high heat and humidity. Still they were very thankful, because things could have been much worse. Several people in Manila and the surrounding area did lose their lives due to flying debris or falling trees. The more recent typhoons have not affected Karl and Peggy except to give them cooler weather and rain. The most devastating Typhoon was the one that hit Mayon and brought down the side of a volcano onto a village. At last count more than 500 were confirmed dead there and many more were missing.

Because so few from the local churches are making commitments to ministry, Karl and Peggy, along with the ministry team from the college will be visiting the churches. Pray with them that these visits will produce committed workers to ministry.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Psalm 145: 3-6