



LAMB International

LEADERSHIP ACTIVATING MINISTRY

February 25, 2011

Barrie, Ontario, Canada

LAMB International Canada conducted its annual Board meeting this month. The board members of LAMB International Canada are: Lynn Johnston, Karen Rayner, Keith Carson, Glen Pitts, Deb Wilkes and Harvey Quinn.

This journal consists of an abbreviated report from that meeting. It will give our supporters an idea of the broad range of activities and partnerships that LAMB is involved in. It will also provide a look at our plans for 2011 as well as future opportunities for ministry. In addition to this, it includes a brief look at the persons that make up our core team of workers.



Annual Meeting

February 19, 2011

Reports and Upcoming Activities of LAMB

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Kyrgyzstan

Dayspring Family Life Resource Center

UPDATE: This project is being managed by LAMB International. We are the primary financial resource for Dayspring. We will eventually move more and more of the program to be managed by nationals and bring more and more diverse funders to the project. It is the goal of LAMB to open two additional homes; Morning Star and Jeremiah House. Morning Star will house 10 children like Dayspring. Jeremiah House will be an independent living project for the graduating orphans.

Dayspring is a pilot project to bring 10 children into care and find permanency for them through reunification with their birth families, kinship care or adoption. We will be doing training in the home in several very critical areas:

- Training crisis families in parenting skills
- Training the permanency families we find
- Training youth in Life Skills
- Training volunteers who want to work with children in the orphanages
- Etc.

We will be working closely with the Russian Church in Tokmok. This is the church who will be the project manager eventually. Most of our efforts to get

volunteers will be done with this church.

2011: We will complete the registration process in March, bring children in right after completion of this registration and have our GRAND OPENING in April.

Chinese Church

UPDATE: We have been working with this small church from the beginning of our entry into Tokmok. We attend this church and our team members often preach here. In addition – members of our short-term team mission teams are often asked to preach.

2011: We will continue to do the same as above.

Russian Church

UPDATE: We work closely with this church, helping in leadership training, cell groups, preaching, etc. This church is the covering for Dayspring. Pastor Sasha from the church is on our Dayspring Board of Directors.

2011: We will continue working with them just as before. In addition, we will develop volunteer committees from the church to help with Dayspring. We also hope to get our third staff person from the church – this will be our Child Advocate for Dayspring.

Kemin Seniors Home

UPDATE: It is with a certain sadness in our hearts that we report the passing of some of our seniors over the winter, often the price of very difficult pasts. [reported on the LAMb blog]. We have done much for this home – remodeling, lots of furniture purchased, a new heating system in the upstairs, heating in the downstairs, clothing, food and lots of time spent with them.

2011: We look forward to serving them again this year, cooking for them, listening to them and encouraging them. We still have some unfinished projects there: the construction of a medical room and the construction of a small chapel. We expect to get these into motion shortly after we arrive.

Lepta Plus

UPDATE: We use this organization to help distribute goods and services. This organization is part of Loads of Love and we work closely with them. They are registered in Kyrgyzstan.

2011: We will continue to work with them having them work to carry out projects for us from time to time.

Iskra – Men’s Invalid Home

UPDATE: A few of the men from the home went to the dump at Christmas to minister and share with the folks that live at the dump. We are greatly encouraged with that outreach and with their activity in the ‘painting’ and craft

cottage industry that we were able facilitate. This cottage industry was set up by LAMb and will continue to generate some funds for them to continue getting supplies and resources to work with. We have also set up a Barber Shop, bought flooring, paint and other supplies for them to remodel rooms in the building.

2011: We are looking at other 'industries' that they could be involved with. As their Bible studies continue, we understand that several more men (perhaps 7) have come to know Christ and are requesting baptism. We will do our best to facilitate that during the two weeks that Pastor Ken from Dayspring Ministries in Ohio is joining us for the opening of our Dayspring project.

Orphanages

UPDATE: We work with several orphanages in the area – taking needed items, and working directly with the children. We help in completing Life Books, do training for orphanage staff, take teams in to spend time with the children and take them on outings for special treats.

2011: We will continue working with the orphanages and doing the same as above.

Mercy Foundation

UPDATE: John and Christa Tsai, president of MF, returned to Kyrgyzstan last week and we sent out a copy of their current prayer letter as information about the situation there. The situation there has continued to get worse. We had a team there from Mapleview in the spring and that is when the revolution broke out. We work with MCCF in many ways: leadership training, organizational development, coaching, counseling, and as prayer partners. We also conduct most morning devotions when we are there.

Lynn is also a Board Member for CASA in the United States – which is a fundraising only organization for MCCF.

