

LAMb International

LEADERSHIP ACTIVATING MINISTRY

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GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We thank you for the support and encouragement we have received again for this year. It has been an awesome year. We want to share with you some of the highlights from the last year, hoping you will be blessed knowing you made this all possible.

DISCOVERY PROJECT CREATED: We saw our team members Larisa and Tanya off to Alaska for training with Hope Alaska. This organization teaches persons from developing countries how to better work with disabled persons. We (Lynn and Ruby) also had the opportunity to visit Hope and learn all about the program. With our team in training there and our learning of their program, we were able to see a connection with Kyrgyzstan and how we might develop a pilot project to bring hope and dignity to disabled people in the Chui Region. Here are the key activities to follow:

- Training and teaching of learned skills – will work with staff at Iskra Home for Disabled Men as a first step with this activity.
- Starting a support group for moms of disabled children – and providing training for them.
- Developing a center for the disabled to come to – where they can take training in different areas as well as socialize, recreate and learn new national crafts. Transportation will be provided for them to come to the center.
- Opening a pilot home for selected men to enter into an independent living home in the community – this will begin with selection, training and preparation of the men to be ready to “practice” living in a home outside of the institution.
- Developing a training program for mom’s of children with Cerebral Palsy – teaching massage and helping them build a support network between the moms.



Tanya in Alaska - learning and loving.

JEREMIAH PROJECT: Youth who graduate from the orphanages are finding life next to impossible. In fact the statistics show that only 1/3 of the graduating youth are successful. The other 2/3 end up in prison, suicide, human trafficking, living on the streets or murdered. The statistics are grim and very depressing. We have taken the stand to make a difference in any way we can – this is how the project started for the

graduating orphans. We presently have rented an apartment we are outfitting to be a **Drop-in-Center for youth**. Youth will be able to come to the center, be assessed for strengths and needs and to receive services such as counseling, emergency food and in some cases shelter for the night. We will provide training classes at the center along with support groups and assign youth a mentor.

The second part of Jeremiah Project is a home we will call **Jeremiah House** - for up to 8 youth – where they will live under the mentoring of live-in staff. Youth will learn critical life skills and be prepared to get a job, complete higher education and eventually live independent of the Jeremiah Project.

We have donated funds for the purchase of this house. We thought we had the perfect home, but it was sold out from under us. We hope to complete a new purchase by the end of December and be operational by the beginning of the year.

The third and final part of the Jeremiah Project is our practice apartments – called



Slavik with friends - any one of these youth could be part of Jeremiah Project in the future!

Jeremiah Steps. With Jeremiah Steps, we hope to have several apartments, rented or purchased for youth who are higher functioning and have jobs. We will provide the apartments for them to “practice” living independently. They will have a mentor who checks on them each day.

We envision many different youth we are working with taking advantage of this new program – including Slavik – the little boy who was sold to work in Kazakhstan and is now living back in Chui Orphanage.

RUSSIAN CHILDREN’S CLINIC: We continue to help this clinic. This is the clinic where our Dayspring children are assigned. The clinic has received lots of different help from LAMb this year:

- Furniture for the waiting area – this was all broken down and much in need of being replaced.
- Furniture for two of the offices in the clinic.
- Pre-natal vitamins for disadvantaged expecting moms.
- Delivered medical supplies from North America, medicines, ointments, etc.
- Provide new stethoscopes for all medical team members – gift from a hospital in Arizona

We have made a commitment to this clinic to be a supporting partner. We will help as we can. We hope to be able to continue purchasing equipment for them and bringing them needed items.



A nice place to wait...furniture that you won't worry about tipping or falling over!

BABY ORPHANAGE: Food, clothing and help completing their garage – all part of the support for the recent year. In addition, LAMb has supported training being conducted by the Orphanage staff – training delivered to prospective adoptive parents. We have also sponsored several adoptions – persons who were deemed as good prospective parents, but did not have the funds to

complete the expensive paperwork in Kyrgyzstan. These were national Kyrgyz families.

DAYSRING FAMILY LIFE RESOURCE CENTER: We are so pleased with the pilot project for Dayspring. We have been in operation with children for just over one year now. The goal of Dayspring is permanency for our little girls. AND we have seen success already. One little girl – Yulia was reunited with her family and is doing well.

In addition to Yulia, we are seeing progress with another mother who is working very hard to get her daughter back home. Our team on the ground there is working along side the local church to help the family prepare for this transition. Getting water into the home, helping with clean-up and working with the mother on the different issues she is facing to be able to parent her children at home. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE and we are praying that this move to permanency will become a reality.

Presently – Dayspring is home to five little girls. Each little girl is precious and being cared for by a dynamic team living in the home, Costa and Olga Litveninko.



