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Summer Mission Part I: RETURN TO MADAGASCAR

The first segment of NAPS double-mission last summer was a revisitation to Madagascar. Since their first mission there in December 2000, where a NAPS branch was started, requests came for NAPS to work in other areas of the country. With 35 members including Marlo Hodnett, MD, NAPS divided to cover five regions, accompanied by NAPS Madagascar and nearly 100 Malagasy youth for training. While conducting the usual children's and evangelistic programs, the village of Farara was blessed to have NAPS Medical Missionary Team. Led by Dr. Hodnett, the team treated over 400 individuals. Trained in hydrotherapy, massage, and first aid, the Lord used this team to open doors that were once locked by spiritualism. A vast majority knew nothing of the God of heaven, and many who were in darkness received the message of God's love with great joy. At the completion of the mission over 230 souls were added to Christ's kingdom.



Left: NAPS Guyana member canoeing to a new mission. Above: Dr. Hodnett treating a sick child. Below left: Members teaching a song in Ifaneria, Madagascar. Below right: Alex Walton, a freshman at OU, consoles a child from a voodoo village.



RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS: HURRICANE GUSTAV

On September 1, 2008, Hurricane Gustav roared through the Gulf coast leaving in its aftermath countless downed trees, power outages, frayed nerves, and fear. However, in the days immediately following its destruction, the joyful sounds of laughter, stirring music, and the roar of chainsaws were heard in Louisiana. Over 30 NAPS volunteers responded to the needs of the people. The team marched through the neighborhood streets removing debris and fallen trees. NAPS was able to conduct a feeding program in which over 100 people were served a hot meal. Dr. Marlo Hodnett and Dr. Janice Lewis-Thomas, alumni of Oakwood and NAPS, assisted in meeting the physical and spiritual needs by providing medication for those who had run out and praying with patients. People were overwhelmed by the storm. One lady, standing in the doorway of her weather-beaten home, was moved to tears as the group sang to her family. What seemed to impact the people most was that youth came in person to help during their time of need.



Summer Mission Part II: Botswana Mission 2008 - Africans Uniting to Further the Gospel

Immediately after the five-week mission to Madagascar, NAPS flew to Botswana, Africa, for a three-week mission, where youth from different countries, cultures and languages united to spread the gospel in a country with one of the highest HIV/AIDS statistics. The mission objective was to train youth in rural evangelism. Amongst the team was a group of high school students from Sedaven Academy in South Africa, as well as members from the Zambia and Zimbabwe branches. Youth from the local churches in Botswana also participated in the training. NAPS was able to conduct an AIDS march through the capital and hold mini-evangelistic meetings on an eight-hour train ride before venturing to the rural areas. The team split into six groups, conducting evangelistic series in several villages. Because of the split over 3000 students were impacted by the messages. 420 people were baptized at the end of the crusades, one of the largest numbers in the Northern Botswana Field's history. A NAPS Botswana branch of about 40 members was born out of this mission and has already begun revisitation missions in several villages.



Above left: NAPS members from Zambia and Botswana teaching about God's love together at a primary school. Above right: Members and trainees from Botswana, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the US. Bottom left: AIDS march in Francistown. Bottom right: Children's program at Sildwane School in Tutume.



YOD praying with a man wanting a new life in Tampa, FL.



Dr. Janice Lewis-Thomas provided free blood pressure checks at a NAPS-sponsored community health fair.



NAPS helping tornado victims in Moulton, AL.



YOD and Dr. Ivan Williams on the set of Brighter Hope Ministries.



Dr. Adel Myrie providing free dental help in Kilpatrick, AL.



Dr. Hodnett with a burn victim and his mother who experienced God's healing power.



Tamarha sharing a hug with a child in Madagascar.



Sharing God's love on the streets of Huntsville.

NAPS Fundraising Tours

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| Thanksgiving Break
Nov 20 - 30, 2008 | Orlando, FL
Tampa, FL
Charlotte, NC
Durham, NC
Raleigh, NC
Camden, NJ
Brooklyn, NY
Long Island, NY
Queens, NY
Bronx, NY
Manhattan, NY |
| Christmas Break
Dec 12 - Jan 5, 2009 | Arizona
Georgia
Miami, FL |
| Spring Break
Feb 26 - Mar 8, 2009 | Arizona
Georgia
Virginia |



NAPS encouraging the children to make healthy food choices.

LOCAL MISSIONS: SERVING AT HOME



Senior Rhonda Holloway and her young friend after a children's program in Decatur.

This year NAPS is working in 6 communities in the Huntsville-Decatur Alabama area conducting children's programs, Bible studies and health screenings. The medical team has recently conducted a health fair with Agape Spanish Church in the Hispanic community of Kilpatrick, AL, and is working toward doing routine physicals and hydrotherapy. The training received locally will prepare volunteers for overseas missions this summer to Angola and Namibia.



Health Fair in Kilpatrick, AL in the Hispanic community, who have no healthcare.

The Year of Dedication 4 Team: Mission Complete

Testimonials

Mission to the Philippines

For the Year of Dedication 4 Team, the massive eruption of Mt. Pinatubo was the deciding factor to reach the Aetas, Filipinos of African descent who live scattered among the mountains. Though living in absolute poverty, many were searching for the truth of a loving Savior. Many were receptive to the message of God's love and are now spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. In addition to conducting Bible studies, YOD4 was able to feed villages, carry out children's programs, and perform medical work. They also trained young volunteers who have continued the work after their departure, as there are many small villages filled with men, women, and children with similar needs.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them: YOD4 in Tampa, FL



Lisa Mahoney and her young friend passing out Christian literature in Tampa.

