

LOVEM International

Laborers Organized with a Vision for Evangelism and Missions

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Introducing...

Welcome! This is the inaugural issue the LOVEM International newsletter. Let us take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and the ministry God has given us.

We have been heavily involved in various aspects of Christian ministry for the last twelve years. Some years ago, God began speaking to our hearts about being in full-time ministry. He has orchestrated the circumstances of our lives to make this possible and we were commissioned to full-time service in June of this year. We are currently in a transition period from our secular jobs and paychecks to a gradual increase in missions related activities and opportunities up to full time service.

Our focus is to:

- ♥ train and equip lay teams for short-term direct mission projects
- ♥ organize and lead lay teams for national and international projects in Mexico, Cuba, Poland,

Romania, Ukraine, and Belarus

- ♥ introduce and involve men and women to prison ministry in cooperation with Champions for Life.
- ♥ be a church resource for mobilizing and motivating church members to get involved in Christian service.

Our Primary Work

In association with the Michael Gott International Evangelistic Association and under the leadership and direction of Michael Gott, we have been privileged to train and lead teams of American Christians overseas to present English Language

“What will you do today to impact the Kingdom of God for His glory?”

Evangelism Events in **Romania, Belarus, Ukraine, Poland, and Cuba.**

The results have been nothing short of incredible. If

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What is a
“Faith”
Ministry?

This simply means that we do not receive a regular salary from any church or organization. Instead, we rely on God to provide for us through his people. God leads individuals, churches and organizations to support this type of ministry. We let people know of our needs through letters, phone calls, speaking engagements, personal contacts, and even newsletters. Then we simply wait on God to provide. These finances are then used to supply our living and ministry expenses, which will allow us to devote our full time and energy to ministry.

“PRAYER is the essential ingredient in preparation and execution of any ministry. Without prayer, failure is almost always the result.”

Champions for Life

“...when I was in prison, you visited me.”

We recently became involved in prison ministry with Champions for Life. Founded by Bill Glass, Champions for Life goes into prison and jail facilities all over the United States each year.

Men and women volunteers go into the prisons and meet with inmates one-on-one. It is not at all unusual to have hundreds of first time decisions made in a single facility.

We plan to be vocal recruiters for this vital ministry as we volunteer for Champions for Life whenever we are not overseas.

**Jesus said, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”
“If you’re not fishing, you’re not following.”
- Bill Glass**

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it were not for the greatness of our God, it would be impossible to explain the numbers of people we have personally seen come to Christ, and the miracles that have taken place before our eyes.

Using a unique blend of friendship evangelism and English as a Foreign Language (EFL) curriculum (developed especially for this ministry), we are able to gather hundreds of nationals together for a two-week conversational English course in a local evangelical church. Each missionary-teacher takes classes of 8 to 15 nationals and begins to build a relationship with them through the English lessons. After only a few days, the friendships are established and each team member/teacher is invited to present their testimony to their classes and clearly present the Gospel message.

During the final days of the event, the Gospel is again presented through preaching, and the students are encouraged to respond to the message. During 2001 and 2002 alone, Trisha and I have personally witnessed hundreds of adults invite Jesus into their lives.

Follow-up and

discipleship are important to our ministry. Therefore, the host churches with which we partner in the host country make a special commitment to following-up on each person, regardless of their decision. The church receives from us the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each student, and whether or not they made a decision for Christ. Because many church members are also involved in our English lessons, the un-churched students have developed relationships with the church and church members.

We are dedicated to continuing to reach people through this unique ministry. As God leads His people to support us, we are grateful to God for His provision. Our prayer and desire is to spend at least 28 weeks each year overseas in direct ministry, with the rest of our time devoted to recruiting, training, and preparing teams to join us as well as being involved in other short-term direct ministries here in the United States.

In addition to the English Language Evangelism Events in Cuba and Eastern Europe, we partner with missionaries and Baptist churches in Mexico to do short-term evangelistic min-

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istries such as VBS, ministry to women, and evangelism services. This has proved to be a very effective way to introduce adults and teens to direct, evangelistic missions.

“Through English Language Evangelism Events, we can offer them something they want, practical English, so that we can give them something they need, the Gospel

About Trisha -

Trisha grew up in Arlington, Texas where she was an active member of First Baptist Church, Arlington. She got her first taste of missions as a teenager.

About Jody -

Jody grew up in Commerce, Texas. At the age of 34 years old, his life was transformed after asking Jesus to take control of his life.

Coming Events

- ♥ DFW Weekend of Champions Prison Ministry, December 5-8
- ♥ Minsk, Belarus, ELEE, January 10-24, 2003
- ♥ January 24-February 14, 2003—Survey ministry sites for summer ELEE ministries, preaching, follow-up on Minsk ministry.
- ♥ Vinnytsia, Ukraine, ELEE, February 14-March 1, 2003

ELEE - English Language Evangelism Event

We are members of Retta Baptist Church in Burleson, Texas where we attend and serve when not traveling in ministry.

Who Can Go With Us?

People of all walks of life have joined us in these short term, direct ministry teams. Of course, they all have in common a relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. To join our team one must:

- ♥ Be a born again follower of Jesus Christ;
- ♥ Be an active member of a Bible believing Baptist Church (or a church of like faith);
- ♥ Be 18 years of age or older (unless traveling with a parent);
- ♥ Be able to speak English;
- ♥ Be ready to share the Gospel with your student-friends;
- ♥ Be willing to be a servant to the rest of the team.

How you
can
support
our
ministry

- ***Pray for us.*** Ask about our specific needs
- ***Encourage us*** with cards, letters and emails
- ***Support us*** financially
- ***Go with us*** as a team member
- ***Share about us*** with neighbors & friends that might be interested in our ministry
- ***Invite us*** to speak to your group about missions

Meet Our Family

Casey and Ashley Kennedy live in Austin, Texas. Casey works in the computer industry and Ashley is a stay at home mom for our first and only grandson, **Max**.

Sara, 21, is a senior Elementary Education major at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas. She is active in ministering to international students at ETBU. She spent several weeks visiting friends in Taiwan during the summer.

Aaron, 19, is attending Texas A&M University in College

Station, Texas. He is a freshman Engineering major. He was involved in the Mexico mission trip this past two summers. In preparing for moving to College Station, he worked in several part-time jobs to help earn money for college.

Both Sara and Aaron were introduced to missions ministry in Eastern Europe and Mexico, where they have served as team members in their own right.



WEB Site News

We are in the process of building a website for LOVEM. You can check it out at as it develops at www.loveminternational.org.

PRAY FOR ...

Larry and Betty Mannon of LOVEM Latin America. They and their son Eric are in Costa Rica for Spanish Language school.

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