2011: We will continue to partner with Mercy Foundation in encouraging and training where appropriate. We will continue to be part of their morning devotions, sharing and teaching the Word of God. We will also use the facilities at Mercy Foundation to house/feed team members.

International University of Central Asia

UPDATE: IUCA was started by MCCF. We partner with MCCF; therefore, we partner with IUCA. We were involved with many different parts of the University. Team members are visiting instructors, lecturers, teaching English as a second language and many other areas. We offer counseling services to the students as well.

2011: We plan to continue working with them as we have in the past. In addition, Ruby has been asked to join the University Board of Directors. This will be put to a vote at the annual meeting in April.

Seminary

UPDATE: We have been asked by Mercy Foundation Founder , Elder Yang, to put together a model for the development of a Seminary in Tokmok.

2011: Pastor David and Lynn have been working on this and will continue to prepare a draft plan for review at the CASA Board meeting on April 8, 2011 in Tokmok

Bishkek Humanitarian University

UPDATE: We have been actively working with the University for several years. We have initiated and conducted a lecture series with guest lecturers from Tomsk, Russia, Anchorage, Alaska, Atlanta, Georgia and, of course, our own team as well. In addition, we have organized lecturers from Kyrgyzstan to lecture for the University. We are in a joint project with them to bring a year certification course into the University which will offer a specialization in child welfare. We have also started a project to bring a learning lab to the University for the students in the Social Work Department.

2011: We have three persons we have invited to continue helping with this project. We recommended two for Fulbright Scholarship application – they both were accepted. This will cover their costs. The third person is from Tomsk University and joined us in 2010 and will join us as needed in 2011. We sponsored her.

SOS Children's Villages

UPDATE: We have been doing training for this organization in the area of child welfare. SOS Children's Villages is an international program that is active in many different countries. We are working with them to strengthen their Kyrgyz national staff.

2011: We will continue to conduct Child Welfare Training for the social workers of this organization this year. Presently we have four additional training venues set for them for 2011. This continues to present a powerful opportunity to share best practice in child welfare while bringing God's Word and love to workers who are feeling the pressures of the realities of this poor country.

Child Rights Defenders League

UPDATE: We have been working with this organization to change the focus of orphanage care; attempting to find a way to keep a gate closed to children entering orphanages. CRDL is a leader of this initiative. We provide resources to them. We have given them lots of printed material, are involved in writing for their publications and books, have attended round tables and have been requested to provide training for them. In addition, we brought three of their staff to Ukraine to see some of the projects there that are helping to keep children out of the orphanages.

2011: We will work with them in an effort to take more of their staff to Ukraine in

March. We have applied for a grant through ILDC for this purpose and will likely get this. The second part of the grant is to conduct a conference in Kyrgyzstan to bring together key leadership to work on ways to stop the flow of children into orphanages.

ILDC - Kyrgyzstan

UPDATE: The International Learning and Development Center is the legal channel in Kyrgyzstan in which we can work and be in the country. They are our inviting organization and our “cover” organization. Natasha is the Country Director for ILDC in Kyrgyzstan. It is a non-governmental social organization developed to conduct humanitarian aid, training and consultation in KG. This is the most critical arm of LAMB International in Kyrgyzstan.

2011: We will continue to work with them as in the past.

Tokmok Baby Home

UPDATE: We have worked closely with this Baby Home. They have over 100 children and about 90 staff. We have been a resource for diapers, clothing, medical supplies, food and training. We also have completed a training of trainers for the director and social worker of the hospital in the area of adoption for prospective parents. We completed 5 prospective adoptive parent courses in 2010.

2011: We expect to continue offering this training at the Baby Home or at Dayspring. Dr. Tatiana (director), Lena (social worker), Natasha (our staff) and Janel (city social worker) are all trained to conduct this training. We will continue to support this. In addition we will continue to do more of the above.

Tokmok Children’s Hospital

UPDATE: Last year we completed a new kitchen, remodeled the entire wing of the maternity unit and brought in new equipment. We also named an abandoned baby – Melana Grace, who has now been adopted.

2011: We will continue to help this hospital.

Dr. Jitsun – Hospital

UPDATE: We continue to bring medical supplies and aid to this hospital. We have provided huge amounts of medical supplies that were donated from Med Wish of Cleveland, Ohio. In addition we took them a new EKG/Defibrillator. We had Dr. Jordan Greenbaum teach them how to use this. We also took a supply of intubators over for them to replace their rusty hanger they were intubating with.

2011: We will continue to work with this hospital by taking aid or having teams bring aid over.

