



# Living Water III Cord Foundation Newsletter

*He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of Living waters.*  
- John 7:38

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## Faith Family Church Celebrates in the Park

Below are several photos of Faith Family Church Day of worship and fun during April 2006.



## Looking for an Affordable Apartment to Rent

If you are in need of an affordable apartment and have proof of steady income and a driver's license, please contact Ms. Eloisa Johnson, Phoenix Revitalization Corporation, at 602-253-6895 or email [eloisajohnson@phxrevitalization.org](mailto:eloisajohnson@phxrevitalization.org), for information on the Affordable Housing Disposition Program. Phoenix Revitalization Corporation can provide you with an apartment list and income qualification guidelines.

## Nursery Supplies

Street of Destiny  
Church is  
establishing a  
nursery ministry.  
They have need of  
the following  
items:

Children DVD's  
Picture Bibles  
Educational Tools  
Educational Toys  
Dry Erase Boards  
Diapers (pulls ups)  
Baby Wipes  
Baby Clothing  
Strollers  
Changing Tables  
Pacifiers  
Baby Bottles  
Formula

If you can assist  
please contact  
480-580-7294

## Yes, We Can End the Genocide in Darfur

Dear Friend,

The inspiration for this subject line didn't come from Pollyanna. It came from the late Senator Paul Simon. After reflecting on the genocide in Rwanda, he said: "If every member of the House and Senate had received 100 letters from people back home saying we have to do something about Rwanda, when the crisis was first developing, then I think the response would have been different."

That's a powerful statement. It means that we had the power to stop the genocide in Rwanda, but that too many of us chose not to act. It also means that we have the power now to stop the genocide in Darfur if we *do* choose to act.

### *Send a letter - Join the Million Voices for Darfur Campaign*

III Cord Foundation is supporting Sojourners in teaming up with Save Darfur Coalition and nearly 100 organizations to gather 1 million signatures on postcards. These postcards and their messages will be sent to President Bush, urging him to take action. After you're done signing, you will have the opportunity to spread the word to your friends. Gathering 1 million signatures is as simple as you passing the alert to 10 people, who each send to 10 people, and so on.

Since the beginning of the conflict in Darfur, an estimated 400,000 people have been killed and more than 2 million people have been displaced. The world has watched silently. Paul Rusesabagina, whose life and experience with the 1994 genocide in Rwanda was portrayed in the movie *Hotel Rwanda*, put it this way: "A detachment of well-equipped peacekeepers, made up of less than **one-twentieth** of the American troops now stationed in Iraq, could have easily stopped the killings without risk" (emphasis added). In short, we are asking President Bush to give real meaning to the words, "Never Again."

### *Take Action - Join the Million Voices for Darfur Campaign*

Thank you for using your voice. We believe that with God's grace working in and through us, we can end this genocide.

## Mission Partner News

### *Valley Christian Centers, Inc. to Offer Camping Opportunities*

This summer, Valley Christian Centers (VCC) will work in conjunction with Tonto Rim Christian Camp to provide a week long supervised camping experience to local youth. Through a \$10,000 grant, from Bellevue Heights Foundation, VCC will provide a free one-week camp experience for community youth between the ages of 9-15. This year the camp will operate from July 3- 7. This camp is open to youth enrolled in the VCC summer program. In addition, four VCC youth will work as permanent staff at the camp the entire summer. The Tonto Rim is available for group rental throughout the summer. For additional information please feel free to contact Valley Christian Center, Inc.

### *Streets of Destiny Church "Community Clean-Up"*

The youth and congregation of Streets of Destiny Church, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and Community Church of Joy, conducted a community clean up on February 18, 2006 in Central Phoenix.

The purpose of this event was to erect the Resurrection Recreation playground for Destiny Kidz & the Street Unit teen ministry. This project took place at the church located at 3444 East Van Buren Street. With the help of volunteers from the participating agencies, community youth, church members and others. The backyard of the church was transformed with the erection of a volleyball court, half basketball court and community garden on the undeveloped property.

This project is a critical part of the church's strategic plan to outreach and improve the lives of youth and families along Van Buren. Pastors Martel & Catalina Stevenson will hold a dedication ceremony for the playground on March 26, 2006.

## **Prayer** **Concerns**

**Please keep  
III Cord  
Foundation Board  
of Directors,  
ministry partners,  
and staff in your  
prayers.  
In addition,  
remember the  
individuals who  
will be embarking  
on the mission trip  
to the  
Republic of Congo  
and Uganda  
during the month  
of August 2006.**

# **Congo Initiative News**

—by Dick Robinson, Congo Initiative

Speaking of the 1st century Roman province of Asia, the apostle Paul wrote that he was confronted with wide open doors, yet faced great opposition. So it is in the eastern reaches of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

We conducted three forums for church leaders, and two workshops on worship. In Butembo, Pastors and church leaders from ten denominations gathered to reflect on conflict, church and community.

