

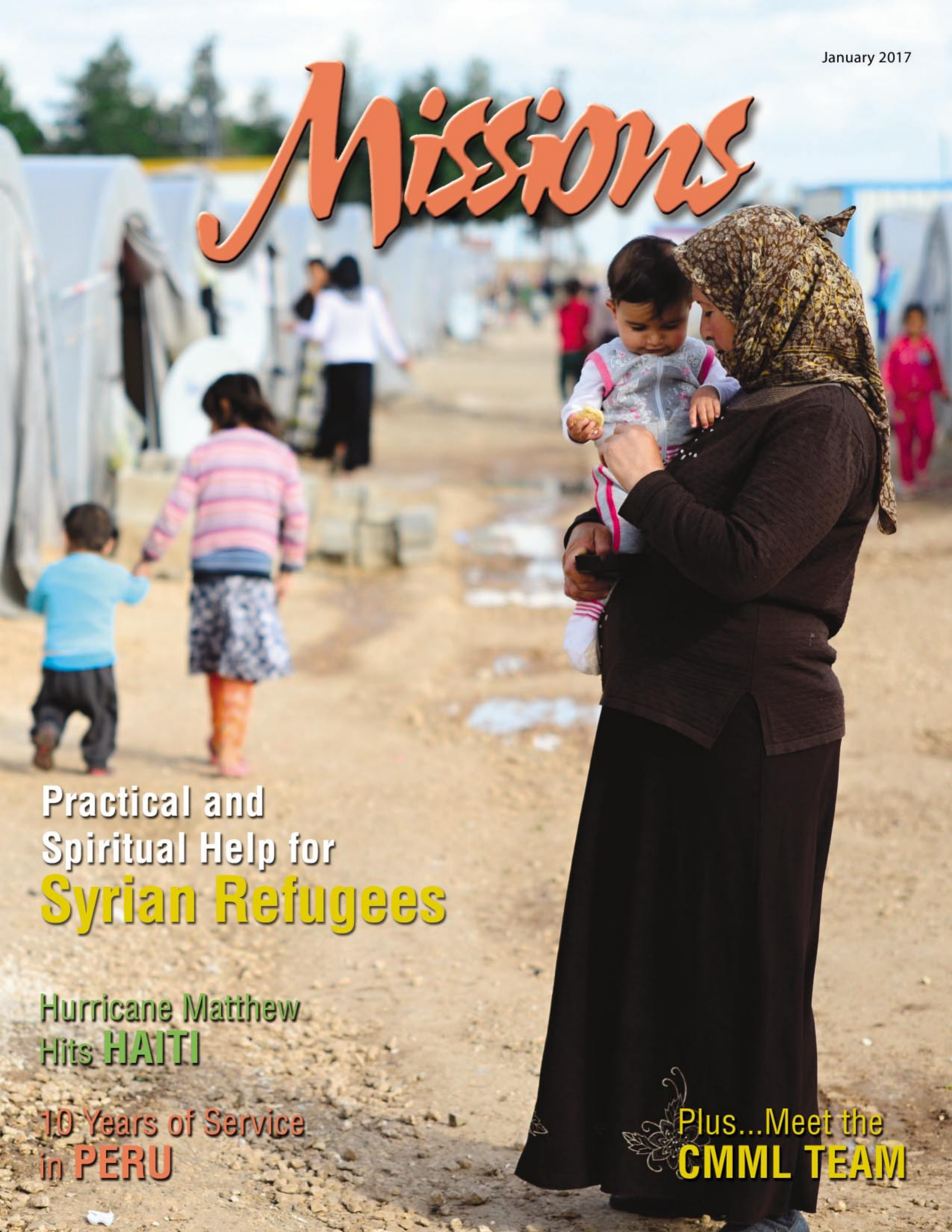
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Thinking It Through

ALAN PARKS

A New Beginning

January. The month of new beginnings. A new year, another journey into the unknown. A time to think about new resolutions, new aspirations, and new hopes.

For the Christian, each day is a reminder of Lamentations 3:22–23: “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness.” It underscores the need for believers to remain grateful for our salvation, remember what life was like before conversion, and bask in the wonders of new birth. It was only by grace that we survived long enough to accept Him! It’s no less an amazing grace that has brought us this far since. Remember the words of 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” It was our very best new beginning!

