

QUOTE DU JOUR:

“Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries it shall be done.”

- Charles Wesley

RADIO AFRICA – “VISION FOR CHRIST”

Thank you for your continuing support for these regular broadcasts. As the following recent excerpts remind us, these messages are listened to frequently and seem to be appreciated.

I thank the Lord for this programme on Radio Africa with its clear, Bible based teachings which are very powerful. It is telling the truth without compromise, helping us to see the needs in our lives.

*God richly bless you all,
Yours faithful in Christ,*

Prophet Eric Adjei
Teshie, Accra, Ghana, West Africa

I, for one, am really blessed when your voice comes over Radio Africa Two weekly. Your messages leave me uplifted spiritually each time I listen.

Edmore Siamsunga
Binga, Zimbabwe

So please my soul is full of gladness when I hear the words that your giving the people on the radio. So the message is nice for the poor in the heart.

Miss Medius Kyensi
Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

More words cannot express my happiness I receive always after listening to your programme Vision for Christ. I had lost hop, I was a burden to everybody. You have really shaped my being. I have really changed to see the light. I have really gotten a vision from Christ. God bless you

Charity Rutareina
Kampala, Uganda

REFLECTION: THE LEE FAMILY'S VISIT TO MALAWI

We had a meaningful trip to Malawi in August, 2010 and were able to witness the tangible results of FVM's pre-school project in the region of Taulo. This development should be very helpful to the children and their families in this community with limited resources. The local people are genuinely excited and engaged in the project.



The trip was Jenn and Mike's first to Africa. Their dad, Joe, had visited Malawi in December, 2009 with John Pefanis, another medical colleague.

During that trip, they visited Taulo with Newton Sunday Sindo (FVM's Malawian representative) and Dan and Chris

Hayhoe. Back then, the brick structure was crude, in need of significant repair, and unused. In other words, the perfect fixer-upper for a pre-school in Dan and Chris's eyes!

During this 2010 trip, our family was provided great warmth and hospitality by Newton and his family, even staying at their house in the nearby city of Zomba. Jenn was especially thrilled by seeing and holding the Sindo's new baby, Shalom.

At Taulo, while Joe had discussions with the chief, Jenn and Mike were able to observe the gentle happiness of the Malawian people as they helped with gathering bricks for the new kitchen. They laughed heartily when Jenn hesitated in picking up a brick covered by hundreds of ants, likely thinking "silly Canadians", instead of simply brushing the ants aside as they would!

Joe's visits have also involved developing a site in nearby Blantyre, Malawi for resident doctors from the Kitchener-Waterloo McMaster Family Medicine program to conduct an elective hospital experience. The first two residents left September 1, 2010 for a one month experience and they also plan to visit the Taulo site.

We wish to thank FVM and its supporters for helping to create bridges between the people in Malawi and in Canada.

God bless,

Joe, Jenn, and Mike Lee

TAWONGA

Our "Tawonga" this time goes to Stephen and Beth Lauer who came alongside us a few years ago to implement a strategic plan for our Popcorn House Community Resource Centre. After implementing this plan Stephen agreed (after much prayer!) to stay on with us for another few years as Chief Operating Officer. Through the many challenges and obstacles he has shown great spiritual leadership, strong commitment to the plans God has entrusted to us, and the community development expertise (both in Malawi and here at Popcorn House) we so badly needed to take us to where we are today! Stephen and Beth have also been working over the past few years with Ratanak Foundation in an area of Cambodia which requires their lives to be totally dedicated to a people and a cause which will stretch them beyond our borders! We wish them God's blessing and want to assure them of our continued prayers as they continue to pour their hearts and lives into people around the world. Tawonga!

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person"



WHAT'S POPPIN'

I'm thrilled to announce that this fall 2010, Popcorn House will be opening their doors to two more exciting opportunities to reach out, connect and impact the Cambridge community. With the expertise of Anita's grant writing we've been given the green light and the funding to put into action a first ever Motivational Learning group and a multicultural fundraising team entitled "DIVERSITEAM".

