

REDEEMER CITY to CITY

Hi Friends! Thanks for your interest in Redeemer City to City Mission trips! This year eight trips helped fulfill the Great Commission by going all over the world — each with a specific theme and focus — while accomplishing various tasks and work projects. Mission trips are special initiatives that can be very impactful, with Redeemer trips uniquely serving a purpose of connecting up participants with church plants who have a City to City partnership. This relationship provides for a deeper connection as we seek to serve the needs of the international church/church plants while educating Redeemerites of their ministries. Thanks for your support, encouragement, and interest in STM endeavors!

The trips outlined included 62 teammates. Near East-2, Japan-4, East Asia-5, Mumbai-12, Lily of the Valley SA-14, Makaphutu SA-5, Buenos Aires-5, Johannesburg-11, Mozambique-4.

Please keep in mind our STM Vision: We go and serve only church plants Redeemer City to City has helped fund, train, and/or otherwise maintains a relationship/partnership. We serve these churches and their out-reach programs.

DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS TRIP, NEAR EAST CANNOT BE DISCUSSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE INQUIRE DIRECTLY TO CHRISTINA STANTON OR MARK HORTON FOR DETAILS.

Toyko, Grace City Church May 10-21, 2012 4 Team Members CFW Focused



Tokyo is one of the largest, most expensive, and most secular cities in the world. We go to serve and partner with Grace City Church Tokyo. Grace City Church Tokyo aspires to be a new community called to glorify God by loving and serving the city. Members of the congregation are mostly young professionals who live and work around downtown Tokyo.

Our presence in Tokyo created an avenue for holding numerous events throughout the week that would get people excited and involved with the community. This included:

- ◆ Our main event of the week - a work culture seminar in which each team member spoke about the intersection of faith and work in New York City. We shared our struggle to balance work and faith in and outside of the workplace and how He has worked in our lives throughout our careers. We were able to connect on many of the similarities that New York had with Tokyo and this allowed for a deeper understanding of our lifestyles despite the differences
- ◆ A very successful lunch ministry in which people working in the same areas could meet for a time of prayer and fellowship as well as a brief scripture study. We had the chance to meet with many of the church members as well as their non-Christian coworkers. For many of the church members, this was an opportunity for them to acknowledge their faith and share the gospel for the first time.

- ◆ In the evenings we visited community groups and held English conversation sessions.
- ◆ We were also able to visit and speak to students at an English economics class at Waseda University, one of the top schools in the world. We spoke and answered questions about career paths, work culture, and our experiences living in the states.
- ◆ A lot of our time was spent sharing and brainstorming ideas for new ministry opportunities with the Pastor, church planters, and other staff. Our discussions were focused heavily on building up new leaders in the church and developing a church community through fellowship groups and outreach events. We were able to constantly encourage and pray for them throughout the week.

By the end of our trip, we had solidified strong friendships with many of the church staff and members. During our free time, we continued to spend time with them, just exploring the city and hanging out. You know a missions trip went well when you end it on a discussion of what to do next year. Since our return, we have continued to stay in contact with our new brothers and sisters. We are excited to see them again soon.

