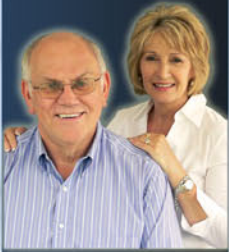


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Lend Me Your Voice

I woke in the night to hear the Lord say "Lend me your voice". I had listened earlier that evening to John Scholtz speaking about the church being silent and that God's prophetic voice needed to be heard again and God was asking us to Lend Him our voice. I heard a clear clarion call which demanded my response and to also be a messenger to others.



When God asks us to lend Him our voice our response should be to let go and surrender to Him. As we become His possession, He

stamps us with His fingerprint and we are forever changed. Lending our voice to the One who gave us life and our very breath brings freedom, release and opportunity to participate in changing our world. Society is in desperate need and God's voice must be heard.

We must examine what is buried in our heart. We speak out of the abundance of our heart and a good man brings good things out of the good treasure of His heart. (Matt 12:34-35) It has been said that one man's junk is someone else's treasure and this maybe so, we are all different.

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Important
Cluster
Dates:

May 2
COTN Intl
Prayer Day

Sept 24-25
USA Leaders
cotnma.org

Oct 1
Kids in Crisis
Gallery of Hope
Richmond, VA

Oct 28-31
Euro Leaders
Conference
Holland

Lend Me Your Voice

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Nevertheless, we must each allow the Holy Spirit to sift and reveal to us anything that would hinder His working through us and would not be a true representation of who He is.

In this issue of Heart Copy the focus is on children in crisis and how we as a Cluster are endeavoring to serve this need. These little ones need a voice and perhaps God will ask you to Lend Him your voice and to serve in some way.

My prayer is that God will touch our lips with a coal from His altar!

Marilyn



We had another great time in Carthage, MO, with the Makarios Cluster's USA leaders as well as a smattering of folks from around the world. Here's some brief feedback from those hours together.

There is nothing like catching up with the COTN family! The BYKOTA community extended themselves in true Midwest hospitality to many who converged for our semi-annual 20 hour gathering. Like many other times, I was struck with the amount of relationship building compacted in such a short period of time. Meeting with other leaders who have similar values and heart is refreshing and rejuvenating, and this time was no exception. I thoroughly enjoyed the time and look forward to our next gathering in Albany, NY in September. Hope to see you!

Andrew Zawacki
Ministry Team Leader, Light of the World

"What a wonderful time we had again at Bykota. We are always amazed at the rich and warm church community that exists in a small town in the heartland. It feels like a best kept secret!! Catching up with Tony and Marilyn and our COTN family is always wonderful and although we all have different lives and backgrounds, we seem to have so much in common.

This cluster meeting was very special to us as our friends of 22 years, Keith and Val Tipple from the UK, now pastors in a Chicago area church, were able to join us. "A joy shared is doubled" and they just loved meeting our "family". We also really enjoyed Pieter Bornman's presentation on Give a Child a Family in South Africa." What a great connection for Kids in Crisis (USA).

Martin and Lyn Hopkins

Focus On



Kids in Crisis

Reach a child, change your world.

the ripple effect...

The vision for Kids in Crisis (USA) began in the heart of Gert Jonker, founder and visionary of Child in Crisis (South Africa) and the Bethany House Trust. Gert was given a prophetic picture to see a "resource hub" established in the United States from which people and resources could be assembled and mobilized across continents to serve the children of the world, and through this participate in the establishment of the Kingdom of God among the nations and people groups touched.

That vision all but died in the years following its legal inception as The Child in Crisis Foundation (USA) in 2001. The resurrection of this vision began in October 2005 at our USA leaders gathering which was attended by Gert Jonker and Craig Rowe of Community Ministries in Muldersdrift, South Africa. From the spark created at those meetings, the vision was reignited and is very much alive today.

April 2006 marked the beginning of reestablishment of a Board of Directors, and it has been a steady, albeit slow process for KIC to move from being a legal entity to becoming a living, breathing organization. April 2010 will prove to be another significant milestone in the life of KIC. As a result of meetings and discussion in the early months of 2010, culminating with a meeting of the Board during our recent USA leaders gathering in Carthage, as well as connecting with Pieter Bornman of Prime Resources and Give a Child a Family in South Africa, KIC is poised to make significant strides in realizing the vision that was given to Gert nearly 10 years ago.

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<http://www.kidsin crisis.us>



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There you can find info on current projects, how you can get involved, subscribe to news updates, view our calendar, become a fan on Facebook, and more!

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the ripple effect...