A new year should be a time of remembering and reflecting. It’s healthy to look back over the prior year and consider both the failures and victories: to repent from our failures and, with His help, resolve to do better in the new year before us. The apostle Paul was conscious of this when he wrote “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13–14) To paraphrase: thank God for anything in the past that brought glory to Him, salvation to the lost, and care to the saints. But, we’re not finished yet. There’s still a way to go, with service yet to be fulfilled.

A new year is a time to remember and a time to forget and, above all, an opportunity to begin with a fresh start.

Witness

For each of us, practically, what might this mean? For many, it may mean that we need a minor tune-up; for others, perhaps, a major overhaul. I think we all agree that time is getting short; while Christians have been anticipating the shout for nearly two millennia, the signs point to His glorious return sooner rather than later. If we’re to fulfill the Great Commission with which Matthew ends his Gospel, we are to make disciples

as we move about a dying world. This is not a commandment given only to missionaries, commended evangelists, and the like—it was placed on all of us. As we reflect on the previous year and the potential of a new year ahead, perhaps we need to be reminded that one principle occupation of every believer is to share the news of saving faith and lead others into the family of God. How is our witness? Is there room for improvement by God’s grace? Couldn’t we all answer yes? It’s time to press on in our witness.

Words

I am convinced that one of the glaring weak spots in the Church today is how feeble our prayer lives have become. Thank God for the remaining prayer warriors, but many of us need to return to the power of prayer. This is true both corporately and individually. If we forget the source of our power in this dying world, everything else suffers as well. It begs a question: How is my prayer life? Many veteran believers, whose days of active service have largely passed, bathe the work of God and His workers in prayer. Only eternity will reveal just how vitally important their prayers have been in advancing the Kingdom of God. Such a critically important task must not be reserved for only a few. May we resolve to commune with God daily and, with thanksgiving, plead with Him on behalf of those actively engaged in His work, and for those whom they contact—souls heading to a lost eternity. We speak so many words each day, none of which may be as important as the words we speak to God in prayer.

Walk

Lastly, our walk. It matters, every moment of every day. Looking back over 2016, can our walk be improved? Personally, mine can—in worship, gratitude, attitude, and grace. As we walk through this year, may those behind us see Christ, and catch His fragrance.

Happy New Year! May it be our best one, in every way! ■

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FIVE LOAVES and TWO FISH

Practical and Spiritual Help for Syrian Refugees

BY RUTH SONODA

I am told there are approximately 4.5 million Syrian refugees living in the Middle East. At this moment I am only focusing on the one little boy whose face I am painting to look like a tiger. It is difficult to paint the stripes and not damage the scabs that cover his cheeks and forehead. He watches me and sits very still even as other children run around getting their own faces painted. I would sometimes read in books about “hollow eyes” and wonder what they were supposed to look like. Now I know. I put the finishing touches by blackening the tip of his nose. I smile, tell him I’m done, and then show him his reflection. He looks at it doubtfully. Then the tiger face smiles at himself, and then he smiles at me. And I feel I have made a small difference to one out of 4.5 million.

This is what we continued to do as our host country was flooded by refugees. We strove to make a difference to the ones we could reach. We felt overwhelmed by the numbers and feeling that we were only one family in one small church. But the Lord used this passage to encourage us:

And when it grew late, His disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” But He answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to Him, “Shall we go and buy 200 denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” And taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And He divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. (Mark 6:35–38, 41–42)

We felt we only had five loaves and two fish, but we offered them to Jesus. He took that and did amazing things.

Food distribution

Over the course of several months we began to find pockets of refugees living in tarp tents beside fields. They do not have official refugee status and therefore do not receive help. We were appalled by their living conditions and prayed that we would be able to do something for them. It was around that time that CMML offered us the use and management of a relief fund. We were so excited to have the funds we needed to help.

By the end of the next year we were distributing more than two tons of food each month to Syrian families. Twice a month our church gathers to put together food packages. The children love being involved in this and are some of our best volunteers though sometimes they argue over who gets to put the colorful soap bars in the packages. The following day Jonathan and several others from the church load a truck and head out to the "camps." Jonathan sits on a little stool with his laptop as the refugees gather around. Then our Arabic speakers work to get the necessary information from each refugee family passed to Jonathan. It can get a little crazy sometimes, but thankfully the groups that know us well have become very organized about it. To watch video clips about the food distribution please visit: AntiochRefugeeMinistry.org/videos.



