



# Catalyst Annual Report

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## 2008



June 1, 2009

Dear Catalyst Partner,

What an incredible year this has been! God has blessed us with yet another successful year, and we are all blown away by what He is allowing us to do through Catalyst. If you would have told me two years ago when Catalyst was first beginning that we would have discipled 92 people on six different projects in one year I would have called you crazy, but thanks to God's overwhelming grace we have barely been able to keep up! I hope you are as encouraged as we were to see this report of how God is using the ministry of Catalyst as part of His work of reaching people from all nations.

The bottom line is we could not follow our passions and do what we do without support from people just like you. On this earth, I cannot thank you enough for your generosity, but I find comfort in knowing your reward in heaven will be great. (Matthew 6:20 – 21)

My wife, Amy, and I dreamed Catalyst into existence several years ago after God placed a burning desire in both our hearts for missions, but we would never have predicted what that desire would turn into. This year, we both felt led to make a move to Nashville, and after a series of God-directed events and open doors we made the transition to "the big city" in January. We have already been welcomed with open arms, and are ecstatic to see the number of eager churches and connections wanting to know more about Catalyst. The move was a giant leap of faith for my whole family, but when God says Go who are we to say no? We are in the process of moving more of the Catalyst staff to Nashville, and are confident this move will be a huge step in the growth of our ministry. Thank you so very much for being a part of Catalyst Missions. Please call us should you have any questions, and God bless you!

Rev. Andrew Brown  
Director / Founder  
Catalyst Missions



One of our December 2008 teams

## **CATALYST MISSIONS MAJOR PROJECTS 2008**

### **1) Managua, Nicaragua: January 06-13, 2008**

- Openly Recruited Trip Supporting National Church Planters in Nicaragua
- Participants: 13
- Partner: Chosen Children Ministries (US Headquarters Spartanburg, SC) and Nicaraguan Missionaries and Pastors Supported by Chosen Children – Field Missionary Leader Guillermo Morales
- Staff Leadership: Andrew Brown, Director, Jana Ogg, Director of Collegiate Mobilization, Kris Rickert, Director of Communications and IT
- Accomplishments: Strengthen Nicaraguan Churches, Evangelism and Discipleship in Rural Barrios, Missions Exposure and Involvement for Team Members
- Trip Summary: The team partnered with Chosen Children Ministries to work with children in half a dozen villages across Nicaragua. At each location we taught Bible stories, sang songs and distributed food. After the sessions a time was dedicated to play games like soccer, red rover and do other outdoor activities with the children. We spent a day in Juigalpa at the Orphanage doing about the same thing and also went into the community and talked with people about Jesus. Over the course of about a week our team worked with several hundred children.

### **2) Herkimer, New York Preview: June 12-17, 2008**

- Set Up and Scout Trip for Main Trip: Trip managed for Long Heights Baptist Church, McKenzie, TN
- Participants: 3 (Brown, Walker, Walker)
- Staff Leadership: Andrew Brown, Director
- Trip Summary and Accomplishments: This trip was a preview trip to meet the pastor of Harvest Hills Baptist Church in Herkimer and to work with the regional leadership in Albany. Trip was successful recon in reviewing lodging, food logistics, and meeting and doing strategic planning with the local church leadership.

### **3) Herkimer, New York: July 11-19, 2008**

- Trip managed for Long Heights Baptist Church, McKenzie, TN in Support of Church Plant Harvest Hills Baptist Church
- Participants: 30
- Partners: Catalyst, LHBC, Pastor Dale Lawrence of Harvest Hills Baptist Church
- Staff Leadership: Andrew Brown, Director, Ms. Jana Ogg, Director of Collegiate Mobilization
- Accomplishments: Strengthen local church and church planter (Pastor Dale Lawrence) and assist with outreach into community of Herkimer. This trip was a “greenhorn” trip for several participants and provided a threshold to a Christian Missions Worldview. This trip also bridged connections between New York Baptists and Tennessee Baptists.
- Trip Summary: A group of mixed youth and families from Long Heights Baptist Church completed building projects as outreach as well as Bible Clubs and services in local parks. One gentleman professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ at the end of the week (Jeff). He and his family had been prayed for and reached out to from the church for some time.

