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# Antioch Missions Intl.

## Is called to recruit, train and send

Christians to minister to the needs of people who live in the inner cities of United States and developing nations in the world.



Missionary training in progress

AMI is one of the only missions agencies that focuses on mobilizing people of color, especially African American and Latino, in our urban centers to go to the nations of the earth. God's will is that every believer goes into the entire world preaches the gospel, and makes disciples of all men. In response to this mandate, AMI ministers to the nations via local and international missions efforts in the following ways:

- Conducts leadership and pastoral training
- Holds seminars on economic development for countries beleaguered by poverty; established a resource center / library in South Africa
- Supports many missionaries financially and emotionally who are serving in the field full-time; gives free food to the poor in the Whittier area every week and provides clothes for the needy
- Distributes Christian books, cassettes and CD's
- Sponsored short-terms missions trips and/or supported missionaries and projects in **19** different nations including: **Mexico, Ghana, South Africa, Nigeria, Belize, Indonesia, Poland, Italy, Spain, Russia, England, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Guatemala, Brazil, Japan, Costa Rica, Haiti**, as well as here at home in the United States (**Los Angeles, Houston, Mississippi**).

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ED AMI Update

Our former AMI manager, Minister Tony Dunn obeyed the call of God on his life to pastor. As such, Pastor Tony transitioned from AMI to plant and pastor a church in Corona, Ca.

I am very pleased to announce that our Associate Pastor, Jeffrey Bird will provide interim oversight and leadership to AMI. Pastor Jeff has partnered with me in ministry for over 18 years. He and his family have a heart for missions. They have served on the mission field ministering on many short-term international mission trips.

Please join me in welcoming Pastor Jeff to this new role. He is connecting with the missionaries, organizations and ministry partners bonded together through AMI and Zoe in the advancement of this gospel of the Kingdom to the Nations.

## AMI IMPACTING THE NATIONS - SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIPS

### South Africa - August 2010



Your support also helped to recruit, train and send a team of 10 ordinary people—engineers, school teachers, businessmen and women, husbands, wives and single people—to the nation of South Africa. *Their mission was to help empower South African youth, ages 15 thru 25, to maximize their potential, and to fulfill God's purpose for their lives.* They conducted workshops for youth and clergy, and lay leaders awarding **325** certificates. The team also evangelized in the townships and surrounding communities of Johannesburg and Tzaneen; The team reported **194** people were saved and connected to partner ministries. AMI is impacting nations and generations to come.

### Costa Rica - July 2010

Your faithful giving helped to recruit, train and send a team of **9** urban youth from the greater Los Angeles area in July to minister the Gospel cross culturally to children and teenagers in the nation of Costa Rica. Jesus was glorified through the ministry of dance. Young people were set ablaze as the team ministered in schools and churches throughout the country. As a result, **1,427** souls came to salvation. *One of the mission team members, 18-year-old Kelsha Wynn, said, "I couldn't believe how well we were received and how much the kids looked up to us here in America. I think the trip may have impacted us even more than it impacted them..."* These souls are being connected with our Zoe sister church in Costa Rica for ministry follow up and discipleship. Lives were forever impacted for the Kingdom.



Visit our website to learn more. You can give online at [WWW.7CF.ORG](http://WWW.7CF.ORG)

# Featured Missionaries

Bishop Whitaker in missions ministry in Okinawa, Japan.



Bishop James and Gloria Whitaker's missions ministry continues to grow. They currently minister annually in the **USA, Philippines, and Jamaica** and as far as **South Africa** with plans to extend internationally over the next decade.

Zion Philippines, planted by Bishop Whitaker in 1998 has more than 12 full time Churches with Pastors in **Angeles City, Subic, Poroc, and Manila**. Their mission is to collectively come together for evangelistic outreaches in leadership training, medical missions, and ministry opportunities. Your partnership with AMI and faithful financial support allows AMI to help Zion Christian Fellowship impact the Philippines in these areas.

## MINISTRY ... AT HOME & ABROAD

### FEEDING PEOPLE CHANGING LIVES



AMI serves both locally and internationally. One of our local mission outreach ministries is our **weekly food pantry** that provides quality food items—fresh meats and produce, canned and boxed goods to over **1,800** families so far this year, in the Whittier area. These are nearly all families with children who, through your ongoing and dedicated financial support, are not going hungry. This November, the Food Pantry will provide **400 turkeys for Thanksgiving**. You and our faithful volunteers help to make the difference in so many lives both spiritually and physically.

### Haiti Disaster Relief

AMI has collaborated with multiple missions agencies to leverage our resources in providing both immediate response and sustained investment in the rebuilding of Haiti following the devastating earthquake in that nation. We have sent medical supplies, provided a container of tents for temporary housing needs and partnered with **Pastor Bill Winston's Joseph Business School (JBS)** and Project Eden to train Haitians in **business development and building homes**. AMI and the Los Angeles Region of JBS sent both financial resources and faculty to help support the team effort.



## A CALL TO ACTION

This is just a sampling of what we are doing **TOGETHER**. You are helping to make it happen for so many both here and abroad—inside and outside of the walls of the church. Souls are being saved, disciples are being made, the needy are being clothed and fed, the homeless are receiving homes. People aren't just getting fed, but they are learning

how to fish, feed themselves and to be fishers of others. We cannot do this without you. *Please help us continue to impact the nations by making a commitment to support AMI on a monthly basis.* You can give online at [www.zcf.org](http://www.zcf.org), click on the "give now" button and select AMI in the donor allocation field. We thank you!

To find out more ways how you can help in our community and missions contact Pastor Jeff Bird at **562.906.5000 ext. 115** or visit our website at [www.zcf.org](http://www.zcf.org)

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Your Partnership With AMI Impacts

## The Nations

Since 1989, the beginning of AMI .....

- **AMI** has led approximately **2,260** people on short-term mission trips and counting.
- **AMI** teams have ministered salvation to nearly **20,000** people and counting.
- **AMI** teams have delivered over **121,000** pounds of Bibles, books, audio/video CDs/tapes, tracts toys, clothes, office supplies and equipment.
- **AMI** has given over **\$3.4 million dollars** to missionaries and ministries to bring God's Word and love to the nations of the Earth and raising up leaders who will do likewise.

Currently, AMI is supporting.....

- It's Weekly Food Pantry. AMI and has served over **1,800** families in the Whittier area. The food pantry is open on Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., as well as on an emergency need basis.
- Union Rescue Mission by sending teams on Thursdays to minister and providing financial support to the homeless in the Los Angeles downtown area.
- Reaching out to those in the prison ministry locally and in the City of Houston, Texas.
- Ongoing leadership training and support for the Katrina impacted areas, Haiti relief efforts and Project Eden (*Haiti Construction of Home*).
- Short-term missions—Costa Rica Youth Team **1,427** souls were saved. The South Africa team ministered to clergy, youth and leaders; and reported **194** salvations.
- Saturday community street witnessing teams.
- Saturday "Operation Stitches" Community Children Outreach Program
- Community Harvest Festival and Turkey Give-A-Way.