

UPDATES...



CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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Mission to Missionaries



- Date: Sept 1 – 6, 2009
- Place: Rocky Harbour, Gros Morne, Newfoundland
- Attendees: 15 plus expected
- Website: www.m2m.hissecretplace.ca



WHAT'S UP WITH THE COFFEE?

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SHOPPING CART.

MANOS DE CAFÉ IS NOW IN THE COFFEE EXPORT BUSINESS...USA AND CANADA. INTERESTED? EMAIL ME.

Westcott Newsletter

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE...

Psalm 91:1, 11: He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you throughout your journey.

Where we began and where we are going...

It seems like a long time ago, back in September 2006, when nine people gathered in Codroy Valley, Newfoundland, to hear me ramble about having a secret place whereby missionaries could go to veg-out and get recharged. I remember a board member asking me at the end of my "impressive" presentation, "What's the next step, Derm?". I did not hesitate, but answered, "We need to pray". TWO YEARS LATER, after many committed hours of daily prayer, and sometimes fasting, along with many of you who stepped up to the prayer plate, I sensed that the Lord had impressed on me...the Next Step.

You have heard me say this time and time again, or maybe heard others say, that if we knew yesteryear what we know now, we would have a different outlook on the situation and probably act differently. I am glad I cannot see into the future. It has the potential to be discouraging, if one thinks that things are not going to speed along, that dozens of people aren't going to jump onboard, that they won't get all excited regarding what you think is God's plan. Don't misunderstand me; I am not whining. I just find it interesting. No matter how many times the Lord faithfully comes through, I still find I am challenged in my Trust in Him. I keep wanting to take control. In short, I have discovered this to be a pride issue that I am only now starting to realize. Well enough on that ... maybe another time.

What's around the corner?

In the afternoon, I like to take a short break from my office. I sit in my backyard and sip on a cup of java or a cold beverage. There are not many areas in our community that are safe to walk so I strol from one side of our house to the other, thinking, praying, hoping, asking the Lord some hard questions, which He sometimes answers but more often not. One particular day though, I was deep in thought wondering where we go from here concerning the plan to His Secret Place. As I rounded the corner, I found myself focusing on

the clay tile steps and as clear as my thoughts can be, I heard myself repeat the slogan we now have, "Mission to Missionaries, Mission to Missionaries". We must start our mission to missionaries to gain the experience we will need leading up to the establishment of His Secret Place. Man, an explosion of thoughts ran through my head. More questions than answers! Where? Who? How? When? This was **exactly** what we needed to do next. The next step, **Mission to Missionaries**, or as I like to call it ...**M2M**.

Well, I drove Viola around the bend with all my pacing and brain-storming ideas, up and down the walkway, targetting each step on one of those tiles you see to the right. The short of it is in a matter of months, we had a website developed, a blog, brochures, promotional materials etc. Things have been coming together. I wish I could tell you that we have all the money needed to make this happen but we do not. Not all of it. But the Lord has been supplying our need. Just the other week, out of nowhere, someone gave the ministry \$5,000.00. What an encouragement! We are not there yet regarding all that we need to make this M2M Retreat a reality, but we are pressing forward and doing the next practical thing. **That practical thing right now is sharing this with you.** Yes here it comes. If you read this far you might as well finish it. No one will know if you read this except the Lord and he won't strong hold you. Turn to the next page and see what's up.



This is where I get most of my exercise. Can be rather boring but ya do with what you have. Sunny days, warm temperatures. It's a trade off.

Got a minute? What I mean actually, got \$50.00?