### **4) Managua and Leon, Nicaragua: September 25-29, 2008**

- Agriculture Research Trip Supporting Food Ministry of National Church Planters
- Participants: 6
- Partner: Chosen Children Ministries (US Headquarters Spartanburg, SC) and Nicaraguan Missionaries and Pastors Supported by Chosen Children – Field Missionary Leader Guillermo Morales
- Staff Leadership: Andrew Brown, Director, Dr. Joey Melhorn, Board Member
- Accomplishments: Soil Samples and Pastors Meetings in the communities surrounding Leon, Nicaragua. Planning for large team with Missionary Morales. Multiple agricultural product and end-product research calls – local markets, tree farms, agricultural warehouses. Essential for January Agriculture leader Dr. Bob Hathcock to take this trip....he gained much insight to better prepare for January trip.

- Trip Summary: This group traveled in support of the large team to travel in January. Our goal was to break new ground in using Agriculture as a ministry for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Agriculture was a new focus for both Chosen Children and for Catalyst Missions. Pre-trip was well-worth the money and time spent.

#### **5) Copper Basin, Tennessee: December 5-7, 2008**

Trip managed for Crosswind Church, Union City, TN in Support of the work of the Copper Basin Crisis Center

- Participants: 29
- Partners: Basin Crisis Center (Missionaries Al and Margaret Patterson) Canal Lake Bible Camp (Craig Schriener) Pastor Harold Willis of Coletown Baptist Church, Copperhill, TN
- Staff Leadership: Andrew Brown, Director & Dr. Joey Melhorn Board Member
- Accomplishments: Service and Christmas Giving of Gifts to needy families through Copper Basin Crisis Center. Copper Basin Crises Center serves and shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ to more than 1000 individuals each year. Our focus on team discipleship and teaching of missional worldview as accomplished through service and group Bible reflection.
- Trip Summary: The team of youth and families assisted local churches and a crisis center to serve the underprivileged in the community. They provided childcare, did cleanup at the crisis center, and provided Christmas gifts for needy children. This team also did a bathroom renovation for a needy single lady on limited income.

#### **6) Copper Basin, Tennessee: December 12-15, 2008**

Open Trip for College Students - Adventureserve

- Participants: 11
- Partners: Copper Basin Crisis Center (Missionaries Al and Margaret Patterson) Canal Lake Bible Camp (Craig Schriener)
- Staff Leadership : Jana Ogg Assistant Director Collegiate Mobilization – Andrew Brown (observer only)
- Accomplishments: Service and Christmas Giving of Gifts to needy families through Copper Basin Crisis Center. Copper Basin Crises Center serves and shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ to more than 1000 individuals each year. Our focus on team discipleship and teaching of missional worldview as accomplished through service and group Bible reflection
- Trip Summary: The team assisted local churches and a crisis center to serve the underprivileged in the community. They provided childcare, did cleanup at the crisis center, and provided Christmas gifts for needy children. On top of all that they took some time to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation with a hike and some climbing.

### **CORE VERSES**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12: 1-2 NIV*

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Psalm 115:1 NIV*

## CORE FOCUS AREAS

### 1) Discipleship of Short-Term Members

Each of our 92 travelers received pre-trip training and post-trip follow up through Catalyst or through their local church. We believe that going and doing is part of being Christ follower. We are constantly seeking ways to engage new people in God's mission of making disciples. See our stories in our brochure.

### 2) Strengthening Churches and Church Leadership Development

#### US Churches Ministered to Directly

- Mine City Baptist – Ducktown, TN (Appalachia)
- Coletown Baptist – Copperhill, TN (Appalachia)
- Copper Basin Crisis Center – Ducktown, TN (Appalachia)
- Crosswind Church – Union City, TN (West TN)
- Long Heights Baptist – Mckenzie, TN (West TN)
- Harvest Hills – Herkimer, NY (Upstate New York)

#### US Churches Ministered to by co-sending short-term Missionaries

- Multiple over several states

#### Nicaraguan Churches (partnership with Chosen Children Ministries)

- 9 National Churches and Pastors in Leon and Juigalpa

#### Nicaraguan Orphanages (partnership with Chosen Children Ministries)

- Casa Mephibosheth in Juigalpa, Nicaragua

## 2008 NUMERICAL SUMMARY

TOTAL SHORT- TERM VOLUNTEERS 2008 - 92

CATALYST PROGRAM STAFF - 4

CATALYST SUPPORT STAFF - 2

TOTAL PROJECTS - 6

US PROJECTS - 4

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS – 2

TOTAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT EXPENDITURE ON SHORT TERM MISSIONS

\$113,115.67

ADMIN COSTS

\$ 9,049.36

FUNDRAISING

\$ 6,127.07

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2008**

**\$128,292.10**