



LAMB International

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GLEN PITTS

BREAKING NEWS – Pastor Glen R. Pitts has joined our team!

Glen is an ordained minister and seasoned veteran with over forty-four years in Christian ministry. Among other leadership positions Glen has served as International Vice President of Every Home for Christ, Executive Director of Cities of the World (Campus Crusade for Christ), and National Director of The Canadian Bible Society. His various roles have taken him to over 100 countries around the world. Glen is recognized among his peers as a visionary leader and proven catalyst for new initiatives.

While classified as semi-retired, Glen continues to work as a part-time pastoral associate at Mapleview Community Church in Barrie, informal consultant to many, and an active member on three mission boards.

Glen is founder and lead facilitator of “The Barnabas Group” that exists to issue a peer-to-peer lifestyle challenge for followers of Jesus to join with others in the encouragement and support of significant, but under-funded Christian workers and initiatives around the world.

Glen lives in Barrie, Ontario (Canada) with Janette, his wife of 44 years. He can be found riding the back roads of Ontario on his Honda VTX Motorcycle in the warm summer months. He and Janette have two married sons and four grandchildren. Glen is Vice Chair for LAMB International Canada.

WELCOME GLEN PITTS: LAMB International welcomes Pastor Pitts to the team and we look forward to serving together with you in the field.



MORE BREAKNG NEWS – U.S. Charitable Status is ready for issuing says the I.R.S. of the United States. Stay tuned for that final announcement!

Our co-founders have been hard at work getting this process completed and just this week we have received word from the U.S. I.R.S. we are within two weeks of being recommended for approval – all is complete and it will only need a supervisor's approval. We are thrilled as this expands our capacity.

And what does this mean? Stay tuned for more breaking news soon.



KYRGYZSTAN NEWS



Dayspring Family Life Resource Center Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan

Grand Opening – April 12, 2011

SPONSORED BY: LAMb International

VISION:

To provide hope, a family and a future of permanency for orphaned children of Kyrgyzstan.

MISSION: Dayspring Family Resource Center will work with local government, local authorities and partnering local churches; NGO's and volunteers to meet the needs of orphaned children placed into the Dayspring Family Resource Center. Dayspring will work to ensure children are safe, nurtured and protected as they seek solutions of permanency for each child. Where finding permanency with a family is not possible, each orphaned child will find permanency in the Dayspring program and will be guided to interdependent living.

This mission will be accomplished by ensuring full assessment, Individual Development Plans and reunification strategies are utilized from the day of placement and will continue until the permanency goal is implemented and working in partnership with the community of social work and child welfare.

Dayspring is committed to providing a Christian home that is the most family like, community based, relationship focused program possible.

MODEL STRUCTURE: DS will operate as group home with no more than 10 youth per home, structured as follows:

- DS is committed to the children in the home until their education is complete and they have life skills to sustain them.
- Children will live with the Family Resource Parents as a family, eating together, working together, worshiping together and playing together.
- DS will work to find permanent homes for children; through reunification, kinship care or adoption.
- DS will serve as a National Resource Center for training and information related to child welfare best practice.



We are so grateful to Hands of Hope for sponsoring this project and making Kyrgyzstan one of their outreach projects to protect children from abandonment and harm.

DAYSRING: The opening of the Dayspring Family Life Resource Center will take place on April 12th, 2011. We will be inviting local and national leadership to come and learn about this pilot project. We have been completing the furnishing and the final touches to make the home ready for children. Here is a short description of the project:



Bringing the blankets into Dayspring.

All bedding was made by a former homeless mother with children whom the LAMb Team along with Lepta Plus and Loads of Love helped find a home and return hope and dignity to their lives. The LAMb Team worked with the family and helped them create a “cottage industry” of sewing blankets and mattresses. The same mother made the curtains for Dayspring. This is a great success story from our team members, the Wrights. And finally – the same woman will be doing all the cooking for the snacks at the open house for Dayspring.

Dayspring is fully staffed at this time – Director, Family Resource Parents, Child Advocate, Life Skill Specialist, Interpreters

Our local Russian Church will be the covering for Dayspring and will be working to assume the management of the project – at first bringing volunteers in to help the children with day to day learning and activities. It is our goal that all children will attend the local school operated by Mercy Foundation.

JESSICA’S FAMILY: On our first day back, we attended the Chinese church where we generally go when in Kyrgyzstan and there was our friend Inura and her daughter Myleka. We were all thrilled to see each other. She updated us and told us about their winter and about how she and her husband now attend a Thursday night cell group together at the church. She was so excited to share her news with us. Of course we made plans to visit them soon.