Hymanot Family

UPDATE: Hymanot and his family continue to survive in the midst of continual challenges and persecution. He serves us and our team as a faithful and reliable driver. His latest request was for vitamins for his children. We help him by providing him with work, occasional food and nice tips. We have a sponsor to help him get his family out of Kyrgyzstan.

2011: We are committed to helping him in what ways we can as he has been seeking a way to move his family to a country of safety. In response to the blog, we expect to be receiving vitamins next week and look forward to taking those to him.

Jessica's Family

UPDATE: This small Muslim family has been faithful with the work the Mapleview team did in making over their apartment, which was done in the Spring of 2010. The Mom and children [Dad at least once] have been attending the Chinese church at Mercy Foundation. We occasionally bless them with food drops.

2011: We are examining the feasibility of having water installed in their apartment and will continue to monitor their progress, encourage them and supply occasional food drops. We believe this family will be the opening for more to come to Christ in the building in which they live.

Ukraine

ILDC - Ukraine

UPDATE: The International Leadership and Development Center is a non-governmental social organization that was started for the purpose of conducting work in Ukraine. It is the "hub" through which we conduct our activities. Along with ILDC – Kyrgyzstan, we co-founded this NGO. It is central to our work in Ukraine.

2011: We will continue to support and work through this organization in Ukraine.

Alliance – Ukraine Without Orphans

UPDATE: We work closely with this organization to do gate keeping for the orphanages. We have been part of their conference, helped through consultation and organizational development. This Christian organization is made up of many different organizations – LAMb, ILDC being some.

2011: We will conduct training for them in 2011; leadership training, strategic planning, and training in the area of networking for the different churches that are working together out in the different regions.

Baby Hospital – Krivoy Rog

UPDATE: We have been a major supporter of the food for the babies in the past.

Our role has been replaced by an organization which saw the need when visiting with another ministry team. However, recently we have discovered they have been in need again. We have purchased lots for them – medical equipment, washing machines, refrigerators, food, clothing and diapers.

2011: We will look for additional sponsors for their ongoing needs.

Home for Disabled Children – Krivoy Rog

UPDATE: We built them a \$17,000 balcony so the children who live on the second floor could be out of doors. In addition, we have supplied them with lots of clothing, toys, etc.

2011: We have no specific plans for 2011 for this organization.

Bari Oglie – Home for the Disabled

UPDATE: With this home, we have taken in lots of supplies for the kitchen, bedding, mattresses, clothing food and other supplies. Most recently we sent an order of food out to them.

2011: We s have no immediate plans for working with them in 2011.

Petihoskie Church

UPDATE: After visiting this church in January and seeing their stewardship and commitment illustrated in growth and determination to make a difference, we examined ways we can encourage/help them. The church they are in was purchased for them by our Mapleview Team in 2006.

2011: Arrange a two day conference on discipleship/leadership for June 17 &18.

Church of Praise

UPDATE: We continue to minister here whenever we are in Krivoy Rog. We teach at the Bible School, preach in the services and conduct training sessions for the leadership and membership of the church.

2011: We have no immediate plans for this church.

Churches in Dnipertroske, Poltava, Kherson

UPDATE: We have served them for several years, but had no activity in 2010.

2011: Looking at the possibility of visiting Pastor Sergey's church in Kherson and doing a day or two of training during the week of June 14th.

CBN

UPDATE: This is one of our major partners in Ukraine. Together we published several thousand sets of the Life Skill Books and personally have trained over 600 trainers to deliver the training to youth getting ready to graduate from the orphanages. We partner with them in many different ways.

2011: They will continue to be one of our major partners in Ukraine.

Partnership 4 Every Child

UPDATE: This organization is instrumental in developing a gate keeping project for those who might otherwise have gone to the orphanages. With partnership from Institute for Human Services in Ohio, we trained all their trainers and consulted with them around the issues of best practice for children and families.

2011: We are planning to conduct more training for them in 2011, plus speaking at their conference in the Fall of 2011.

Kiev City Social Services

UPDATE: We have worked closely with Nickolai Kuleba (now director of KCSS) for years. He is a fine Christian man now in government leadership. We work closely with him in providing quality best practice training in the area of leadership and issues around children and family.

2011: We plan to continue working with him and his team as needed.

Kiev Children's Center

UPDATE: This is an offshoot of Nickolai Kuleba's government role. This NGO is a Christian organization helping families who are at risk, finding adoptive families and working to keep children out of orphanages. We are consultants to them, conduct training with them and are a resource for printed materials for them.

2011: We plan to continue doing the same.

Father's House

UPDATE: We have worked with this Christian organization for years. We support staff, conduct planning sessions, training and consultation. We are a resource for printed materials as well. We conduct morning devotions when living there.

