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Dr. Steve James, right, helps a Haitian man, who suffered a broken leg, arms and ribs in the earthquake. Steve and his wife, Nancy, a registered nurse, are CBF field personnel in Haiti.

Hope for Haiti

Charles Ray and Reid Doster are coordinating the CBF national response to Haiti. Initial efforts are focused on getting medical supplies to Dr. James and, when conditions on the ground allow, groups will be sent. More inside.



NEW Wineskins



**Spring Conference April 9-10
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Alexandria**

*...the strange and wonderful
places God takes us when our
path is obedient...*

Confirmed Speakers:



Harry Rowland Tom Smith Shannon Rutherford Jarrett Banks Stephanie Vance David Crocker

Conference begins Friday
with 6:30 pm meal and ends
Saturday at 2pm

Please reserve for your meals
by April 1 at:
cbflouisiana@gmail.com
or 318-780-4127



You've Got the Time

by Reid Doster, Louisiana Fellowship Coordinator

I want to invite you to listen to the New Testament, for 28 minutes per day, for 40 days.

You can take this journey starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17 through Easter Sunday, or during another 40 day period of your choosing during 2010. You can join CBF partner churches and friends across our state, nation and around the world in this spiritual experience.

The well-known audio Bible ministry Faith Comes By Hearing (FaithComesByHearing.com) and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (thefellowship.info) are partnering to make this spiritual growth experience possible.

If your church is participating, an MP3 disc will be provided. If your church is not participating, then our office will send you a FREE MP3 disc that you can use to listen to this dramatic reading of the New Testament. Please email me at reid.cbflouisiana@gmail.com or call me at 985.778.6049 to order your MP3 disc. There is a different disc for adults and children. The children's version has over eighty songs that fit the text.

One idea is that you listen to scripture each day during Lent, the season when Christians observe the 40 days before Easter Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. So you would begin listening to the first day's reading on February 17 (listening on Monday-Saturdays, not Sunday) and complete the listening on Easter Sunday, April 4.

MP3s can be played on computers with a CD and/or DVD drive, home DVD players, portable MP3 players available at your local discount store, and CD players labeled "MP3 compatible."

If you cannot use an MP3 disc, you may purchase the 40 Day New Testament on a "memory stick" (\$20), which is powered by one AAA battery, or purchase the CD version-15 CDs in a case for \$20. You will need to do this through Faith Comes By Hearing. Either go to their website (FaithComesByHearing.com) or call 1-800-545-6552 to order these items. To get the \$20 price you need to ask for the congregation price and may need to identify yourself with CBF Louisiana.

We are asking that each church or individual/family who participates give an offering during the 40 day listening experience. You determine the amount. This offering will go to create an audio Bible in the heart-language of a people group that CBF field personnel live

among. CBF has identified 6 people groups without a Bible in their heart-language. It costs over \$20,000 to



create a Bible in a native language.

Please send your love offering to our CBF Louisiana Treasurer, Dr. Kenny Crump, 2220 S. Vienna, Ruston, LA 71270, and he will forward it to Faith Comes By Hearing.

I hope you will participate in this 40 day New Testament listening experience. Many of us have read the New Testament but have not heard it read aloud in a dramatic reading with sound effects, which really brings it alive!

For more information about this experience, you can go to our national CBF website and hear Dr. Daniel Vestal and Dr. Bo Prosser talk about it (thefellowship.info/ygtt).

From the Field...

Missionary Stephanie Vance has begun her ministry.

"Y'all come meet Stephanie. She's new!" What a joy it is to hear the people of Lake Providence, my new home, say those welcoming words! When I arrived here in January, my thoughts were of ways to meet people and begin to really understand this new mission field. God has provided for me in ways unexpected! Eloise, Sarah, Michael, Mitch, Glen, Harriet, and many others have shown this Alabama girl how the love of Christ in Lake Providence works. Pray for Lake Providence, its people, and their hopes for the future as we pray for you. Remember us when you are planning your mission work in the coming months. Together for Hope, **Stephanie**



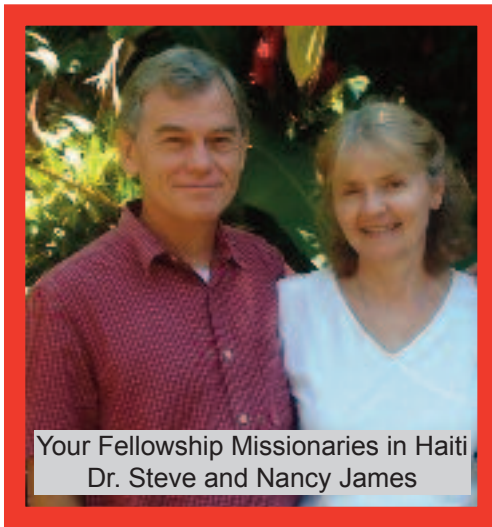
Missionary

Commissioning

Stephanie, second from right, receives laying on of hands at FBC Madison, AL, her home church. Kyle and Charlene Kelley were present. Kyle gave the charge in the service.

