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***Armenia Bonito, near La Ceiba, Honduras***



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**Nairobi, Kenya**

# Construction begins on the Shunem land

Workmen prepare the foundations for children's camp dormitories on the Shunem property. These facilities will be used during the biannual camps for slum children sponsored by the Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church.



A security fence marks the perimeter of the Shunem property.



Construction is almost complete on the team dining facility in the foreground with the guard house, storage shed and water tower in the background. This facility will serve the needs of visiting church teams from the US.



Construction of the new Shunem Shelter girls' home is scheduled to begin in early 2011.



Pastor Makuku discusses plans for development of the land with MTW staff Sam Haupt and Opal Hardgrove.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed...  
As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

— Psalm 103:6, 13-14

# StreetChild Around the World



## Mexico City, Mexico

Eleven staff and volunteers work twice weekly at subway stations with 10 to 15 street children ages 5 to 14 years old.



## La Ceiba, Honduras

The MTW La Ceiba team is ministering to the 1,500 children in the poor community of **Armenia Bonito**, near La Ceiba, through Bible clubs, medical clinics and worm treatments, free Bibles, and other special events. A StreetChild ministry is under development, beginning in late 2011.



## Bangalore, India

The **Anagraha Mane** (Grace House) currently ministers to six to eight boys. The **Jan Kooistra Home** is now under development and will provide a loving home for up to 20 street boys.



## Acapulco, Mexico

The **Sobre el Puente** drop-in center receives 12 to 14 street children daily and 13 at-risk children enjoyed summer camp at Guanajuato, Mexico, this summer.

## Lima, Peru

**La Casa de la Gloria** (the House of Glory) has cared for eight teenage at-risk girls and their infants since opening in the summer of 2009. The home has a capacity of six young mothers and their infants and is a ministry of Luz de Vida (Light of Life) Church.



## Nairobi, Kenya

The Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church sponsors the **Shunem Shelter**, which is home to 22 at-risk girls. The church-sponsored elementary school in the Kibera slum is educating 150 children. The church's feeding program provides food for 175 children, and 178 children are sponsored.



## Manila, Philippines

**Ang Bahay Parola** (The Lighthouse) cares for 40 children in three homes. The Educational Assistance Program helps 18 children and eight are in higher education. A feeding program sponsored by two Filipino churches provides food for 50 children, and 44 children are sponsored.



# Opportunities for 2011



## Join us on a vision trip to **Kenya**

Exciting ministry is happening in Nairobi, Kenya, with Pastor Imbumi and Martha Makuku! Construction is well underway on the new Shunem property south of Nairobi (see photos on page 3 of this newsletter). Join us on a vision trip to Nairobi in early February 2011 for a genuine African ministry experience. Participation is limited so contact us as soon as possible for exact dates and trip costs at **678-823-0004 ext. 2452** or **streetchild@mtw.org**.

## STREETCHILD INTERNSHIPS OFFER THE

*Summer of a lifetime*



The leaves and the temperature may be dropping, but now is the time to begin planning for the summer of 2011 and MTW StreetChild internships. In many locations interns are led by spiritually mature mentors. If you are college-age, don't miss out on the experience of a lifetime. **For more information contact the Internship Department at go@mtw.org or 1-800-270-9932.**

## Acapulco and Guanajuato, Mexico Church teams minister (and have fun!) with Sobre el Puente



**(Above)** Team leader Steve Fults is gleefully zapped with water pistols during the summer camp at Guanajuato, Mexico.

**(Left)** Kris Calvert, a member of the Ft. Worth Presbyterian Church team, with Carlos at the Guanajuato camp.

### Fort Worth Presbyterian Church,

### Fort Worth, Texas

This summer a team of 15 from Fort Worth Presbyterian Church joined the Sobre el Puente staff and 13 street children at the MTW camp in Guanajuato, Mexico, for a week of camp.

The daily schedule included Bible camp in the mornings, afternoon field trips and watching the *Chronicles of Narnia*, complete with popcorn, in the evenings. There were also soccer matches throughout the week.

The theme for the Bible camp was "The Outcast" using the stories from the gospels to highlight Jesus' love for the outcast. The highlight of the week was the talent show on Friday evening. The children sang songs, put on skits, and showed their artistic talents.

The church team is looking forward to returning next summer to host another great week of summer camp.

## Westminster Church, Gainesville, Georgia

A team of eight recently returned from a week in Acapulco. They worked on the ongoing construction needs at the Casa Hogar children's home and spent time at Sobre el Puente. Team members also enjoyed visiting with Beka May, a church member who is currently serving with MTW in Acapulco at Casa Hogar and Sobre el Puente.



MTW intern Beka May at Sobre el Puente with Brisa and her daughter Nahomi.



All smiles: Brianna Torrey (left, rear) Westminster Church (Gainesville, Georgia) team member and Emmie Seals (right, rear) with Casa Hogar children. Brianna and Emmie are MTW staff members.



Westminster Church (Gainesville, Georgia) member Mary Nash shares the gospel with children of the Casa Hogar children's home in Acapulco, Mexico.

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*He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.*

—Isaiah 33:6



The final newsletter of 2010 is a good opportunity to look back over what has transpired during the year.

The first major event of 2010 was the Pavement Project training in Acapulco in February. This counseling program was developed over many years by SGM Lifewords and it utilizes Bible stories to reach the traumatized hearts of at-risk children. The Sobre el Puente staff and others received a week of training and a year of supervision in the effective use of the materials. The Pavement Project has given our volunteers and staff a wonderful tool to dramatically increase their effectiveness in reaching at-risk children with the gospel.

We are thankful for the start of construction this summer on the Shunem property south of Nairobi, Kenya. The infrastructure is now in place and the new Shunem Shelter girls' home building is scheduled to begin early next year.

Although the ministry to street children will not be fully underway until the fall of 2011, this year we welcomed the La Ceiba, Honduras, team to the StreetChild family. The team is already ministering to at-risk children in the poor community of Armenia Bonito, near La Ceiba.

We are learning that buying land in India is a complex and cumbersome process. As a result the purchase of land for the Jan Kooistra Home in Bangalore is going much more slowly than we had hoped. Pray with us during the process as we trust in the Lord's timing.

Thank you for your support of this ministry.

God bless,

*Tom*

Tom Stewart, Director

P.S. If you know a college-age person who would benefit from a hands-on internship in the summer of 2011, encourage him or her to contact MTW at [go@mtw.org](mailto:go@mtw.org) or 678-823-0004 x2334.

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