

# MidWest Missionair

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If you can, please go.....  
If you can not please give that others may go.



## Harvest Time Ministries

Ancient agricultural methods are not meeting the needs of an ever increasing population. Better methods to produce food more efficiently are needed, but third world farmers do not have the space nor the capital required for modern mechanized methods.

Bob and Margaret Massey are working to close the gap. They have started an agrimissions project in southern Kansas. Harvest Time Ministries seeks to equip and encourage Christian service workers in sustainable agriculture and Christian community development.



Bob & Margaret Massey

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## Houses for Honduras

In October 1998 Hurricane Mitch deluged Honduras with flooding not seen in over 100 years. The residents of Rio Viejo were driven from their beds in the dark of night to the safety of a nearby mountain.



They returned the next day to find that over half the houses and much of their pasture land had been swept away.

One and a half years later 60 families are still homeless living with friends and relatives.

Missionair has been helping rebuild Rio Viejo utilizing donated steel and bricks that can be made

from local clay. Villagers work beside Missionair volunteers in the building project. Recipients of new homes are required to provide at least one family member every day that the project is worked on.

Volunteers spent five days in the mountain village working, eating and sleeping in the village making bricks and erecting steel.

When the time came to leave the village pastor called all to prayer. A circle was formed in the now dry river bed and bilingual prayer was offered.

Cries of "Praise God" were heard mingled amongst "Gloria Dios". Bonds were formed that day across the language barrier which will not soon be broken.



### How can you Help

#### Pray

Your prayer support is vital to our success. It is your prayer support that makes the work a success.

#### Give

Your ongoing financial support makes it possible for Missionair to continue the work. The need is great! Please help us to expand the work with a regular monthly gift.

#### Volunteer

Volunteers are badly needed at home and abroad. Consider dedicating you next vacation to one of these worthwhile efforts.

#### Share

Help spread the word about Missionair's work. Speak with your colleagues and friends about getting involved with Missionair.

Call MidWest Missionair for details. 913-681-2725

## A Hospital for Balfate

Not far from Kenia's home (see her story to the right) down a long jungle road, across three stream



crossings only passable in dry weather, a hospital is being built by volunteers. It has been under construction for five years and will probably take another two to complete, but when it is finished

children like Kenia will have a better chance. It looks complete on the outside, but before it can open the inside must be finished and an electrical line must be run for miles through the jungle. If you can, please go and volunteer to help complete this project. If you can not go please give so that others may go.



## Kenia

Missionair volunteers recently delivered a special device to a very special little girl in a remote village of Honduras. At two days old, Kenia Herandes contracted spinal meningitis. No medical services were available and the condition went unrecognized. She was left with permanent brain damage and no hope of recovery.

Missionair discovered Kenia several months ago and put out the call for help. A special chair was donated which allows Kenia to sit up for the first time.



# Agrimissions

By Dr. Glenn Fell, MidAmerica Nazarene University

*EDITORS NOTE : For years the church has used medicine and education to reach the lost, earning the right to share Christ by helping people meet their physical needs. Agrimissions continues in that tradition by showing people how to use the resources they have at hand.*



Reaching the physically and spiritually hungry for Jesus, that is the goal of agri-missions. Teaching farmers how to become more productive and become Christians, that is the method of agrimissions. It is presenting people with an opportunity to feed themselves and to learn about Jesus. Agrimissions addresses the problems of chronic undernutrition, unclean water and malnutrition-related illness. In this way, agrimissions evangelizes, following the example set by Jesus, as it compassionately



meets people's essential physical needs.

In Matthew 25 Jesus calls us to

minister to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. These human conditions described by Jesus are today being lived out by more than a billion people in developing countries. They are people who try to survive on less than 2000 calories a day, suffer from unclean water and drought, live as refugees

from war, lack adequate clothing, are afflicted with malnutrition-related diseases that kill twenty-five percent of their children before the age of five and endure the oppression of unjust political systems. Agrimissions reaches out to these people, not with a handout, but with assistance that teaches them to solve their own problems using local resources and enables them to gain a new level of self-reliance and dignity. New Christians able to feed their families, teach their neighbors to do the same and testify of the spiritual transformation Jesus Christ has worked in their lives, that is the result of agrimissions. They are people better able to form a healthy church and support a pastor. In fact, the church can become the focal point of the agricultural program that helped them solve their problems and gain an increased level of self-reliance. The target of agrimissions is not technology but people, not the farm, but the farmer. Agri-missions is the "love in action" called for in I John 3:17 bringing to the poorest of the poor hope on earth and hope for eternity.



Dr. Glenn Fell

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John and Pat Muntz have come to the farm to assist in the development of the ministry and training curriculum to teach these methods to missionaries and to third world farmers.



John Muntz

Prior to their move, the Muntz's worked 8 years with the Servants in Faith and Technologies. SIFAT provided training in simple appropriate technologies to development workers, missionaries and indigenous leaders in other countries.



Pat Muntz

John managed the SIFAT's small application farm. Pat was the director of training. Both Pat and John have taught in the U.S. as well as in Bolivia, Venezuela, Haiti, and the Philippines.

## Mission Partners

by Gordon Blackie, Pres. MidWest Missionair

Although MidWest Missionair never misses a chance to share the Gospel, our main calling is to serve other mission oriented ministries by providing transportation, technical services, and volunteer labor to assist them with their projects. Most of the groups we are networking with minister directly to short term and immediate needs such as shelter for the homeless and medical services for the sick and injured. This month we are



Pressing Cider

showcasing Harvest Time Ministries. This group has as its calling a longer term project. Simply put they are striving to help the needy help themselves.

MidWest Missionair has been working on renovating the Massey farm. A



dormitory is being refurbished to accommodate groups who come to develop the new techniques that will be used in underdeveloped countries and we will be constructing other agricultural buildings

as the program develops.

This is a very exciting project that is only beginning to unfold. We have thoroughly enjoyed the friendly atmosphere every time we have visited the farm and have always come away feeling refreshed in spirit.

Located in the beautiful Flint Hills of Kansas, the farm is a great place for a weekend church retreat. If you or your group would like to get involved call for details at 316-876-5700.



Making Rope

