

Mission Central News

New Staff Members



One of the most important staff positions at Mission Central are the “Volunteer Schedulers”. Don and Donna Reddel are our Senior Staff Volunteer Schedulers. Having come from Our Savior Lutheran in Denison, Iowa, they have been so faithful. However, with the huge load of missionaries coming again this year, it’s so hard for one couple to do all the scheduling. Therefore, God has sent us two new Volunteers to help in this most important work. Missionaries overseas have such a hard time doing their “scheduling” for their home furloughs. These special staff people at Mission Central are able to do the calling, make the contacts, and develop a full schedule for the Missionaries. This past month, “just when they were needed” God called Kathryn Sprecher from Des Moines, Iowa and Jean Knudsen from Lincoln, Nebraska to fill that most urgent need. These ladies came on the 17th of April and spent an entire day in training here at our offices. Pam Kovarna, our faithful secretary, helped with the training and Kathryn and Jean were both presented with the materials and training needed to carry out this most important work. We thank God for these special people, which brings our staff now to a total 46 volunteers! Pictured here are Jean and Kathryn.

Newest Missionaries Visit!

It was a very, very special day on April 17th, 2009. About noon, the Rev. Carl Kaye family arrived and what a joy to spend time with this family. This family will be leaving for Thailand, where they will replace Rev. Robert and Diana Hedtke. A special DVD interview was completed by our Staff Video Director, Mr. Lloyd Boettcher. This seven minute video is a tool that will certainly touch your heart, and if you want a free copy of this DVD, please contact Mission Central. Grace was in “total

darkness” for 22 years, and then the Lord brought her to the “light” by the power of the Holy Spirit. This special family will have a huge impact on the Muslims in the southern part of Thailand and they will also be working in the Hmong Villages of the North. These missionaries have to raise 100% of their own support, and we need to pray for this family and provide their needed support.

History Making Event

For the first time in the History of Hispanic Mission Work, all of the Hispanic Missionaries from Iowa West and Nebraska met at Mission Central for a day of discussion, networking, and praying. What a joy to welcome the President of the Nebraska District, Rev. Sommerfeld and Rev. Rich Boring, Nebraska Mission Executive. Also present were Iowa West’s Mission Executive, Rev. Mark Gerken. From Nebraska we welcomed their three missionaries Rev. Joel Hormachea from Lexington, Nebraska, Rev. Juan Aguilar from Grand Island, and Vicar Obdulio Felex from Omaha, Nebraska. These men are all pictured by the sign at Mission Central. They have decided to meet by a telephone conference call once a month, and in June they all will be meeting again in Omaha. What a special time to pray and give each other ideas on how to reach out to our Hispanic brothers and sisters that God is sending us here from all over Latin and South America.

Missionaries Come to Mission Central.

On April 6th, 2009, the big bus rolled into the parking lot of Mission Central about 10:30 AM. It was filled with people from Clarinda and Shenandoah, Iowa who were “NOT NORMAL”. They were very, very, very special people that God had called to Mission Central for the day. The majority of the people had never been to Mission Central before, and they so much enjoyed the tour of the Museum, the offices and the barn. Dinner was served in the fellowship hall, followed by a special “Unusual Mission Bible Study” that reflected the fact that we are living in very, very “Unusual times”. What a joy to have them come and see what God can do with an old set of farm buildings! It was a day that we will long, long remember.



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