

## Mission Central News

### Mission Central Goes to National Air Show at Oshkosh Wisconsin



A special event was held as a part of the National and International Air Show at Oshkosh, Wisconsin this year. As the sky diver parachute teams jumped from their planes, they paid a special Memorial Honor to Chandy Clanton, one of the volunteer pilots that had flown for Mission Central. A huge flag was carried each day by the sky divers as they made their landings in the show. Mission Central of Iowa District West was a major part of the world famous air show, which is the largest in the nation!

### Annual Volunteer Meeting Held at Mission Central



What a blessing to have the privilege of having an annual meeting of all of the 46 volunteers that make up the staff of Mission Central. There were about 90 people in attendance at this meeting, and special reports were given by the members of the staff detailing their work and how God is using them to share the Message of Jesus with so many people. A meal was provided for all the faithful volunteers, and what a joy to hear how God had blessed the work of HIS Mission. Last year nearly 4,000 visitors came to Mission Central, and 33 furloughing missionaries and their families stayed at the facilities from 3 to 5 days. This past year over 30 bus loads came to see what God can do in the middle of a cornfield. Maxine reported that from January 1 to July 11, 2009, over 40 groups had been fed by our staff of faithful cooking volunteers! It was a beautiful day and

people were fed in the fellowship hall and many sat out in tables on the grounds.

### Bus from St. Louis brings 26 People to Mission Central

To think that a bus load of people from the International Center in St. Louis, Missouri from LCMS World Mission would come to the middle of a corn field in western Iowa is truly a MIRACLE! Many dear friends from our national offices in St. Louis just couldn't understand what was really out here in the hills of Iowa! The only way to know for sure was to come and see in person. Therefore, on July 10, 11, and 12, 2009, the bus stayed in



the Mapleton, Iowa community! What a joy to have these guests a part of the Annual Volunteer Meeting that was held, and they heard the various reports from the volunteer staff members. They were amazed at how Mission Central has operated with these most "primitive" facilities, and how the amazing mission museum has been developed. A special "hay ride" was provided for the people as well as special tours and information on what goes on in the day-to-day operations of the facilities. It was a time that people who live in the city of St. Louis will never forget. Pictured here are some of the members of the group that came to have their picture taken by the Mission Central sign. What a blessing to have them see this amazing MIRACLE PLACE!

### Upcoming Events

Rev. Matthew Heise, Missionary from Georgia in the South of Russia, will be at Mission Central reporting at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM, on September 16th, 2009. Rev. Heise will report on his work in Mongolia a new country that has just opened for the Lord Jesus. Also, he will be showing pictures of his work in Georgia and the impact of the conflict with the Russian Government forces. Amazing Miracle Stories!



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