

But my servant Caleb,
because he has a different spirit and has followed
me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land into which he went, and
his descendants will inherit it. Numbers 14:24 (NRSV)

Caleb

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REPORT

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REACH
for the FUTURE

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Paul Kurtz, founder of REACH, says it was a simple idea that began because "we knew there were young people who wanted to experience mission opportunities." The discipleship training program called REACH was birthed in 1991. The facility used for the training center changed four times by 1997. Paul says, "RMM and RBC's board were not sure how committed they were to this venture, and after the first year we would wait until a board meeting was over to know if REACH would continue... The first year we had 11 participants and God met us in so many ways. The second year saw 18 and then 20 young people, taking three months to work at their relationship with God, others, and the world."

The change they saw in the participants convinced them that God was raising up an army in a new generation. Today, we continue to feel that God is at work stirring young hearts for missions and renewal. The number one response I hear as I talk to past REACHers is, "REACH has changed my life!" This is not entirely true. GOD changed their lives. But He did use REACH as a tool while the participants focused on their relationship with Him. God has used REACH to draw, encourage, challenge, and equip young adults for Kingdom service. We have seen God change, redirect, and revitalize lives.

entrance



kitchen



Now we are at an exciting crossroad. Our current facility has hit capacity. There is no room for growth. Simply, God has given us a vision to disciple more young people and we are halted by our current facility. The prospect of turning away young adults who are interested in missions and discipleship training is troubling. God has given RMM a vision to send more workers into the harvest. So in 2007, we began to look for a building that would allow for SEND Ministries (REACH, City Challenge, etc.) and RMM a place for growth. In December 2007, we closed on a new building. Financially, this is a crazy endeavor and a huge leap of faith. Even working under a deficit, the board unanimously approved taking this big step. Following after God usually isn't safe nor does it always make good sense, but obedience is better than safety.

For those of you who are nostalgic, who tie what God has done in your life with the place that it happened, remember that it is not about the building. Let's praise God for the past and move forward. Be excited with us about what God has in store and thank Him for the lives He will impact through it. Thank you for your prayers and financial support over the last years. We have a lot of work ahead of us to renovate the building. Please continue to pray for us as we follow His lead.

... And by the way, we extend our invitation to help any way you can, be it physically or financially.



courtyard



dining



Building Facts

- 32,848 sq. ft.
- On 1.81 acres of land
- 40 dorm & guest rooms
- 8 offices
- Several prayer rooms
- Approx. 1,000 sq ft. meeting/rec area
- Fully equipped commercial kitchen & large dining area
- 1/2 mile from I-670
- 3 miles from Port Columbus International Airport
- Next to YWCA and other ministry opportunities



NEW!

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ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

BIRTHS

Kenton & Karissa (Miller, R 00) Kauffman (R 03) had a baby girl, Nakeah Jayde, on December 21, 2007.

Elwood and Jeanne (Classen, R 98) Miller had a son, Ian Jacob, on November 16, 2007.

Trent and Julie (Overholt, R 93, 94) Ferguson have two daughters, Ireland Brooke born September 1, 2004, and Brighton Skylar born July 24, 2007.

Dave (R 96,97) and Amy (Hochstedler, R 96, 97) Yoder had a baby boy, Tristan David, on October 29, 2007.

MARRIAGES

Keith Byler (R 05) married Emily Oxley on November 3, 2007.

Hans Stoltzfus (R 01) married Tonya on November 17, 2007.

Please inform us of any births, weddings, missionary appointments, or change of address. (angela@rmmoffice.org)

“Mission is, quite simply, the participation of Christians in the liberating mission of Jesus, wagering on a future that verifiable experience seems to belie. It is good news of God’s love, incarnated in the Witness of a community, for the sake of the world.” - David Bosch



editorial by kirk kauffman

I am convinced that as a church we have failed to realize the deep implications of mission.

We seem to place missionaries into three general categories (with multiple subcategories I’m sure). **1) Supra-Christians.** Missionaries, we believe, live in a sphere of holiness, calmly flicking petty sins off their shoulders as they brave the dangerous unknown to change the world. **2) Hippies.** Sure being a missionary is a great thing, we may say, but aren’t missionaries, well, a little strange? **3) Chameleons.** We agree that some people just seem to have a knack for learning a language in three weeks at the most and adapting deftly to a new culture.

On a serious note, we may alternatively view mission work as a specific – and many times very short – period of our lives, but now we have to face the “real world” and leave mission work to missionaries.

I understand that not everyone has a specific call to overseas ministry, but I fully believe that every single follower of Jesus is without question called to be a part of God’s mission. It is important to realize that mission does not begin with the church, but it begins with God. We are called to participate in what God is already doing – to redeem the world through Jesus and by the power of the Spirit.

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”



The SEND Ministries Department exists to equip and motivate youth to be Christ-centered, world Christians who make disciples.

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