You can help hurting people in Haiti ...

One way is to collect medical supplies for Steve and Nancy James, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in Haiti. They are health care professionals working to meet the country's overwhelming medical needs.



Please **ONLY** send what is on the list. Please do **NOT** mail items to the CBF Resource Center. All items should be mailed to:

CBF Haiti Supplies
c/o North Stuart Baptist Church
1950 NW Federal Highway
P.O. Box 958
Stuart, FL 34995-0958

Financial contributions remain the most effective way to have the greatest impact. You can give online at:

www.thefellowship.info or send your check to:
CBF, P.O. Box 101699, Atlanta, GA 30392.
Put notation on your gift:
fund No. 17015 "Haiti Response."

Last Sunday, our new church family -- Bridgewater spontaneously gave \$1070.30 toward medical supplies to support the work of Nancy and Steve James, your CBF medical missionaries in Haiti.

Every week, I empty into a bucket enough spare change from my pockets to buy medicine that could be helping one of the sick and injured patients in the James' clinic.

In the weeks ahead, please consider collecting a special "Noisy Offering," inviting your congregation to drop into pails



MEDICAL SUPPLIES NEEDED:	
Medications	
• Aspirin	• Gauzes – any size
• Children's & adult multivitamins	• Gloves – all sizes
• Benadryl	• Surgical gowns/towels
• Triple antibiotic ointment	• Pediatric supplies
• HydroCortisone ointment	• Tape – all types
• Oral re-hydration salts	• Thermometers
• Cough medications	• Blades – sterile only
• Acetamenophen	• Needles – butterfly, angio catheter
• Ibuprophen (generic)	• Compression stockings
• Antibiotics	• Dressings – sterile & unsterile (Coban, Tegaderm, Steri-Strip, Surgilast)
• Zantac	• IV supplies – tubing in sterile packages only
• Prevacid	• Scalpels
• Hypertension medications	• Sponges – surgical only (includes X-ray detectable)
• Type two-Diabetes medication	• Sutures
Medical Supplies	• Syringes
• Ace bandages	• Tongue depressors
• Alcohol pads	• Cotton tipped applicators
• Band-aids	
• Betadine wipes and sticks	
• Drapes	

Monetary gifts as well as supplies are managed with the utmost care through staff who have lived in the country and know the best practices and resources on the ground.

You can follow updates of the work, needs for volunteers, prayer requests and read the blog of Steve and Nancy James which chronicles their ministry challenges during this time at www.thefellowship.info.

all loose change collected at home each week.

Your youth will enjoy passing around the pails.

Psalm 100:1 challenges us to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

The more racket the better!

By the way, if your ears prefer a quieter offering, then silently write your check to The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, P.O. Box 101699, Atlanta, GA., 30392, indicating "Haiti Relief 17015" in the memo line.

The joy from your giving will keep wind in your sails all week long!

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The Louisiana Fellowship
 Celebrates the Installation of
G. Travis Norvell
 as Pastor of
 St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church
 New Orleans
 Installation Service held January 31

At Long Last - The Dedication

It was standing room only at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Vulcanesti, Moldova report Romany Missionaries Keith Holmes and Mary van Rheenen.



The late autumn building dedication service was a very long time coming, after numerous obstacles for this all Romany congregation.

Many Moldovans got to taste Romany music and hospitality first hand, with positive results. The building itself is a draw. If the lights go on at night, for any reason, people soon gather just to visit and see what's going on.

It still needs some finishing touches like the gutters and roof ridge to pass final inspection. However, thanks in part to the many in CBF-LA who have given money and prayed through the years, the congregation is now worshipping in their very own building!



At www.cbfla.org:

Adkins and Holmes Romany Updates,
 Disaster Response news, Prayer Calendar and more.
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Opening to God's rays...



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CBF-LA Receipts	Nov-Jan	Fiscal Year 7-1-09 to 6-30-10
Undesignated	\$26,448.13	\$49,426.68
Together for Hope	\$1,350.01	\$12,522.85
TFH Missionary Fund	\$33,173.54	\$63,569.96
Other Misc.	\$793.65	\$887.01
ML Henson Schlrship	\$189.53	\$1,613.53
TOTAL	\$62,238.24	\$129,334.25