



"First the bread then the Bread of Life"

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Well, it is newsletter time again and this is something that is very important to us – it is our link to you, our support family. So we always want one that is informative, yet good looking, and oh, of course, imparts some great “spiritual truth” that will invoke your heart-felt emotions (lol). But since our last letter, we have been on the road to Missouri, Paraguay, Georgia (more than once) Tennessee, and are due to head to Ecuador in less than a week. Our daughter, Sarah, was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis at only 30 years old and my dad fell and broke his hip and was in the hospital for two weeks where he passed away on Saturday. So needless to say, we are not sure that this one will be a “work of art”, but still we want you to know what we have been doing and what is coming up in the near future.

Doug and Becky

REPORT FROM PARAGAUY AG CENTER

“Everything we are, everything that is said to us, everything that happens is some kind of call from God. In fact, everything that happens is God’s call to either accept what we should not change or change what we should not accept...” Joan Chittister

This is exactly what happened when we received a call for the need for books at the Susannah Wesley School in Paraguay. We then put out a call to you and you responded – boy, did you respond! We received close to \$2,000 for school books for the school that we took to the director in February. What you need to know is these books will be the first school books the children will have ever had. In the past, the teachers copy the lesson on the board from their book; then the children copy the lesson; then they just keep repeating until all the lessons are copied. A pretty time consuming and inefficient learning method! Thank you so much for listening to the call and changing this thing that needed to be changed.

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LOOKING AHEAD

March

*Ecuador-to work with SIM and HCBJ Global

April

*International House of Prayer in Kansas City

*Victory Chapel in Grand Prairie

May

*Farmington, New Mexico – Native American community supported agricultural project
*Agrimissions International Headquarters, Crockett, Texas – Open House, May 29th (Also, Doug and Becky’s 40th anniversary)

SHOUT OUT TO...

*Great time with Trinity on the Hill UMC, Augusta, Georgia at their Outreach Celebration. Presented talk on “Agrimissions 101”

*Sand Mountain UMC for hosting the 10th Anniversary for Agrimissions

*1st UMC Crockett, Texas Christians in Action and United Methodist Men – opportunity to share the ministry of Agrimissions

*Jim Ramsay, Sr. Director for Field Ministries, The Mission Society for taking out of his time to come visit Agrimissions HQ - Crockett

10th Anniversary of Agrimissions

February 27th, we celebrated Agrimissions' 10th Anniversary and also commissioned Douglas as the new director in a service in Trenton, Georgia at Sand Mountain UMC. We had a wonderful time of praise, worship, and celebration praising God for what He had already done through Agrimissions and for what will hopefully be accomplished in the future. **(Pictured here is Dick McClain, President of The Mission Society presenting Doug and Becky for commissioning as the new directors of Agrimissions)**



One of the highlights was the “Pew Dolls” made and presented to us by Mrs. Anne Fryga. She has been making and sending these dolls to children all over the world that have been prayed over and consecrated before they are sent. We will be presenting these precious gifts to children in Ecuador when we go in March and Paraguay in June. **(Pictured l to r – Mrs. Anne Fryga, Becky, Doug, and Curtis Schofield)**

“Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; red and yellow, black and white they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.”

Ecuador Update

“God’s purpose is to work life out of death, bring freedom out of brokenness and turn darkness into light.”
(from The Shack)

With our model farm projects in Ecuador, we hope to do just this. We will be in Ecuador next week to continue and expand our project with Olger, the man we wrote you about in our last newsletter in our story, “Keeping a Daddy at Home”. The missionaries we partner with there have asked us to consider looking at including other families in this project or even implementing community gardens. Please keep us in your prayers that these projects will be able to be implemented to bring life, freedom and light to these families living in the midst of uncertainty of being able to remain together as a family.

Agrimissions Support Family Loss

I (Becky) mentioned the loss of my father, who has been one of our avid and faithful supporters in the ministry of serving those whose serve “first the bread, then the Bread of Life”. So, I wanted to include my father’s obituary so you might know a little about my father, Charles “Red” Washmon.

Charles Vinton Washmon, 84, passed away on March 13, 2010. He was born July 9, 1925 in Hitchcock, TX to Joseph George, Sr. and Susan Clara Washmon. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Beverly Washmon; daughter and son-in-law Becky and Douglas Neel; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Thomas Eugene and James Vernon; sister-in-law; nieces, nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann; father and mother; brothers, Jay and Don; sisters, Clara Jo and Marie. Charles retired from Shell Refinery after 38 years of service, served in the Marines and loved to fish and play golf.