

Heart Ministries

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God Loves Haiti, & So Do We!

We serve a wonderful God, who brings order out of chaos in individual lives, as well as in nations & cultures! The recent earthquake in Haiti has brought God's people from all over the world together in a massive humanitarian mission of love. Victory Village is very closely connected, as the following pictures & stories will show.

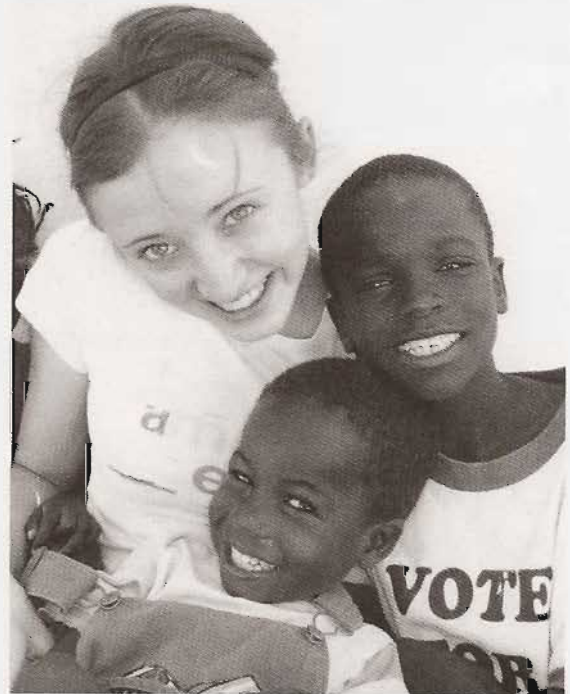


Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga, from the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa but now American Baptist Missionaries in Haiti, were our recent guests. Pictured here with our students, Leana Gonzalez, whose family is from Haiti, and Jenaya Mills, from Hays, KS, they were guest speakers for our Mid Winter Mission Conference at Crosswind, near Hesston, and also spoke to our students at Victory Village.



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Our minds & hearts & prayers have been largely on the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12. The images shown on TV are horrendous, but cannot be as bad as the reality of being there. We have been encouraged to see the Haitian people singing & praising God in the midst of their tribulations. Some of the people had lost everything except their faith in God.



We had a vested interest in this big news event because our grand daughter, Daniela Stilwell, was there on a mission trip when the earthquake struck. Thankfully, the orphanage & mission where she was working (Haiti Lifeline Ministries) was not greatly damaged & no one was injured. Then began the saga of getting the 21 members of the mission team back home. They were also going to bring 7 Haitian children along, who had all their adoption papers completed, to the homes that had been waiting for them for years. The airport was closed to commercial aircraft, so their only chance was to catch a ride on a military plane that flew in with relief supplies. They would be flying back empty! This necessitated a trip to the American Embassy. It seemed like all 45,000 Americans in Haiti were trying to leave at the same time! They spent one night in the Embassy Courtyard, which was packed with people. The next day they waited. Then one of the ladies working there really helped them out by (continued on page two)

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sneaking them out the back door & into a truck headed for the airport. We received a text message at 12:30 a.m., letting us know they were in Miami and all the children were safe. There was great rejoicing in many hearts!

And there was great rejoicing in the homes who had waited & prayed for such a long time to finally have the children that they rescued. Pastor & Mrs. Tim O'Byrne of the First Baptist Church in Holton, KS took four of them; Willie & Connie Newcome of Inman took two, and Pastor & Mrs. Scott Miller of Kingdom Life Ministries Church in Hesston, KS took one. Daniela is so serious about her mission work in Haiti that she changed her major at the University of Kansas to African American Studies, and she is studying Creole, the language of Haiti. **Yes, God loves Haiti, & so do we!**

Another mission trip (without an earthquake) was Chelsie's trip to Liberia, West Africa. She went with a group called "Feed the Children," and worked with a medical team in several villages. Chelsie was sent out with two others from Bethany



Baptist Church, near Bentley, about 20 miles from Victory Village. Pastor Larry Oyer found out how much she wanted to go on a mission trip, and invited her to be part of the team. They experienced first hand the heartache of seeing starving babies & children who are in such great need there in Africa. It was a life-changing trip for Chelsie, and it seems very likely that she, being one of our former students, will someday be a full time missionary to Africa.

