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Happy NEW YEAR!

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2010--The Beginning of a New Decade of Opportunity

The year 2010 once seemed so far away and now it is upon us. It seems like just yesterday people were talking about Y2K and an entire decade has come and gone already. What will this new year, the beginning of a new decade, hold for us? I cannot give you any details regarding my future or yours, but I can say this. This new year and this new decade, will provide us countless opportunities for the furtherance of the Gospel. The question is, will we take advantage of these opportunities? King David said in Psalm 144:3, *LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!* Praise God that He does take knowledge of us! Psalm 40:17 states, *But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.*

It is difficult for me in my finite state to grasp the fullness of such a verse. That the Creator of all things, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, thinketh upon me! Such a powerful verse overwhelms me and greatly humbles me as I contemplate that truth, that my God thinketh upon me. We know that as God thought upon mankind, He knew that mankind was hopelessly lost in sin; thus He prepared our redemption through the blood of His only begotten son. No wonder the Psalmist David said statements like these over and over again: great is the Lord, blessed be the Lord, praise the Lord!

Our Lord not only redeemed us, but also has given us the privilege of serving Him. John 20:21 says, *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

The year 2010 will afford us many opportunities to reach others with the Gospel. Romans 10:14 states, *...and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?* What is your plan, your goals for 2010 to reach others with the Gospel? *Where there is no vision, the people perish...* Proverbs 29:18

An Opportunity for You

During 2010, *Couriers for Christ* has two Scripture distribution/church planting campaigns scheduled. These campaigns will afford you a golden opportunity to make a difference in someone's life by giving them the Gospel in its written form (John and Romans) so they at least have a chance to be saved. Will you consider taking your vacation time this year to go to the mission field so some precious souls can receive the Gospel? Your investment in these lost souls will last for eternity.

Please review the following information regarding these exciting campaigns and pray about joining us on one or both of them. **REMEMBER, THEY ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.** Cost includes round trip airfare from Chicago, hotel, meals, travel insurance, and any travel within the country necessary to the campaign.

To request an application for the campaign of your choice, write to Wyldewood Baptist Church, Campaign Information, 3030 Witzel Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54904, or call (920)685-6285 or (920)379-8306.

Heart of Lithuania Campaign



Place: Kaunas, Lithuania

Dates: June 11-21, 2010

Cost: \$2,000 per person

Kaunas, located in the heart of Lithuania, has a population of over 400,000 souls. Kaunas is a modern industrialized city yet spiritually destitute. Our goal is to see a new Baptist church established as a result of the efforts of our campaign.

The Golden City Campaign

Place: Prague, Czech Republic

Dates: September 10-24, 2010

Cost: \$2,400 per person

The ancient city of Prague is home to about one and a half million souls. It is a beautiful, fascinating city with hundreds of towers and spires. Amazingly Prague has escaped the worst ravages of war. Yet, these precious people are held in the bondage of sin.

Bible Study in Siauliai (Show-lay)

Missionary William Harper has stayed in touch and recently e-mailed us the following information regarding the Bible study which was started as a result of our last campaign in Siauliai in September.

Just wanted to give you a quick update on Siauliai. We are averaging 25-30 every week, with first time visitors almost every week. Two weeks ago a young lady attended who was at the concert. She had wanted to come to the Bible study earlier, but her schedule never allowed her to do so. She prayed for salvation that Sunday (I suspect she was saved at the concert) and returned this past Sunday with a friend. Also, one of the older men who has been saved for several years gave us a love offering this past week. I told Nathan [Nathan Leuthold, a veteran missionary in Lithuania], "Don't look now, but somebody is starting to act like a church."

Please keep the entire team in your prayers, especially the Lithuanians. They have really gone through some spiritual battles since September.



Nathan Leuthold and William Harper

Preliminary Trip

January 8-14, 2010, Ken, Larry, and Don will be traveling to Prague, Czech Republic, to begin to set up things for the Golden City Campaign in September.

Please pray for safety (winter travel can sometimes be difficult) and wisdom for the many decisions that will have to be made during that time.



Larry, Don, and Ken at Bible table

Testimony from Crossroads Campaign

Cody Head is nineteen and has surrendered his life to serve the Lord. Please pray for the Lord's leading in his life. He has a servant's heart and was a tremendous blessing on the Crossroads Campaign. We are looking forward to having Cody on a future campaign.



Cody

I want to thank *Couriers for Christ* for putting the campaign all together and the Lord for allowing me to go.

The Lord spoke to me three years ago to go to Russia and parts of Lithuania but I wasn't sure about the whole thing. Two years passed and I surrendered my life to God and saved my money and joined *Couriers for Christ* for the Lithuanian campaign to Kaunas, Siauliai, and Taurage. All the things I had heard about these places wasn't that great. But when I got to the first hotel I was in shock! It was like America and the food was really good.

After the first Scripture distribution I thought of Matthew 9:37 *...the harvest truly is plenteous....* There was a lot of ground we wanted to cover and people on the sidewalks. Everywhere I would look was a person. THEN the other part of the verse hit me *...but the labourers are few.*

Then at the meetings we saw God at work. I was at the door letting people in, and I noticed that their faces showed no emotion, no joy, no peace, and no Savior. But after the preaching and choir music they came out with smiles on their faces and were running to the stand to get a Bible and, once they got it, they would grasp it and kiss it.

This trip was good for me to have a whole new outlook about missionary work and what missionaries do and go through. I'm praying that the Lord will allow me to go back to Lithuania for a longer time because I feel led to be a missionary.

Thank you for your gift received in December

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