East Asia, Asia Partnerships

June 1-12, 2012

5 Team Members

Campus Ministry

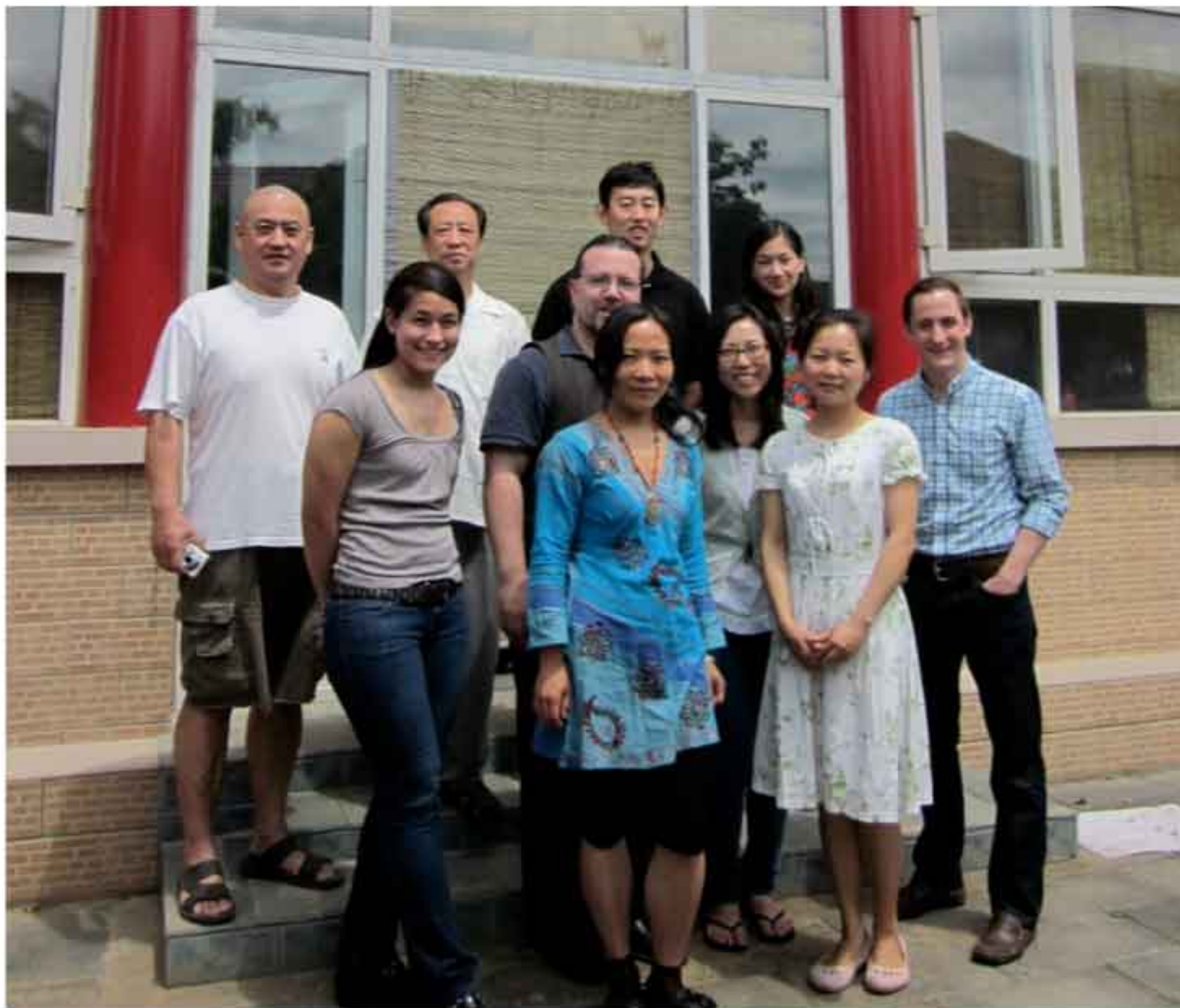
The team spent five days at a local university teaching, interacting and traveling with the students of the English department. The goal is to make English a fun subject, and to ensure that students are able to practice with native English speakers. The ultimate goal is to establish relationships, and, through that, share faith. Relationship-building with students is key in these activities and the effectiveness of this trip in general is based on sending teams consistently year after year.

A typical day at the university began with breakfast, followed by a four hour classroom lesson. Lunch and rest time were next, followed by English Corner. The day ended with an hour and a half long lecture.

During classroom lessons, the team taught in summary the well-read stories of The Odyssey, The Tempest and Joseph from the Bible, and themes were covered of temptation, forgiveness and good and evil. That led to deeper sharing and discussions, both at an intellectual and personal level.

During the lectures, topics were covered such as: Art and Team Work, Charisma, Wall Street, and Personality. The lectures led to other opportunities where our team members could share their lives and faith with locals.





Besides classroom lessons and lectures, more time was spent with the students on a trip to a local tourist spot, as well as a visit to an orphanage of children with special needs.

This trip works under a Host ministry who has done work in East Asia for years, and the trips' efforts are followed up by local Christians in the church network afterwards.

