

Our People Serve

Carrie Lineberry, a member of Pilot View Friends Meeting and a student at Appalachian State University, responded to my request for information about mission trips members of our Yearly Meeting are making. Below is information about some of Carrie's 2005 trips.

Poland

In years to come Carrie will probably look back on her trip to Poland as one of her most memorable because this was the first where she shared her Faith with others and witnessed to others about the love of God.

It was at ASU, at a church she attends there, that Carrie learned of the trip to Poland. A church there was in need of people who could lead a Vacation Bible School Camp for their youth. Carrie signed up and was in Poland from June 24 through August 12. Each camp day began with song. Carrie and the others from the States helped to plan events, and even taught some English while they in turn learned some Polish.

Carrie explains that the trip to Poland meant a great deal to her because, by answering their questions about religion and God, her own faith was strengthened. She said that you really have to think about what you're saying when you're trying to explain to someone who's first language is not English, and in the long run you really understand yourself why you believe what you believe. She describes her most memorable moment of the trip as the one where she gave one of the youth, Michael, an English/Polish Bible. He cried, and hugged her, because now he would be able to read the Word for himself and search for answers to his questions. She had given him the first Bible that he could call his own.

WGYF

From Poland Carrie went to England to the World Gathering of Young Friends which was held August 14 -25. There she met Young Friends of all persuasions and now better understands the diversity of Quakers. Through this, too, she found her own convictions strengthened and her walk with Christ deepened.

Service in Alabama

In October Carrie joined other young adults and Friends Disaster Service at the MOWA Choctaw Friends Academy in Sanktown, Alabama. The area had been hit by Hurricane Katrina and they were able to help clean up the grounds and help fix the buildings as well as the home of a family who lived nearby.

It is hoped that the above article will be the first of many. Share thoughts about your trip for use in future *Our People Serve* articles. Others in the Yearly Meeting like to hear about work in missions and to hear about the impact it has made. You don't have to write the article, just send me the facts and tell me what it meant to you, I'll do the writing. Send information, including your phone number, to me at 700 Ellington Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27104, or email mecromer@bellsouth.net and please state on the subject line, "For NCYM Newsletter."

"Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth"

1 John 3:18

News from Zambia

It's the time of year in Zambia when heavy rains cause power outages and no phone service. But that might be about to change! The Carters and others in Kasempa may soon be using cell phones! That's right; the last newsletter from the Carters tells us that cellular service was scheduled to be available before Christmas! We may soon have their cell phone number!

Modern ways of communicating may be coming to Kasempa, but dangers long associated with the area still abound. Nutmeg, the Carter's dog, tried to protect her puppies from a cobra. She did protect her pups by fighting and killing the cobra, however, she also died in the fight. Now the Carters are raising the five pups that were orphaned when only nine days old.

We think fuel prices are high here, but fuel prices in Kasempa range from \$8.15 to \$10.30 per gallon!



The above photo was taken last summer when Nathan, who is in his third year at LeTourneau University in Texas, was home from school. Levi is a senior at RVA and looking at colleges, Hannah is in tenth grade, and Josiah is in the eighth grade.

Urgent need for doctors at Mukinge Hospital. Beginning in February Bob will be the only career missionary doctor left at Mukinge. The surgeon's position still remains vacant which means surgical consults are handled by Bob. The Carters are scheduled for home assignment beginning in August of 2006, and that could mean Mukinge could be without a doctor. There is an urgent call to pray for a doctor for Mukinge. The Carter's newsletter requests that as you pray, you ask God if you have a part to play. Are you a doctor? Do you know a doctor with a heart for missions? Are you

the one to raise missions awareness and this need for a doctor in a network of Christian health professionals? Pray about how God might use *you*.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 10:2

Belize News From the Stouts

After summer deputation with newborn, Spencer, Andy and Lisa returned to Belize in late August ready to begin the new school year at Friends Boys School. An injury suffered by Andy while loading their luggage, however, caused him a great deal of pain and advice from a neurosurgeon in Belize that he should have immediate surgery. They returned to the States where Andy sought medical attention and received relief without surgery. They ask for our prayers that Andy will not require further treatment.

Now back in Belize they are in the full swing of school duties and hope to be able to be the support for Mike and Kay Cain that they had hoped to be.

FBS started basketball season in November with seven players on the team. They play very hard and try very hard to win, but so far are 0-3, which gives them the opportunity to practice good sportsmanship with a good attitude.

If you have access to the internet you might want to check out Andy and Lisa's blog: <http://friendsboyschool.blogspot.com>. Keep them and baby Spencer in your prayers. Remember that with baby Spencer they are now a field staff of three.

As we begin 2006, let us remember to pray for all our missionaries everywhere, both on foreign field and at home. Remember too, that as Friends and Christians we are all called to minister wherever we are.