Sadness hit our hearts when we visited them for the first time. Over the winter the roof of the apartment building leaked badly and water drained through the walls and into their kitchen area causing serious black mold. We purchased tools and supplies for them. The father said he was a construction worker and could fix this if he had the supplies. So we got them. And in the process found out more about his skills so guess what:

- He repaired the room – see the pictures (their choice of paint color!)
- We found out he had some good skills.
- He needed a job.
- We needed a helper to work with our hired contractor who was fixing a different home on another project for the LAMb Team.
- We hired him to work with the contractor.
- And we are going to look for sponsors for each of the children to keep them in vitamins, and clothing to meet weather needs.



This family is really trying! We can make a difference in little ways.

KEMIN SENIORS are growing in numbers – there are now 18 total in residence. We have been there several times and have some plans for future activities to help them. We have been able to do the following for them so far:

- Deliver lots of food to restore their empty pantry
- Deliver coal to complete the heating season
- Get the room divided in the large room – giving them a place for a clinic

Yet to do –

- Build a fence around the property to keep out the animals, and the looters that come in at night sometimes breaking their windows
- Additional furniture for their Gift of God Friendship Room (they are using the other tables for the dining room now)

ISKRA Home for Disabled Men: We have been very active there since arriving:

- Parties
- Food delivered
- Floor renovation planned
- Cottage industry checked
- English classes started
- Plans for more renovations, purchasing more items
- And a “dip in the swimming pool” for the men who have asked for this step in their spiritual lives

MERCY FOUNDATION – working with key managers who are the next generation of leadership for the foundation. We are doing coaching with them. We have a fine group of 7 young managers and meet with them several times a week to coach for skill development to help them prepare for their new roles as MF leadership changes.

This Christian organization has five Christian schools, started the International University for Central Asia and is now looking to start a seminary for those persons working in ministry in the country and wanting leadership development and strengthening of their skills in order to carry out the activities of their ministry.

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ASIA – Lots of details here for our team:

- Julie and Bekah are teaching English each week at the University;
- Jayne and David continue teaching on a regular basis;
- Jayne and David continue mentoring students and counseling them;
- David was just honored and elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees;
- Ruby was just voted in as a new member of the Board of Trustees for the University
- We have Dr. Jordan and social worker Peggy coming next month to help in developing a new department with the University – as well as conducting many different seminars around the area



UKRAINE NEWS

ILDC - On a role and really producing training for those working with vulnerable families and children.

- Invited an expert trainer from Switzerland who just started a series of training for working with children who are suffering from trauma
- Starting a leadership training this week for those working with children in different non-governmental organizations
- Training for Father's House helping them with understanding how to develop goals and objectives for their different programs
- Adopt Ukraine – doing lots of presentations to churches to help them understand the plight of the orphan and the need for families
- Adopt Ukraine working with many families helping them walk through the adoption process
- Working to get more Field Guides into the hands of those working with persons who find families for children – making a difference and working to see and realize 2015 – **UKRAINE WITHOUT ORPHANS!**
- Team secured a grant to expand capacity with the Adopt Ukraine project and to publish more Step by Step Booklets as well as doing training to continue building capacity in Ukraine.

Stay tuned for some exciting results for ILDC in the coming months. Also, if you would

like to host one of our staff and have them do a fundraising presentation for a group you have – they will be in the U.S. in May of this year doing just that – Let us know your desires.

EVERY CHILD – Every Child, now know as Partnership for Every Child, conducted a project for “Gatekeeping” - keeping children out of the orphanages. Together with the Institute for Human Services and the International Leadership and Development Center, we conducted a training of trainers which has been a two year process. We started with 36 hopeful trainers and ended up on the 24th of March certifying 23 trainers to conduct all or part of the modules. These trainers will be working across Ukraine to teach others how to work with crisis families – to bring hope and dignity back into their lives and to keep children with families where possible. In addition these workers/trainers will work with key leadership to make changes in the system for children and families. We expect great things from this core team of new trainers. This is NATIONAL CAPACITY BEING BUILT!



CBN WEBSITE “dear ruby column” – The new website for CBN in Ukraine for Parents will have a column and Ruby will be answering the questions along with others. This column will be those questions every parent might ask. It is exciting and fun to be involved in such a project. Have a parenting question? You can address it to “dear ruby” and we will get it in the website and get an expert to answer with their best suggestion for your question.

The Step by Step series of booklets written by the LAMb team will be focused on the website along with other literature that has been translated and distributed in Ukraine and to surrounding countries.

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KYRGYZSTAN

- THE GRAND OPENING OF DAYSPRING
- ISKRA SPIRITUAL GROWTH – WITH PASTOR KEN, RANDY AND OUR TEAM
- TEAM REPORTS; Dr. Jordan and Peggy; Chris, Kim and Randy; Pastor Ken and Jackie.

STAY TUNED