

THE GLOBE

Summer 2010

News for the Passport World: Special Edition

Over
75,000 campers
from
12 denominations
and
1,100 congregations
volunteered
750,000 service hours
and gave over
\$1 million
to global mission causes



Gabriella Cappo
& Sarah Briggs
Youth Team



Rev. Walt Windley, Nancy Leigh Strum

1 in 3 former Summer Staffers are now in ministry.

- The majority are serving in CBF congregations or with CBF partners and state organizations.
- In the last 18 months, 14 former Passport staffers were ordained by CBF congregations – 12 of them were women.
- 98% of summer teams are now made up of former campers.

Twenty years ago, Passport invited teenagers to come make a difference in the world. But 20 years ago, I was too young to realize that those teenagers would grow up to make a difference in my world.

At a casual glance Passport will always look young. But the truth is our campers have grown up. And a pile of them have come to work for us on staff while in college and seminary. *We risk our reputation every summer by handing our program over to these young leaders.* Those young ministers have become pastors, associate coordinators, youth leaders, worship leaders, attorneys, social workers, bank

managers, documentary filmmakers, and college professors. They serve churches, sit in pews and now they are now bringing their own youth groups and children to Passport in the summer. They are serving in the offices of state CBF organizations and dozens and dozens of congregations. Many are graduates of BTSR, Truett, and McAfee. They intern at The Baptist Joint Committee, serve as Student.Go missionaries and as CBF affiliates. They attend *Current* retreats and walk the halls of the General Assemblies.



An excerpt by
Passport founder
David Burroughs
in his report to CBF
movement leaders
at Callaway Gardens



*James Blay, Camp Pastor
Ricks Institute, Monrovia, Liberia
Student at Mercer University*



*Meredith Shaw, Camp Director
Lexington, Kentucky
Student at Candler School of Theology*



*Samson Bodja
Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia
Cultural representative, Kids! camp*



*Britt Hester, Camp Director
Fort Payne, Alabama
Student at McAfee School of Theology*

Selah Vie **SELAHvie** PAUSE Life.

A debriefing retreat specifically designed for college and seminary-age ministers.

Selah Vie: Pause Life – August 9-11, 2010

Selah Vie is an end of summer retreat for Passport staffers, Student.Go missionaries and college students engaged in congregation-based internships.

It is an opportunity to pause and reflect. Selah Vie (Pause. Life.) offers a debriefing experience of theological reflection, worship, conversation and renewal after an intense season of ministry. Before rushing into a new semester, new job, or whatever is on the horizon, Selah Vie provides student missionaries and ministers the time and space to reflect on the work God has done through them and in them this summer.

Participants will forge relationships and engage in dialogue with others who have been in ministry this summer. Selah Vie is set at the beautiful Shocco Springs Conference Center in Alabama from August 9-11, and will include over 150 students and young adults who are completing some form of ministry assignment both locally and globally.



**COOPERATIVE BAPTIST
FELLOWSHIP**

A MILLION VISITORS

Free devotional website will host over one million visitors globally in 2010.



For over an hour every morning, computers in the Passport office send out 10,000 requested daily reminders to d365 readers. Originally written for youth and young adults, this devotional site audience now spans all ages and every time. "Perhaps this speaks to a fundamental need for daily nourishment we all have," says Daniel Ingram, producer and administrator of the ad-free website, "or perhaps it is because we are all students, continually shaped by scripture, and conversation with God."

d365 began as an immediate devotional response to the attacks on September 11, 2001. "The world changed in an instant and everything that was in print had been written in a world where the Twin Towers had not fallen," remembers David Burroughs, President of Passport, Inc., who launched the site in collaboration with web-designer Tim Pennington-Russell and editor Nick Foster. "In an instant almost everything written for students suddenly wrestling with the theology of burning sky scrapers, felt dated."

