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# Together, We Make a Difference

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Fatu\* was three when her mother died; her father disappeared. She was sent to an orphanage and stayed in an adoption program for several years hoping to become part of someone's family. Instead, she spent the next 13 years in and out of other facilities. A family in the United States learned of Fatu and faithfully sent small amounts of money to help with school fees and other incidentals.

About a year and a half ago, Fatu went to live with an older woman, but the situation wasn't good, so she was moved again—this time to the home of a missionary. That's when her real nightmare began. The missionary repeatedly sexually violated her and the other two girls living in his home.

When the our missionaries in Liberia, Keith and Kristin Chapman, learned what was going on, they rescued the girls and confronted the man and his wife. (He is currently in Monrovia Central Prison awaiting extradition to the United States.) Fatu was placed in a safe house only to be released to a friend of the offender who blames Fatu for her friend's jailing.

The Chapmans stepped in again. Fatu told Kristin that she really wanted to go to a girls' boarding school where she wouldn't have to move again and could be with girls her age. Kristin made a few calls and learned that the Episcopal Church in Liberia has an excellent school exactly fitting the description.

After hearing Fatu's story, the headmistress re-opened registration and allowed Fatu to sit for her entrance exam. We have just learned that Fatu has passed and will be given a place in the school. There was just one small problem: tuition and other essentials for a boarding student. Fatu's sponsoring family from the U.S. was able to contribute a small bit of money, but that wasn't enough.

When our diocese heard of the dream Fatu has clung to despite a lifetime of grief, it was obvious that we needed to transfer funds given in the Mother's Day offering. We'll be following the story of this amazing young woman and ask you to join us in praying for her.

If you'd like to help Fatu, send a check or make a contribution online with a notation, "For Fatu."

\*Name changed to respect her privacy.

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## 8 New Churches in 3 Weeks from Alison Barfoot, missionary to Uganda

In a major blitz through a remote area of Kenya 150 African pastors, evangelists, and lay people moved through villages and were often joined by Christians in the 20 villages visited. More than 3,000 people heard the Gospel with 288 coming to faith in Christ. At least 8 new churches were planted, and existing churches were strengthened. Follow-up will be done by local clergy and team members so that each new church and believers are mentored and sustained.

As for Alison and the team, they said that being part of the mission was like being transported back to the time of Jesus and the book of Acts. Please pray for the new believers and the leadership of the new churches.



## Nazareth: Mission Opportunities by Duane Miller, missionary to Israel

- When we are in Nazareth, we would be happy to welcome one or our two youth to simply help with our day-to-day living. This would include everything from child care to shopping and so on. This may not seem incredibly exciting, but it will give them a really good, accurate picture of cross-cultural life and missionary life. During this time they would be able to live with us in our flat in Nazareth. I am thinking of two to four weeks here.
- If you have any professionals or academics willing to come over, we could explore the possibility of their giving a talk to the students and/or local Christians.
- Our seminary and churches in Nazareth requires from time to time physical upkeep, so painting and gardening and so on are quite helpful with an industrious team. This is a very sensitive area here, but if a mature, wise member of the clergy comes over I could take him (alone) to one of the 100% Muslim towns/cities. We could walk around and I assure you we would get into some interesting conversations about the nature of the Christian faith. I have done this before and it was quite positive. There is always need for prayer, and visiting the different towns and cities and discretely praying while walking through the main streets is also an option.

**SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders)** has a new program that they invite you to check out. It's called *Bridgers* and offers missionary internships designed to bridge you and your church across cultures. These internships are for mid-term missionaries with an immediate need for help in Honduras, England, and... Madagascar. For more information, go to the SAMS web site at

[www.sams-usa.org](http://www.sams-usa.org).

## SE Mexico Waterworks

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Thanks to the work of Don Lee and Stuart Carter, a spring box (a structure engineered to protect the spring water from contamination and provide a point of collection and a place for sedimentation) at the Diocesan Center in SE Mexico is being reactivated. Don and Stuart recently visited with our Mexican partners to determine water needs and sites for additional wells in the area. (The Diocese of SE Mexico is 3 times the size of DWTX.)

Tony Price, one of our missionaries to Mexico, arranged a collaboration between DWTX and St. John's (Midland, Michigan) that for and dio



## Hogar on Wheels from David Guinn, Board President

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Here is a picture of the new van purchased by Hogar Infantil, thanks in large to your grant. Since we considered our need to be urgent, we went on faith taking the remainder of the needed funds from our savings. These are some of the children who will be riding in that new van.

Thanks again and a big “gracias” from all the children at the Hogar Orphanage.



## To Avoid Creating Dependency

excerpt from Glenn M. Penner

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- It is better to give through a national organization than directly to an individual.
- Avoid fancy projects that are not in character with the communities where they are located.
- Invest in projects that break dependency such as education, literacy projects, job creation, etc.
- Rather than underwriting 100% of a project, seek local partnerships.
- Give resources based on genuine need.

*Never do for others what they can do for themselves.*

# Upcoming Mission Trips and Prayer List

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September 30-October 1. (Piedras Negras, Mexico) Connie Bye, Team Leader. Sewing & Construction Team. Linda Appleton, Elizabeth Clark, Nancy & Chuck Kinzler, Joe Urias.

October TBA. (Southeast Mexico) Bill Campaigne, Team Leader. Veterinary.

October 14-23. (Honduras) Honduras Water Ministry. John Martin, Team Leader, Cindy & Jim Barnett, Pam Coker, Pamela Haines, Emily & Tom Hausler, Doug Holmes, Karen Lee, David Spencer.

January 13-20. (Honduras) Patricia Perea, Team Leader. Manos de Dios Team.

Trip with no date yet: San Miguel de Allende, MX, Orphanage (St. Barnabas, Fredericksburg).

HERE ARE TWO PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MISSIONARY GEORGE OLSON (Philippines):

There have been a number of problems between Palawano and Visayan people that live down river. These have mostly been problems because they sell alcohol every Thursday at the market there, and men get drunk, and then they start hitting each other. Things have recently escalated into threats of more extreme violence, with some men down river threatening to come up here and kill the Palawano men. Please pray that peace will rule and people will calm down.

One of Isaac's (George and Ginny's son) teachers at Faith Academy, who also happens to be his rugby coach, has been very low on support and has not yet returned to the Philippines. (In fact, many teachers have been so low on support that they could not come to the school this year, and some important classes have been cancelled). We would ask you all to pray that the Lord would raise up more support for this man's ministry. In particular, if you know of anyone who is looking to support a missionary but doesn't know where to give, we have the information on how to support this individual, and you can email us. His name is Jon Barlow.

## Wanta Do VBS in Liberia?

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Kristin Chapman has been trying to figure out a way to involve people in coming during their rainy season (our summer) to work with the missionary kids there in Monrovia. That is a very difficult time for the children. There is little to do, and they are often kept indoors because of the torrential downpours that can last days on end. Her idea would be to have people (individuals or a team) come and offer a "camp" or VBS type experience. The people coming would come up with their own idea (i.e. art camp, VBS, music camp, etc.), and they would bring everything needed for that camp and they would pay their way there. The camp would run in the mornings for the missionary kids. Missionaries in Liberia would house and feed the people coming at no cost. In the afternoons, they would take the teams to the dental clinic, into town, to the market, to an orphanage, etc. so that they would also get to experience the life and culture there.

If you'd like to minister to the missionary children in Liberia, please contact Marthe Curry (mcurry09@sbcglobal.net) or 888/210-824-5387.