



THE LATEST REPORT

Project E.A.R.T.H. International Newsletter

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Finally in the USA!

Thank You for all your prayers. We are so happy to have the boys finally in the USA! It took some major miracles of GOD to get them here in time for the start of school. They arrived on Sunday, August 21 and had their orientation at school the next day. School started two days later! WOW! They just finished the first quarter with very good grades. They love going to Lancaster Mennonite High School. They are always talking about how much they love their teachers and the classes. From their first day in the USA they have been involved in ministry and it's such a blessing working with them. They take their role with Project E.A.R.T.H. International very serious and they work hard preparing for ministry. Their school is a great mission field. We've been to many youth groups and churches already.

God has blessed us so much with a very affordable home. Without Dave Mumma and his willingness to work with us, I don't think the boys would be here right now. It took some major miracles to make it all happen. Without the help of Lancaster Mennonite High School working with us on obtaining student visas, and Dave making it so affordable for us to live in his home, there's no way I would have been able to do this. Friends of P.E.I. and churches rallied to pay for the plane tickets and those same people helped us transform the basement into an awesome living space for the guys. GOD is so good!



Where have we been? Where are we going?



Get up and Go with Fika and Bo

We want to praise the Lord for all the doors He has opened for ministry in Lancaster County. Our first priority for ministry is the greater Ephrata area and Lancaster County. We continue to do make missionary journeys to: DE, MD, NJ, NY, ME, NH, and the outreaches at Arkansas Tech University. We are excited about the relationships that we have developed with a variety of churches we serve.

The first day the guys arrived we ministered to a group of youth and adults from Grace Baptist Church - Lancaster. It was a great beginning. Since then we've ministered to youth from: Christ Evangelical Free Church at Circle K and a youth event, Ephrata Bible Fellowship Church, New Life Fellowship - Ephrata, Lancaster Fellowship - East Petersburg, Manship Chapel - Felton, DE, Ephrata Mennonite Church, TNT Monday Night Bible Study - Ephrata, Lancaster Mennonite High School (Chapel), and various gatherings in the homes of our friends. We've just returned from an 11 day missionary journey to Arkansas Tech University for P.E.I.'s Fall Outreach. During our outreach GOD did so many amazing things. It was a very busy schedule with ministry and the boys independently doing school work with the awesome cooperation and support of Lancaster Mennonite High School and their teachers. We kept in touch with everything through a daily online journal. You can visit it at: www.ProjectEarthInternational.org/ark1105.html Some of the highlights of our ministry in Arkansas are: Evangelistic outreach with Simmons Family Dental Groups annual FREE Clinic. (More about that later.) United Voices Fall Concert, Tech Fellowship, Excel Bible Study, 25 to LIFE Bible Study, Grace Baptist Church (Sunday School & Thanksgiving Celebration), Greater Union Hill Thanksgiving Celebration, Russellville Junior High School and a variety of small gatherings!

Our local Christian Radio Station (WJTL) featured the ministry of P.E.I. on their "Get Up & Go Show" back in October. That was a major blessing to us and we thank God for opening that door for us.

What's next?

- 11/27 - Manship Chapel - Felton, DE
- 11/30 - Ephrata Bible Fellowship
- 12/7 - Wash. Ave. Bible Church - Eph
- 12/14 - Akron Church of the Brethern
- 01/08 - Ephrata Mennonite Church (PM)
- 01/13 - CBF of NY - Carmel, NY
- 01/15 - Beacon Bible Church - Bronx, NY
- 05/4-16 ATU Spring Outreach - AR
- 06/9-10 Father/Son Campout - Woodcrest

There are many tentative dates. We plan to be involved Summer of '06 with Woodcrest Retreat locally and CBF of NY - Camp Joy/Camp Hope.

FRIENDS



New Life Fellowship - Ephrata



Zambia Vocal Group at Ephrata Men.



Meeting the Amish



AT Eph. Bible Fel. Ch.



Manship Chapel - Felton DE



Gathering in our living room



w/Vickie & Rick



Is anything really FREE?

