

W5 on Missions - GFS show Love

“Do as God does. ... Let love be your guide.” Eph. 5:1-2 (CEV)

CBM Global Field Staff reciprocate God’s love by sharing it with a hurting and needy world.



Where do they show Love?

Canada, Bolivia, Brazil, Kenya, Rwanda, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Germany, Czech Republic, Lebanon, Cameroon, India, Burkina Faso.

To Whom do they show love?

Parents of Teens: “We also invited the parents of teens to a round table discussion which we’d like to do from now on at these (annual Vida Joven training weekend) training events to help improve the communication & relationship between parents, leaders, and the teens.” (Rebecca Alward)

Those affected by Chagas: “Carin and I had the chance to visit the Chagas project in Mizque, a town about four hours drive south of Cochabamba. Chagas is a disease that affects the internal organs and can be life threatening if not treated. Carried by the vinchuca bug, parasites enter the body by way of the scratching of bites where feces can enter the blood stream. The Chagas project involves education, treatment, and prevention.” (Duane & Carin Guthrie)

Iraqi women: “Once a month we do a gathering for the Iraqi women, we provide busses to bring them to a school which serves as the center of our field ministry. About 100 women attend the event. This event resembles a church service including worship, prayers, and a message, and then we divide them into groups to discuss what they heard and to pray. We always end the event by having lunch together. These women enjoy this meeting and we feel that they are touched by what they are learning from the word of God because they tell us that they now understand the Bible clearly and feel comforted and at peace.” (Elie & Mireille Haddad)

What do they do to show love?

Language training: “By learning their language, not only can we better understand them (and vice versa), but it also honors them, demonstrating to them how much we value them.” (Darrell & Laura Lee Bustin)

Workshops: “There will be a translation workshop in April where our team will study more about Bible translation and practice applying what they learn. Lord willing, we will also produce a Bible video dubbed into Mi’kmaq.” (Dianne Friesen)

Bible translation: “At the end of last week, we reached another milestone here in Bambalang- the guys finished the rough draft of John. That’s Luke, Acts, Ephesians, James, Galatians, Mark, and John done. That is statistically just over 1/2 of the New Testament by number of verses! That was exciting!” (Dan & Melody Grove)

Help women discover their true worth: “Our program involved manicures and crafts, coffee break together, and finally a session of the Groups of Hope. How wonderful it was to con-

nect with the 34 women, 5 teens and 8 children who came for the five days. It was beautiful to see the women open up and share when they were having hands massaged and nails made beautiful, or when they were working on a craft.” (Faith Holwyn)

Promote community development: “There is so much work to be done to help people meet their physical needs, being that a large portion of the population lives below the extreme poverty line of \$1 per day. We are privileged to be a part of this work as we collaborate with the Nairobi pastors.” (Wayne & Maureen Morgan)

Teach: “I was privileged in mid October to spend a week of preaching and teaching in the West Bank in Israel (Palestine) with the small number of Baptist Churches in that area... I was there to teach potential mentors and youth leaders using the Horizons program and I preached on three occasions.” (Jeff & Deann Carter)

When do they show love?

In times of war: “Through God’s design, all of the African countries where Canadian Baptist Ministries has a presence are either currently at war, recently at war, recovering from a war, or living in the shadow of regular terrorist attacks or other extreme violence.” (Colin & Karen Godwin)

On Saturday afternoons: “We are thankful that our numbers have been growing our Saturday afternoon Bible Classes and Worship Services. We see more children coming on a regular basis, rather than just occasionally.” (Joyce Hancock)

When the voiceless need a voice: “We have been involved in a considerable amount of advocacy on behalf of the Syrian and Palestinian refugees, and against the violence and brutality in the region.” (Rupen & Mamta Das)

During long worship services: “I preached at the ABC church in Mutituni, a village on the way to Mitaboni. It was nice to visit with the church and meet its leaders. Today combined a fund raising program with the regular worship, which meant that the service was about 4.5 hours long.” (Randy & Elizabeth Legassie)

Why do they show love?

Because there is Hope: “Jesus is the hope in our story, for God is not distant or unconcerned. In Jesus, God enters the world of brokenness and oppression. He meets the suffering of the outcasts with compassion and liberation. God overturns the plans of the powerful and defends the weak and entrapped.” (Aaron & Erica Kenny)

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