Mumbai, Mark Davidson of Avatar Church

June 20-28, 2012

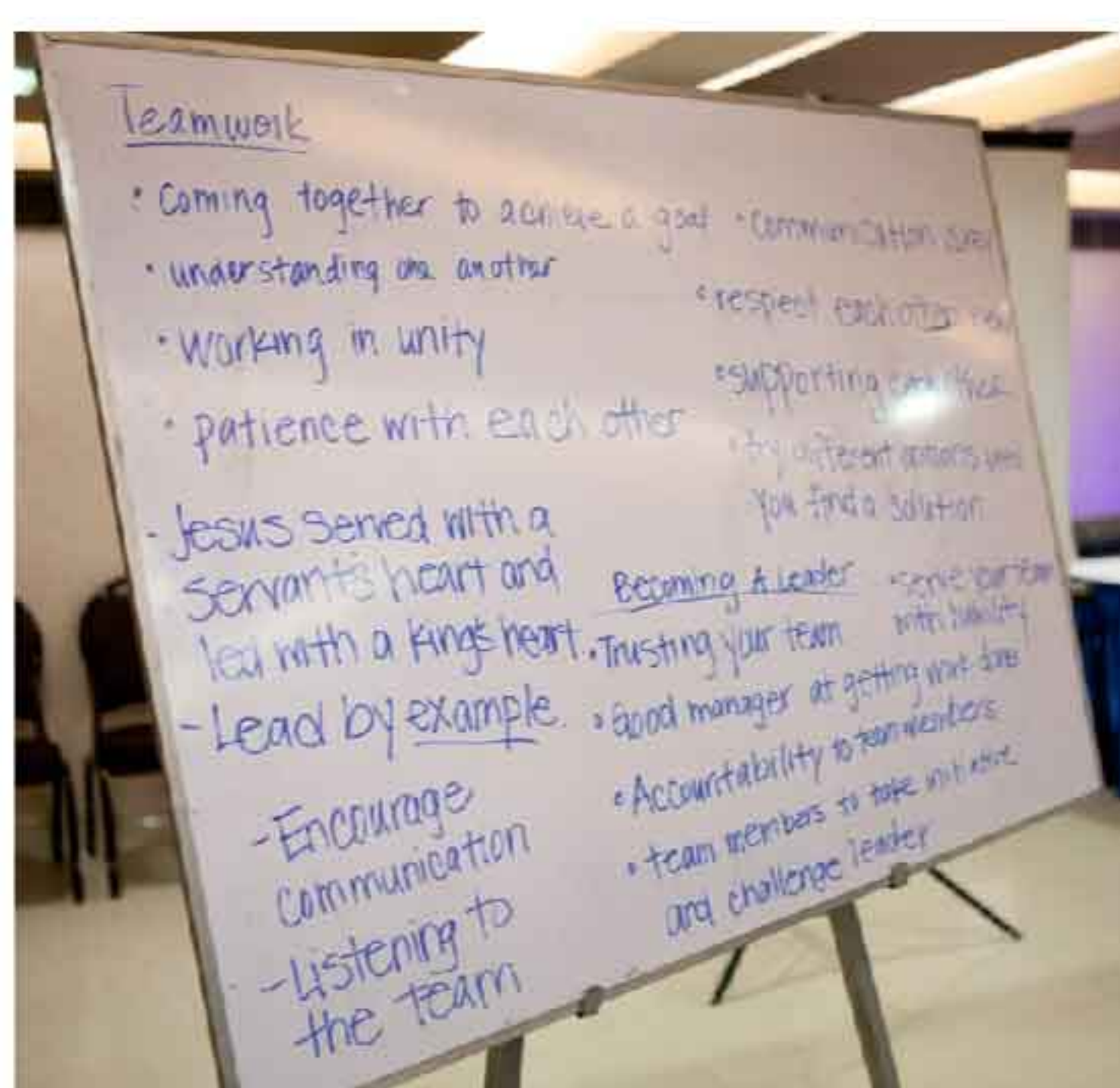
12 Team Members

Mercy/Justice/CFW Focused



We began the trip in Mumbai, where a local church named NLF Avatar welcomed us by hosting countless lunches, studies, and faith and work discussions. A Houston-based not for profit named Sower of Seeds coordinated our projects and taught us about the city and its extraordinary size and density and needs. We spent our days touring the poorest parts of the city, volunteering in schools, learning about the sex trafficking industry, and attending services in Bandra (a suburb of Mumbai) and in the red light district itself. We hosted a professional development workshop for Bombay Teen Challenge, an organization that works

towards eradicating human trafficking, and in turn the BTC team taught us about their houses for women recovering from being trafficked and for men recovering from drug addiction.



