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# August 2014

<p><b>4</b> <u>Northern AL—Awana—Mark and Josie Morgan</u></p> <p>The annual North Alabama Awana conference will be early this month. Pray that the conference will be a success.</p>	<p><b>5</b> <u>Gadsden, AL—Big Oak Ranch—Jonathon Smidt</u></p> <p>Lift up the children as they begin the school year. Also, pray for the new residents that came to Big Oak Ranch over the summer.</p>	<p><b>6</b> <u>Lexington, SC—Pioneers Missions—Ashley Campbell</u></p> <p>Ashley's trip to work with the Biarritz team in France in June went well. Ashley would covet our prayers as the team in Biarritz is disbanding and she is figuring out which team the Lord is calling her to instead.</p>	<p><b>7</b> <u>Chiquimula, Guatemala—Eyes Wide Open Ministries—Daniel and Brandi McIntyre</u></p> <p>The McIntyres would covet our prayers concerning their health and need for wisdom. They will continue to minister in the public schools and visit villages and families there.</p>	<p><b>8</b> <u>Alabama Baptist Children's Homes—Steve Sellers</u></p> <p>Bob Dewhurst is leading a team from ABCH on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic early this month. Pray that many will come to know the Lord as the ABCH team ministers there.</p>	<p><b>2/3</b> <u>Lamoni, IA—First Baptist Church—Woodie and Marta Ladnier</u></p> <p>Praise! Woodie's mom received some encouraging reports and will continue her chemo through the end of the last week of this month. First Baptist Church is having VBS from August 3-8. Pray for salvation decisions, growth in the saved, and unity in the workers.</p>
<p><b>11</b> <u>Las Vegas, NV—Discovery Church—Jim Collins</u></p> <p>Discovery Church has started 3 new small groups, and new guests have been visiting on Sundays. Pray that they will continue to share the Gospel with others.</p>	<p><b>12</b> <u>Cicero, NY—Lakeshore Baptist Church—Karl and Bonnie Novak</u></p> <p>Praise the Lord the project of turning the back 2 acres of their church property for ministry purposes is finished. LBC had VBS last month. Pray that many children and parents were reached at VBS.</p>	<p><b>13</b> <u>Gideons International</u></p> <p>As the school year starts, pray that the Gideons, especially in the US, will be able to distribute New Testaments to 5th graders.</p>	<p><b>14</b> <u>Quito, Ecuador—Word of Life—Daniel and Ana Gonzalez</u></p> <p>25 ladies attended a camp for the pastors' wives last month. Five youth groups are attending WOL camp this month. Pray that those who come will make decisions for the Lord.</p>	<p><b>15</b> <u>Zambia, Africa—African Outreach Zambia—Joe and Tammy Haden</u></p> <p>The first 2 preaching points have been established in Chief Chikanta's area. Pray for workers to come help.</p>	<p><b>16/17</b> <u>Rahiv, Ukraine—Tim and Donna Akers</u></p> <p>Last month a team from FBC Dothan, AL, conducted a children's camp with the Roma. About 60-70 children heard the Gospel. Pray for the fighting in Ukraine and for the Akers to use most of their time to share about Christ with others.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RAHIV, UKRAINE</p>
<p><b>18</b> <u>Athens, AL—Sav-a-Life—Amy Wright</u></p> <p>Praise the Lord for the increased number of clients that have come to the center. Pray that the Lord will provide Sav-a-Life the necessary finances in order to reach more women in the community.</p>	<p><b>19</b> <u>Athens, AL—Limestone County Churches Involved—Tere Richardson</u></p> <p>Lift up LCCI's clients during the summer as many are without air conditioning in homes or apartments that aren't built for natural ventilation.</p>	<p><b>20</b> <u>Little India, NY—House of Worship—Mati and Hokali Joseph</u></p> <p>Continue to pray for Balore Singh and Madhura so that they may continue to walk with the Lord. Also, pray for their outreach programs. Praises—The Lord saved one more soul this month!</p>	<p><b>21</b> <u>Amazonas, Brazil—The Common Thread—Richard and Ashley Whittemore</u></p> <p>Continue to pray for the Whittemores and the leaders of Grace House, a children's home in Benjamin Constant, as they are in the process of making it a legal organization in Brazil.</p>	<p><b>22</b> <u>Salzburg, Austria—Campus Crusade for Christ—Mary Beth Broadwater</u></p> <p>A CRU missions team will be in Romania from August 22-31. Pray that this team will both tell and show God's love to those they will serve there.</p>	<p><b>23/24</b> <u>Adventures in Mission—Drew Bowman</u></p> <p>Drew and his teammates ministered to unreached people groups in a closed country. Even though evangelism is illegal there, they did their best to spread the Gospel. Pray that the Gospel will take root in the lives of those who have heard the Truth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EYES WIDE OPEN MINISTRIES</p>
<p><b>25</b> <u>Bennington, VE—Northeastern Baptist College—Mark Ballard</u></p> <p>NEBC has secured student housing. Please pray that the closing of this property and the first day of classes go well.</p>	<p><b>26</b> <u>Muslim Peoples—Advancing Native Missions—Unnamed Missionary Family</u></p> <p>Join the Missionary family in prayer as they seek to start a home in Pakistan for newborn babies who don't have parents or are being abandoned.</p>	<p><b>27</b> <u>Vapor—Micah McElveen</u></p> <p>Vapor has recently completed an important water project at one of their centers in Kenya. This will provide safe drinking water in an area where it is scarce.</p>	<p><b>28</b> <u>South Africa—Multi Ministries—Steve and Anne Mann</u></p> <p>Lift up Multi Ministries as they plan ahead for next year regarding teams who are coming to minister with them and partnerships.</p>	<p><b>29</b> <u>Decatur, AL—Edwin L Hodges Ministry—Edwin Hodges</u></p> <p>Edwin has a broken leg and other health problems. Also, pray that ELHM will be allowed to ship Christian literature into Cuba.</p>	<p><b>30/31</b> <u>Northeast AL—Children's Evangelism Fellowship—Cathy Watts</u></p> <p>Each year CEF Headquarters selects a major city for CEF to establish church partnerships and as many Good News Clubs in that city. Satan is busy attacking the Good News Clubs in Portland, Oregon, this year.</p>