Olga (mom) with Genya and Kristina.



Dasha - healthy from heart surgery.



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Team members John and David – at Dayspring

KEMIN SENIOR HOME: Food, furniture, a new roof over the porch, coal, clothing and lots of help to boost the resources needed to serve the homeless seniors at Kemin. One of the best activities for us at Kemin is to cook for them. We all enjoy being in the company of the seniors.

This year we were able to take over “messengers”. These are recorded teachings by Charles Stanley. The “messengers” were a gift from In-Touch ministries and have been so well received. One homeless senior – Lydia – was overwhelmed with her “messenger” that was given to her by a visiting LAMb team member. As Andy gave Lydia the messenger, she was so touched and has kept it close to her ever since. She has listened to all the messages and cherishes the little item. You see – Lydia can no longer see – she is blind and cannot receive surgery for her cataracts that have blinded her – her health condition won’t allow her such a surgery. Lydia was a teacher in higher mathematics – taught for 30 years and ended up homeless. Her daughter married and her new son-in-law did not want her living with them – and kicked her out. The story is not pleasant – very sad. Yet, Lydia loves life and loves the Lord, she is now safe and cared for.

We believe in the work that Cola and Tanya are doing with Kemin. LAMb is committed to helping as we can. Thank you so much for the coal, the supplies and the new roof. Kemin Seniors are warm and cared for thanks to your generosity.



Katya, Lydia and Kim – just enjoying each other this spring.

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ISKRA HOME FOR DISABLED MEN: Lots of activity and lots of changes occurring at this home for disabled men. First, the walls and ceilings in the dining room are done and look beautiful. The men received new socks, lots of food drops and some nice track suits. In addition we took a group of the men to the mountains for a day of rest and relaxation. It was a great day and we so enjoyed being together.

Most important for Iskra is the continuous renovations that are going on at the facility. Larisa and Tanya are well connected with local churches and have been able to mobilize them to help in the process of renovation. While LAMb and others have been able to provide funds, the local churches have been able to provide manpower to do the renovations. What a great partnership!

BARNABAS GROUP – WORK IN NICARAGUA: Team member Pastor Glen Pitts has been very active in Nicaragua where he conducted a comprehensive pastors



conference. In addition, messengers were delivered – translated into Spanish – again the messages of Dr. Charles Stanley. Pastor Glen delivered books, financial aide and lots of different tools for the pastors to use in their villages. Look at this summary of events carried out in Nicaragua this year:

- Hosted and funded three four-day Pastors Conferences
- Published (written by Pastor Glen Pitts) and distributed 2,500 “Words of Life” ABC Scripture Memorization booklets for children

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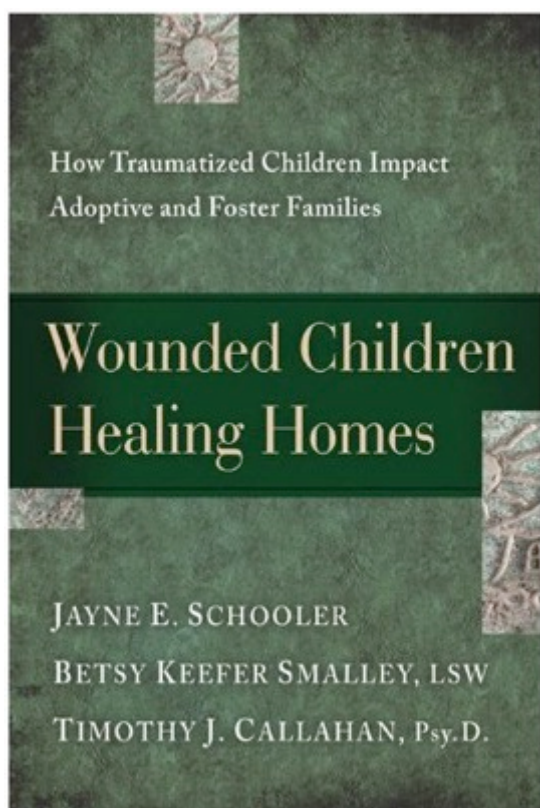
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- Launched the messengers – a listening device that contains 35 messages by Dr. Charles Stanley – this was done in cooperation with In Touch Ministries
- Gifted 23 pastors a special Life Principles Study Bible in Spanish
- Mobilized a team of 4 Canadians and 16 national pastors to paint the interior and exterior of the Neuva Vida Christian School in the slum community of Managua, Nicaragua.
- Delivered over 100 grocery bags of food in villages
- Gave gifts of cameras, etc.

The work in Nicaragua is growing and we expect some good reports in the future. There have been several people who have joined Pastor Glen in the travels to this country and we expect things to continue. We hope to expand our budget from \$33,000 this year to over \$150,000 next year in Nicaragua ALONE!