YOD4 concluded their year-long mission in Tampa, Florida. "We had children's programs and evangelistic meetings," reported Cynthia Delva, now a senior at Oakwood University. "As we worked consistently with the children, we witnessed a remarkable improvement in their behavior." The children took the messages of God's love home to their parents. "Parents were amazed at the transformation that was taking place. The children's positive behavior changes influenced 12 people to be baptized."

Seeing the amazing work that you do on behalf of Christ makes me want to continue supporting you as much as I can. You motivate and inspire me as you continuously serve others. I am so proud of your organization and its accomplishments. I pray that God continues to work miracles through the lives that you touch.



Saleeta Spencer-Thomas,
Top donor and supporter

The country of Botswana has been greatly blessed by your coming this summer. We have learned much from you. Some of the things I have personally learned and valued from you are: 1. Your focus on evangelism; I was amazed that for almost three months you shut your world outside just to win souls for Christ. 2. Your simplicity was amazing. 3. Your people were willing to be and do anything to reach a soul. 4. Your love for people; we felt very proud to see our fellows from such a developed society coming to be with us in our lowly lives, eating our food, and sleeping in tents. Your lives have been a light to our youth and to our country.



Pastor G. M. Orapeleng,
Former President of the North Botswana Conference

I saw NAPS on TV four years ago, and I wanted to be part of this special group because I wanted to help people. God blessed me with that opportunity when I came to Oakwood University this year. I really like working with the children in the community. Some of the children we work with live in homes where they are mistreated by their families. We are providing positive role models. NAPS is a very nice program because you get to make a difference in the lives of others and grow closer to God! I am learning to have faith and be more diligent in the things I do.



Grethel Millington,
NAPS volunteer

THE DEDICATION CONTINUES: YOD 5

Called to a higher level of service, sixteen passionate young people decided to dedicate one year to full-time service for Christ. The year's team, known as Year of Dedication (YOD), is the fifth of its kind, and began their mission in August 2008. For the first time ever, the YOD team has two groups which allows them to cover more territory and visit different cities simultaneously. In addition to reaching out especially to the youth, the team is also fundraising for their 6-week mission trip to Thailand in the spring. While in Thailand, the team will minister to the forgotten Orang Asli (Mani) people. The Orang Asli people are of African decent. Currently, they have many needs including medical care, education, and basic human rights. The YOD 5 team will minister to their needs and share the gospel of Christ.

Top: The YOD 5 team. Above left: Shaanaya speaking to Minnesota youth about the importance of abstinence until marriage on an AIDS Awareness Day. Above right: Tyler sharing what NAPS does in order to raise funds for their upcoming mission to Thailand. Left: NAPS-sponsored AIDS march in Michigan. Right: YOD 5 with teacher and students at an elementary school in Missouri.



Thank You, Supporters!

NAPS expresses special thanks to all individuals and organizations that have supported our endeavors. We especially thank the donors below for generosity which provided us with the funds necessary to carry out these missions to Madagascar, Botswana, and the Philippines this year.

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NAPS Never Sleeps...



Three students and headmaster from Sedaven High School in Heidelberg, South Africa, joined the NAPS team in Botswana for part two of the Summer 2008 mission. They have gone on to start a NAPS branch at their high school in South Africa. There they are doing door-to-door Bible studies and helping a local church with their evangelistic meetings. They have also helped facilitate an AIDS Awareness Day in November in South Africa.

NAPS South Africa

Native youth trained in Botswana this past summer have started a new NAPS branch in their home country. They are currently doing revisitations in Moyabana and Moroka. In Moroka and Tutume, over 40 people have taken their stand for Christ. NAPS Botswana is also building a church for new believers in Beetsha, a rural village NAPS visited.



NAPS Botswana



The Madagascar Branches are hard at work in various parts of the country. One team is setting up a new post in the village of Marolambo. They continue to do children's programs and share the gospel. Through their efforts, many are seeking to pledge themselves only to God. Other teams are doing follow up work in the areas NAPS visited last summer, as well as making inroads to newer territories.

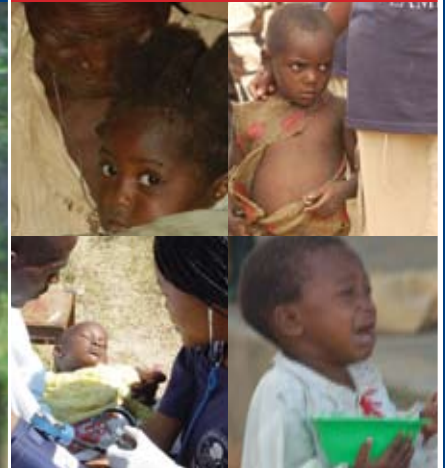
NAPS Madagascar

Pushing through the hard times in their country, the NAPS Zimbabwe branches continue to work for their people. Over 280 people have been baptized this year as a result of their commitment, despite the country's crisis. They have provided food programs to assist in the current crisis. They continue to minister to the youth in the Sipepa district through children's programs.



NAPS Zimbabwe

Pray for Zimbabwe



The people of Zimbabwe continue to suffer from a failing economy, famine, and disease. Dr. Paul, a team of health professionals, and teams from Botswana and Zimbabwe are spending Christmas holiday giving health training and assisting in cholera treatment, water purification, and food. Please pray for the country of Zimbabwe.

2009 Missions



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