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Summer Newsletter for *Heart Lifting Ministries*

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Dear Friends & Intercessors,

The pilot just said that we are at an altitude of 37,000 feet on our flight from Dallas to Philadelphia—so I guess this is, without a doubt, the loftiest prayer letter I've ever written! Everyone around me is asleep and Donna doesn't need to hear the Gospel, so I will take this flight time to give you an exciting report of our summer ministry. But first, let me say we just had a wonderful week with Jeff and Darla (our youngest daughter) French, and our beautiful, newest grand baby, Ella Grace. It was a great family time and a week of total rest and relaxation! Praise the Lord for those times.



NYSET 2009 has come to a close already! God gave us a fantastic team, all full of enthusiasm for serving the Lord. Each team member contributed in significant ways, using their various talents to blend together in an amazing way. I won't go all the way to Z, but let me alphabetize some adjectives for this year's team: aggressive, bold and compassionate in their soulwinning, and diligent, enthusiastic and flexible in their service to Christ and the churches we worked with this summer. It was our largest team thus far, and from the widest spectrum of states (WI, MO, VA, TN, GA, and the nation of Northern Ireland) and Bible Colleges (Ambassador Baptist College, Bob Jones University, Crown College of the Bible, Maranatha Baptist Bible College & Northland International University).

You won't believe how eventful the summer was! Space will not allow for details, so I will just list them: my wallet was lost or stolen while on the subway in Brooklyn (we were able to block all credit cards); while in Yonkers we survived 85 to 100 mph winds, but worked from midnight to 4:30 a.m. bailing water out of the church and parsonage basements—and spent many hours the next two days cleaning up all the debris (3 cars down the street were crushed by fallen trees); a young lady on the team was hospitalized with two surgeries (including the removal of her gall bladder), Dan Klaus (my assistant this summer) had a flat tire and had to get a new battery for his car; one of our young men was sick the last few weeks and was diagnosed with Crohn's disease; and I stumbled in the dark because of a hole in someone's lawn, and sprained both my ankles just two days before the arrival of 24 folks from Calvary Baptist in Pottstown, PA. And, those are just some of the highlights. These events remind me of a verse in 1st Corinthians 16:9, *For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.* Satan opposed our evangelistic outreach, but God greatly blessed and overruled all through the 8 ½ weeks we were together. **There were more souls saved this summer than any of the past 5 years of NYSET.** And, we worked with more churches this year—10 (3 in Brooklyn, 3 in Queens, 3 in Long Island, and 1 in Yonkers).

Front row—from left to right: Jess Lane, Jessica Ormerod, Donna, Havilah and Maggy Klaus, and Rachel Moline

Second row—from left to right: Jimmy Noreau, Jonny Ormerod, Doug, Dan Klaus, and Paul Hudson

For more pictures (and even video clips of NYSET 2009) go to www.nyset.blogspot.com. When you scroll down to the bottom of each page, it will say “Older Posts” or “Newer Posts”—click on that to see more pages. The team did a good job of capturing the events of the summer in pictures. (Their generation has the savvy for all this techno stuff.)



You'll see pictures of training in Gospel art by missionary David Tinsley, pictures of street meetings, children's meetings, soulwinning efforts, work projects, as well as fun times together and many great shots of the City. Now, pray for Donna and me as we start all over again in our recruiting efforts for NYSET 2010. This school year we will have the help of Dan and Maggy Klaus as they begin full-time deputation to be of help to church planters in NYC. They will be going to several schools for us this year that our itinerary won't allow us to get to. By the way, they are going to team up with us in late April and all of May next year as we minister in several churches in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. They have a great website: www.urbanburden.com. Click on *Deputation Information* to see their excellent DVD presentation. That's all the space I can give to NYSET here (I need 2 more pages), so let's move on to some major praises and prayer requests.

Praises After our house being on the market since May of 2008, we finally have a solid buyer. In fact, this just all transpired the week we were in Allen, TX. As you know, the housing market is doing poorly right now. We took a hit of \$25,000 less than the appraised value of the house. Many others have lost their homes during these hard economic times. (Read Habakkuk 3:17 and 18) We are supposed to close before the end of October. Secondly, we want to thank the Lord for an excellent itinerary this fall! You may remember in our last letter, I reported that we had our fewest number of multiple-day meetings during the months of January to May—only 3 (the rest were one-day meetings)! At this point, from August 30th, through early November, we are in 11 churches (WI, IL, KS, PA) and they are all from two to six-day meetings! Also, our spring schedule is filling in nicely as we are planning a trip to several western states.

Prayer Requests Please pray for everything to go through with the sale of our Waterloo, WI, house and for all the details of our move and finding a new home in South Carolina. Pray that the Lord will use us in every church we go—for souls to be saved and believers to be revived, edified and challenged to live for Jesus Christ. Pray with us for more supporting churches and special gifts to come in for NYSET and our itinerant ministry. We would like to have a new music CD recorded and produced in the near future; please pray for the time and money for that project. Last, pray with us for God's provision of our next vehicle. We are looking for an 8-cylinder, low-mileage, used vehicle built on a truck frame (like a Yukon, Tahoe, or Suburban). Our Dodge mini-van is holding up well even with 157,000 miles on it, but it strains pulling our cargo trailer up hills. Thank you so much for your prayers!

Doug & Donna Lowery

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