We have conducted the workshops for church leaders before, at Beni to the south, and Aba to the north. Each time we have reflected from the Scriptures what it means to lead God's church in times of crisis, and what it means to be Christians engaged in community rebuilding.

The president of the denomination concluded our work in Butembo saying, "When the gospel came to Congo one hundred years ago it was like a beautiful bouquet of flowers. And how we loved it.

We watered these flowers in the expensive vase in which the gospel was contained, and they bloomed bright and colorful as we faithfully and carefully watered them. But they began to grow roots, and constricted in the vessel in which they were contained, began to wither. If we will not break it and plant the flowers in the soil of our own culture, they will die in this land, But this vase of western Christianity is costly, the lives of men and women and infants buried in our cemeteries."

We were also invited to Bunia, the epicenter of Congo's conflict where tribalism has supplanted the church, long planted in this place, where the arms of war have overwhelmed the gospel of Peace. Dick Robinson taught from Revelation, a pastoral manual for a suffering church; Dr. Paul Robinson - African historian and professor at Wheaton College – taught from Nehemiah on community development.

In response to these seminars, we have been invited by two evangelical churches in eastern DRC to join in a partnership of encouragement, leadership development and ecclesial change.

The Baptist churches planted initially by American Conservative Baptists, with some four hundred churches, are asking us for help in strategic planning, and in ministry analysis, design and review. CECA-20(Evangelical Churches of Christ in Congo), numbering six hundred or more congregations, are asking for leadership training and development.

Furthermore, we have been asked to reprise the pastors' conferences at Aru and Rethy in 2007; conveners estimate attendance at these two venues in excess of 600 church leaders.

The doors are wide open. Yet there is opposition, spiritual conflict in the heavenly realms that play out on this earth. The sense of oppression is palpable; anyone who attempts to minister in the context of Congo must be prepared to engage in the battle against the principalities and powers.

# Threat to to AIDS and Poverty Funding

Dear Friends:

I just returned from a 7 day trip to South Africa and Zambia. What I saw changed my life. I want to tell you about my trip and let you know about billions of dollars in development assistance that is at risk this week.

Each day, I saw the devastating impact of AIDS and extreme poverty, but I also saw the incredible work being done to save lives and give people the tools to provide for themselves. I visited a facility that reduced, by half, the chances of a mother transmitting HIV to their child. I met a 24 year old woman who told me that there was a good chance the anti-retrovirals she was taking would save the her baby's life. The next day, I met a widow who had become self-sufficient thanks to a micro-finance loan. With her new financial freedom, she was not only able to take care of her children, but also began caring for local orphans.

The biggest lesson I took home from the trip was that folks in these countries can turn things around if given the basic resources that we take for granted here every day. **That's why I was shocked to learn that within the next 2 weeks the U.S. Senate is poised to slash billions of dollars from President Bush's plan to fight AIDS and poverty. This is an outrage - and it can be stopped.** Please join me in speaking out right now!

The second day of the trip, I met children at an orphan care center in Zambia who had HIV/AIDS. Most of them couldn't remember their parents because they died of AIDS when they were only babies. Frederick, an HIV positive father showed me something called a "Memory Book." A scrapbook with pictures and stories about him he was putting together for his son so he would have something to remember him with after they he was gone. About 650,000 children in Zambia are AIDS orphans. We can't let Congress cut funding that provides critical assistance to kids like these all across Africa.

Senators Mike DeWine (R) and Dianne Feinstein (D) have written a letter to their colleagues in the Senate asking them to stop these devastating cuts in funding for the fight against AIDS and extreme poverty. With just 30 seconds of your time, you can send a quick note to your Senators asking them to support this funding and add their signature to this important letter.

Matt Damon

## August 2006 mission trip needs

Below is a listing of medical supplies needed for the August Mission trip to Africa:

Alcohol, Peroxide	Aspirin
Baby Food, Formula, Wipes and Bottles	Bandages
Band-Aids, 2x2 And 4x4 Gauze	Dental Supplies
Deodorant	Diapers (All Sizes)
Feminine Hygiene Products	First Aid Items
First Aid Supplies	Foleys and Foley Bags
Gauze and Wound Supplies,	Gauze/Bandages
Gloves	Hygienic Supplies
Laboratory Supplies	Lip-Balm, Chapped Stick
Lotion	Medical Text and Reference Books
Needles	Non-Refrigeratable Antibiotics
Oxygen Therapy Supplies	Personal Care Products
Simple Surgical Instruments	Soap, Hand Sanitizer
Surgical Tape	Sutures
Syringes	Thermometers
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Denture Crème	Topical Antibacterial Crèmes
Vitamin & Mineral Supplements	

For additional information please call our office

## Church Needs

We are still  
accepting  
donations to help  
purchase:

Bibles  
Tools  
Educational  
materials  
to be  
given to  
organizations  
in Africa  
during the trip