



**Short Term Missions 2010**



**Blessings to the Nations**

# WHY SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

**Calvary Church** maintains a missions and outreach program that enables people to be active in bringing glory to God by participating in the mission of God. That mission to bring redemption to humankind and all of creation should motivate every member to be a witness from their neighborhood to the nations.

## **Our Mission:**

To declare the glory of God among all nations... Psalm 96:3

## **Our Vision:**

To see our friends, family, neighbors and co-workers bring glory to God through becoming transformed followers of Jesus Christ.

## **Focus:**

The Least Reached

Least Evangelized

Poor Oppressed

Displaced people of our world

**We Affirm:** Since the church is the only institution that Christ himself promised to build, that everything we do is in obedience to God, to help followers of Jesus Christ become part of a Christ honoring local church.

**We Affirm:** Prayer is foundational to the missions and outreach work of Calvary Church and must be integrated into every aspect of this ministry.

## **Our Values:**

**A Maturing Body:** The desired progression for our supported workforce is spiritual growth within the context of a community of believers and the development of being a person who is spiritually reproducing their lives into others. Matthew 9:37-38; 2 Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 10:25

**A Serving Community:** The Holy Spirit equips each believer to serve and to practice mutual interdependence. Each member makes a contribution to the church by the use of natural talents, material possessions and spiritual gifts. As a result, the desired progression is to see Calvary attendees serving within our community and the world. Matthew 25:37-39, 23:11; Romans 10:14-15

**A Caring Family:** Christians are adopted into God's family, the church, where they find a web of relationships characterized by commitment and affection. Because of what God has done in our lives, we seek to show compassion to the poor, oppressed and displaced of our community and targeted areas of the world. Micah 6:8; Luke 4:18-19; Matthew 25:40

**A Witnessing People:** God has entrusted the message of the gospel to His people. The desired progression is to see His church and individual believers proclaiming the Gospel, seeing lives transformed and churches established throughout the nations, especially those who have yet to hear the gospel. Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:42-47: 9:31

**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8**

# Chinhangane, Mozambique

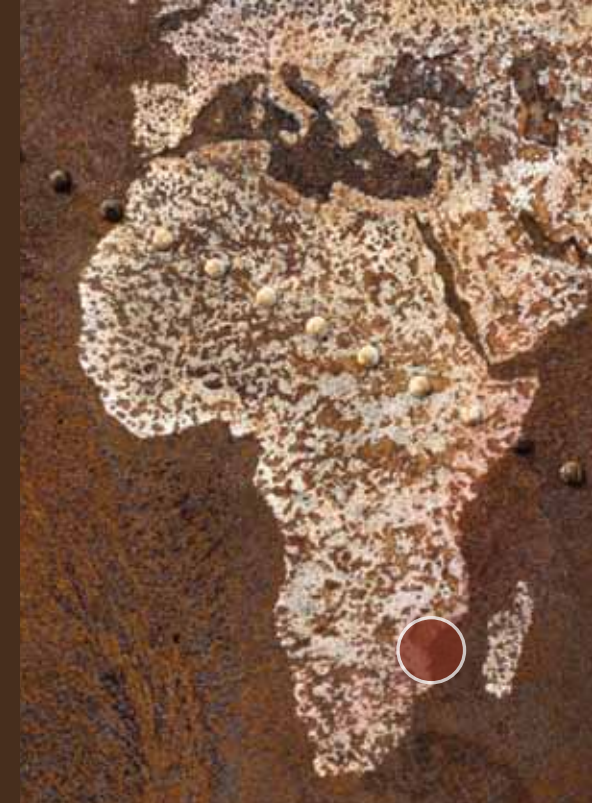
**Not only is Mozambique a world away physically but it is a world away culturally...**

In Mozambique 70% of the population lives below the poverty line and 12% of all adults are infected with AIDS. The Animist religions have existed in Mozambique for thousands of years and many people retain their traditional beliefs, sometimes alongside of organized religion. Many feel God is fickle and often turn to witch doctors for solutions. Men often seek work away from their family leaving the women to work the fields, grind the maize and fetch water. Because children are expected to help their mothers with house and field work, there is a high infant and child mortality.