Left (L-R): Helping to make food bags; Registering refugee families. Above: Food bag distribution.



Miscellaneous distribution

When you live in makeshift tents in the mud, there are so many other needs besides food. Thanks to the generosity of God's people around the world we are able to meet some of those needs. The most difficult time is winter when it is cold, and there can be rainstorms several times a week. These downpours turn the camp areas into muddy messes, making life that much harder. We provide blankets, foam mattresses, coal, and coal burning stoves. We were also able to give out wood pallets to keep them out of the mud. Coats, socks, and boots were also a need we were able to meet. There is great satisfaction in being able to cover the feet of children who are normally barefoot in very cold weather.

Once a month we give out diapers, formula, and sanitary pads. Before we started to do this, the babies had plastic bags wrapped around their little bottoms causing rashes, discomfort, and lots of leaks. Though many of the women nurse their babies, their milk is often not sufficient for their babies because of their own lack of nourishment, stress, and having to work in the nearby fields.



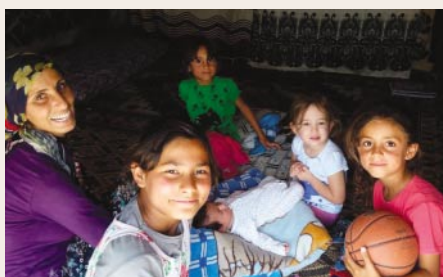
The Haven

As we helped these groups of refugees, we often left with a heavy burden for all of the children. We were saddened to think of a whole generation of Syrians missing an education. Also, many of the parents and children eight years old and older work in the fields so the younger children are left alone. We would see five-year-olds in charge of the younger children. After much prayer and work, we were able to start what we call the Haven of Love and Kindness. We set up a large tent by one of the "camps," put in a coal stove, and bought supplies. Twice a week we open up the tent for the children. They receive math and Arabic reading and writing lessons. We hired two Syrian teachers who were refugees in that camp. In addition to lessons, we play organized games with them, do crafts, sing songs, and provide a hot meal.

We were surprised by some things as we worked with the children. At the beginning many of them had a hoarding instinct. This is normal when you have experienced trauma and the loss of everything you had. When we brought out the toys most of the children did not play. They just ran, grabbed as many toys as they could hold, and then stashed them in a corner. Then they would protect that corner from "intruders." At mealtimes some of them did not want to eat the food. They wanted to save it and take it home. This also is common when a child has known hunger. It was difficult to see these things, and it broke our hearts. But we found joy as, little by little, the children blossomed and changed as they were loved the way Jesus loves them.



From top left: The Haven tent; Song time; Mealtime at the Haven; Game time.



From left (top to bottom): Giving out new boots; Delivering foam mattresses; In a refugee tent; Refugee tents in the winter; New boots for winter.



The man who wants to stop war

One day, when doing food distribution at a new camp, we gave out crayons and paper for the children. When we came back, one family showed us the drawing their badly burned son had made. It was a picture of planes dropping bombs on their house. They explained that this was how he was burned.

Then we saw that the mother held another drawing by their other son. We asked to see it and she said, "It's nothing, just a man." We insisted that we were interested to see his drawing, too. When she showed it to us we saw a man on a cross. We were very surprised and asked the boy, "Who is this man?"

The boy answered, "He is the man who wants to stop war."

This family had no knowledge of who Jesus Christ is. Yet, somehow, Jesus was showing Himself to this young boy. We were able to explain to them who the man on the cross was and how He wants to stop wars.

We have never made receiving the Gospel a requirement for help, but all the refugees know who we are and Whom we follow. We always have New Testaments in Arabic with us, and we give them to whoever asks for them, which has been quite a few people. It is common for us to hear, "We had to flee from our homes because of people of our faith (Islam). We come here and the people who are supposed to be our brothers do not want us and mistreat us. It is the people who follow Jesus who have helped us." One time, after a food distribution, a thankful child ran after the van, waving and yelling, "Say 'hi' to Jesus for me!"