Now, almost ten years later, the intentional effort to remain current continues to define the web resource. Most recently, when the reports of the devastating earthquake in Haiti were rolling in, Ingram worked immediately to revise the devotional content. Michelle Thomas-Bush, Associate Pastor for Youth and their families at Myers Park Presbyterian and the writer for that season, immediately retooled the content for coming days. "I'm a minister of the Gospel. Words matter." Simultaneously, Dove award-winning composer and performing artist, Ken Medema, literally created a new musical arrangement for the series overnight.

"In a world where the news and images of catastrophic tragedies are unavoidable, our youth and their congregations now grieve, respond and heal together on a global scale," says Burroughs. "d365 site has the ability to immediately respond hoping to offer a thoughtful context for individual and corporate prayer."

And d365's global impact continues to grow. A few months ago Ingram was contacted by an IT professional working at a Christian seminary in Mongolia. This man regularly participates in d365 and wanted to make this devotional resource available to young Mongolian Christians. Seminary faculty and staff will soon be translating d365 devotions into Mongolian!

d365 readership has grown well past the thousands of campers who attend Passport in the summer. In 2010, d365 will host well over 1 million visitors.

d365, a free online resource, is a ministry of Passport made possible by gifts from individuals and congregations, as well as grants from the Presbyterian Church (USA), The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and The Episcopal Church.

If you are interested in supporting this ministry as a writer, a musician, or through a financial gift please contact us at editor@d365.org.

Rev. Nick Foster has served as the sole editor for d365 since its inception ten years ago. Thanks Nick.



Meditation from Passport *Liberia*

by Josh Brooks

Flames flickering from a metal pot covered with the residue from charcoal and the scars from many hard days' work in the kitchen. Darkness surrounding as the night settles in. Audible grunts and groans of awe as Liberian teenagers watch the shame in their lives being purified by fire and disappearing into a light cloud of smoldering smoke. Then, in the midst of freedom and release of shame, the voices begin, "What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear." More voices join in, sounding with a mixture of intense longing and lightness, "Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?" Voices and Spirit inseparable, redemption's realization rings, "Precious Savior, still our refuge...In his arms he'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there."

As the last echoes fade away, and the smoke wisps through the windows, the students' new lightness is displayed in full force as we join together and dance. This is how we saw God free us from shame at Ricks Institute in Liberia.

Exploring the theme "Free for All," students from Ricks discovered life-giving truths about the freedom they have in Christ. They encountered Jesus in fresh ways through working together to build three incinerators on campus, sharing in worship, studying Galatians, and playing hard with each other. Some decided to accept Jesus' call to follow, and angels rejoiced. Some realized that they were not too dirty for the Kingdom of God, and deceptions crumbled. Some stepped into freedom by leaving the chains of shame behind, and new life blossomed.

As for me, I struggle to find words to capture everything that PASSPORTLiberia continues to mean in my life. Simply speaking, I am changed, and because of that, I believe that Jesus smiles.

Josh Brooks is a Minister to students at St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Cullman, Alabama



Watering Malawi.

Watering Malawi names an Advisory Council

An Advisory council has been appointed to offer guidance and accountability for offerings providing access to clean, simple irrigation and sanitation projects in Malawi.

**Her Excellency
Madame Hawa Ndilowe**
Malawian Ambassador to the U.S.

Dr. Barbara McClure
Vanderbilt Divinity, Nashville, TN

Bernard Alifeyo - Pastor
Kasungu, Malawi

Peter Chisi - Salima, Malawi

Maren Helfrich - Fredericksburg, VA

Paul Koning - Raleigh, NC

Sara Hunt - Tampa, FL

Don Durham - Atlanta, GA

Brian Abel - Beaumont, TX



ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Where has all our missions money gone?

PASSPORT campers have given over \$1,000,000 to mission work around the globe.