Calvary Church adopted the village of Chinhangane, Mozambique in 2004. In that time, teams have built a well which provides clean, safe water, constructed a corn grinder and built a goat pen. Through this assistance, people in the village have had time to build relationships with us and hear the Gospel. Trust and respect have developed out of this investment. Additionally, we provided resources to buy land for an agricultural co-op with irrigated fields which will provide more diverse food groups as well as added income.

## Mozambique Vision:

**Mature the local church through spiritual training. Improve the food supply and income through agriculture. Expose the next generation to Christ and encourage higher education. Teach new skills to promote micro-enterprise.**



**If you are interested in being part of a STM Team to Mozambique**

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**Dates for 2010 trips are March/May/September**

*Opportunities to Serve - Children's workers, teach women micro-business, agriculture development, discipleship among village leaders*





# Central Asia

The country we work with in Central Asia has had its independence since 1993. However, the status has not brought the freedom we experience in the States. Instead, the nation is an arena of warring value systems and corrupt government. The primary people group in this country remains enslaved to an Islamic faith that is filled with synchronism. As we pray for and minister in this area of the world, we are seeing more find freedom through salvation in Jesus Christ, even as persecution of the church increases.

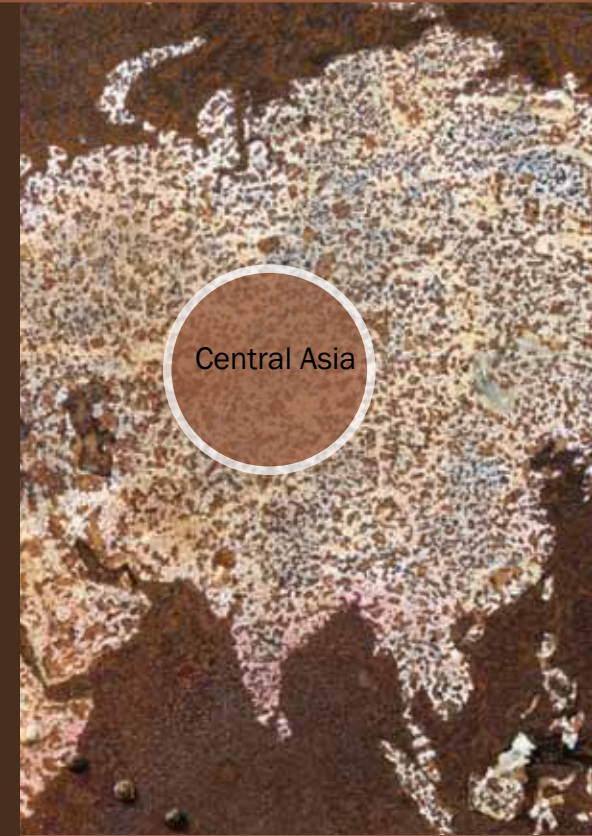
Calvary's partnership with missionaries in this country allows personal involvement in projects that promote relationships through teaching English and business seminars in schools, providing leadership training for pastors and offering care through counseling and providing for physical needs of the many who are so poor.

## Central Asia Vision:

To see people, families and communities transformed by Christ through the ministry of competent and godly business leaders who view business as a ministry calling

### Key Strategy Components:

- Leadership development & training for ministry teams
- Consulting support for businesses
- Startup financing & growth capital
- Spiritual & business mentoring



**If you are interested in being part of a team to Central Asia**

**Contact: Noe Palacios ([npalacios@mac.com](mailto:npalacios@mac.com))**

**Trip Dates: June 2010, October 2010**

*Opportunities to Serve - Teach business skills in university, among business owners*

# BLESSINGS TO THE NATIONS



New York  
Bangla  
Community



Odessa,  
Ukraine

Central Asia



Chinhangane,  
Mozambique



Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its BLESSINGS.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

# BANGLA YOUTH MINISTRIES

With a population of 148 million only 1% are evangelical Christians. This is a nation stricken by poverty and oppression. Many move to America with the hope of higher education for their children.

New York City is one of the many cities across America where Bangladeshi immigrants make their home. Calvary Church has been involved with the Bangladeshi community from New York since 2001. Many of the families struggle financially. With parents working long hours to support their family, the children are void of needed structure and guidance. As a result there are high school dropout rates, drug use, teen pregnancies, and depression among the students.

