



Mission Possible

*“With God
all things
are
possible.”
Matt. 19:26*

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“The greatest mystery is WHY those who are charged with rescuing the LOST have spent two thousand years doing other things, good things, perhaps, but have FAILED to send and be sent until all have heard the liberating word of life in Jesus Christ.” – Robertson McQuilkin

A Word From the Directors:

This has been a really great year! We have been so aware of God’s leading and provision, even in times of discouragement. We continue to have a burden for lost souls and an awareness of how great the harvest is.

This year we had international teams that went to Mexico, Hong Kong, and Romania. We also had four teams go to Chicago! In March a group of about thirty-eight people from a church in Arkansas met us in Chicago, where we worked with various ministries helping to feed the homeless and improve their facilities. A week later we returned to Chicago with another team, and got our first taste of working with a ministry called “The Dream Center,” which you can read about in the Chicago section of this newsletter.

We really appreciate the part that so many of you have had in our lives and ministry. Without your prayers and support, this work would be impossible. Thank you for all that you have done. Join us in thanking God for all that He has done!

In His Service,

Bob and Carolyn Losch

*“And He died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.”
2 Corinthians 5:15*

Mission Possible exists to impact young people and adults so that missions becomes a vital part of their lives, and to offer opportunities to affect the world for Christ.



Chicago – Proclaiming Freedom to the Captives

The Dream Center is an incredible ministry, unique in every way. And it is a real highlight for each team member. On Friday nights we join the center's staff – all women – in prayer. Together we prepare red roses to hand out to women on the street. We use pieces of ribbon to attach invitation cards that tell them how they can escape their lifestyle of drugs and prostitution. After the roses are prepared, we pray again for the women we will meet and that the roses will touch something deep in the heart of every woman who receives one. Then our driver takes us to downtown Chicago, looking for places where there is a lot of night activity. We trust God to lead us to those in need. Many times there are “significant conversations” and earnest prayers with those in whom God's Spirit is working. We watch in awe as God touches hearts and tears flow. The greatest joy and blessing of one weekend was seeing several people pray to receive Christ as their Savior. Truly we were standing on holy ground – even on the streets of Chicago.

Later in the weekend we also have the opportunity to listen to the testimonies of women who have chosen new life in Christ and have completed the Dream Center's process of renewal. We really rejoice as we see the effectiveness of this ministry and

how the Lord is working.

One team member wrote: “How lit on fire my heart was for these women on the streets. They feel that they are nothing and useless, but they are priceless jewels in the eyes of God. I was very affected by the hurt in their eyes. My heart and eyes were truly opened and taken captive by what God is capable of doing through servants who are willing to give of themselves for the Kingdom.”

So far this year, we have had four Chicago teams. Most of the teams also helped to feed the homeless. At the end of August, one team worked at Humboldt Park with the Hopefest '08 staff in preparing and assisting area children to get ready for school. Some of our team members helped in the medical center, while others distributed food or helped with families enjoying the “Kids Zone.” Over 8,000 people registered for the event!



“God bless you. Just wanted to thank you and your team for joining us in our ministry. You guys have been a big blessing to our ministry. It's awesome how God can join two teams from different cities, yet from the same family, who share the same mission, which is to share Jesus with the hurting. We have been able to learn from each other, and are very encouraged to see your team, all of those young people on fire and hungry for God, traveling miles and positioning themselves to be able to serve, be used by God, and experience how God just has a way of doing things in his perfect will. To God be all the glory. We're looking forward to all the future dates, when we will be able to once again come together and bring glory to our King.” — Friday Night Coordinator of the Dream Center

Grand Rapids – Launching into the Inner City

That which we have seen and heard and had a part in during the Chicago trips has touched our hearts and lives. We are having the first of three training meetings for a similar ministry here in the Grand Rapids area on October 15th. (We will be having additional training as the year continues.) These sessions will include training about ministering to the homeless, leading people to the Lord, and spiritual warfare praying. We will be partnering with local ministries that already work with street people. We are especially excited to be working with Rev. Daniel Schutte and his Inner City Church Planting Mission. God is already raising up people with a heart to do this work. A married couple that will be joining our staff will be responsible for this new ministry.



As we seek to expand our ministry locally, we are very aware of how much we need your prayers and your support. We need to have larger facilities and more staff. The office we have now will not be large enough for the clothing donations that we will be receiving and for the other activities that we are planning. Please pray that God will provide if this is the direction He wants us to take! Pray that we will be sensitive to the Spirit's leading.

