



CBMA / CBMC Newsletter

Go out into all the world...

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Haiti Update - CBMC trip to Haiti February 2010

Brother Kenson, his family, and his neighbors lost their homes and almost everything in them in the recent earthquake in Haiti. Currently, they are sleeping under cover in a large pavilion with room for many people. The owner was not using it and could not see the families living outside in tents as the rainy season was about to begin. Kenson and his family also have use of the ground floor of the building next door. The C.B.M. Canada and a number of brothers and sisters in the U.K. (including the Christadelphian Office) had two shipments of supplies flown to Port-au-Prince on January 24th & 31st. A kind man who visits Haiti often on business flew the supplies. Though not a Christadelphian, he became aware of the need and used his own private jet. These supplies included tents, household and first aid items, clothing, French Bibles and sufficient U.S. dollars for necessary purchases. Bro. Kenson picked up the parcels at a secure location and it took care of their immediate needs.

The Hand of God was evident every day during January and February as the brotherhood responded and worked together to attend to our brother and his family's needs! Our bonds of fellowship were shown by the concern, cooperation and care of many around the world. We received inquiries, encouragement and help from Australia, Tasmania, the UK, all over North America, the Caribbean and Latin America. See the concern shown for an individual brother and his family - whom almost all of us have never met! Bro. Kenson was very interested to see the A.L.S. diary, along with the other literature we brought him. So many different brothers and sisters and organizations listed in the Diary had corresponded with him and sent him things. A number of the UK brethren send over emails and personal or family photos, which Bro. Kenson received as treasure!



CBMA/CBMC has not had the funding or the fieldworkers to start and support a long-term preaching program on this Island. In Kenson's case, the brotherhood has responded to his immediate needs. Other than what I have already described as practical daily assistance, we will be using the monetary donations to help him re-build or re-locate in Port-au-Prince or elsewhere. He does have employment (when there is a place to go to), though many do not. We also plan a follow-up trip to assist in the next stage of helping the family with their new home.



Both the CBMA and CBMC would like to thank the brotherhood for the very generous contributions to-date towards this relief matter. We should have no problem in assisting Brother Kenson rebuild an adequate home for his family. Any excess donations will be used for future CBMA and CBMC relief work. For example the recent earthquake damage to the meeting room (plus literature and Bibles) in Santiago, Chile; damage from the annual hurricanes in the Caribbean; or flooding that occasional takes place in Guyana. We assure the brotherhood though that we will do our best to honor requests for donations sent specifying that they be used directly to help Brother Kenson and his family.

In the Hope of the Kingdom and the Restoration of Israel,
Brother Donald Luff,
On behalf of the CBMA and CBMC

Please visit http://cbma.net/pages/activities_dominican.php for the complete story of the earthquake and details on Bro. Don's trip to Haiti.

Fiesta Time!



On February 6th, 2010 the Verdugo Hills hall somehow seemed different. Streamers in a variety of colors, hats filled with chips, bowls filled with salsa and guacamole, and delicious smells wafting from the kitchen informed attendees that the Fiesta was about to begin. The 'P31' young sisters group teamed up with a multitude of volunteers for a night of food, fund-raising, and fun. As guests entered, they beheld the silent auction tables. They were filled to the brim with baskets, coupons for services, sports tickets, and other items. In front of each was a piece of paper, enticing attendees to bid to win.

Dinner consisted of heaps of authentic and not-so-authentic Mexican food, all delicious and all generously donated. After dinner, the children were invited to color their own maracas while the adults played and discovered facts about the missionary work in various countries. After a reading and a few short words on the work in Mexico, dessert was served. This consisted of home-made flan, ice cream, and fried bananas. Shortly thereafter, the winners of the silent auction were announced. About 130 people from all walks of life attended, and raised over \$5,000 for the CBMA/CBMC!

Thanks to the Lord for the support of the workers in the harvest!



Good ol' Fashioned Desserts

Every month, the Southern California CYCs meet together for a joint event. In January, the Pomona CYC turned their event into a fundraiser for the CBMA/C! CYCers from six ecclesias invited their senior brothers and sisters to a luncheon at the ecclesia hall. It's an annual Age Mixer event that had an added twist this year- dessert wasn't provided after lunch. Instead, each young person who attended was asked to bring a homemade dessert, well-wrapped to conceal its identity. After dinner, a brother from the Pomona ecclesia played auctioneer, raffling off each of the wrapped desserts.



The older brothers and sisters bought the desserts (not knowing what they were buying or who made it!), and the company of the dessert's maker came with it! It was a great way to encourage the young and old to visit... and the desserts were delicious! The event was a huge success, raising about \$1000 to aid the work of the CBMA/C.

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How Can I Help?

If each Christadelphian family in North America gave \$20 a month, we could easily meet our budget, supporting these and many more projects.

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Donation**



Donations can be sent to:

CBMA for Latin America, Truth Corps, TIYB:

Charles Brinkerhoff 15925 La Ronda Cir. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745-4244

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