Mel and I are psyched as we anticipate starting our new motivational learning group this October. We will be choosing 8-10 community ladies who will meet for 2 hours weekly for a 9 week program. We plan to companion these ladies in an environment that builds trust, strengthens relationships and promotes learning and growing together. It's our desire to help each individual discover their assets, evaluate their needs and inspire changes that can help lead to a healthier more productive lifestyle.

Candice, Chris and I are in the process of choosing a selected group of enthusiastic individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds who are already accessing the resources of Popcorn House and FVM. This very skilled, gifted and enthusiastic "Diversiteam" will be the ones who will bring us new creative ideas and help us access new fundraising networks and community resources. Look for our upcoming fundraisers, and for our Turkish Donair Dinner in October! Just imagine...a wonderful diverse group of creative thinkers all working together, learning and influencing each other and the surrounding community.

Way to go Popcorn House....keep poppin' out new creative programs!

Heather Tompkins

September 30, 2010 will be an introduction to Learning through Movement course fundraiser by the Brain Gym for the Popcorn House from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, at St. James Anglican Church, located at 520 Ellis Road, Cambridge, ON N3C 4B1. To register or for more information go to www.brainworksglobal.com!

The Summer Camp program of 2010 is ending and we are saying goodbye to our summer staff, volunteers and campers. For some of us it is goodbye until next summer and for others, like myself, we are moving on to new experiences. I have been lucky enough to work with the Popcorn House Summer camp program for the past four summers. I began as an eager camp counselor with a little experience behind me. I had no idea how much I would gain from my time with the Popcorn House program. I have returned each summer and have filled the roles of Camp Counselor, Assistant Director and then for my last summer the Director of the program.

Each year I have learned the importance of forming trusting relationships with both the staff and the campers. It all begins staying in a tent together when we camp during staff training. That is definitely the best way to get comfortable with your staff quickly! The trust with the kids develops when you are teaching them how to swim or helping them face the fear of making new friends.

Over the past four years, the Popcorn House has played a large role in my development as a young adult. My years at the Popcorn House have coincided with my University education. These two monumental times in my life have fit together perfectly. I have experienced support from the staff and encouragement to take on new and difficult tasks.

It has been an honour to be a part of the Popcorn House Summer staff and a part of the Popcorn House family. I look forward to returning to visit the Summer Camp program as it continues to develop and support the children of the community.

-Maureen Bolton, Summer Camp Director

MALAWI UPDATE - "OUT OF AFRICA"

I am writing this report in the Nairobi Airport en route home from two weeks in Malawi, Central Africa. Anita is sitting beside me, and we have just been talking about how rewarding our trip has been. Here is a summary of things to be thankful for:

- FVM (Canada) is now officially registered as an international NGO in Malawi.
- The nursery school rehabilitation is complete and looks fabulous. When it officially opens in September, we expect approximately 250 children each day for pre-school education, loving care, safe drinking water and a nutritious meal.
- Distribution of 500 treated bed nets for Malaria prevention was done in conjunction with local chiefs, government officials and representatives from the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. This will provide protection for 1500 children sleeping three to a net — truly a lifesaving initiative in a country where Malaria is the leading killer of children under five years old.
- We were able to visit with children who have lost both of their parents and who are forced to raise themselves (locally known as "child-headed households"), and were able to begin planning for their future care and well-being.
- A sewing machine and materials were purchased for one of the FVM volunteers to begin making items for sale in Canada as a funding resource for the Taulo area. A second machine will be purchased to train another seamstress as an income-generating activity for the community.

In addition to all of this, we were so happy to see that the local village communities have taken ownership of the developments and participated wholeheartedly. One example is their production of 100,000 hand-made bricks prior to our arrival!

