

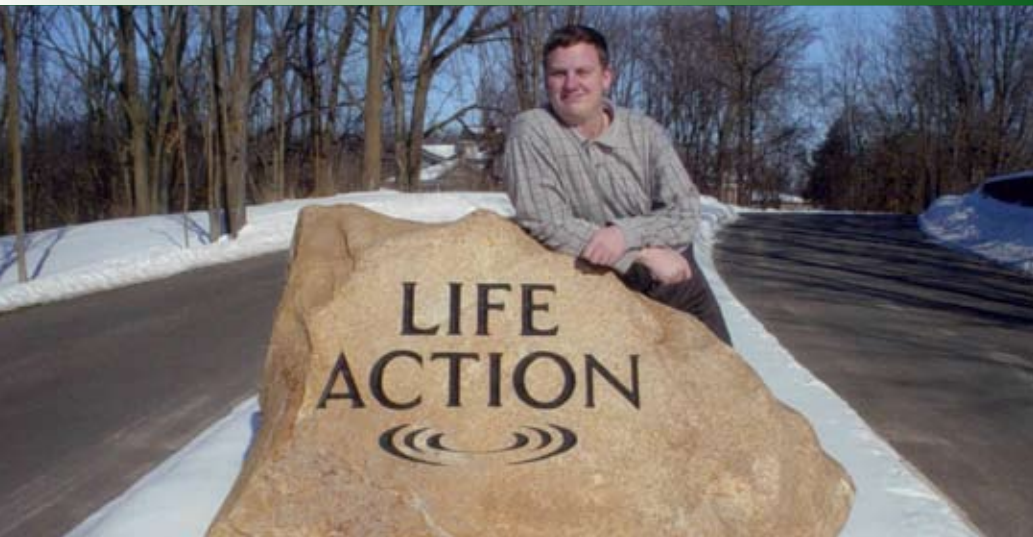
East White Oak MISSIONS

“...Making Him Known”



Ross Gingrich in Tanzania, 2006 on a work trip to raise the roof of the Nassa Theological College

“Continue *earnestly in prayer*...praying for us, that God would *open to us a door for the Word*, to speak the mystery of Christ...” Colossians 4:2-3



• Ministry Focus

Kirk is a native of Bloomington and grew up at EWO.

When a Life Action team came to EWO in the fall of 2000, Kirk knew he wanted to be part of the ministry. He pursued a position on staff which would allow him to use his degree in television and video production. A year later, Life Action invited Kirk to serve at their headquarters in Michigan. He joined their staff in 2003. Life Action continues the call across America to personal and corporate repentance and a return to the intimacy that Christ desires for the Church. Kirk is now a Technical Assistant and aids in the production and duplication of various Life Action messages distributed on CD and DVD. He also works with Life Action's partner ministry, *Revive Our Hearts*, with Nancy Leigh DeMoss in duplicating radio broadcasts and conferences offered on CDs and DVDs.



Life Action Headquarters

• Prayer Requests

Life Action

- Please pray for teams as they begin travelling with new team members, that they would adjust to the rigors of life on the road.
- Pray that the Lord would mightily use Life Action's many resources, and that He would bring a sweeping nationwide revival to our country.

Personal

- Pray that Kirk's relationship with the Lord would continue to grow deeper and that he would experience revival on an ongoing basis.
- Pray for the Lord to move the hearts of his temporary financial supporters to a regular and permanent status.
- Praise the Lord for faithfully providing for basic needs as living expenses increase.



Sharing the Gospel at a Farm Show with the Wordless Walking Sticks

• Ministry Focus

Dennis and Janet have attended EWO since they moved to Bloomington in the 1980's. While in a successful position with Ralston Purina, Dennis served EWO in many roles (Financial Secretary, youth group, missions team, and chairing the Elder/Deacon board for a year). Dennis became Executive Director of FCFI in 1993, and in 1994 moved FCFI headquarters to Lexington where the ministry focus was to use wordless walking sticks to share the Gospel at farm shows around the US. After taking the EWO youth group to Mexico in 1989, Dennis saw relief trips as new ministry for FCFI. Now farmers from around the US and Canada help build churches around the world (Mexico, Albania, Russia, and Romania, to name a few). Here in the US, FCFI also brings relief to farmers hit by disasters, such as hurricanes Katrina, Rita & Gustav. Dennis and Janet continue to serve faithfully at EWO. Be sure to greet them if you see them in the hallway!



