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Reconciliation Report

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Researching, Teaching, Mobilizing, for the Name

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Special Notes:

 Due to the Uganda trip, the next Report is planned for October, but gifts will still be receipted and a cknowledged in September.

White and Black Churches Partnering for Missions

How can an evangelical White church assist an evangelical Black church that does not have a strong global missions program?

Ideally, the White pastor will intentionally seek friend-ship with the Black pastor—possibly by a ministerial association contact, or starting with lunch. This friendship often leads to a sister-church relationship between congregations. Perhaps a dozen exist in Chattanooga, mainly thru the Chattanooga Resource Foundation.

- 1. Have a joint missions conference.
- Sponsor a delegate from the Black church to go with your delegate to an Advancing Churches in

Missions Commitment Conference (www.acmc. com)

Have supported missionaries speak in both churches. Such expo-



Church of the First Born and Grace Bible Church joined for evangelism in Chattanooga housing projects

sure is rare.

 Donate missions books to the Black church library (see ACMC's web bookstore for ideas).

- Offer to teach a Sunday School course or Wednesday night series on missions.
- 6. Have youth groups and adult ministry teams go together on short-term missions trips. Benefits: racial reconciliation; exposure to needs on the field that can lead to a new world-view; a new zeal for local missions.
- Invite the Black church to sit in on mission committee meetings.
- Assist the Black pastor or associates, with ongoing evangelical training, as needed/desired.

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Uganda Team 2000 Itinerary

Ladies: Hattie Riley (leader) Bertha Lloyd, Flo Samuels, Barbara Woods

Luwero (9/11-13) Kiryan-dango—teaching & evangelism (14-17) Kajjansi Church planting evangelism (18-24); Fort Portal—teaching and evangelism (25-30)

Topics: Singleness; Prayer; Women in business; The Prov. 31 woman; Intercessory prayer; leadership; Forgiveness; Hygiene.

Men: Aaron Sims— 9/11-13, Kalerwe—Evangelism; Teaching on Christian growth, leadership, giving

14-17 Kiryandango, Evangelism; 18-23; Evangelism at Kajjansi church plant

Jim Sutherland: 11-17 Kiryandango—marriage, parenting, prayer; 18-22 Westminster Bible College—Cults; 25-29 Fort Portal, teaching



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Overwhelmed by Friends



All gifts to Reconciliation Ministries Network, Inc. are deductible for income-tax purposes. The weaker we are, the better we notice friends. I asked for prayer for adequate rest and refreshment and the Cowdens gave us three nights at a Roane Mountain chalet.

Then, while canoeing with Board member Herm Bell, I dislocated my shoulder on July 28. Never having paddled a stream, (but lakes) he managed to paddle and pull me across unknown channels of the broad Hiwassee River, then drove 24 miles to an emergency room for help. Very cool, while I tried for over an hour to re-locate it.

Paul used his network to get me an early doctor appointment, due to Uganda trip constraints.

Joe and his friend Jake loaded furniture from our house for daughter Susanna, when I couldn't. A copperhead appeared outside about a yard away from the heavily –laden movers, and Jake dispatched it.

Herm, again, helped us load more furniture for Susanna from his basement storage area. My brother-in-law Dennis in Oregon prescribed detailed isometric exercises for the shoulder by phone.

Then, while teaching a Sunday School a few weeks ago, David replaced my little-finger pointer with his laser pointer to use with the many overheads. He came back after class and gave it to me.

"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other."

Isaiah 45:22 NIV

Prayer Points "Apart from Me, You can do Nothing" (John 15:5)

- ↑ An article on recruiting Blacks for missions —47 pages!—will need editing and a journal.
- For one more Board member to replace one whose term expires.
- That the 6 Uganda

 Team members will be fully prepared to teach and evangelize.
- For complete healing & wisdom concerning shoulder surgery and that it will not dislocate in Uganda!
- For new and deeper relationships with Black pastors.
- for weekly evangelism at McCallie Homes.

- Publication of dissertation on our website.
- For no sickness among the Uganda Team
- That God will be pleased to establish a viable church at Kajjansi
- Protection upon Uganda Team families while we're away—Judi in particular



Susanna re-located within Knoxville, Naomi relocated to Chattanooga while Tim and Ethan U-Hauled, and are now messing with Texas, at Le-Tourneau University

Family Focus

Why did everyone have to re-locate, just after I dis-located? While driving a 20' Ryder truck from Indiana I listened to A Passage to India, by E.M. Forrester. What a perceptive study in ethnic bigotry and cross-cultural miscommunication. While I'm at Kiryandango, Judi will be forwarding messages.