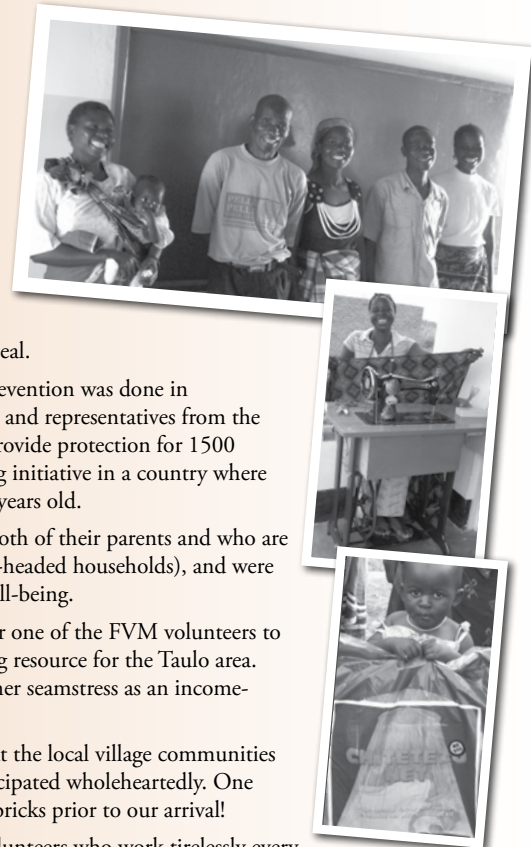
Special thanks go to the four dedicated Malawian volunteers who work tirelessly every day to further the work. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers – Richard, Chrissy, Adora and Edwin. Chief Taulo has also shown amazing leadership in spearheading all of the activities.

Final thanks go to Newton Sindo and his wife Idah and their two children. They hosted us in their home and proved to be true friends. Newton, or Bambo Sindo as he is known in the villages, has proven to be a leader with wisdom and humility. He has just been accepted at Chancellor College, University of Malawi, to do a diploma course in Business Management. FVM appreciates his tireless efforts so far.

In summary, we were thrilled with every aspect of the work there. Our mandate to have integrated development that is locally identified, planned, carried out and managed is truly coming to pass.

Thanks for your support and prayers,

Dan and Anita Hayhoe



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FAREWELL

by Stephen Lauer

It seems hard to believe that after Beth and I finished the Popcorn House Strategic Plan in the fall of 2007, that I was given the wonderful opportunity to help implement some of its new directions. Starting in the winter of 2008, I have worked part time as the Chief Operating Officer for Popcorn House and for FVM. For me it was a gift. I had been working as a consultant for ten years for a number of non profit –organizations in Canada and abroad. So I was getting itchy to get back to some "hands-on" work with an organization with passion.

For me the past two and a half years have flown by due to lots of interesting people and jobs here at FVM. My time here at FVM has been very enriching and has impacted my life. With many people –from all walks of life– coming through FVM's doors, working here helps to make you a more compassionate person.

The highlights are many but here are a few of them:

- Working with Chris and others to birth a number of new programs at Popcorn House such the pre-literacy program for families-at risk;
- Working with all sorts of other community organizations in setting up joint programming. It has been great to really get to know the social agencies in my own neighborhood;
- Working on lots of special events with the staff and volunteers here. Who can ever forget the energy rush of the big auction event every spring? There were lots of other special events ranging from luncheons for local businesses and churches to the Mayor's Reading Breakfast;
- Getting the opportunity to help set up the new initiative in Malawi. I had a blast traveling with Dan for two weeks in Malawi and working with Newton, our Malawian project manager;
- Working late nights with John, Chris, Dan, and Lynn to prepare the annual budget;

- Meeting and working with so many New Canadian families. It helped deepen my respect for the cultural diversity of Canada; and
- Of course working with all the staff, board members, and volunteers here at FVM.

God has again re-directed our paths to another cause that Beth and I have been very focused on for more than a year. We have been called to respond to child sex slavery- the slavery issue of our generation. As of October 1st, we both will be working full time with the Ratanak Foundation (<http://www.ratanak.org/>).

Thank you everyone so much for making my time here such a positive experience. Keep up the great work here in Cambridge and in Malawi!

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