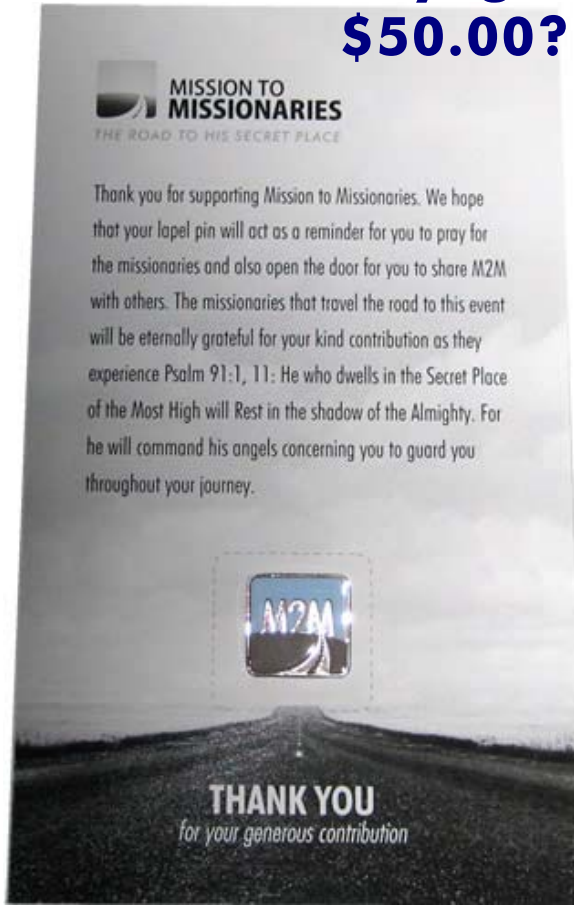


SOMETHING LARGER

I just recently read something by one of my favorite authors, Mac Hammond. History has consistently shown that people are hungry to live their lives for something larger than themselves. In fact, the need for a higher purpose is so basic to the human soul, that the Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Jesus modeled a leadership style that gave people this larger, grander vision. Numerous studies have shown that people will work harder, longer and better when they understand the significance of their individual contributions. My question of the day for you is, "Do you help others understand the significance of what they do?"

I want to extend an invitation to each of you who are reading this newsletter to be part of something bigger than yourself. It's an awesome responsibility to put this Mission to Missionaries Event together with little resources. But the beauty about faith and trust in the Lord is that we do not have to take it on as a burden. I am not one of those who say that the Lord doesn't need us to make things happen. If that were the case, why prayer and why does He need us at all? The fact is that the Lord uses people to reach and bless others. Now is your opportunity to bless those who have given their lives to serve others in foreign lands. Become part of what they are doing by helping me to encourage them to stay at what they do best, and to not leave the mission field. They need to know that they are appreciated and not forgotten; that we, although strangers, are planning this special time for them so that we can say on behalf of you and of the Lord, *well done!*

Some people do not like being asked for their money. I respect those who are obedient to their consciences, who hear from the Lord and are responsible with the stewardship of their finances. Others hear from the Lord but also don't have a problem being presented with God-given opportunities to sow into Kingdom work. And let's not forget those who may be reading this newsletter, who doesn't consider themselves to



be Christian or religious, but recognize a good cause when they see one. They too will be blessed.

I am asking you to consider being part of this blessing to the missionaries. Here's the deal... Make a donation of \$50.00 or more and I will send you a one-time gift of a M2M Lapel Pin. (as pictured above) This is our way of thanking you for supporting this vital mission to our missionaries. Our hope is that the lapel pin will act as a reminder to you to pray for this ministry. Our supply of the lapel pins is limited. They will be sent on a first-come, first-served basis.

Perhaps \$50.00 is beyond your reach. Any amount would be greatly appreciated to help us with the expenses of M2M. All donations are tax-deductible.

You can donate via CanadaHelps and get tax-receipted. Click [here](#) to Donate Now, and then choose "M2M Retreat". Be sure to give us your mailing address in the Message/instructions section provided.

Also, if you would like to make a monthly donation, you can choose to repeat your donation, and we will deduct your monthly amount from your credit card.

Thank you so much.



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Our sending church

Praise & Prayer Requests

As always, our heart is filled with praise and thanksgiving for all who partner with us day by day with your prayers, finances, and words of encouragement. God bless you. We could not do it without each one of you.



- We need more laborers for the mission. i.e. the Child Sponsorship Program, and Manos de Café (a fundraising project to purchase food/potable water for the children at our Daycare Centers.)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His continuous provision, and for Joshua's recent visit. It was so good to have him with us here in Honduras!
- Praise the Lord for providing all the people/skills needed leading up to Mission to Missionaries.
- We are thankful for the continued development of the Child Sponsorship Program and the little part we play in its administration.



Hope (Wish) List

Mission to Missionaries now needs \$15,000.00 to make this event a reality. *Tax Receipt is available.*

Viola and I trust the Lord to supply all our financial needs required to travel to NL this summer for the Mission to Missionaries Event.