"He is the man who wants to stop war."



From top: The drawing of the bombed house; The man who wants to stop war.



Top: Jonathan and Ruth with the Haven kids. **Bottom:** Haven children.

Thank you

We have received funds for this ministry from many brothers and sisters via CMML. I have not been able to thank each one of you individually. So I will take advantage of this opportunity and thank you now. Thank you for giving so we can have the privilege of helping these people in great need. Thank you for offering your five loaves and two fishes. It may not seem like much for 4.5 million refugees. But in the hands of Jesus it becomes so much more. Thank you. ■

Ruth and Jonathan Sonoda were commended in 2009 by Westside Bible Church, Meridian, Idaho.



HURRICANE MATTHEW HITS HAITI



Helping Haitians Rebuild Their Homes

BY NATHAN AND VIRGINIA GRICE
MICHAEL AND BREANNA RUDOLPH

The hurricane-force winds began around midnight Monday, October 3, after a day of rain and wind. The house was solid, but trees began to snap and crash down. Around 6 a.m. the fiercest winds were past, and at first light we began damage control. Waterways had to be kept open to prevent flooding, and the inches of rain had to be channeled away from the buildings. Later in the day we cooked a large pot of rice and took it to our neighbors. There was no way they could light a fire in the blowing rain even if the wood wasn't soaked. It continued to rain with violent gusts of wind till Wednesday evening. In total, it rained 38 inches. The eye of the storm passed about 70 miles west of us.

Thursday, Michael and Nathan and a group of other men headed to the trail with shovels and a chainsaw. We

knew that clearing the road was the first way we could help the communities in our area. They worked going down the

Houses with no roofs, and roofs with no houses

houses. Gardens washed away, fruit trees broken and bent over, and some livestock dead.

road till they met another crew that had come up the road from Petit Goave. The destruction was incredible—houses with missing tin, houses with no roofs, and roofs with no

houses. Gardens washed away, fruit trees broken and bent over, and some livestock dead.

The tin program

In the following days, we prayed for wisdom to know how to best use the donations sent to help with hurricane relief. At first, we felt overwhelmed not knowing how to distribute these funds in a way that would not contribute to an entitlement mentality. The notion that if you need something you simply wait for an organization to give it to you is prevalent



here. After talking and praying about this, and asking others for counsel, we believe the Lord provided us with the answers we needed.

The "tin program" is put together in a way to help the affected families get their homes repaired without encouraging dependency. We began with the damaged houses nearest our home base and will move out farther as funds become available. For every two pieces of tin for their roof, nails, and a

From left: During the hurricane; Working to clear the road.



Haitian roofer to oversee installation (a total value of about three days' wages), the homeowner gives a day of community service. The average home uses approximately 40 pieces of tin, so if the roof was completely lost, the head of the home will give 20 days of community service. Each person who receives tin

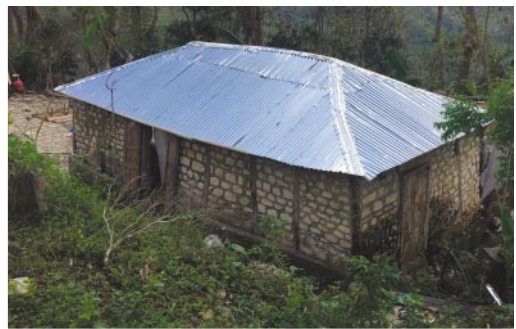
signs a contract that states they will do this work in exchange for what they receive. The current community service project is to repair the roads. The hurricane created many washouts and landslides, making it more difficult for everyone to come and go.

Since there are very few jobs available right now, homeowners are thankful for this arrangement, and every day more people ask to participate in the program. We tell them to ask God to supply their needs and that we will expand the program as He sends the funds to do so. We are able to repair eight to 10 homes per week with our current crew, at an average cost of \$160 per house. Our plan is to continue as long as we have the resources and, if it grows beyond our reach here, to delegate the program oversight to other trusted men in the communities farther away.

Prayer and praise

A potential crisis we see for January and February 2017 is the lack of food in the mountains due to the loss of cash and food crops. Please pray with us for wisdom to know how to best help with this. We plan to buy and distribute seed for short-season vegetables. This is just a small way we can help Haitians help themselves. The mountain people can't go to Port-au-Prince very easily, but if we bring the seeds to them, they can grow the vegetables and then sell them in the city and buy corn and rice for their families.

