

From your missionaries  
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# Me involved in missions?

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# You gotta be kiddin!



Judy's is going to Bolivia on a missions trip this year

have anything to do with missionary work. That's not me. I couldn't see myself leaving the comfort of my home. "

those words and you're committed to Him, you may soon find yourself doing what you thought was impossible. "

But isn't it wonderful how God works? His ways are not our ways: In God's kingdom, to be blessed one needs to give out. To find beauty we must work with what is despised. And to truly live we must die to ourselves.

This month Mike and Judy are leading a team of nine people from their church in Akron Ohio to come help us with our home building project. Mike's using a week of his vacation time to do it. He's not doing it for us, but because He loves God and wants to be involved in God's work wherever that may be.

Furthermore, God loves the words "impossible" and "never". He chuckles when we say, "I'll never do that". If you do say

Mike and Judy McFadden common every-day people. They've been married for 31 years and have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Another child of theirs is already with the Lord. Mike is a maintenance worker and Judy \_\_\_\_\_.

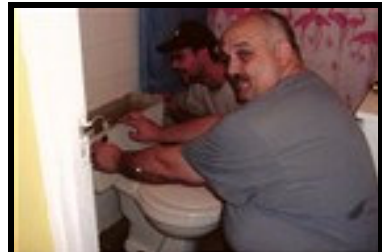
Like most of us Mike and Judy thought they were the most unlikely people to get involved in missions. Mike said, "I've never in my entire life wanted to

"I couldn't see myself leaving the comfort of my home."

Mike McFadden



Mike and Judy went to Jamaica on a short-term missions trip with their church. During that time Mike said, 'yes' to the Lord and God's call to missions.



## Why is the Dead Sea dead?

The land of Israel has two bodies of water. One, the Sea of Galilee has an abundance of fish, birds and other wildlife. It's where Jesus spent much of his time and did his miracles. The other, the Dead Sea, has nothing living in it. The water has become bitter and unusable.

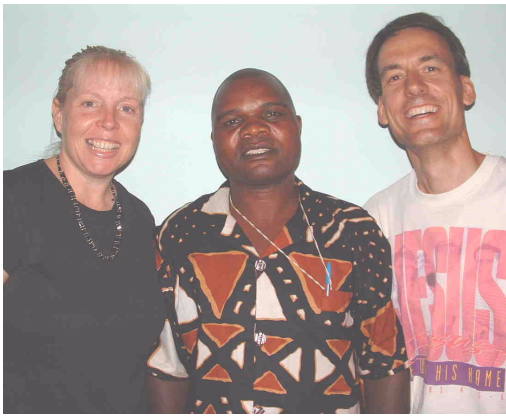
The Jordan River connects both these bodies of water. If this is true, why doesn't the Dead Sea have any life in it? Or, what has made it bitter?

Turn the page to find the answer

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Mark 8 :35

"I died before I came!"



Last year we had the privilege of being with missionary Isaac Ngambi. When he arrived in Botswana he had to travel to where the bushmen of the Kalahari desert lived. This area of Africa is bound by darkness and witchcraft. He was told, "You will be killed before you reach there!"

His response: "I died before I came here".

God blessed his obedience and Isaac saw many miracles as he served the Lord in a foreign country. When Jesus said, "these signs will follow them" could it be that we are not going so no miracles can follow us?

### But its not my "thing"!

Bringing God's image all around the world is what you were designed for. Its what God wants you to do.

The very first words of God to man were a blessing. He told us to be fruitful and multiply, to fill the earth the glory of His image in us. Doesn't that sound a lot like the last words of Jesus to "go into all the world and make disciples of every nation"? So many people are unhappy today because they have failed to obey what God told us to do in the first place. Self centered lives lead only to bitterness.

What about you? Not the missionary type? Think that God can't use you to spread the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth? We challenge you to get involved. Begin by praying and asking God what He wants you to do.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Genesis 1:28



### God's Word for all people in their heart language

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## Update

### 2007 Missionary Home Building Project

So far we've had \_\_\_ people from eight different church congregations come to help us complete our home. It's been fun working together as a team and exciting to see God provide in so many ways.

Could you come and help too? If so please email or write us. There's enough work to do to last us into the winter but we hope to occupy the home soon before we return to Zambia in June of next year.

Find out more about the building project by logging onto our website:

[www.PartnersInBibleTranslation.org](http://www.PartnersInBibleTranslation.org)



*Building together is fun !*

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## Praise and Prayer Requests for July & August 2007

### God is able

- ☞ Thank God for His Grace in Mike and Judy's life and so many others who are serving the Lord.
- ☞ We found a home to rent in Ohio just two weeks before arriving.
- ☞ 10,000 copies of the Taabua New are printed on their way to Zambia.

### Please Pray with us

- ✝ That we learn to give up our lives for Him each day.
- ✝ For more help for the Missionary Home building project.
- ✝ For progress in the Soli Bible translation project Ken is helping to guide via email.