To the glory of GOD, YES! Once a year Dr. Donald Simmons and the Family Dental Group have a "FREE DAY". Yes, I said FREE! People begin to line up as early as four in the morning to register. From 6a.m. to 6p.m. people receive top notch dental care for free in one of the 14 rooms where the work is done. It's amazing! Why do they do it? It is a chance for them to honor GOD who blesses them. A chance to do something for the folks who have no insurance or finances for much needed dental care. One man had ALL his teeth pulled to get dentures because his teeth were beyond fixing. (Secret: some dental work even takes place after the "FREE DAY" and it's still FREE!) What a blessing. All day they provide drinks and food for the people waiting. There is also a team of volunteers to minister to the people and present the gospel. In each room while the patient is in the chair waiting and then having their work done, some are sharing the gospel with them. Also, people are presenting the gospel in the waiting room and the waiting area outside. We were blessed to spend the whole day with the folks outside. We sang, got to know people and "primed the pump" for the ministry that would take place inside. Fika & Bo used puppets to minister to some of the children. What an awesome ministry opportunity. Dr. Simmons blessed me by making some adjustments to my partial plate I've been having trouble with. (On a different day). He also filled 4 of my teeth. On another day the guys had their teeth checked and cleaned. During our Spring Outreach at ATU Dr. Simmons will bless them by fixing many of their teeth.



Simmons Family Dental Group

TOP: Fika & Bo take turns praying for Dr. Donald Simmons after visit.
BOTTOM: Fika & Bo having their teeth checked and cleaned at clinic.



Multi-Purpose Room

Bedroom/Study

Mirror Rehearsal Wall

Fika and Bo's New Africa Living Space

Can you imagine being a teenager with a loving family, good school and lots of friends and suddenly trading it to go and serve God as a missionary in another country? Imagine leaving home for years with only one piece of luggage. What would you take with you? What would you say to your friends and family before you go? Imagine all that would be running through your mind. For Fika (16) & Bo (15) it wasn't easy. It still isn't. They both have younger brothers and sisters. They both had income from the TV shows they were on. Their salaries blessed their families with the "extras". Things like birthday cakes and presents. Birthday and Christmas gifts. Their families have sacrificed much with them so that Fika & Bo are able to follow the leading of the Lord in their lives. They are not foreign exchange students - they are missionaries. They have come to proclaim the GOOD NEWS of the gospel and be "living sacrifices". It's a huge responsibility for someone their age. Would you miss home? Feel lonely at times? Would you wonder if you made the right choice?

All these things were on my mind as I prayed for them and asked God to help me create a comfortable living space for them that would remind them of the country they came from. You can see the results in the picture above. The body of Christ

came together in a very beautiful way to make months of planning an amazing surprise for the guys when they returned from a weekend retreat. It all happening in less than 48 hours! From the wall mural, to the mirror rehearsal wall, to the mud brick wall, and the awesome bedroom/study God poured out an unbelievable blessing on these guys. It's given them an amazing feeling of "home". This is their "home" now. It's where they will live for a long time. It's "their space". Many people were involved in this. It's always a blessing when the body of Christ works together to accomplish anything. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful friends. Thanks to everyone who was involved with this project. May GOD bless you for all you did to bless Fika & Bo with this awesome living space! Thanks Moo for being willing to let us do this to your basement!

From my memory I would like to thank:

Dave Mumma, Dave Heller, Terry Smithe, Rick & Vickie Sprout, Dave, Karen & Saralyn Mast, John Weinhold, John Martin, Larry & Sue Cooper, Ladies Sewing Circle - Ephrata Mennonite Church, Dave Knowles, my friend at East End Mart, Kim Rank, Ephrata Mennonite Church, Lancaster Fellowship and a special thank you to Brian Elligson for creating the awesome mud brick wall.



In the name of Jesus

October 8, 2005 I had the honor of helping Pastor Jack from Ephrata Mennonite Church baptize Fika & Bo in Leroy & Beulah Martin's pond. It was an awesome day. Though it was very cloudy and cold it was a blessing. Leroy and Mike Wenger (TNT Youth Ministries) were also in the water with us during the baptisms. Rick & Vickie Sprout (Uncle Rick & Aunt Vickie) prepared a special lunch for us prior to the baptismal service. We had such a great time with the. Please continue to pray for Fika & Bo as they serve GOD here in the USA. Pray also for the ministry of P.E.I. which is expanding it's ministry in many ways now that Fika & Bo have become a part of our ministry. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you better!

Thanks to: Manship Chapel, Lancaster Fellowship, Ephrata Mennonite Church, Beacon Bible Church & our many friends who continue to help support our ministry. Will you pray with us for a huge miracle? We are asking GOD to bless us with nearly \$8,000 to pay off tuition at LMH before the first of the year. We are also asking GOD to bless the boys which health insurance so they can "be kids" and play games and enjoy things like ice skating, sledding, sports etc. At this time they can't enjoy those things because we have no way to pay for the high cost and injury could cause. Thanks for praying with us.

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