We are thankful for the Lord's provision of wisdom and funds for these projects. He gives this to the work through the prayers and support of His people. Thank you to all who have been praying for, and giving to, the work here. Please continue to pray that the Gospel will change the hearts of the people of Haiti.



Far left: A woman carrying her new roof. **Above/left:** Wind-torn roof and after a new roof. **Below from left:** Explaining the contract; Installing the tin; A couple moving back into their home with a new roof.



Nathan and Virginia Grice and Michael and Breanna Rudolph are commended from Believer's Chapel of Tullahoma, Tullahoma, Tennessee.





Needed Supplies for Mountain Communities

BY TONY JONES



My ministry work is mostly in the mountain area of a town called Grand Goave, which was located in the outer east edge of the hurricane. The town sustained minor damage with downed hydro lines and trees, and there was some flooding in the low-lying areas. Many buildings had damage to their roofs as the metal sheets just peeled off.



Devastation

Unfortunately, it was much worse for the people that I work with in the mountains. They lost everything. This hurricane has done far more damage in the mountains than the earthquake in 2010.

They lost everything

Houses, schools, churches, animals and crops were all destroyed. Most of the roads leading to the mountains are gone, washed away by the rainfall. Because there

is no communication in this area, most people did not know the hurricane was even coming.

Supply distribution

We have been working for four weeks now, going into the mountains to deliver food, medicine, tarps, and other supplies. I have been blessed with a John Deere Gator utility vehicle and have been using this to take supplies to the people. We then load the supplies onto donkeys, and the mountain people head back up to their communities.

Prayer need

Cholera now is a serious issue. About 30 people we know of have died in the last few weeks.

Please keep us in your prayers as we try to help these souls one at a time. ■



From top (L-R): Delivering food to be carried by donkeys; Wet clothes drying in the sunlight—Most of them became moldy because of the days of rain after the hurricane; Delivering food; A mother and her children in front of their home.



Tony Jones serves in Haiti with his wife Edna and their two sons. Tony is commended by River Drive Park Bible Chapel, Bradford, Ontario.



Strong Tower Christian School

10 Years of Fruitful Service

BY TOM CLARK

By the Lord's provision, Morningstar Children's Home opened its doors in October 2006. Within a few months we had several preschool-age children who needed education. The best analogy to which we can liken Strong Tower Christian School is a seed planted in March 2007 in response to that need. A kindergarten teacher was hired and several other children from the surrounding community were invited to join in forming a K5 class of 14 students. In the ensuing years, that seed became a fruit-bearing tree, having developed into a high quality educational program that today offers grades K3 through eighth and is still growing.



This page (clockwise from top):
Our 2016 fifth and sixth-grade classes;
Carol with our first kindergarten class;
Strong Tower's 2016 staff.

Opposite page (from top):
Our first team built our playground;
Strong Tower campus today.

The beginning

In March 2007 the first K5 class began the school year. In addition to the kindergarten teacher, a teacher's aide was hired, and Carol taught daily English classes. Knowing these students would require further education in the coming years, we began work on the lengthy process to request formal certification from the Peruvian Board of Education. In order to comply with the minimum standards, Strong Tower would have to provide all three levels of kindergarten (K3, K4 and K5) as well as first grade in the following 12 months. Temporary classrooms were designed and staffed and a team of volunteers from Tom and Carol's commending assembly, Hiawassa Bible Chapel in Orlando, Florida, came to build a playground to be used by the students. Schedules, curriculum and staffing began to take shape with the realization that each year one more grade would be added as our original class of students moved forward through the elementary grades. Late in 2008, the certification was obtained from the Peruvian Board of Education.

The school's growth

As we began to realize this was a long-term ministry, we focused on designing a strong Christian education program through which we could reach the community with the Gospel. Mark and Kim DeJager (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 26) responded to the Lord's direction to join us in 2009 and, once they had acquired adequate language skills, Mark accepted the leadership of Strong Tower Christian School for the next several years. Each year a grade was added and teaching English as a second language became one of our priorities. It was a blessing to have a steady stream of volunteers answer the call to join in the efforts for various amounts of time. Eventually three of these volunteers, Laura Messerly, Kristina Howell and Crystal Rudy all committed to full-time teaching on our staff and are currently commended by their assemblies to serve here in the school (MPH Day 26). Jonathan Clark, Tom's older brother, is now in his third year teaching most of the Bible classes.