Hong Kong - Crossroads International

The intersection between Those in Need and Those Who Can Help *Crossroads International* is a non-profit foundation that takes Hong Kong's quality superseded goods as well as used goods, and redistributes them to people in need, both locally and internationally. Though it started small, today the staff members operate from a site that covers 14 acres and serves over 100 countries.

This year a team of five people from Mission Possible traveled to Hong Kong to serve as volunteers with this foundation. They did a variety of activities, including helping in the school program for children of Crossroads staff members, doing computer and office work, helping with the construction of new facilities, painting, and preparing and serving meals. Some team members also went out with the donation truck, picking up donations from various locations, including manufacturers (with stock over-runs, samples, or seconds), hotels, hospitals, apartments, schools, community groups and charities. Team members were really encouraged to see people from so many countries working together to help those less fortunate.

As we toured the city of Hong Kong and visited Buddhist temples, team members were also impressed by the need for Christ among Hong Kong's people. The Buddhists are so earnest in their quest for God and His blessings, but they are so lost spiritually.... Pray for the light of Christ to shine in and through the darkness of Hong Kong.



It Couldn't Be Done

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Somebody said it couldn't be done,
But He with a chuckle replied
That maybe it couldn't
but He would be
One who wouldn't
Say so until He tried.
So He buckled right in
With a trace of a grin
On His face.
If He worried,
He hid it.

She started to sing
As she tackled the thing
That could not be done,
But she did it.

There're thousands that tell you
It cannot be done.
There are thousands
Of prophecy failures.
There are thousands to point out
The danger that waits to exhale.

Just buckle right in
With a trace of a grin
On your face.
If you worry, hide it.
Just start to sing
As you tackle the thing
That cannot be done
And you'll do it.

- Rubye McCullough
A woman at the Dream Center



Romania The Orphans

In 1965 when Nicolae Ceausescu became Romania's ruler, he sought to increase the population by outlawing abortion and requiring women to give birth to at least three children. His economic policies, however, bankrupted the county, leaving many families unable to care for all the "extra" children. So he built many orphanages and encouraged the parents to give up their children to the care of the state. However, almost two decades after the fall of Communism, many orphanages still exist because the legacy of abandoning children continues.

This year we took a team made up of a family of five and a single woman with us to Romania. A ministry called Heart To Heart has two transition houses for teenagers coming out of the orphanages – one for boys and the other for girls. They are taught vocational and family skills to prepare them for entering the adult world. Our team had fellowship with the young men over a meal they had prepared and they showed us around their village. The girls also prepared a meal for us and we played ping pong and soccer with them afterwards. Our team members were impressed by the young people's friendliness and how well they speak English. We also took a group of about 20 children from a state-run orphanage to lunch at MacDonald's and played games with them in the park afterwards.

We spent some time at a state-run baby hospital and orphanage, holding and rocking the babies and playing with the children who so desperately need some tangible love and affection. We also helped with after-school Bible clubs at one of the orphanages. It was really hard on the team to see how many children had been abandoned by their parents! One of the team members wrote, "It was the saddest and happiest time in my life." Another team member dreams of being involved in a medical ministry once her studies and internship are over. She was especially moved by what she saw and is seeking the Lord's will about her future.

Prayer and Praise

Praise God for...

- The 63 first-time team members who served with us during this past year, in addition to previous team members who joined them.
- His continual provision of all our needs.
- Safety in travel.
- For the joy of seeing lives touched by the love of Christ.

Pray for...

- God to continue to lead and guide those who served on teams this year.
- A good response to the 2009 brochure – that God will call many of His people to participate in the upcoming teams.
- Increased financial support, especially if He calls us to expand our ministry locally.
- Staff members Bob and Carolyn Losch, Rose McIntyre and Jan Camburn.
- Opportunities to share the ministry of Mission Possible at conferences, schools and churches.
- The new couple joining our staff.

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Mexico - One Team: Three Ministries

This year's team went to The House of Children, an orphanage in Guadalupe, Mexico. We worked on installing a hot water heater for showers, and we scraped, sanded and painted the doors of the church. We caulked the orphanage windows and built stairs to make the orphanage more accessible. Another project was filling in holes and cracks in the drywall to prepare it for the finishing coat of paint. We also spent a lot of time with the children.

While we were there, we handed out tracts and visited a men's rehab center and a nearby Indian village reservation. A huge highlight was when Steve, one of our team members, led a man from the rehab center to the Lord. His name is Raymond and he continues to grow in the Lord. Please pray for him. All three ministries have many needs and are asking for more teams to come help.



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