Bangla Bible Camp has been a way to connect with Bangladeshi children each summer and bring them the hope that comes in a relationship with Christ. Now we are praying to bring Bangla Youth Ministry into New York City. We are looking for new opportunities to continue to serve this community with the development of programs that focus on education, leadership development, and spiritual mentorship.

## Bangla Youth Ministries Vision:

Being passionate about setting forth the Truth plainly through the power of the Holy Spirit to be able to reflect Christ's Love and Hope to first and second generation immigrant (Bangladeshi) children so that they can come to accept and grow in God's Grace and therefore will be drawn to speak on His behalf. (2 Corinthians 3-4, Romans 15:4)

### Key Strategy Components:

Bangla Bible Camp

Follow- up Programs in New York City

**If you are interested in being part of Team Bangla Bible Camp**

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**Bangla Bible Camp Dates: August 7-14, 2010**

**Location- Arrowhead Christian Campground- Scranton, Pennsylvania**

*Opportunities to Serve -Cabin Leader, Photographer, Activities Leader, Worship, Crafts, Lifeguard and so much more...*





## ODESSA, UKRAINE

**After 70 years of Soviet oppression, Ukraine is now bearing the fruits of its liberty. After three elections vetoed by its Supreme Court in 2004, the voice of the people is finally being heard. There are those who would like to return to a more socialistic form of government and resolve the unrest of the country. Calvary's intent and partnerships with missionaries and pastors in Ukraine allow people to minister by ways of construction, teaching and hosting children's camps. Providing leadership training (in the way of serving) shows the example of how Christ loves the Church.**

**In 2003, Calvary began supporting Denise Carter with TEAM. In 2005, Denise was commissioned to plant a church in "Field of Miracles" in Odessa, a town of 300,000 people with no evangelical church. Since sending teams to help with the church plant, and a grant through an Open Door Vision project, nationals have finished construction of the church. Now, Christian community is fostered through teams that host Vacation Bible School, men's and women's ESL meetings through ESL training and Bible studies.**



**Denise Carter**

**If you would like to know more about what Calvary will be doing in the future please contact  
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## Ukraine Vision:

**To encourage and assist the church in developing programs to meet the needs of the community and equip nationals to support the ministry of the church.**



# Be A Blessing...

## Prayer

Is God calling you to prayerfully consider being part of a Short Term Trip this year? Are you feeling the nudge of the Holy Spirit to take the next step to reach people for God in this way? This is an opportunity to pray and listen to God's will for you and the opportunity to begin a journey of obedience.

## Faith

It is natural to be apprehensive about embarking on a trip where the people and cultures are different from ours. What an opportunity to express your faith in taking a step out of the comfort of our limitations into the power of Christ working in us.

## Love

Loving our neighbor and having patience with the limitations of our human abilities is one of the great lessons learned of being part of a STM team. Watching how God's power raises human limitations as an effective body of Christ is amazing to witness and experience.

## Perseverance

Short Term Missions is not a vacation. A close relationship with Christ is necessary during this journey to develop the mind-set of perseverance and trust in the Lord that He is in control.

## Commitment

Part of the journey of Short-Term Missions is the preparation for the trip. Each mission trip at Calvary has mandatory requirements.

## Joy

There is always joy in serving our Lord for a purpose greater than ourselves.

## Taking the Step...

### Prayer:

Spend time with God and ask for His will and direction.

### Informational meetings:

Watch for informational meetings listed in the bulletin and *Calvary Life*.

### Application:

Request an application at the informational meetings or on the Calvary website.

### Interview:

Every candidate is interviewed after an application is submitted and will be notified they are eligible to join the team.

### Team Meetings:

Team meetings are the foundation of any mission trip. There are a minimum of five mandatory meetings that start six months before the trip.

### Fund Raising:

Every Team member is responsible for raising the funds needed to attend the trip. Each trip amount varies. Information and guidance is an intricate part of the team meetings.

### The Trip:

10-14 days

### Debriefing:

Every trip has a time set aside for debriefing as a team. This is to reflect on the experience and prepare for life back home.

### Sharing:

Make sure to take time to share your experience with supporters, your adult congregation or small group.