

The magnificence of His purpose, the simplicity of the plan

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Freedom through dependence on Christ!

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They shall call His name Jesus. for He shall save His people from their sins - Matt 1:21

Dealing with homeless people can be a real challenge. Meeting people like the homeless man from Argentina (pictured below) are a constant part of our ministry all around the world as we reach out with GTC. When I see them I am always challenged. What do I do? How to react? What would Jesus do?



innkeeper faced

that same decision over 2,000 years ago. The whole world remembers him as the terrible

person who left the Son of God to be born in a barn. But you know, he may not have been such a bad guy.

Business was good, the hotel was packed, everything was full of promise. Now as he paused to enjoy the bounty of these blessings, his quiet solitude was jarred by the pounding of a young pregnant couple at the door. No time, no rooms, don't bother me. Grudgingly, he answers the door and the rest is history.

So why do we disparage the innkeeper? He did not ignore them, he just didn't give his best.

Why? Was it greed? Was it rebellion? Or was it just carelessness?

He left the greatest opportunity of his life standing at the door. He did not turn them away, he relegated them to the back of

the property.

Before I judge him too harshly, I must ask myself, "How many times have I done the same thing?" This night could have changed his life. I'm not convinced that he ignored the opportunity, the truth ishe didn't even see it.

How many times has God sent opportunity to knock and I did not answer? I did not see that the magnificence of His purpose is revealed in the simplicity of daily acts of obedience, kindness and prayer.

During this Holiday season I am grateful on behalf of the thousands you have touched by standing with us through this year. Let us not get so busy during Christmas to miss the knock of opportunity to share **His** love in simple ways again



CATHY'S CORNER

Among the

many

blessings

that we

count this

year, we

count YOU!

In just a few days, the old and new members of the Gillott family will be gathered in Pennsylvania to celebrate the birthday of the One who has **blessed** every part of our lives. My eyes fill up with tears of joy, even now, as I look forward to that time. It will be **great** fun and if time allows. there will undoubtedly be a view- SO blessed.

ing of one of our favorite holiday videos, White Christmas.

It's a great flick with a wholesome storyline, terrific dance routines, lots of songs to sing along with, and of course, a happy ending. One of the classic tunes from that 50 year old

movie has a great theme that finds a parallel message in Philippians 4:8. Check it for yourself. The song is "Count Your Blessings" and that is what I plan to do for the rest of this "corner".

First. God has **blessed** me with

wild and crazy sense of humor have brought much joy to the years that we have spent together. And we are blessed to have had 4, and now 6 great kids-ask me, I'll tell you! And if you have time-I've got pictures! (Better yet-check out our website!) There is no doubt-we are

> We are **blessed** to call the US home, a free country where we have the liberty to worship our Lord without fear of punishment or persecution.

We are blessed with food on our table, so much that even the poor of our nation are counted rich when compared with

most of the world's population. We are blessed to be part of a ministry that is helping to change lives and bring hope all around the world. And we are so blessed to have dear friends who are helping us to make this a reality for so many. Thank you for your love, encouragement, prayers and support



Ministry Calendar

The Lord has opened an exciting series of doors for us. The first quarter of 2005 holds tremendous promise spiritually and exciting challenge financially as we travel on 5 continents in the first quarter. Though there are wonderful ministry opportunities. since I will be overseas, your prayers and monthly support will be more important than ever. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Scheduled Mission Trips

JANUARY — AFRICA **Swaziland**

Dedication of the new Hawane Farm

FEBRUARY— INDIA **Bombay and Bangalore**

In India, 62.5 million use alcohol, 8.75 m cannabis, 2 m opiates, 0.8 m sedatives. National Survey of Alcohol & Drug Abuse)

FEB 23- MARCH 7

Calgary, Alberta, Canada



MARCH 10-24

Dominican Republic



Facilitating Life Transformation

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GTC coordinates our travel and points us to strategic hot spots around the world as part of the Teen Challenge Global initiative. We are responsible to cover our own support and expenses. It is your monthly support, gifts, prayers, and intercession, that keep us at the cutting edge.

We need and appreciate you!

Phil 1: 3-5: Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message... (The Message)

DECIDIENDO TU VIDA-BOOK OF HOPE ARGENTINA

We received this request from Terry Craig of Book of Hope.

Dear Bernie,

We need help with a new video presentation of Choose Life. In speaking to the lation of Choose Life. In speaking, we think tation of Choose Life. In speaking, we think tation of Choose Life. In speaking to the Argentina, we think it will open the doors of the public schools in this country. It is the public schools in this countries. If it we also think it will open doors in Parato the public schools in Open doors in Parato the presentation, maybe we guay, Uruguay and other countries. If it works the way I think it will, maybe we guay, Uruguay and other and other works the way I think it will, maybe we guay, Uruguay and other difficult to get into can do it in China, Japan and other countries that are difficult to get into you saw first hand how effective the presentation was in the presentation was in the presentation.