PUBLICATIONS: This year we have seen the completion of the book Wounded Children Healing Homes – which was translated into Russian with 1,000 copies published and distribution started. We are excited about this and have had MANY great reports of how the book has saved several adoptions from disruption. In addition, we

have distributed our Step by Steps to Effective Parenting – also translated into Russian.



Next year we will be translating and publishing a book on marriage. This book, written by Lynn and Ruby Johnston and Jim and Rhonda Montagnes will be delivered free of charge to pastors at the Pastors Conference in February, 2013 – in Kiev, Ukraine.

ILDC – UKRAINE: The team in Ukraine is making a great impact within Ukraine. Over the last year our team has conducted over 150 days of training and continue to be seen as the primary resource for training and consultation on strengthening families and protecting children in the country.

Our team in Ukraine is made up of an Executive Director – Oleg Schleskey, an assistant – Max Silva and a training manager which is a vacant position at this time. The

team in Ukraine (Oleg, Max and Vika) are carrying the organization into the NGO's – keeping alive the opportunities offered for training which will strengthen families and help in the protection of children. All in all – ILDC – Ukraine is committed to a WORLD WITHOUT ORPHANS – starting with Ukraine.

Vika Melinchinko, who is in charge of the Adopt Ukraine program –has been extremely

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active talking in churches about the plan for adoption for children who are orphans. ILDC – Ukraine is active in working with Alliance Ukraine Without Orphans. We delivered special training events to the leadership of the movement this past year. This is one of many of our partners in Ukraine.

We have partnered with Agape in Kherson; Our Home in Kherson, different churches around the country, etc.



SUMMER ADOPTION CONFERENCE – UKRAINE – ADDITIONAL

TRAINING: The organization Our Home is a support and training group for national adoptive parents for Southern Ukraine. This organization represents over 100 adoptive families. Many of these families have adopted children who are disabled – or older. This summer we were their guest trainers at the conference they conducted for the families. We conducted training in the area of Trauma, Child Development, Attachment and Discipline. In addition, we were honored to be given the responsibility to work with the youth – and we conducted a number of training events with the older youth.

We worked with Deb Amand from Ohio who worked with the younger children. Deb is an author and adoptive parent – who has adopted from both Ukraine and Kazakhstan. She brought a wealth of experience and information for the parents and children. We were so honored and excited to work with her at the conference this summer.

We also conducted a major training event for AGAPE - in Kherson.

SCHOOLERS – TRAUMA SERIES: Team members – Pastor David and Jayne Schooler have been extremely busy training and consulting in the area of Trauma. Over the year, they conducted a comprehensive training program in Kyrgyzstan in the area of Trauma. This was extremely well received. They worked with SOS Children's Villages, an orphanage in Karakul and with our team in Tokmok.

We plan to continue this very important training with different groups in Kyrgyzstan, Siberia and Ukraine. Our hope is to be able to send the Schoolers to all the different places this next year.

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ASIA: In addition, the Schoolers are very involved with the International University of Central Asia. Pastor David is Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Jayne is an instructor for the University. Ruby also sits on the board of trustees for the university.

WRIGHTS - EDUCATION SUPPORT PROJECT: Team members John and Julie Wright have started and manage a major sponsorship program for students who are attending Mercy Foundation School of Blessing, along with needy students who are attending universities. At this time there are about 19 different students benefiting from this sponsorship.



HUMANATARIAN AIDE – WITH THE WRIGHTS: LAMb's manager of Humanitarian Aide is John Wright. Both John and Julie are actively meeting needs as they spend time in Kyrgyzstan. They are active in helping some of the most needy find hope and dignity once again. Major projects for the Wrights include the following:

- Working with persons at the dump in Iskra
- Working with needy families find resources to alleviate some of their poverty issues.
- Providing support to different persons – on a short-term basis to relieve them of crisis situations.
- Coordinating a project for developing a “bio-fuel” factory – which is a pilot to demonstrate one way of developing a self-sustaining business to support those needing jobs and at the same time providing fuel for some of our LAMb projects.
- Coordinating the winter fuel/coal project – to ensure warmth to Kemin, a church and other individuals needing coal for the winter.

ISKRA VILLAGE: This Muslim village came to the attention of LAMb as a result of a team working with Possibilities International and the Wrights who brought water to the village. LAMb has remained active with the village, taking in food, clothing and other needed items.



Just starting our journey - first the dump, then the village.

This past year teams have visited the village and blessed them in many ways. One of our teams – the spring team took the ENTIRE VILLAGE to the mountains. Renting a bus, over 100 men, women and children were transported to the mountain falls.

