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FOND FAREWELLS AND JOYOUS WELCOMES

AFTER MORE THAN THREE YEARS AS DIRECTOR OF LOCAL OUTREACH, DIRK DEROSE LEFT CHRIST FOR HUMANITY AT THE END OF AUGUST TO EXPLORE A JOB OPPORTUNITY HE JUST "COULDN'T REFUSE." Filling Dirk's position at the ministry is one of his best friends and a fellow musician, Bob Ashinhurst — a man well acquainted with CFH's local outreach programs. Dirk and Bob play in Collinsville's Eastside

Dirk also spearheaded a number of community service projects, two of which were large in scope. In 2005, CFH arranged an outreach for Metro Christian Academy's Key Club. A group of 30 students and adult supervisors tore down a condemned home and completely cleaned up the lot for a member of CFH's 1ST STEPS class. In the spring of 2006, Dirk arranged to have members of Eastside Baptist Church to help an elderly woman organize her house and yard — a job requiring plumbing and electrical work, as well as time and energy.

Perhaps Dirk's greatest contribution to the ministry is the 1ST STEPS program. Recognizing that the people we serve need more than just the salvation experience to make Christianity a vital part of their lives, Dirk developed a discipleship program which meets every Monday night at the ministry. 1ST STEPS includes a meal, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer — emulating what is known of the early Church's dynamic. New believers have the opportunity to broaden their faith under the guidance of mature Christian mentors. Some current class members have been attending since September 2003, when 1ST STEPS began.



Dirk DeRose



Bob Ashinhurst

Baptist Church praise band. This group has minister at a number of ministry outreaches within the Tulsa Housing Authority system under CFH's Adopt-a-Facility program.

During Dirk's tenure, the ministry's local outreach to the poor increased dramatically. CFH's Adopt-a-Facility program grew to nine Tulsa Housing Authority facilities, including seven area church partners dedicated to meeting physical and spiritual needs within our community. Christ for Humanity received an Award of Merit for Program Innovation from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials — a direct result of Dirk's leadership.

Bob Ashinhurst is well qualified for the Local Outreach position at CFH. He and wife Linda moved to Tulsa in 1974, where they raised their 3 children. Bob worked in the Information Technology Department at American Airlines for 30 years. In 1990, God called Bob to use his musical talents to advance the gospel, and in 1991 he became Music Minister at Eastside Baptist Church in Collinsville — a position he continues to enjoy today. Through music Bob became familiar with Christ for Humanity. During the past 3 years, he and Dirk have provided praise and worship programs at a number of CFH sponsored outreaches.

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Bob joined the CFH team at the end of August, and he already has a vision for the future. "Although my duties are quite new to me, my immediate impression is that God wants me to expand the ministry by filling needs that still exist in several of the Tulsa Housing Authority projects. Our goal is to help provide both physical and spiritual food to needy people. Naturally, I will continue to support the 1ST STEPS program and strive to find creative ways to disciple class members and develop new followers of Christ. As Director of Local Outreach, I also hope to promote increased visibility and credibility for the ministry as a whole within Oklahoma."

"Most importantly, I desire to follow God's lead in my position. There is an adage familiar to many Christians: *When God guides, He provides.* I am eager to discover how God will guide and direct Christ for Humanity in the months to come under my leadership as Director of Local Outreach." ❏

O LORD, WE ARE THANKFUL

One of Christ for Humanity's goals is to help the people we serve fully understand the depth of God's love for mankind. Bob Enyart, a member of the ministry's 1ST STEPS Program, wrote this poem of thanksgiving in 1999, during a very difficult time his life. Despite the trials he was experiencing, Bob was still able to express his gratitude to God for the reconciliation he received through the suffering of our Lord and Savior. Bob's words poignantly express his understanding of salvation's cost and his thankful response to such a precious gift. He shared his poem with the members of CFH's Monday night discipleship class, which is currently studying Jerry Bridges' book *Trusting God Even When Life Hurts.*

PRAISE AND WORSHIP



EVERY-SO-OFTEN, MEMBERS OF CHRIST FOR HUMANITY'S 1ST STEPS CLASS ENJOY AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP. ON JUNE 26TH A GROUP FROM FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH VISITED THE MINISTRY, TREATING THE CLASS TO SPECIAL MUSIC, MEANINGFUL BIBLE VERSES, AND PRAYER.

After the usual Monday evening meal and fellowship, FBC's praise and worship team set up their instruments and prepared for an hour of worship. Led by music directors Matthew Goodman and John Tyson, the FBC singers performed several special numbers and then

joined class members in singing Christian favorites. Members of FBC's team shared Bible verses, selected to amplify musical selections, and class members were encouraged to share their testimonies.

