

SUITS & TRAIN

MINISTERING TO THE HEARTS OF MISSIONARY WOMEN

TWIRLING TURKEYS

I was reading an article about ultra orthodox Israeli Jews who had come under criticism for refusing to substitute the real deal in their pre-Yom Kippur Day practice of twirling chickens over their heads.

It seems the chickens are sacrificed for forgiveness and then whipped overhead in celebration. Naturally with the holidays upon us that sensitive voice, "Good thing they weren't big on turkeys."

Being the season of thankfulness and 4am black Fridays, here are some end of the year stats for which you were part of in your partnership with me and my responsibilities at WorldVenture.



Appointee Class Fall 2010



Long term missionary training (2):

23 people appointed to 14 countries.

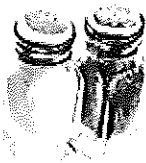
(we're seeing an uptick in the number of appointees)

Appointees leaving for their fields in 2010: 10

Mid-term trainings (3): 26 participants

Partner Development Trainings (2): 18

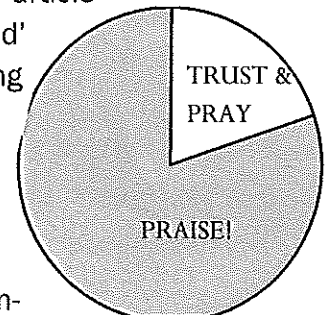
Renewal Conference: 130 attendees



PARTNERSHIP

As it stands now I'll be wrapping up the year realizing about 80% of my support needs for 2010. I recently read another article about an advocacy work with Australian 'hairy-nosed' wombats that received 8,000,000 dollars. 8 mill! So I'm changing our tag line to "Suits & Wombats: Training Furry and Non-Furry Missionaries for the Outback."

In truth we're thankful for the support that has been so generously given over this difficult year and look forward to seeing God's hand at work in 2011. Many of our partners have been impacted by the sluggish economy. Know that our prayers are with you.



A Wombat's natural defense when pursued into its burrow is to suddenly push up it's tough-as-nails backside with its powerful legs, crushing the attacker into the ceiling of the burrow. How cool is that? www.wombania.com

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Thank you for your partnership!

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Prayer

Michael is a high school sophomore this year, which I understand in some states prayer is illegal. Pray for him as he develops friendships, applies his beliefs to his interaction with others, and handles an increase in school expectations. His summer short term trip to Costa Rica continues to impact his thinking about missions.

I'd (Jerry) appreciate your prayers as mission leadership and I explore ways that I can minister to WorldVenture's fields and help implement training in a manner that fosters growth in field driven skill sets.

OUT OF INDIA

Quite frankly, India can be a difficult place to live and serve.

Grinding poverty, social tensions from caste bias, militant religious groups, environmental nightmares and draining heat, it's no wonder a few days at the back-to-back retreats was a place of still waters for 95 plus ladies. The speaker connected with the hearts of the ladies through her talks on three paradoxes found in 1 Thess 1:1-3, Joy & Suffering / Transformation & Sacrifice / Working & Waiting.

Comments from attendees:

"I needed a 'safe place' to cry... grieve... worship... the ladies who came to love on us were amazing and really fostered an environment of safety."

"The big ball of string (anxiety, discouragement, etc) that I didn't know I had, was unraveled through your loving care. Thanks!"



THIS COULD BE YOU! Well, if you're of the fairer gender...

Half of the staff for India were first timers. Deb had a major role in preparing them for their ministry to missionaries. A retreat can be as impacting on staff as it is on those they serve, "This is my first retreat and I'm awed by the experience. My first observation has been how awesome it is to see Him bring together a group of 25 women from all over the US, different backgrounds and ages, and bind us together in such a special way. My heart is forever connected to the group with whom I'm serving."

Upcoming Women of the Harvest Retreat-Dubai

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