**"We must acknowledge the dignity of the poor,
Respect them, esteem them, love them, serve them.**

**Often I think they are the ones
To whom we owe our greatest gratitude.**

**They teach us by their faith,
Their resignation,**

**Their patience in suffering.
They allow us to help them.**

**We should experience not pity,
but compassion toward the poor."**

**--Mother Teresa
of Calcutta**



We have folks who take mission trips to Victory Village also! Our friends from Silver Lake Baptist Church came New Year's Day to help us with a very great dilemma—our school library. It needed sorting & organizing after the move into the new building. The books were on the nice shelves donated by the Haysville Library, but were all mixed up. Those brave souls who came to labor were, Mike, Emilie & Luke Fangman, Doug, Sandee & Kyle Kluras, Tracie Dultman, Lynne Call, JoAnne Schmidtberger, & Willy Workman. Ethan Gray (far left) & Carole (far right) also helped. Ethan organized and directed the project, and thanks to all, order now reigns in the library.



We have several new girls to start off the 2nd semester. Jaymie Stieben (left), from McPherson, was attending our school, but has now moved into the dorm. Shye Jeter is the niece of Cody Jeter, former student (1989), currently of Ft. Worth, TX. Shye is from Grand Junction, CO.



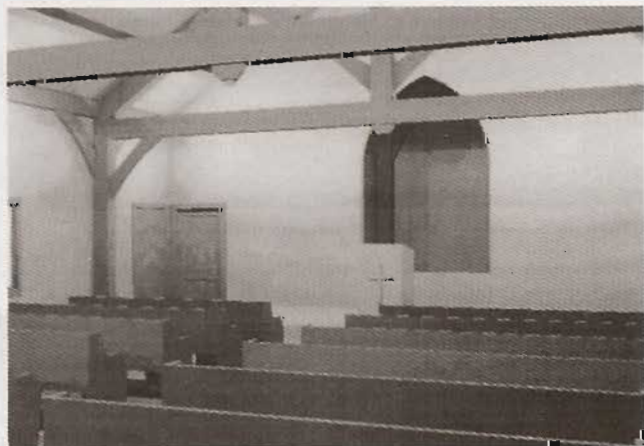
April Lally (left), is the daughter of former student Amy Stutzman, and lives with her grandparents, Don & Elnor Stutzman of Hesston. Sumer Cehura is from Arvada, CO.

The Village Chapel—Soon to be a Reality!

We never cease to marvel at the wonderful ways God works in Heart Ministries! We have a beautiful new school building, as a result of the big blizzard in March, 2009. Now, there is great expectation that the Village Chapel will be built in the next few months, and once again in a way we would have never expected. Many had already given for this project, enabling us to finish the foundation, floor, sewer & water connections, with \$9,000 left over to start the building. Our long time friend, Charles McNolty of Newton donated his time, expertise & crew needed to do the concrete work. With gratitude for such a good start, God performed another miracle to take us much farther toward completion.

John Van Bruggen is our neighbor, who lives about a mile north of Victory Village. He is also the owner of Clydesdale Frames Co., specializing in timber frame construction. We had never met John until he contacted us a few weeks ago, and asked about the foundation and floor for the chapel. John told us he wanted to help, and would like to get his suppliers to make donations of materials needed for the construction. In a few more days, John invited us to his office in South Hutchinson, and said he had materials and labor promised from five different business firms. These included, **Clydesdale Frames**, Hutchinson, KS, supplying timberframe & labor for installation of frame, structural insulated panels, tongue & groove ceiling, & tower for the steeple., **Thermocore**, Jefferson City, MO, supplying structural insulated panels, **Timber Products**, Wichita, KS, supplying tongue & groove for finished ceiling, **Whiteman Lumber**, Cataldo, ID, supplying timber for timberframe, and **Engineering Consultants**, Hutchinson, KS, supplying structural engineer review of chapel.

All of this will complete a major part of the chapel construction, however we will still need siding, windows, steel roofing & interior finishing. The \$9,000 on hand will help with these, but there is still need for more funds. St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Newton has donated some beautiful, padded pews that will really beautify the interior. If you log on to www.clydesdaleframes.com, there is a link at the bottom of the page for, "The Village Chapel Virtual Tour." From there you will be able to get a much better idea of the chapel construction and what it will look like when finished. For any who do not have the technology available, we are including this sketch.



Thanks to the many who gave to get the chapel started, and now to those who are helping to bring the vision to fulfillment. We already have girls talking about wanting to use it for their wedding someday! We serve a wonderful God, and everything good that has happened in this ministry over the past 40 years is because of His great power and love. The motto coined by St. Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556, founder of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, perfectly describes our sentiments, **Ad majorem Dei gloriam**, for the greater glory of God!