As the evening wound to a close, the class broke into small groups where individual needs could be expressed and prayers lifted to the Lord. Everyone left the ministry realizing that Jesus' words, found in Matthew 18:20, were true: "*For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.*" ❏

THANK YOU JESUS

*I would like to express in my weak and humble way
A few words of praise and thanks today
To Jesus my Savior, my God, and my King,
Who died on the cross, my salvation to bring.*

*It's very hard for me to understand,
How You could have loved us mortal man
So much that You came to the earth to give
Your life and blood that I might live.*

*It was God's plan that You should die
On that cruel cross my pardon to buy;
With thoughts upon that home in the sky,
My hearts keeps saying, "How unworthy am I."*

*I think of how cruel it must have been
To stand before Pilate without a friend,
To give up your life, my pardon to seal,
And bare all the stripes my body to heal.*

*Without care or pity to the cross You were led
With a crown of thorns upon your head.
To bare all the sins and shame of man,
And suffer the pain of the nails in your hands.*

*To hang on the cross as hours go by,
And wait for the moment that you would die;
To suffer your death so humble and free
Is more than you should have done for me.*

*No doubt those men had hearts of stone,
To stand near the cross and hear you groan.
They seemed not to care on whose mercy they trod,
When they gambled for the robes of the Son of God.*

*When your blood ran down upon the ground,
And pardon for the thief on the cross was found,
Then darkness fell upon the earth that day,
When God and Heaven from the scene turned away.*

*You bled and died upon that cruel tree
That I might have life through eternity.
Thank you Lord for the help you've been;
Thank you Lord again and again!*

*I know I cannot by these words tell
My love to You and thanks as well,
So I will try each day to give
My thanks by the life I live.*

BOB ENYART ❏

MISSION COSTA RICA – 2006

IN EARLY JULY A MISSION TEAM FROM KIRK OF THE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTERED IN A COSTA RICAN VILLAGE 60 MILES SOUTH OF SAN JOSE, THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL. Partnering with Christ for the City, ministry-minded couples from Tulsa lived for ten days with Christian host families and participated in a number of work projects and evangelical outreaches.



While helping locals with a church building project provided plenty of exercise, finding opportunities for evangelism was the team's primary focus. The men organized seminars and round-table discussions on family relations. Women team members held "skin care" events – a huge hit with the female population. The informal atmosphere of team events opened the door for dialogue about Christ and what a

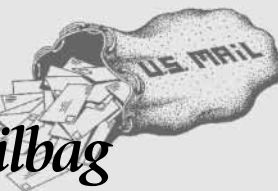


relationship with Him can mean, particularly when life is difficult. Team members shared their testimonies at these outreaches and engaged in door-to-door evangelism, using the *Evang-i-Cube* (a Christian Rubik's Cube) as a tool for introducing the Gospel.

The Kirk mission team took a baby scale and eight suitcases of medical supplies from Christ for Humanity's warehouse with them to Costa Rica. These supplies were left for the City's CLÍNICA CRIS-

TIANA in San Jose to help meet the needs of the poor. CFH is delighted to have played a small role in helping Kirk of the Hills Pres-byterian Church bringing the hope of Christ to un-reached people in Central America. ☒

From the CFH Mailbag



Christ for Humanity believes it is imperative to evangelize young people, particularly in this age of gangs and violence. When Derrick Hill, area director of Young Life North Tulsa, approached CFH for financial assistance in support of a May outreach at Bell's Amusement Park for underprivileged youth in his district, the ministry got behind the event. Many children in North Tulsa have never been to an amusement park. Derrick thought that an afternoon at Bell's would be a great activity to launch Young Life's summer program.

Dear Christ for Humanity,

Sixteen kids and ministry leaders were in attendance for Young Life's

North Tulsa Day at Bell's on May 20th. The young people had an "awesome, great time" and would like to say a special "Thanks" to Christ for Humanity for making the event possible.

*Derrick Hill
Area Director*



SUPPORT NEEDED FOR LIFT-BUS PROJECT

THREE YEARS AGO CFH INSTITUTED 1ST STEPS, PROVIDING DINNER AND A BIBLE STUDY FOR PEOPLE VISITING OUR FACILITY FOR FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS OR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. Our program serves the most forgotten segments of Tulsa society — the poor, the physically and mentally handicapped, recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, and the abused. Most of the people involved in this program live in Tulsa Housing Authority facilities.

1ST STEPS provides a Christ-centered environment for people with a wide range of problems, helping them find biblical solutions in a loving environment under the guidance of Christian mentors from a variety of churches. Few class members own vehicles, making it necessary for the

ministry to arrange transportation for large numbers of people each week, some of whom are in wheelchairs or on walkers.



Christ for Humanity's Board of Directors believes that for a number of safety reasons, the ministry should make these pick-ups in a lift-bus designed for handicapped people and insured by the ministry. A lift-bus would also make it possible to expand existing outreach programs.

To date CFH has received generous match-

ing grant commitments from the Helmerich Foundation and Tulsa Rotary Foundation, as well as donations from several churches — covering more than half of the lift-bus's \$54,000.00 price tag. Christ for Humanity has until January 1, 2007, to find the remaining funds for this project.

If you are interested in learning more about Christ for Humanity's programs to the poor, we would like to send you a short DVD, which shows some of our outreach activities. Should you be interested in investing in our lift-bus project, please contact Camille at 836-2424, ext. 202 or send a check to Christ for Humanity with the word "bus" in the memo.

Our staff and mentors have seen significant growth in the people we serve through 1ST STEPS and feel this project worthy of support. We are trusting God to provide the needed funds, if the bus is within His will. ☒

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE, I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK!

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs — the *Titanic* by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow.



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