As the student body expanded and grades were added, the need for classrooms became a constant concern. Many volunteer teams from Canada and the U.S., some of which were organized by TeamWorkers Abroad, came to build a sports slab and a total of 14 classrooms as well as office space. The students currently enjoy ample playground space, sports facilities, and modern classrooms, computer lab, and a well-stocked library.



Tom and Carol Clark were commended in 1985 by Hiawassa Bible Chapel, Orlando, Florida.



Challenges and goals

The 2016 school year, which began in March, marked our first attempt to add high school grades to the existing kindergarten and elementary program. This presented an additional challenge we are still evaluating, and we are uncertain if the high school program will continue next year. Conforming to the requirements of the local Board of Education and the local Civil Safety Commission as well as the labor laws which apply to our Peruvian staff and the immigration laws which govern our foreign teachers is challenging, especially when operating in an economically depressed neighborhood which limits the amount parents are able to pay for their children's education. However, it is our goal that Strong Tower Christian School eventually become financially self-sufficient. We continue to pray for the Lord's wisdom and direction for the future.

The DeJager family departed almost two years ago, and our principal departed at the end of the 2016 school year in December. We are currently planning the program and the staff for the 2017 school year, and there are many variables to consider and pray about. We currently have 106 students and would like to see that number increase to 180 for the coming year.

Prayer for the future

Strong Tower Christian School has been the means by which many children have professed faith in Christ. The mandatory monthly parent meetings, the family counseling offered and evangelistic Bible studies have led several parents to do the same, and a few have joined the fellowship of the local assembly. The seed planted almost 10 years ago is now a fruit-bearing tree, and our prayer is that it would continue to do so until our Lord comes. ■



Meet the CMML Team

CMML is privileged to serve the Lord's servants around the world. We know, and greatly appreciate, that many *Missions* readers faithfully pray for us (especially on "Day 31" where we are listed in the *Missionary Prayer Handbook*). We humbly ask you to continue to uphold us in prayer.



Heather Zappella, Office Administrator
Heather manages a wide range of tasks to ensure the CMML office runs smoothly. She also manages the website and the *Missionary Prayer Handbook* production.



Craig Fritchey, Conference Coordinator
Craig manages CMML conferences around the country. Visit CMML.us/Events for upcoming conferences. Craig also assists with CMML's new security program.



Jennifer Rogers, Donor Relations; Special Projects Coordinator
Jennifer processes mail and donations, is the contact for donation questions, and organizes many projects including countless "behind the scenes" conference tasks.



Annie Elliott, Missions Editor
As editor of *Missions* magazine, Annie plans, coordinates, and edits each issue. She also manages CMML's social media accounts and helps with the website and handbook.



Phil Parsons, Assembly Relations and Missionary Care
Phil meets with assemblies and stays in touch with and visits missionaries throughout the world. He also oversees the Missionary Orientation Program.



Alan Coburn, Facilities Manager
Alan plans, supervises, and implements maintenance projects and improvements to the CMML facilities.



Mary Parsons, Guest Home Hostess
Mary manages the guest scheduling and makes visiting missionaries feel at home. She also accompanies Phil on his missionary and assembly visits.



Russ Click, Building Maintenance
Russ does a variety of maintenance and repair projects to keep the CMML facilities in top shape.



Shannon Louro, Designer
Shannon helps part time, designing CMML advertisements and conference programs.



Joe Cannata, Accountant
Joe handles the day-to-day financial aspects of CMML. Contact Joe if you have any questions about wills, annuities, or other similar gifts.



Ken Liccardo, Information Technology
Ken maintains the office computers and electronics and helps with several technology initiatives.



Marilyn Brown, Data Entry
Marilyn helps part time, processing donations and proofing receipts.



Peg Hart, Communications
Emails, letters, and phone calls fill most of Peg's day. She also handles the magazine subscription list and many other tasks.



Helen Brown, Housekeeper
Helen cleans the guest home to be sure our missionaries are comfortable.