YOUTH CAMP

- 1993 Florida CBF - Hurricane relief, Homestead, FL*
- 1994 CBF field project*
- 1995 Agricultural work, Thailand*
- 1996 Training for Romany pastors*
- 1997 Field work among Pauluang people group*
- 1998 Field project Jordan*
- 1999 Kosovo relief
- 2000 Girls school in Pakistan schools
Tools for Kenya*
- 2001 Orphanage in Vietnam, *Dillon International*
- 2002 Afghan Refugee Women*
- 2003 *Project Ruth*, Romania
- 2004 Work among the Romany people*
- 2005 Episcopal Relief Development
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,
Water filtration equipment for CBF Asian Response*
- 2006 Watering Malawi
- 2007 Watering Malawi, Africa Exchange*
- 2008 *Rick's Institute*, Monrovia, Liberia
- 2009 Field work in India*
- 2010 Water is Life, Ethiopia*

Kids! CAMP

- 2004 Ruth School for Romany children*
- 2005 Water filtration units for southeast Asia*
- 2006 Change for Children, Kenya*
- 2007 Field project Thailand*
- 2008 Field personnel working with Internationals*
- 2009 Special projects: India*
- 2010 Water is Life, Ethiopia*

* indicates gifts given to CBF work around the world.



Justina Mason, from Oakhurst Baptist Church from Decatur, GA



PASSPORTmissions

Boston, Massachusetts

Sunday - Friday

June 19-24 • June 26-July 1 • July 3-8
 July 10-15 • July 17-22 • July 24-29

PASSPORTmissions

Dallas, Texas

Sunday - Friday

June 19-24 • June 26-July 1 • July 3-8

PASSPORTmissions

Macon, Georgia

Sunday - Friday

June 19-24 • June 26-July 1 • July 3-8
 July 10-15 • July 17-22 • July 24-29

PASSPORTmissions

St. Louis, Missouri

Monday - Saturday

July 11-16 • July 18-23 • July 25-30

PASSPORTchoices

Wingate, North Carolina

Sunday - Friday

June 12-17 • June 19-24 • June 26-July 1
 July 3-8 • July 10-15 • July 17-22 • July 24-29

PASSPORTMalawi

Wednesday-Saturday

July 6-16

Lynchburg, Virginia

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

June 11-14 (Sat-Tues) • June 16-19 (Thurs-Sun)

Macon, Georgia

Mercer University

June 22-25 (Wed-Sat) • June 28-July 1 (Tues-Fri)

Wingate, North Carolina

Wingate University

June 23-26 (Thurs-Sun) • June 29-July 2 (Wed-Sat)
 July 5-8 (Tues-Fri)

Murray, KY

Murray State University

July 5-8 (Tues-Fri)

Crossville, Tennessee

Clyde M. York 4-H Center

July 11-14 (Mon-Thurs)

Marble Falls, Texas

Camp Buckner

July 18-21 (Mon-Thurs)





YOUTH WORKER SUMMIT

SACRED SPACE *for* YOUTH WORKERS

Gathering in Hope, Rekindling the Light

A national conference for those who work with students

The 2010 Youth Worker Summit is an ecumenical gathering which brings together youth ministry leaders from congregations across the country for renewal. Student work is hard, but together, we will find sacred space to rekindle Christ's light in our lives. We will seek space for reassurance, renewal, strength, and hope for us as we serve young people and their families.

You can anticipate dialogue with youth ministry professionals, relevant workshops, resource sharing and networking with other leaders.

It may sound like a full schedule, but you'll also find time for relaxing or wandering Disney's Parks with friends or family. When you leave the Youth Worker Summit in Orlando, you will do so with a renewed spirit for the ministry to which God has called you – that's our prayer; that's our hope.

2010 Youth Worker Summit Worship will feature:



Phyllis Tickle

Rodger Nishioka

Celia Whitler

Place: Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort®

Date: December 1-4, 2010

Conference Cost: \$275

Total Room Cost: \$440 Single/Family
\$220 Double

www.youthworkersummit.org

The Ecumenical Youth Ministries Staff Team is a collaborative of youth ministries national staff representing 11 communions.





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