LAMb spring team gave the funds for the food – the village woman

prepared the food and away we went. It was an awesome time in the mountains with friends and team members. They asked our team to pray for them and for our meal together – acknowledging our faith and belief in prayer. What an honor and blessing to be walking the faith with them.

At one point – one of the village chiefs pulled Lynn aside and said to him. “When you come to my village, do not knock on my door. Walk in, because you are family.”

We love this village and these wonderful people.

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BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN HUMANITIES UNIVERSITY: We were so happy to have Chris Tappan from New Hampshire working with us on the University project. She took the lead and with her expertise implemented the first ever – certification program in the Social Work Department that focuses on children and family issues.

This certification, graduated about 30 students. The model has been implemented and could be replicated by other universities in other countries.

CHURCH CONFERENCE IN PETEHOTKIE, UKRAINE: Lynn conducted a comprehensive training event with the church we helped purchase – in Petehotkie, Ukraine. He will return there this next year and conduct more training and do more work with them. While in Ukraine he will also be working with a group of pastors doing training and consultation.

SIBERIA LIFE SKILLS: LAMb visited Pastor Ilya and Janet Bansteev in Novokunusk, Siberia to deliver the Life Skill Training, work with Teen Challenge, share in the churches and just a bunch of other training and consultation. The church in Siberia is 19 years old, started by Pastor Ilya. With over 1,000 persons attending each Sunday, the week days are about just as busy. It is a wonderful experience to see a mobilized church.

We hope to bring other people to them, and even a major event with another ministry (stay tuned on the blog for this one!)

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION: A project done for and with the Ministry of Social Protection in Kyrgyzstan is one to build capacity of the workforce that are responsible for working with children and families. We conducted a comprehensive training of trainers for over 40 key leaders from across Kyrgyzstan. These leaders were to go forward and train in their own areas.

As things go – the government changed at the end of the training series – a new President was installed and this meant the present ministry leadership changed as well. We fear the training will not continue – however are encouraged that we had the opportunity to influence over 40 key leaders in best practice child welfare methodology and values.

TRANSFORM WORLD – GLOBAL CHALLENGES SUMMIT: We attended the Transform World Summit at the end of the year. We were invited to attend and participate along with over 400 other key leaders from over 15 countries. Together we were challenged to go forth and make a difference.

The Transform World movement was birthed out of a prayer movement in Indonesia,



and the purpose of the Global Challenges Summit was to address seven global challenges of the Church. These included the:

- Ideological Challenge: Issues surrounding fundamentalism, the turnaround within the Middle-East, along with other global issues.
- Family Challenge: An intentional focus on Christian Marriage and the Family with a call to integrity, purity, and witness.
- Orphan Challenge: A focus on the care for the orphans with a view to a world without orphans (WWO).
- Poverty Challenge: Reviewing poverty lines globally with a focus on availability of basic needs among the poorest communities in the world.
- Human Rights Challenge: Toward a civil society including casteism and the North Korea Issue.
- Christ's Missional Challenge: Reaching the Last and the Least.
- Celebration Challenge: Identifying, connecting, and encouraging 24/7 Houses of Prayer and Praise to God in every nation.

The Transform World movement is also helping the Church consider the 7 challenges

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through the lens of seven spheres of influence which are:

• Arts • Business • Church • Media • Education • Family • Government

Over 400 Christian leaders attended the Global Challenges summit and each participant was part of a working group to address one of the seven challenges. 45 delegates representing 15 countries from around the world met to work on developing the World Without Orphans global orphan care initiative. Four days of intense work resulted in a refined vision and seven-year action plan for the World Without Orphans effort. Another significant outcome of the summit was formation of the World Without Orphans Facilitation Team, a group of servant leaders, who have significant experience in different areas and are committed to do everything they can to advance the cause of serving the fatherless around the world.

The purpose of the Orphan Challenge group at the Transform World summit was to develop a 7-year working plan to promote the placement of children in families within their own local contexts. When many Christians hear the word “orphan,” what quickly comes to mind is either international adoption or orphanages. While international adoption provides families for children, it only addresses a drop in the bucket in terms of need, and orphanages have been proven to be a deterrent in the healthy development of children. A significant change in mindset is needed for many Christians. When we hear “orphan” we should immediately think of family. This includes families who are opening their home to care for the fatherless, but it may also mean biological families who need to be encouraged and strengthened in order to prevent children from being abandoned.

MISSION TEAMS: Finally we want to report that LAMb hosted a number of teams and individuals. This hosting is critical to the work of LAMb International. The Wrights and Johnstons both hosted many different individuals. We are honored each time a person wants to join one of our teams...they leave a legacy of hope. They bring dignity to hurting people and share with love and respect. We are so honored and appreciative of each of our team members.

**WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR
HEARTS**

**MAY YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS**

AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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