Board of Directors

CMML is blessed with leaders who seek to serve the Lord in every decision they make. Please remember our leadership in prayer.



Bob Dadd, Board President

Bob leads the board and CMML staff, meets with many visiting missionaries and makes regular trips overseas. He is a member of all subcommittees.



Joel Hernandez

Formerly a missionary to Mexico, Joel is a member of the missionary personnel committee. He helps to teach the Missionary Orientation Program.



Allan Wilks, Vice President—Technology

Allan's technology efforts include the donations, security and magazine databases. He is a member of the executive, publishing, security, and technology committees.



Joe Raju

Joe is a member of the missionary personnel committee and has visited several missionaries in their countries of service.



Tom Turner, Vice President—Publishing

Tom oversees *Missions* magazine and the *Missionary Prayer Handbook*. He is a member of the audit, executive, and publishing committees.



Tom Schetelich

Tom is CMML's legal adviser and has helped draft several new policies. He is a member of the investment, publishing, and security committees.



John Peasland, Secretary

Our newest director, John has taken on the role of secretary. He is a member of the executive and publishing committees.



Steve Swaim

Steve's involvement with the New Jersey area monthly missionary prayer meeting has fostered a great knowledge and love of missions, vital for his service as a CMML director.



John Collette, Treasurer

Formerly the secretary, John now serves as treasurer. He is a member of the audit, executive, and investment committees.



Ken Switzer

Ken has an interest in CMML's facilities and has frequently rolled his sleeves up to do hard jobs. He is a member of the building and grounds and security committees.

Volunteers

CMML has many faithful volunteers who sacrificially serve the Lord. There are too many people to list, but here are a few who have leadership roles or volunteer on a regular basis.

Marilyn Ridsen, *Clothing Center Manager*
Allen Dey, *Magazine Proofreader*
Jack and Millie Malonson, *Office Assistants*

Judy Gallagher, *Magazine and Office Assistant*
Glory Shabouk, *Office Assistant*
...and many more

May We Introduce

Amanda Delzer
Missionary to Bolivia



I grew up as a missionary kid in Bolivia. I heard the Gospel many times from a young age, but I was nearly seven years old before I really listened and understood that it was Christ's work and not my goodness that could give me eternal life. My parents were very involved in Bible teaching, discipleship, mentoring and leadership training. Seeing God work in Bolivian believers' lives through their ministry had a

Pray that God would open people's hearts

deep impact on my spiritual life. He stepped into the lives of people who had been through a lot of pain and abuse and helped them to love and forgive those who had treated them horribly. I became convinced that this was a God worth following wholeheartedly.

I began to develop an interest in missions at age 11 or 12. Over the years, this interest has become a desire and then a settled conviction that this is God's calling for me. I attended Emmaus Bible College from 2007 to 2011 to study and prepare for missions. At that time, my focus was Southeast Asia; I researched that part of the world and even spent three months in Indonesia. Since graduation, however, the Lord opened very different doors for me. I went to Colombia for a

year to teach English. In the last few years, I had opportunities to teach Spanish speakers in the USA. In 2015 Steve and Mary Hawthorne, who have served the Lord in Bolivia for more than 30 years, contacted me through my parents and asked me to come work with them. A year later, I now find myself in a place that I love dearly but had never actually expected to return to—Potosi, Bolivia!

Mary and I will organize a new outreach using Teaching English as a Second Language as a platform for evangelism. Through small classes for university students and business people, we hope to start one-on-one and group Bible studies and create relationships in which to share the Gospel. I will also assist in children's ministry (Bible clubs and such) and encourage and mentor young women in the Potosi assemblies.

Please pray that God would open people's hearts to desire to know Him and that this desire would be stronger than just learning a language, which will only help them in this life. Pray that I would adjust well and that my rusty Spanish will improve quickly. Finally, please pray that God would help me connect with the women in the Potosi assemblies and give me wisdom in how to encourage them to grow in Christ. ■

Pray For Missionary Kids!

Did you know that 319 children are listed in the *Missionary Prayer Handbook*? They each face unique circumstances and appreciate your prayers. Please remember to pray for missionary children each day.



Missionary children at the European Christian Workers' Conference—Photo by Philip Parsons