In **November**, I flew to Buenos Aires to minister and film the video presentation of the Spanish language Argentina version of **Choose Hope**, the BOH interactive multimedia presentation that confronts key issues facing students in high schools worldwide. From "should I brush my teeth" to drugs, the English version has been extremely successful and re-shooting it with an "Argentinean" face, and culturally relevant Argentinean issues will put us at the cutting edge to

meet these students right where they are.

Upon completion, we learned that Argentina's Presidenté Néstor Kirchner ("el Señor K", as he's often called) has ordered that all secondary school sex education must be accompa-

nied by morals-based abstinence instruction. Even before this was announced

nationally, *Decidiena Tu Vida* was poised to be launched into the vacuum created by this unfunded mandate.

As other organizations are scrambling to

complete vehicles to address this new requirement,

Book of Hope and Teen

Challenge have teams on the ground, a presentation in place,

"Thank You for help-

ing us to create this

spectacular outreach

tool. It is undoubtedly

the best tool that Book

of Hope has in all of

Latin America for

opening the doors to

and a dynamic vision to use this opportunity to distribute the word of God.

Over 500,000 Books of Hope (Vida Extrema harmonized New Testaments) have been distributed to date in Argentina and 500,000 are staged in Buenos Aires for distribution through the end of this year and early 2005. An additional one million copies are being printed now.



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The videos dealt with 8 KEY teen issues from DRUGS to SEX

Family Corner

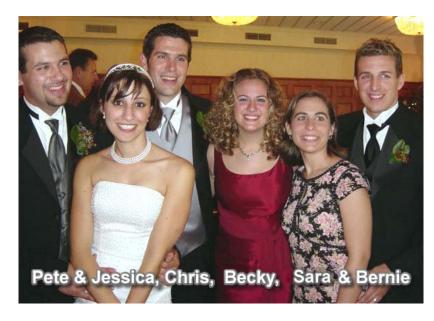
Pete and **Jessica's** wedding in September was very beautiful. He is Youth Pastor at First Assembly of God in Wilmington, DE.

 ${\bf Chris}$ continues with the church plant, Real Church, in Hamtramck, MI and is teaching in the Detroit School District.



Rebecca is concluding her junior year at Valley Forge Christian College majoring in early childhood education.

Bernie and Sara are in their third year at First Assembly of God in Harrisburg, PA, where he is Youth Pastor and she is Children's Pastor. In an exciting development, they have been invited to minister at a missionary kids' retreat in Poland in Spring 2005.



HAWANE FARM-AFRICA Running Free Home-July 2004

I return to Africa in January for the

dedication of the Hawane Farm. It is

the newest addition to the Swaziland

Teen Challenge arsenal of strategic

care facilities. Addressing Swaziland's

most urgent "at risk" population, the

farm will provide care for AIDS af-

fected and infected children. It will

provide care for up to 60 children in

Below, I present a check from the

to Kevin and the children for the

Running Free team at North Central

buildings above as reported in Pente-

the next 18 months.

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They

raised

Along side the existing facility, the first 2 purpose built facilities for children

have been completed on the site. Each home will provide care for a housemother and 4-6 children.

Two additional children's homes are under construction as well as an academic wing, pack house and retail store, where crafts created by the children will be available to tourists. There are 12 buildings on site being constructed and renovated as we prepare for the dedication of the farm on February 5, 2005.

Senior Teen Challenge personnel will occupy the main building and operate the small busi-

> ness raising plants. Existing

"tunnels" (greenhouses) will provide an exciting opportunity to train Teen Challenge students in a valuable vocation. At the same time we are able to augment the income of the center and increase sustainability of the work while minimizing the needs for significant outside contributions. Children will participate in simple tasks and experience the rewards and satisfaction of seeing the plants grow.

With the 12 buildings in construction or renovation, workers from around the world who came to work on this new and exciting project will attend the dedication.

In July, we rescued the child on the right from

Running Free Home, December 2004

under a piece of cardboard during early morning street ministry in 37 degree temperatures and he warms his hands at the fire we built. In the picture (left), look at the hope there is for these children now at Hawane. . . Thank you for your prayers! You are



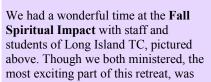
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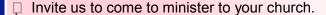
that Cathy was a featured Spiritual **Impact** speaker for the week. She ministers with such tenderness and compassion. It was truly transforming.

We imparted honest insights from raising our four children as we have ministered

over the last 28 years with Teen Challenge. We love sharing the faithfulness of God in our lives and family with young Teen Challenge staff and students.







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