Lily of the Valley Orphanage, Outreach of Christ Church Midrand

August 1-12, 2012

14 Team Members

Mercy/Justice

This is the fourth trip to Lily, and this team was no different in their dedication to loving on the children and serving its amazing staff.

◆ Brian and Abby did computer projects aimed at improving communications from Lily to their donors/supporters. They also created PowerPoint presentations targeted to American organizations for future awareness raising efforts.

◆ New graphic designs were created and painted by Nathan at the entrance wall



◆ Suneela Tandra, a Pediatrician, spent her time doctoring the children at the orphanage clinic.

◆ Classes: A teammate toy designer from Fisher Price gave workshops on how to create toys out of everyday products. A professional model teammate taught the teens a self-esteem course. Another team mate taught yoga classes, and two others taught a full-week baking course.



The interaction with the kids was more focused. We had them teach us Zulu language lessons and Dance classes.



◆ We sponsored a “dance party” at the youth center, a fire pit “Stickylele” party (Zulu word for s’mores) with chocolate, crackers and marshmallows we brought over from the States, a “game night”, and provided Sunday church services with testimonies and music.

◆ We again executed the “Day of Beauty” spa treatments we do every year for the House Mothers.

◆ We held many braais and special events for the staff to thank them for their dedication to the orphanage and the self-sacrificing and selfless work they do for the children.



The Lily team met up with the Makaphutu team and together went to Durban. There, a braai was thrown for the congregants of the **Trinity Morningside** church plant. The next day, the combined group went to the service of another church, **Christ Church Umhlanga**. Great to meet up with these churches who are doing great work in South Africa.

Makaphutu, Outreach of Christ Church Midrand

August 1-12, 2012

5 Team Members

CFW Focused

A team of five Redeemerites traveled to Makaphutu Children’s Village in KwaNyuswa, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, a township outside Durban, to teach business skills to potential entrepreneurs. Makaphutu is a Christian community that is home to 48 children ranging in ages from 1-18 years old and is a sister organization to Lily of the Valley. Participants in the program were from the local township and were admitted to the program based on high school matriculation; competency in English; and having a sound new business idea.



Twelve participants were enrolled in the weeklong program, ten men and two women. A typical day consisted of teaching business skills in the morning and working in small groups in the afternoon on each of business plans. Games and role-playing were also included as part of the program. Most of the curriculum was based on the Network For Teaching Entrepreneurs textbook that is intended for urban US high school students. Depending on transportation, computer training and additional business, plan work was provided some evenings. The goal of the program was to enable and encourage businesses to be launched by some portion of the participants.



KwaNyuswa is an impoverished township with 50% plus unemployment that desperately needs more businesses. Business ideas included Internet cafes (5), computer training/repair (3), entertainment (2), furniture design/manufacturing, and a coffee shop. Participants gave an elevator pitch, a short verbal opportunity summary, to the class at the beginning and the end of the week. It was quite rewarding for everyone in the program to see how much the pitches had improved over the week. There was a graduation, complete with the awarding of diplomas and enjoying a celebratory lunch.

Johannesburg, Christ Church Midrand, Hillbrow Church, Ligpunt Church Plant August 12-20, 2012 11 Team Members Mercy/Justice/CFW

This was our first mission trip to Johannesburg. The host church, Christ Church Midrand, did an amazing job of plugging in the team's skills to suit their needs and to have us serve to our best capacity.

We sang, played instruments, gave testimonies and talks at this large church over two Sundays and at various church and church plant functions and activities throughout the week.



We worked at 3 orphanages doing various projects, including one in the middle of this shantytown called Kliptown. It's Director, Thulani, recently won a major CNN award.



We funded/made a new home for a man whose shack was burned in a fire a few weeks earlier.

We hosted a braai for CCM congregants and pastors/congregants of Ligpunt church plant. We learned a lot about the city, doing a tour of Soweto and going to the Apartheid museum.



A fond memory: us throwing the Hillbrow orphanage a full KFC meal (a real luxury over there). We caught the kids at the meal's end "hoarding" the chicken for later. There was extra chicken, and the kids were full but get KFC so rarely, they wrapped the chicken up in napkins for when their stomachs had any room. Very touching.

