

Heart Lifting Ministries

Doug & Donna Lowery

New York Summer Evangelism Team 2008

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Back: Sherif Ezzelarb, Donna & Doug Lowery

Middle: Dan & Maggy Klaus & Havilah

Front: April Logan, Rachel Fugate, Jessica Sullivan



It's hard to believe that *NYSET* 2008 is already over! We gear up for it all year and then it goes so quickly. We praise the Lord for the great team He gave us this summer. They all have a heart for God and His work and were willing and **flexible** (our key word for this ministry) to do whatever they were asked. We worked in Corona, Queens; Port Washington, Long Island; Yonkers; Washington Heights, Manhattan; back to Corona; Franklin Square, Long Island; Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, then back to Queens where we helped with a new church plant. This summer gave the young adults a real sense of working with a variety of types of people: many nationalities of Hispanics, Russian, Jewish, European, Jamaican, and various others. It is wonderful to be able to tell people that the

gospel is for every nation! I had the joy of sharing the truths of Christ with an elderly Jewish woman who was a survivor of Auschwitz. Much of what we do is planting seed and often we are able to see someone come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is a blessing to help encourage these inner-city churches.

Our team members came from Bob Jones University, Ambassador Baptist College, Maranatha Baptist Bible College and Pillsbury Baptist College. Please pray for us as we recruit at these and other Bible colleges this fall, that God will lay *NYSET* on the hearts of those He wants to join us next summer. To our delight, we had a musical team. Several played piano and three provided clarinet trios. It was great to have a 4-part ensemble to provide special music each week. Dan and Maggy Klaus plan to begin deputation soon to go to New York City as missionaries. April Logan is staying in the city to help with a new church plant in Queens. She just secured a position with a hospital in the Bronx as an emergency room nurse. Jessica Sullivan graduated from Ambassador Baptist College and is seeking God's will for her future. Rachel Fugate returns for her senior year at Pillsbury Baptist Bible College as a Missions major. Sherif Ezzelarb (a former Muslim) returns to Bob Jones University as a Criminal Justice major and plans to eventually join the NYC police force. Please check our blog for many more pictures of this summer's activities: www.nyset.blogspot.com.

One Day at a Time

We had our home in Wisconsin ready to put on the market for sale before we left for New York in the early summer. A couple of weeks later, we had a minor flood in our basement when heavy rain flooded several Wisconsin counties. Relatives and friends have come to our aid (we are so grateful!) while we were away by getting rid of the water and mold, re-landscaping, getting rid of the water-logged carpet, replacing drywall and insulation, emptying dehumidifiers, etc. It has taken all summer to get it ready once again to be able to show. We would like to have already moved to South Carolina, but the Lord knows the perfect timing for that. We are praying that we will not have to maintain the house in the winter months with no renters to look after it. In the meantime, we continue to give it over to the Lord as we go on with His ministry. It has been a challenge to push it to the back of our minds while so far away, but we know that God is in control of the timing in this "buyer's market."

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A New Supporting Church

We are thankful that East Delavan Baptist Church (Pastor Steve Hollenbeck) in Delavan, Wisconsin has taken us on for support. The astronomical rise in gas prices alone is making it more necessary to raise more support. Some of our weeks in New York necessitated much driving because of transporting team members to and from their housing. We put on over 2,000 miles in 8 weeks this summer. We worked with two new churches and one re-established church this year that were mission weeks for all of us. We are open to participate in Missions Conferences or just come and present our work anytime under Open Door Baptist Missions. Please contact us by phone or e-mail. Again, for anyone led to give a one-time gift or monthly support (above the tithe to your local church), make your checks payable to Open Door Baptist Mission (address at the bottom of previous page) and designate them for Doug and Donna Lowery on the Memo line of the check. They will mail you a tax-deductible receipt.

Upcoming Meetings through November (By the way, this schedule marks the beginning of our 7th year!)

8/31 – 9/4	Mentor, OH	Bible Community Church	Pastor Joshua Scheiderer
9/7 – 9/10	West Middletown, PA	Grace Bible Church	Pastor Steve Spence
9/14 – 9/17	Pottstown, PA	Calvary Baptist Church	Pastor James Spears
9/21 – 9/25	Roulette, PA	First Baptist Church	Pastor Marty Montgomery
9/28	Baden, PA	Fellowship Baptist Church	Pastor Bob Harrison
10/5 & 10/12	OPEN		
October 6 th and 7 th	we are at a log cabin in the Pigeon Forge, TN area!		First break since NYSET ended
10/8	Forest City, NC	Tri-City Baptist Church	Pastor David Cummins
10/26 – 10/30	Fairfield, CA	Berean Baptist Church	Pastor Art Zacher
11/2 – 11/6	Sahuarita, AZ	Cornerstone Baptist Church	Pastor John Leonard
11/9 – 11/12	Woodville, WI	First Baptist Church	Pastor Dennis Tapp
11/16	Wild Rose, WI	Wild Rose Baptist Church	Pastor Scott Jones
11/23	Delavan, WI	East Delavan Baptist Church	Pastor Steve Hollenbeck
11/30	OPEN	(Besides this 6-state schedule, we are scheduled or arranging to recruit for NYSET 2009 at 10 Bible colleges this fall and winter in WV, TN, NC, SC, WI, MN & FL!)	

Newsletter by E-Mail

Many have given us their e-mail address to receive our prayer letters this way. **If you haven't yet e-mailed us with your e-mail address, please do so!** (heartliftingministries@yahoo.com) This will save a great deal of postage. We want to extend a hearty thank you to Pastor Sawyer and the people of Faith Baptist in Queens for doing our prayer letter these first six years of our itinerant ministry. Morningside Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina, is now helping us with this project. Our most recent prayer letter will always be posted on our website also, which is www.heartlifting.org.

Family News

Our family is growing! Son Danny and his wife, Krissy, have just heard from their adoption agency regarding adopting another infant son from Ethiopia to join two-year-old Caleb. We are so thrilled that they have chosen to make a home for these little ones. Our youngest daughter, Darla, and husband, Jeff French, are expecting their first child next April. Our oldest grandchildren (Deann's) are 12 (Ryan) and 10 (Brittany) in Madison, WI. Dawn's two are now 6 (Sophia) and 4 (Anthony) in Pottstown, PA. It is a blessing to be able to visit with family as we travel. We are all planning to meet for Thanksgiving at Deann and Scott MacPherson's in Madison this year. News Flash—Doug turned 60 on September 3rd. That's hard to believe! We want to continue giving our Savior our service as long as we are able!! Retirement is not part of any of our plans.

We are so grateful to God for your prayers and financial support. Pray for God's power and blessing to rest upon us. We all need to praying for the upcoming presidential elections at this critical time in our nation. May we all be praying for believers to meet the conditions of 2 Chronicles 7:14, so God can heal our land!