Flooding from Hurricane Gustav, 2008

• Prayer Requests

FCFI

- Pray for open doors to share the Gospel at farm shows around the U.S.
- Praise God for opportunities to develop relationships with farmers in Louisiana and Texas after hurricanes in 2005-2008. Pray for many to come to Christ.
- Pray for developing needs in South Africa/Zimbabwe to open roads for the Gospel.

Family

- Pray for their children (now grown) to walk closely with the Lord and follow His leading.
- Praise the Lord for the confidence of being in the center of the Lord's will, and pray that Dennis and Janet would continue to be sensitive to His leading.



Dave's wife Sue went home to be with the Lord in September 2008

• Ministry Focus

Dave and Sue were married just after Dave returned from an 8 month trip to Brazil while Dave was still in college. He was ordained, and became the pastor of Pekin Memorial Church. In 1972, Dave and Sue, with 2 girls and 1 boy on the way, moved to Brazil. While pastoring 2 churches in Pedra Branca, Dave developed Theological Education throughout the region by traveling to teach pastors weekly. In 1986, Brazil Gospel Fellowship (BGF) asked Dave to lead the Antioch Bible Institute in Vila Paraguai, while Sue ran all the kitchen operations at Silver Lake Bible Camp. Sue went home to be the Lord this summer, and Dave plans to return to Brazil in February to continue working at Antioch.



Sue with friends in Brazil

• Prayer Requests

Antioch Institute and Brazilian Pastors

- Praise God that 80% of leadership work is now being done by Brazilian leaders.
- Praise God for the 50 churches now growing in Northeast Brazil with BGF. Pray that these churches would take on better support for their pastors.

Personal

- Pray that Dave will be able to get back to the Institute in Feb. 2009 to help teach.
- Pray for Dave to be effective in passing leadership entirely to Brazilian Christians.

Family

- Please pray for Dave and his children as they mourn (with hope) the loss of Sue, knowing they will see her again.
- Pray for Dave and his daughters and grandchildren to enjoy great fellowship as he is still in North Carolina.
- Pray for son Andrew to look to God as he now leads the camp in Brazil.



• Ministry Focus

Gary grew up on the family farm in Eureka, Illinois, where he lived for 41 years. In addition to raising corn, soybeans, and hogs, he did electrical sub-contracting, including wiring the new sanctuary building for East White Oak. In 1994, at a FamilyLife seminar, Gary attended a job opportunity meeting. After a lot of prayer and family meetings, Gary and Cindy sold their farm and moved in 1996 to Arkansas to work as a National Representative for the Weekend to Remember conferences. In 1998, Gary moved to the HR department where he now manages recruitment evaluation, internal position transfers, and staff resources. Cindy began working in Constituent Correspondence, and is now New Staff Evaluator Team Leader.

• Prayer Requests

FamilyLife

- Praise God that thousands are impacted spiritually and in their marriages.
- Pray for FamilyLife staff to trust God during this time of economic uncertainty.
- Pray that God will continue to give wise and discerning hearts through their work in Human Resources, as they help couples determine God's call on their lives.

Personal

- Pray that Gary and Cindy will discern God's priorities in determining which opportunities to embrace.
- Pray that they will effectively lead a new program for newlywed couples at their church.
- Pray for wisdom as they prepare to build a shop for Gary to use in vehicle maintenance for missionary staff, single women, widows, etc.

Family

- Pray for their 4 daughters and 3 sons-in-law to continue to walk with God as they raise their families.
- Pray specifically for Chris (daughter Jenny's husband) and his family as they struggle with the death of his 21 year old brother.



MISSION TO *Costa Rica* January 17-24, 2009

Purpose: Working with Mark and Meg Kuzdas of Christian Light Foundation Costa Rica to provide VBS programs for children in La Finca & La Carpio.



The Team: There are currently nine people on the Costa Rica team. Airline tickets have already been purchased. However, there may be additional space on the team. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000. If you are very interested in going to Costa Rica in 2009, please contact Pastor Rod as soon as possible.

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