



VOLUNTEERS FROM SEVEN STATES COME TO MISSION CENTRAL FOR SPECIAL TRAINING!

Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3, 2009 were “Miracle Days” at Mission Central! Two days were set aside for intensive training for our “Volunteer Missionary Presenters.” Volunteers came from Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming and Wisconsin! The purpose of the time together was to provide FOUR E'S for all those in attendance, and those four E's were **E**ncourage, **E**nable, **E**quip, and **E**xpand the Kingdom!

What a blessing to welcome Dr. Ralph Geisler from Manchester, Missouri as one of our guest presenters. Ralph spoke about the need for mission work in small and rural congregations in our areas. NEW presenters joining our staff are Missionaries Ray and Dottie Huebschman from Seward, Nebraska who presented a wonderful program on their work in Indonesia and Rev. Bob and Diana Hedtke of Atkins, Iowa who presented an amazing program on their work in Thailand.

We were blessed to have Rev. Mark Gerken, Mission Executive from Iowa District West bring us all up to date on the mission activity in Iowa District West. Rev. Richard Boring, Mission Executive from Seward, Nebraska, gave a most enlightening presentation on the exciting work that is being done in mission in the Nebraska District.

It was such an amazing event, because the entire event was attended by volunteers presenters, who are donating their time and efforts. These 15 volunteer presenters came at their own expense to spend these two days in order to sharpen their presentation skills, and be updated on the latest things that are happening in the Lord's mission field. Volunteers provided the meals for these two days. Pictured here are the volunteers and presenters!



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SEMINARY MISSIONARIES COME FROM ST. LOUIS WITH TWO PROFESSORS TO VISIT MISSION CENTRAL!

October 9, 10 and 11 were very special days for all of us at Mission Central. It was on these days that we had the privilege of hosting some special people that God has chosen to be our future LCMS pastors.

Professors Rev. Jeff Thormodson, and Dr. Victor Raj brought a group of young men that God has truly “called” to serve HIM as shepherds of HIS flock! What a joy it was to welcome this group from St. Louis and spend these days with them. The purpose of their coming was to: 1) Learn how God can use an old set of farm buildings to get HIS work

done; 2) To understand the use of volunteers and how work can be done with a volunteer staff; 3) To learn how the “raise the level of mission awareness” in their congregations; 4) How to make it “personal” when it comes to the Lord's mission; 5) To find out the latest happenings in the Lord's mission field; 6) To learn new ways of “using stories” to touch the lives of their members; and 7) To understand more fully how to love their people!

Meals for the days were furnished by our volunteer cooking staff, and all of the students and professors were housed at no expense and stayed at Mission Central and at private homes in the area. The entire three days were provided at no expense to the seminary or students! Included in the activities was a field trip to visit the Loess Hills and several farms to get a feeling of what the rural area is like and how the economy of the area operates. Pictured are the students and Professors. Several of the students indicated that they wanted to come back and bring their families so that they could see “what God is doing” in this place! It was one of the finest groups we have ever had visit Mission Central! A wonderful hand-carved gift was given to Mission Central from Professor Raj. It will be a great addition to our Museum. What a blessing!