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In hindsight, it has been the grace of God that also allowed us to participate in seeing many aspects of the vision realized even in those early formative years.

Our Kids in Crisis team in Carthage, MO, in partnership with many folks from Bykota Church have hosted 2 "Gallery of Dreams" events which are aimed at raising awareness of various children's issues, involving the community, and raising funds to support some of our partner organizations. "Gallery of Dreams 3" will be hosted in mid-October of this year, and as well, we will be launching a "Gallery of Hope" event with the same purpose in Richmond, VA on October 1. We also have 3 major projects which we are beginning to work with, with a potential 4th already waiting in the wings (see the focus on projects on page 6 or visit our web site for more info on these projects).

As we move forward, and as our impact to the nations grows, we never want to underestimate the impact that reaching one life can have. The "ripple effect" from one life can be felt around the globe, and for generations to come. History has proven this.

This is why we'd love for you to join us in our cause. You might be surprised to find...when you **reach a child**, you **change your world**.

Introducing...



Haley Carter's passion for the kids of the world began nearly six years ago with the adoption of her sister Haven from Vietnam. This amazing story of God's grace and love would forever change Haley's outlook on life. Haley and husband Ryan (who serves on the Board of Directors of KIC), gripped with helping children in need, began traveling to the Land of Judah Orphanage in Nicaragua in 2007, and over the course of 2 years made 8 trips to simply help and serve the children there.

In 2009 they set aside 6 months to seek the direction the Lord was leading them, and again visit Nicaragua, as well as spend time at Bethany House in South Africa, and Bykota House in Cambodia. This trip only fueled their passion further. They returned home knowing they would continue to serve the children of the world, but Carthage, MO would be home base for the next season of their lives. They currently have begun the process of adopting from Taiwan.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce Haley Carter as the new Executive Director of Kids in Crisis (USA). The passion that she carries for the kids of the world was evident as she shared with the leaders assembled at our recent gathering in Carthage, MO, and we know that she will champion this cause with great courage and determination. Thanks for your passion and commitment Haley and Ryan!

Finding Synergy

Sometimes our work with trafficked girls in Cambodia takes unexpected turns. Recently, Stephanie Freed (Rapha House) was on assignment in country. She took a film crew to Women's Island, a former detention center where women and children were exiled and executed during Pol Pot's Regime.

While there, she saw a little boy sitting naked in the dirt yard nearby a shanty house. She relates the story: "As I approached him, he turned his head, and to my horror, I saw a huge protrusion from the side of his little baby head. I thought he had a horrible birth defect-it honestly looked like another small head... Then I realized it was oozing and there were flies in it..."

His father had abandoned his mother. His mother was prostituting in Phnom Penh, and nobody knew if she would ever come back. His grandmother was a drunk and supposedly beat his head... So he survived by crawling around from shack to shack looking for food. He looked to be about one and could not walk, but the neighbors who began to gather said he was probably closer to two years old. When I asked his name, everyone agreed that he had NO NAME! So here is a baby who is malnourished and pulling himself naked through the dirt with an open fly infested wound with no caregiver in the world and NO NAME! From there Stephanie took the boy to the children's hospital in Phnom Penh where he received proper medical treatment. The goal was to get him placed in a good children's home."

That "good children's home" was Bykota House, We are so thankful and blessed for all of our support team who share the vision that children are a blessing from the Father. Without your financial support, involvement, and most importantly prayer support... Bykota House would not exist.

Rhonda Benz, Bykota House www.hightowerministries.net Rhonda@hightowerministries.net

For more info on Rapha House and our other KIC partners visit www.kidsincrisis.us