*“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!” Romans 11:33*



But they still laughed as they announced in cheery voices, "Rand Rover, Rand Rover..." God is good.

Children are always sent to church in their best clothes. Girls always wear skirts, even if their nicest skirt has holes throughout it. Keep this in mind as I tell my last village story. One church morning I was teaching the adults. While I was teaching, a young girl stands in the doorway of the mud building and starts making faces at me. I am obviously a very mature 18-year-old, so I made faces back. Once I finished teaching, I went to join her outside. Something was different about this girl. She was wearing pants, not a skirt. I grabbed her hands and started dancing. At first she was hesitant, but no one can resist a laugh when they see me trying to dance. I no-



noticed other children playing, so the girl and I walked over to them, but they wouldn't play with her. She was happy when she was around me, but once there were others, she became reserved and nonexistent. While there were no adults around for me to ask, I believe she was an orphan. She didn't speak English so I never found out her name, but God told me to name her Hope. Hope is going to do big things for Jesus, I already know.

God is working in Zambia and He allowed me to taste a small piece of His work and His love.

**Psalm 68:5**

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

**Michaela Hartman**

# ADVENTURE IN THE UNKNOWN

I want to take you on a journey, a journey of 8,172 miles. After three days of travel, my team and I, consisting of Joe and Tammy Haden, and two other girls around my age, landed in Zambia, Africa. We would be there for a month, working with local missionaries. Some days were spent in the town of Livingstone. We taught in a deaf school, a preschool through first grade school, and spent some time at a local orphanage.

One day at the orphanage, a young boy ran up to me. He was three years old but only the size of an 18-month-old. We danced, laughed, and drew pictures in the dirt. Then, we were resting under a tree and he fell asleep in my lap. I held him until the rest of my team came and beckoned me to leave. I didn't want to wake the little boy, and I didn't know where his bed was, so I had to lay him down in the dirt. That was the most heartbreaking experience of the whole trip. But it gives me comfort knowing that Jesus is holding him, just as I was.

Much of our ministry was in the villages. We taught at ladies' Bible studies, and in the church services. Church was phenomenal. Africans praise Jesus with such love and zeal. I cannot wait until the day that I am in Heaven praising our Savior with a multitude of Africans. I knew that Africa and I were connected at the soul because church didn't end until 3 in the afternoon. If only American churches would sit in a mud building, singing praises and learning more about God's greatness for that long. Sometimes I would stay in the adult service and sometimes they would send the other girls and me to teach the children outside. One day, we thought we were staying in the adult service. For some reason though, many children piled into the small, mud building. Then, they all stood up and walked out. Oscar, the pastor of the church, came over to us and said, "You are to go teach them." I think my friend was a little intimidated, but I love the children, so I was pumped. When Oscar said this, my soul was screaming, "YES, JESUS!!" We loved on the children and they loved on us. We taught them Bible stories; we also had an awesome dance party. When we attempted to teach them to play Red Rover, they were confused.

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