



Kimberly's March 2006 Newsletter

Always a Mobilizer



Enrika, Kimberly, Nina and Rhonda-COMINAD Conf.

Though I'm transitioning out of full-time African-American Mobilization ministry as I prepare to leave for Ghana, I believe I'll always be a mobilizer.

In Louisville, I'm training a team of people (comprised of members from 6 different local churches), that will continue coordinating the *Perspectives* mission course this coming fall, and hopefully for years to come. In

between training and support raising, I'm accepting invitations to help some churches get started with cross-cultural mission programs. Green Street Baptist Church in Louisville is one such church, and I will be speaking there on Sunday, April 30th. Mission conferences, like those represented by COMINAD, serve as vehicles to motivate pastors and church members about missions, and challenge them to adopt unreached peoples. And of course, while teaching at Ghana Christian Univ., I plan to mobilize Africans to reach other Africans for Christ.

Upcoming (Mandatory) Pre-Departure Training

SPLICE is a 3-week pre-departure training program offered by Mission Training International (MTI) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It is designed to help missionaries and missionary families develop the practical skills and attitudes needed to successfully adjust to living and working with people of other cultures. SPLICE's focus is skill and character development in the following six areas:

- Spiritual
- Personal
- Lifestyle
- Interpersonal
- Cultural
- Endure/Enjoy

This type of extensive training is not yet offered by Team Expansion for missionaries going overseas. However, recognizing how vitally important training of this sort is for enhancing a missionary's effectiveness, endur-

ance, and enjoyment in cross-cultural mission work, Team Expansion has made the SPLICE pre-departure training mandatory. Before I can leave for full-time ministry work in Ghana, I have to attend MTI's SPLICE training.

I am scheduled to arrive in Colorado Springs and attend SPLICE pre-departure training May 30th to June 16th. **The total cost is about \$2,000 (\$1,500 for the actual training, plus round-trip airfare, etc.).** I have already remitted to MTI a \$150 fee, and **the balance is due by the end of April.**

Please pray for this money to come in. And please also prayerfully consider giving towards this need. All support monies received thus far for special expenses have been allocated towards support raising (Candidate Lab, printing of brochures and packets, table display for churches & mission conferences, etc).

Whew! Only a few more months and I'll be in Ghana, Lord willing.

Upcoming Ministry Happenings

Support raising in Chicago	4/14 to 4/20
Speaking at Green Street Baptist Church in Louisville	4/30
Travel to Knoxville, TN	5/2 to 5/4
Mission Conference, Berean Bible Baptist Church in Atlanta	5/4 to 5/7

March at a Glance

- ☺ Began the process of acquiring Term Life Insurance.
- ☺ Celebrated with one of my Representative Elders for his (surprise) birthday.
- ☺ Visit with friends & supporters in Birmingham, AL 3/11 to 3/13
- ☺ COMINAD mission Conference in Hazlehurst, MS 3/14 to 3/19.
- ☺ Perspectives Task Force Meeting 3/27.
- ☺ Volunteered with Southeast Christian Church's Easter Pageant 3/26 & 3/31.

Other Preparation for Ghana

I continue to be on the receiving end of overflowing and expected blessings. Wow! Praise God for the gift sent by a missionary friend serving full-time in the Dominican Republic., and also for another missionary friend serving in Spain who desires to send support funds electronically. God is sooo good!

Team Expansion's Training Coordinator has recommended that I take at least two Bible classes before arriving in Ghana to teach business classes at Ghana Christian University. Lincoln Christian College & Seminary offers video courses for around \$75 each (\$25 per credit hour) plus the cost of books. I'm hoping to start these video classes soon after completing the SPLICE training program in June.

March 2006 Financial Recap

Receipts	
Everybody's Church	\$ 500.00
LIGHTHouse Christian Fellowship	75.00
Living Water ABF Class	50.00
Paxton Ave. Christian Church	100.00
Murray Biscuit Company	200.00
Individuals	\$ 1,196.00
General Fund Balance	\$ (155.85)
Social Security Fund Balance	\$ 37.17
Ghana Fund Balance (start-up ministry)	\$ 629.50
Ministry Equipment Fund	\$ 876.33
Expenses:	
Benefits	
100 - Salary	\$ 500.00
110 - Medical Insurance	245.50
150 - Housing Allowance	100.00
Education	
220 - Conferences/Classes	7.50
Christian Education	
300 - Printed Material	12.17
Postage	
550 - In the States	71.85
Office	
650 - Supplies in the States	60.33
660 - Mission Phone	47.60
Promotional Representation	
700 - For More Support	603.78
710 - For More Recruits	3.98
740 - Home Office Fund	100.00
Travel	
800 - Car/Transportation	328.50
810 - Meals While Traveling	42.30
830 - Housing While Traveling	61.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,995.21

Budget Stuff

One of the things Team Expansion's Financial Director recommends is to set aside money each month for paying Social Security taxes. This will make things much easier (especially for my Forwarding Agent) for sending quarterly payments to the IRS. So, a separate fund has been set up for this purpose.

Everybody's Church in Chicago, always sends donations quarterly, and in the past these funds were placed into an International Travel Fund, allowing me to pay short-term travel expenses. Since I am transitioning into long-term ministry overseas, quarterly donations received from Everybody's Church will now be placed into the Social Security Fund, allowing me to pay necessary Social Security and Medicare taxes without draining my General Fund Balance. Any balance that remained in the International Travel Fund have been transferred to the Social Security Fund.

Expenses related to African-American mobilization (which I'll continue to do until I leave for Ghana) now will run through the General account.

The negative balance in the General Fund account is because not all committed monthly funds were received for the month of March.

Ghana

Monthly Support Goal
(target date 7-31-06)

Needed funds: \$3,500
Commitments: 1,200
Amt. needed: \$2,300

* new commitment cards being used to determine current level of support.

Prayer Praises and Requests

- **Praise**—Started on a new vitamin/supplement regiment which cut my Chronic Fatigue recovery time in half. Praise God!
- **Praise**—Monthly commitments are now at \$1,200. Yeah!
- **Praise**—Several monthly supporters (including my parents) increased their monthly giving amount. Thank you soooooo much!
- **Praise**—Bishop Robert Winn (and Mattie, his wife), have accepted the role of serving as a second Representative Elder.
- **Pray**—For monthly and special donations to increase.

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