



R3ACH NEWSLETTER

NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE...

26 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mt 20:26-28 NLT

During my recent trip to Sweden I decided to read the book *To End All Wars* by Ernest Gordon. After having seen the movie a number of times throughout the years, I wanted to find out more details about the lives and the story. The movie is excellent and I thought I knew what I was getting myself into, but I was sorely mistaken. The book deeply shook my foundations and finishing it somewhere over Greenland, I was left speechless.

The book tells the story of how Ernest was captured by the Japanese during the fall of the Philippines in 1942 and the ordeals he and the other allied POW's went through building the railway by the River Kwai in Thailand. There in the midst of despair, pain and suffering, while longing to die, Ernest makes an unlikely encounter – he finds Jesus. The result is an amazingly beautiful display of the love of Jesus, slowly changing the death camp from being hell on earth to the footstool of the Almighty, in a place where no hope should exist, life sprouts up like a flower, and prisoner after prisoner is transformed!

The Kingdom of God is an upside-down kingdom, but it is so easy to forget that. Jesus says that the first shall be the last, that we have to die to live, that we are not to be served but to serve...

Walking away from reading that book, I was left with the challenge as to the driving force in my life - is it to be served, or to serve? What are my priorities? Is the love of Christ really the focus in my life? Am I really living an upside-down life? God's desire is for His life to go forth wherever we go. Let's be a people who make serving our passion!

For the Kingdom,
Sam

ONE THE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

Whilst attending The Justice Conference in Bend, OR back in February, we were introduced to ONE, "the campaign to make poverty history." I (Sharnessa) have been asked to be a Congressional District Leader for them here in District 3, and we have an amazing leader-team - Jon Beck, Claire Ouellette Carlianne Shelton and my wonderful hubby, Sam. ONE is a grassroots advocacy and campaigning organization that fights extreme poverty and preventable disease, through raising public awareness and pressuring political leaders to support smart and effective policies and programs that are saving lives, helping to put kids in school, and improving futures. Joining ONE is simple. Just go to <http://www.one.org/us/about/> and submit your name and email, and you're in! You will receive emails every so often letting you know how you can help by signing petitions (usually online - VERY simple) and calling your senators, representatives and at times the president, strongly urging them to vote in favor of using the SMALL portion of the US budget (less than 1%) allotted for foreign affairs to help take care of "the least of these." So please seriously consider joining your voice with ONE's two+ million members by standing in the gap and being a voice for the voiceless. Your voice matters, friends. As ONE often states, "We don't want your money, we want your voice."

GETTING INVOLVED WITH R3ACH

Some of the ways you can get involved!

- Serve through the various opportunities at FHC.
- Stay in touch via Facebook ([facebook.com/ R3ACH.usa](https://www.facebook.com/R3ACH.usa)) and by visiting www.R3ACH.org.
- Support R3ACH through prayer and giving.
- Start supporting local, national and international ministries. (See www.r3ach.org/PDF/serve.pdf)

CALENDAR

May 1st & May 29th, R3ACH PDX

Lemonade & Sandwich Homeless Outreach.

AUGUST: - VITALIZE '11 Los Angeles Dream Center Mission

R3ACH is the missions/outreach ministry of Fathers House Church, Longview, WA
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AFRICA MISSIONS

¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Mt 28:19-20 NLT

UGANDA

Uganda is one of our focus nations here at R3ACH. Currently we are supporting three projects in Uganda and are even planning to take a team there in the beginning of 2012.

ISAAC STILTZ – Facing the Giant

Isaac is currently on a six-month mission in Uganda with Youthworx EA. In addition to ministering around that part of Africa, Isaac had decided to tackle a specific giant there. “The one I feel most inclined to challenge is the absence of God’s Word among believers.” So Isaac is raising funds to put Bibles in the hands of the believers. Each Bible cost about \$4, and if interested, you can donate funds to this cause by writing a check payable to Fathers House, and mark it: “R3ACH Bibles”. To stay up to date with Isaac, email him at us2uganda@gmail.com.

JIM BASS

Jim is heading out to Uganda/Rwanda May 2nd through May 31st and will be conducting Deep Healing ministry and training. Many of you know Jim, but if you want to find out more, visit www.pcmnw.net. You can find out more info there on how to support Jim in prayer and how to support him financially.

I AM’S CHICKEN PROJECT

In January 2010 Sharnessa Sanden and Jessica Lemmons went to Uganda on a short-term mission trip. One of the ministries they connected with was I AM Children’s Ministr, which is an orphanage helping the orphans of Kampala. Currently, I AM is working to become more self-sustaining and part of that effort is a project to build a chicken farm. The total cost of the project is \$5000 and if you feel lead to contribute to making this happen, they would greatly appreciate it! For more info, go to www.r3ach.org/PDF/iam.pdf. To read more about the 2010 trip, visit <http://tinyurl.com/africatrip2010>.

MISSION TRIP

We’re currently planning a mission trip in Feb 2012 to Uganda as well. Contact Sam to get updates and to find out more!

ZAMBIA

Joretta Martin is spearheading our Zambia Ministry. We are partnering with the Women’s Club of Mupimbishi in Zambia to help them make a difference in their community! By providing the tools needed to start small businesses, we can make a dent in the needs of this poor village by helping them help themselves! We would love for you to partner with us! Here’s how you can help!

1) CRAFT SUPPLIES

- sewing needles & buttons
- beads (old and/or broken necklaces, spare)
- zippers, hook & eye, snaps
- scissors, pliers, pocket knives
- butcher knives & cutlery (knives, forks, spoons)

2) BIBLES

We hope to provide a Bible for every family in Mupimbishi . We’d love any that you no longer use.

3) SCHOOL BOOKS (ELEMENTARY AGE)

School books (used or new) that could help children learn English would be another great blessing!

4) FINANCES

To send each package to Zambia cost about \$55 so if you feel called to help get the items sent, please contact Sam. To give by check, make it payable to Fathers House, and mark it: “R3ACH ZAMBIA” and we’ll get the boxes sent!

You can drop off the items in the black R3ACH barrel by the Giving Center Kiosk at church or drop your check in the offering boxes.

FOR MORE INFO & RESOURCES

UGANDA: Isaac Stiltz - <http://r3ach.org/images/giants.jpg>

Jim Bass – www.pcmnw.net

Chicken Farm – www.r3ach.org/PDF/iam.pdf

Mission 2012 – sam@r3ach.org

Project ZAMBIA -- <http://r3ach.org/index-zambia.html>

World Vision – www.worldvision.org

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