2011: We will continue helping them in whatever way we can over the next year.

State Social Services

UPDATE: We have conducted several national events for this government arm of the Ministry of Children, Youth and Sport. Most of our work with them has been training and consultation.

2011: We have several training events scheduled with them in 2011.

State Children's Services

UPDATE: In 2011 we conducted training for all the national adoption leaders in the country. This was a "mandated" training for both us and for them. Interesting how it happened, but was so God directed. We could NEVER have orchestrated this. This is the second arm of the Ministry of Children Youth and Sport.

2011: We will continue to keep available to this arm of government.

Other Countries

In addition to the above activities and locations, we have activities and invitations for ministry in various stages of prayer and planning for the following countries: Canada, USA, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Siberia, Russia, Poland, Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, New Zealand and Brazil

Mission Trips

UPDATE: We have several groups scheduled to join us in 2011 and are considering organizing an additional two more specific mission teams for 2011.

Group 1: Dr. Jordan Greenbaum, (forensic pathologist) from Atlanta, Georgia and Chris Tappan from Concord, New Hampshire will be traveling over to KG in April to stay for about three weeks to work with us on several different projects: IUCA, BHU and our Dayspring project. Both have been to KG with us in the past. Both have been accepted as Fulbright Scholars.

Group 2: Pastor Ken Day and his wife Jackie, Randy and Kim Gebele (Lynn & Ruby's daughter and son-in-law) are joining us in April for two weeks to help open Dayspring and to work alongside of us on our projects. Pastor Ken Day and Randy will be preaching and helping us with cell groups, men's ministry. Jackie and Kim will be speakers at the Woman's Conference we are organizing for women in the Tokmok area.

Group 3: Projected team for October to Kyrgyzstan, likely a team from Canada.

Group 4: Projected team for December to Ukraine or Kyrgyzstan – to work with us, likely a team from Ohio and likely a social worker team.

Team Members 2011

Don and Johanna Buchman – Co-founders of LAMb

Continuing supporting the ministry – conduct the work of the research, publishing the journal and our right arm in all our decision, activities and future planning of LAMb International Canada and the future of LAMb International USA.

Lynn and Ruby Johnston – Co-founders of LAMb

Full time missionaries for LAMb International. Will continue coordinating activities of LAMb management team. Will travel to Kyrgyzstan a minimum of two times in 2011. Will be traveling to Ukraine a minimum of four times in 2011. Plans to travel to Africa in the fall of 2011. Will travel to Siberia and Russia in the summer or early fall of 2011. Other destinations could surface as ministry develops. Will potentially conduct two mission trips this year – depending on interest and time available by members of the management team.

Pastor David and Jayne Schooler

Full time missionaries for LAMb International. Live in the US – and will be working with us in Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine. They will travel a minimum of twice to Kyrgyzstan each year and a minimum of twice each year to Ukraine. Both are on the Kyrgyzstan ILDC Board of Directors.

They are responsible for raising their own funds – activities can be supported by LAMb general funds when needed or decided.

John and Julie Wright and Bekah

Full time missionaries for LAMb International. John is an employee for LAMb. Julie is his wife and is official as our missionary. They will travel as a family to Kyrgyzstan at a minimum of two times a year and will travel to the US a minimum of two times a year to raise funds for the mission work they do.

Emma Wright

Emma is an agent of LAMb International and will be on staff at Dayspring starting in March, 2011. Emma will be in Kyrgyzstan from March to December 2011.

Pastor Glen and Jeanette Pitts

Missionaries for LAMb International. They are our newest members of our management team. They will be heading up the Barnabas Group and more. Details to be announced in the journal, blog and website soon.

Monica Conway

A member of the management team – Monica is involved in PR for LAMb. She is our primary supporter of publishing of materials. She is the designer and funder of the 10,000 brochures recently printed for Dayspring.

Cathy Locke

A former board member, now a member of the management team. Cathy is working on fundraising for LAMb.

Kathy Hallick

A trainer for LAMb. Kathy has traveled to Ukraine over 10 times for LAMb International. In the beginning, she paid her own way – later times we have covered her costs.

Randy and Kim Gebele

Randy and Kim coordinate our activities in the US. It is their church where we minister most in the U.S.

Adam and Jennifer Buchman

Adam and Jenny manage our face book account which promotes LAMb International activities.

Caroline Grewell

Caroline helps in writing and editing of our written materials. She is a tech writer and a valuable asset to our management team.

Natasha Zanina

Natasha is our Country Director for ILDC in Kyrgyzstan.

Pat Birch

Pat is our researcher and our team/activity supporter.