This was an extremely busy mission trip with multiple projects, but the true highlight of the week was the folks at CCM. You could tell they believed they were communing with a true sister-church when they interacted with us. The love they have for Redeemer, Tim Keller, and City to City was palpable!

Buenos Aires, Marcelo Robles & La Mision

August 17-25, 2012

5 Team Members

Mercy/Justice

Our team facilitated three events — a Jazz Concert, a Children's Festival, and a Cafe Worship Concert. The group also served in four Shanty Towns — Fatima, Los Pinos, Soldadito and Los Carillos — by providing arts and crafts and biblical lessons for children in each Shanty Town. Other endeavors:

- ◆ Small Group Bible Studies for youth and adults
- ◆ Jewelry Design Workshops by Cartier Award Winning Jewelry Designer. Class geared to enhance the skill set of Artisans and also help locals at the Shanty Towns know how to use recyclable goods found in their garbage dumps to make jewelry and a business out of it.
- ◆ Children's Center
 - ◆ Graphic Designer provided envelopes, powerpoint presentation and materials with branding to promote and discuss the Children's Center
 - ◆ Painted parts of the Children's Center and paint a mural in the nursery to help La Mision Comply with Government standards for the opening of the school



- ◆ Youth Night
 - ◆ Ministered in small groups
 - ◆ Had small talks in groups outside of the main gathering we hosted and ministered in
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 - ◆ Hosted one on one visits in people's homes who were very ill and could not leave their homes but wanted to see us
 - ◆ Hosted small group bible studies for La Mision (in addition to small groups in Shanty Towns)
 - ◆ Participated and had a "faith & works" talk at a Café with professionals in Palermo Church Plant small group.



◆ Three Praise Reports from last years Economic Finance Class were given by last years 2011 BA Missions Team



- ◆ Based on personal consultation, a couple expanded the first floor of their home into a Parking Garage. They now have steady clients and income as a result
- ◆ An unemployed man couldn't find work. He was encouraged to think about starting a business and doing something he enjoyed. He enrolled himself in culinary school and is now opening a bakery.
- ◆ One of the musicians from the church opened up a music school that is now offered to children and families in La Mision. His dream is to purchase his own building and make it a music school, recording studio and concert/recital hall.

Our visit was successful and seemed to have meant a great deal to Marcelo and the congregation.

Mozambique, Christ Church Midrand August 20-27, 2012 4 Team Members Mercy/Justice Focused

Mozambique was a special missions trip done in conjunction with Christ Church Midrand. Four Redeemer Johannesburg teammates were okayed to join with CCM to serve a Youth for Christ outpost in the town of Xai-Xai. It was a special opportunity to see how an African church does a mission trip to another African country. We caravanned on a 14-hour drive across the border to Xai-Xai, where we were served by conducting a Sports Camp and through educational projects at local YFC run orphanages.



THIS IS A SCHOOL



Blessings for *all* 2012 mission trips include:

- ◆ No one getting seriously hurt, sick, or a related distraction which would tear team members away from the tasks at hand.
- ◆ Though this was a leaner year than in the past with fundraising, teams were still able to leave the Hosts with materials and projects of value along with monetary gifts for their ministries.
- ◆ 2012 saw a mother-lode of donations for all trips. The team member who works for Fisher Price had the company donate multiple boxes of new toys. Modell's donated sports equipment. A hair salon donated hair products. A teammate's sister works for a perfume distributor and gave us about fifty bottles of expensive perfume. Macy's donated a pile of kitchen tools and baking supplies. A Deaconess in the fashion industry donated ten garbage bags full of new (tags still on) Champion brand clothes. A clothing boutique in Nolita donated bags of beautiful new handmade clothing. The list goes on and on. We probably received some thousands of dollars of donated new materials, a huge blessing for the ministries we served.
- ◆ Relationships with the Hosts were solidified, as first-time trips were invited back, and older trips asked to expand.
- ◆ Team mates were blessed through team devotions, and achieved a real closeness to each other and to God.

Thanks for powering through this report, my Friends! Our hope is that in 2013 more Redeemerites will sign up for these trips and experience the multiple blessings they bring. Please spread the word, especially since we'll be offering more trips than ever before. God Bless!