Candace Nahigian & Becky Diaz show by their big smiles that they are glad to be back at Victory Village. Both girls were former students, and recently returned from California to continue their education at Victory Village Christian Academy. We are equally glad to have them back.



Mollie King Erickson came to Victory Village in 1998, and lives with her husband Eric and their family in Spokane, WA. These are their two daughters, Seriahna & Atta. We have fond memories of driving to Spokane to conduct Mollie & Eric's wedding in the beautiful old Glover Mansion.

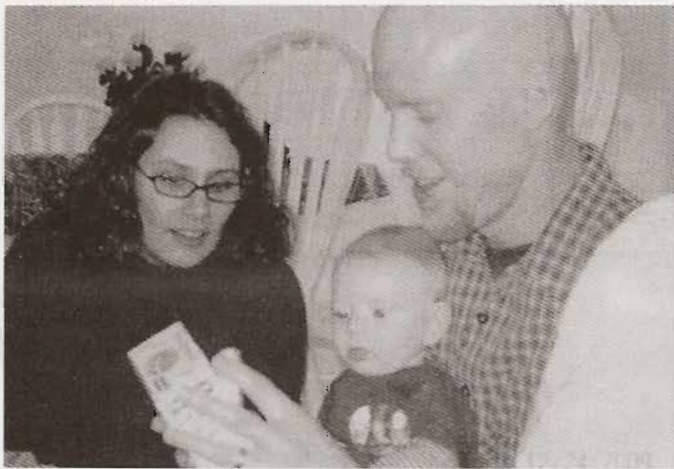
Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was hungry, and you gave me meat...thirsty, and you gave me drink...a stranger, and you took me in...naked, and you clothed me...sick, and you visited me...in prison, and you came unto me...Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.**

-Matthew 25:34-40

Heart Ministries Victory Village Christian Academy



Forty One Years of changing Lives
For Jesus Christ and His Kingdom
Jesus said, "I have come that they may have
life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)



This is Megan Newberry Kibbe, with her husband Chad & their baby, Isaac. They live in Topeka, KS where they are active in the First Baptist Church. Megan came here in 1995, and a few years later went to live with Freddie & Brenda Moore & family in Hutchinson, later graduating from Buhler High School. She and Chad were married in 2006.



Here is a picture of Sophia Stone, at a track meet for her high school. Sophia came here in 2007 from Pacific Palisades, CA, and attends Palisades Charter High School.

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Love is a much used word, but some of what it describes is shallow, and sorely deficient in being genuine. Read I Corinthians 13 to find out what true love is all about.

We have often said, "Our message is Christ & our Method is Love." Henry Drummond, an early American preacher and contemporary of Dwight L. Moody, called Love, "The greatest thing in the world." Moody heard Drummond deliver his message on I Corinthians 13 and said he had never heard anything so beautiful. From the Facebook site of Compassion, International, comes this important reminder; "Anger says, fight for justice; Rage says punish the oppressor, God says LOVE." Thank you for your prayers & support of Heart Ministries, as we do our best to love wounded teens.

Victory Village Christian Academy serves students without charge to them or their parents, by providing a clean & safe place to live, a good education, nutritious meals, training in life skills, outdoor activities, opportunities to be involved in ministry, & most important of all, an introduction to **Jesus Christ**, who will love them for a lifetime & forever. **Victory Village** is located at 201 South Victory Road, Burrton, KS 67020. Mailing address is P O Box 2068, Hutchinson, KS 67504. **Heart Ministries, Inc.**, a 501(c)(3) organization, cooperates with local & state regulatory agencies. **Victory Village Christian Academy** is registered with the Kansas State Department of Education, has a state certified teacher, & is a member of the Association of Christian Schools, International. Credits are transferable; high school diplomas are earned & recognized for entrance into colleges & universities. **Board of Directors:** Rev. Bill & Carole Cowell, Directors & Pastors of **The Village Chapel**, Rev. Todd Britt, Larry Chapman, Becky Goering, Gordon Goering, Lyndal Penner, Roger Stauter, Rev. John Williams; **Secretary-Treasurer:** Barbara Hedges; **Maintenance:** Ray Yingling; **School Staff:** Allen Hurley (teacher), Diane Sanders & LaJane Anderson (specialized classes), Joanna Murawski, Bill & Carole Cowell; **Dorm Staff:** Charlotte Ratzlaff (dorm mother), Katie Hougham, Fannie Yoder, Barbara Hoskinson, Michelle Green, Nicki Thompson, Kim Yingling, Autumn Cranmer, Nicole Coughlin; **Victory Village Team:** Everyone who supports Heart Ministries with prayers & gifts. Thanks so much & may God bless each one of you.