Gallery of Dreams 2

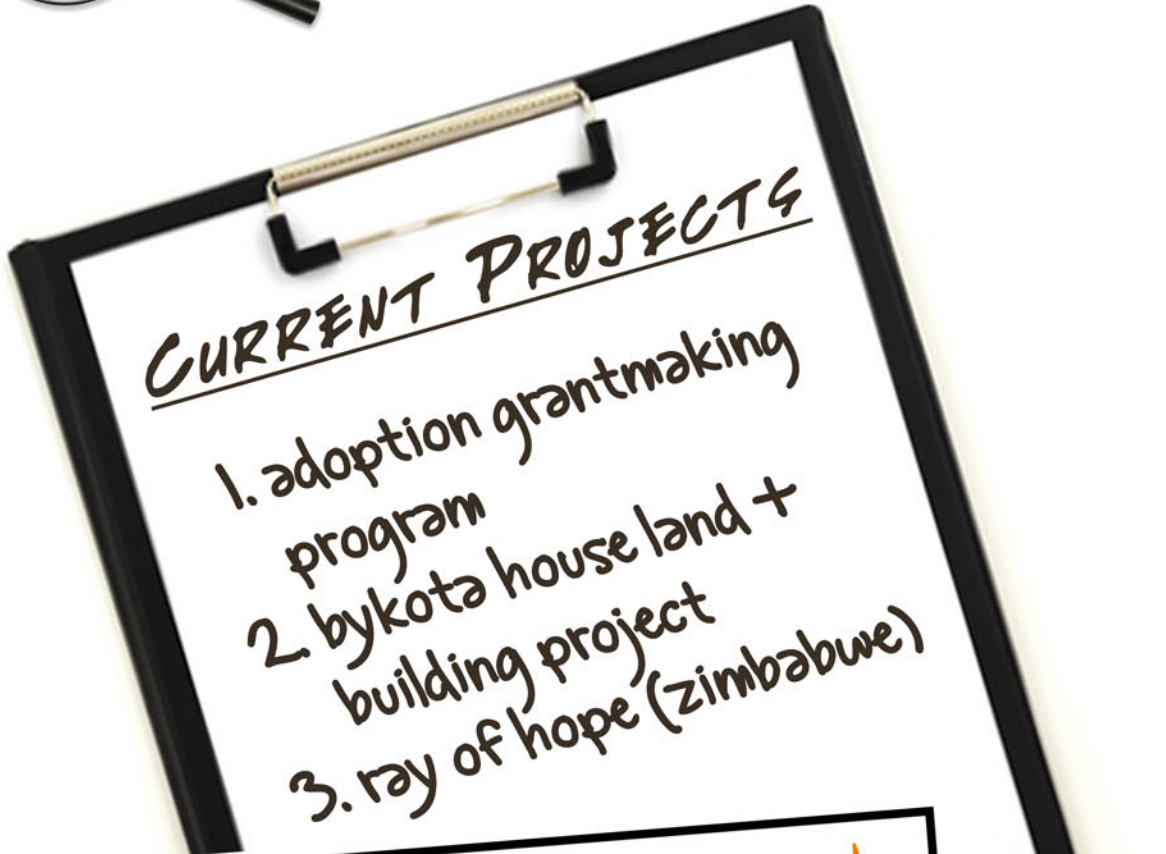
Thanks to you... March 7th, 2009, "Gallery of Dreams 2" was an evening of great success! Catered by Mytho's many took in the night, by getting involved with the silent & live auctions, featuring paintings by children in need all around the world. Here's how you helped:

Bykota House : \$2,300
Children's Haven: \$1,000
Messiah Project: \$3,050
Rapha House: \$3,000
Ronald McDonald: \$250
Terry Shepherd Memorial Fund: \$3,000
Touch A Life Foundation: \$5,875

We are anticipating the Gallery of Dreams 3 Art Auction in Joplin, Missouri this October! Make sure to plan on joining us for a great evening!

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CURRENT PROJECTS

1. adoption grantmaking program
2. bykota house land + building project
3. ray of hope (zimbabwe)

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If you are having difficulties, or would like to talk to us about donating another way, please email us at info@kidsincrisis.us or call at 804.360.8093. Thanks for your support!

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Yes, I want to donate \$5/month _____

Email address: _____

I would like to receive KIC's e-newsletter _____

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TONY & MARILYN'S *Schedule*

SOUTH AFRICA

APR 15 - 26

APR	15 - 16	Durban	South Africa Leaders Conf.
	17 - 18 (am)	Kloof	Celebration Meetings
	18 (pm)	Durban	Harvest Church Celebration
	19 - 22	Durban	Apostolic Council
	23 - 25	Jo'burg	New Creation Celebration & Leaders: Sub cluster gatherings

USA

APR 27 - MAY 19

MAY	2	Richmond, VA	COTN Prayer Day
	18	Annapolis, MD	Leaders Away Day

UK

MAY 20 - 31

MAY	21 - 23	Elgin, Scotland	OASIS Family Church
	24 - 26	Okehampton	Meeting with Leaders
	27	Stoke-on-Trent	Cross Rythms
	28 - 29	Bridgewater	Makarios Cluster Leaders
	29 - 30	Maidstone	Jubilee

USA

JUNE 1 - JUNE 20

JUNE	4 - 6	Winchester, VA	Financial Seminar (Filming)
	10	New Rochelle, NY	Eastgate COTN
	11 - 13	Latham, NY	Light of the World
	17 - 20	Carthage, MO	BYKOTA

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