



IAM YOUTH ABLAZE

A Ministry of International Accelerated Missions



MAY 2009

A Decade of Service

It has been ten years since God began IAM Youth Ablaze! He has been so faithful in guiding us as we have labored to help raise up a generation to serve Him in the Nations. All the while the Lord has been faithful to His promise:

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them. I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These things I will do; I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16

It all began in 1997 when God gave a vision of young people—first one, then two, then three and then a multitude—who were illuminated by the presence of the Holy Spirit and piercing the darkness, which then disappeared. All the while the unspoken words, "piercing the darkness" reiterated in my spirit. I, and many others, have been privileged to be a part of this work since 1999.

Anniversaries cause us to reflect on the past—looking at where we've gone and all that has happened. The Lord has given us the opportunity to equip and

mobilize teams into many countries to share the Gospel. Many lives were impacted as we traveled to Mexico, Romania, Russia, Peru, India and Africa. We also enjoyed working with churches in the Capital District to minister to the children of the inner city. We have seen Him multiply food, calm the seas of India, heal the blind and care for the fatherless. We have also seen Him draw teenagers close to His heart during Boot Camp Experiences and watched Him change their hearts for the Nations. Many of these young people are now working to advance the Kingdom in full time mission work partly as a result of the time they spent on the mission field with us. So many lives changed!

The last two years have been especially exciting one for us as He has birthed two new areas of ministry for IAM Youth Ablaze to be involved in...

IAM Youth Ablaze East Africa Base

It has been a blessing to watch Him establish a base in Uganda through the answered call of Jesse & Rachelle Digges. They have begun an intensive discipleship program to equip and mobilize young adults of East Africa to GO and share the Gospel with the Muslim world and the unreached people groups of Africa. This fall another couple, Jim and Jen Waltersdorf along with their two children,

will join the Digges to labor for the end-time harvest.

Refiner's Fire Ministry

A ministry that finds us partnering with Our Savior's Lutheran Middle School. We worked with 17 students all year long to mobilize and equip them to share Christ's message of love and salvation to the children living in Albany's inner city. We watched as they journeyed to a deeper level of intimacy with God through worship and prayer. It was a blessing to see their love for Jesus and to better understand the struggle they have to walk uprightly before Him in a culture that is opposed to such a lifestyle. We are looking forward to next year and all God will do through these students.

Thank you for your continued partnership in equipping and mobilizing this generation to love Jesus and to fulfill the Great Commission. We are privileged to be laboring with you and are blessed by your prayers and financial support. We want you to know you have made a great impact in the lives of teenagers and children across the world! Please continue to labor with us as He takes us on new and unfamiliar paths that I pray we will always follow, no matter the cost.

Let's celebrate in a prayer of thanksgiving for all God has done!

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Summer 2009 Plans

I, along with Ashley Hebert, will spend about five weeks in Uganda helping Jesse and Rachelle with the Internship Program. They will travel to Kampala, the Capital of Uganda, to deliver their second baby—a little girl. I will facilitate the daily operation of the Program and teach parts of the curriculum as well as help host visiting teams. We will also have many opportunities to minister to the children of Smile Africa Ministries who feed and bathe over 400 children every day! Please keep us in your prayers.

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UGANDA UPDATE ... YOUTH ABLAZE INTERNSHIP

We are in the states at this time enjoying time with our families and also the ability to fellowship with believers while we are home.

Before we left Uganda, we took the entire team to Gulu and Kitgum, towns of northern Uganda that were afflicted by the war with the 'Lord's Resistance Army'. There we met with missionaries who are running a house of prayer. We become deeply connected with a couple who have the same exact vision God has given us for seeing strategic missions bases for training and sending native missionaries to North Africa out of the context of day and night prayer. We spent five days in Kitgum, a town about a 45 minute drive from the Sudanese border, helping to establish the foundation for a 24 hour house of prayer. The Lord spoke to a pastor during his 40 day fast that He was establishing a "Global revival prayer network."

Our team spent time in prayer with the believers, teaching on worship and intercession, doing door-to-door evangelism. This first group of students have completed the first term of the first year of the YA Internship, and we are very pleased! Praise God! Everyone has gone home now to spend the 'holiday' with family and school will resume with the 2nd term beginning in July.

I am convinced that this is the last hour and that prayer (the intimate union, communion of the soul with the Lord Jesus by the Holy Spirit) is the key. It is the key to bringing in the last and greatest harvest of souls the world has ever known. Prayer is also essential for a prepared life and an intimate walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer is about opening up and yielding your life to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, that He might release His mighty grace into

your spirit. This will enable you to stand in the time of great trial and lawlessness that is coming upon the earth. Jesus warned us about this hour in Luke 21 and told us what to do: "Stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." As you read this make a commitment to dedicate your life in prayer. Spend time every day waiting upon the Holy Spirit, listen for His voice, and intercede for the nations to be saved. Wherever people are gathering to pray join them, if they are not gathering, gather them or get involved with a local house of prayer.

We are in the States now for the next two months and are traveling to different places to talk about the ministry and what God is doing. If you would like us to visit your church and or family please contact the IAM Youth Ablaze office. We love you and thank you for all your support and love.



UPCOMING EVENTS

UGANDA TRIP	JULY 26-AUG 29
REFINER'S FIRE MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE	SEPT 26, 2009
IAM BANQUET	OCT 23, 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTACT OUR OFFICE
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PRAYER FOR NORTH KOREA

We must pray that the church at large will be ready when North Korea is set free from its tyranny. I recently read that Loren Cunningham spoke to the South Korean church about being ready. Loren, who is the founder of YWAM, shared that two years before the Berlin Wall fell, God had spoken to him that the Wall would fall and the Church needed to get ready. He shared this word with many, but his word was not heeded. The Wall fell two years later and the Church, unfortunately, was not ready. Though millions in the former Soviet Union did hear the Gospel, hundreds of millions did not. Though the Church sent millions of Bibles into Russia, they could not accommodate the Russian government's request to provide a Bible for every student in Russia. The church was just not prepared. Loren Cunningham is now warning the church in South Korea to learn from this and get ready. He believes the reason God has kept North Korea closed is that the Church is not ready. He outlined a plan for the Church:

- ★ Recruit teams to collect and store Bibles now so they can be delivered to every household in North Korea.
- ★ Be ready to plant a community of believers in every village of North Korea
- ★ Begin training and equipping teams now.

Lets pray for the church to be ready and for the youth of North Korea to encounter Christ now!