



DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES

of

Wayne and Joy Brown

A BRIDGE for Building Relationships Individually Domestically Globally Evangelistically

Dear Family, Friends, and Co-laborers for Christ:

We hope and pray this finds you well, happy, and enjoying life to the fullest! We are sending this newsletter as an update concerning what God has been doing through **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES**, an inter-denominational ministry which God led us to establish several years ago for global outreach with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is official! After serving 43 years in church related ministries, with 31 of those years as a pastor, we resigned from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Boone, North Carolina, as of July 31, 2008. We "officially" began our full-time work with **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES** on August 1, 2008! (8-1-08) The number 8 represents "new beginnings" so, on the first Sunday of August, the 3rd, which was our first Sunday without a pastorate, we felt led to "go back to our home churches where it all began!" It was early in our lives in those churches where we individually made our personal professions of faith, were baptized, and learned the importance of missions for Jesus Christ from our parents and our churches. On that first Sunday in August, we asked them to pray for our new endeavors and we had the privilege of sharing at each church how God called us to this new ministry. It was a glorious and special time to thank our "home churches" at the First Baptist Church in Blacksburg, South Carolina (Wayne's home church) and at the East Gaffney Baptist Church in Gaffney, South Carolina (Joy's home church.)

We also are thankful to share with you some exciting news concerning our family! It thrills us to announce that we were blessed to become grandparents in 2008, this year of "new beginnings!" Our daughter, **Meri Beth**, and her husband, **Thomas**, gave birth to **THOMAS WESLEY HOWARD, IV, (Ty)**, on Tuesday, March 11th. He was born at 1:31 pm, weighed 7 pounds and 1.2 ounces, and was 19½ inches long. Six weeks later, our daughter, **Molly** and her husband, **Christman**, gave birth to **MAZI GRACE HOWARD**, our second grandchild, on Thursday, April 24th. **Mazi** was born at 5:13 pm, weighed 8 pounds and 0.2 ounces, and was 21¾ inches long. Yes, you read that right! Two special blessings came into our lives within six weeks of each other! By the way, **Meri Beth** and **Molly**, have the same last names (Howard) because their husbands are first cousins and their fathers are brothers! On Thursday, December 17, 2010, at 2:19 pm, **Molly** and **Christman** were blessed with their second child, **CHRISTMAN BRONSON HOWARD**. He weighed 8 pounds and 12.2 ounces and was 22 inches long. He was named for his father (**Christman**) and for the girls' maiden name, **Brown**. **Bronson = son of Brown!** How we praise God for His blessings to the Browns and Howards as we rejoice with thankful hearts for the arrival of these three precious, handsome and beautiful additions to our family!

We also want to share some of the exciting ways that God is using **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES** to help advance His Kingdom. The following are the **four purposes** of this global outreach:

Missions' Awareness

- through short-term mission trips
- through networking inter-denominationally with individuals, corporations, businesses, churches, and other ministries to help meet missions' needs

General Evangelism

- through revivals, crusades, conferences, retreats, banquets, celebrations and seminars

Encouragement for ministers, missionaries and their spouses

- through conferences and retreats

Production of Christian literature and music

- through developing books, pamphlets, magazines, recordings, and web materials

DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES . . .

DIVERSE METHODS

to reach

DIVERSE PEOPLE

who have

DIVERSE NEEDS!

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DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES serves Jesus Christ in ministry to the world as a **BRIDGE**:
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As you read about the ministries and mission opportunities provided by **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES**, please keep in mind that donations given to the ministry are **tax deductible** and are used to help fulfill the **four purposes** named above for which **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES** exists.

Thank you for your interest in a ministry that is touching the lives of people locally, nationally, and globally. Please pray for wisdom as we seek God's guidance in bringing a hurting world to our loving Lord, Jesus Christ! God bless you!

Wayne and Joy Brown

On a continuous basis, **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES** helps to meet various needs. However, this newsletter will highlight several endeavors within the four purposes that we felt would be of special interest to you.

Missions' Awareness

- through short-term mission trips

DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES has helped to send short-term missionaries to the following countries: Africa, Australia, China, England, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Russia, and Sudan. Also, the ministry has helped to send short-term missionaries within the United States to Arizona, Florida, New Mexico, New York, New Jersey, and Wyoming. In addition, Wayne went to Gulfport, Mississippi where he worked in the Katrina disaster relief program. Joy went to Hawaii where she, and the ***Women by Design*** team, spoke at the first evangelistic conference that had been held on the island in fifteen years. God moved in mighty ways through these mission endeavors.

- through networking inter-denominationally (ecumenically) with individuals, corporations, businesses, churches, and other ministries to help meet missions' needs

DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES was able to network with a business to re-carpet First Baptist Church of Big Coppit, Florida, and the church's parsonage, after both buildings were severely damaged by hurricane Wilma. In addition, the ministry arranged for a new refrigerator in the parsonage, as shown below in these photographs. (The congregation expressed appreciation through pictures, a card, and a laser art tile of the re-constructed building.)



DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES, through networking with some businesses, was able to help an orphanage in India, sponsored by the *Spoken Word of God*, to remain in operation. After the tsunami, the orphanage had taken in extra children who had been orphaned. This caused a budget shortfall and, in retaliation, the Indian government was going to seize the home of the pastor who oversees the orphanage. We were able to provide resources to help meet the budget needs and to keep the orphanage functioning.



DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES raised funds to provide beds for young boys in a Ukrainian detention center. Because so many young children are orphaned and the orphanages are so crowded, children often are thrown into detention centers for minor misconduct to keep them off the streets. They usually sleep on the floor with no mattresses or pillows. Working with *Hands on Missions*, we helped with a fund-raiser to provide beds for the children in one of the detention centers. The picture above shows the beds that provided a comfortable place to sleep and brought excitement to and gratitude from the boys in the orphanage. Money has been raised to help build a wall around an orphanage near Bangalore, India, to protect the children from cobra snakes. Also, funds were raised to help buy a computer for a young man in Calcutta, India.

Esther and John Kancherla were missionaries from India who came to work in the United States a couple of times each year. While here in the United States, John had a heart attack and several subsequent surgeries, leaving him in critical condition for several months. **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES** helped with some of Esther's financial needs before John's death and before her return to India. We helped provide funds for expenses for a man from Korea, who was critically ill and needed transportation to the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition, financial aid has been given to a family of five who are all experiencing different types of cancers as a result of living near Chernobyl. **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES** has provided food and shelter locally in the winter when the homeless shelters were full. Most of this temporary aid has been given to single mothers with children.

General Evangelism

- through revivals, crusades, conferences, retreats, and seminars

Some of the ways **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES** has fostered evangelism is through sponsoring and/or participating in the following:

Revivals with Wayne as the guest speaker/musician

Services of music, messages, drama and monologues with Wayne and Joy

Ladies' events led by Joy.

DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES has sponsored worship services, conferences, and events including:

Christmas SONfest at Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Revivals/Banquets/Celebrations

Tour of the *Amish Country* of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Into the Next Town Ministries, an evangelistic drama group

Piedmont International Fellowship with students from colleges and universities

Messianic Seminars on the Fall Feasts of Israel; **Rick Stanley**, step-brother of Elvis Presley;

Geof Kimber, vocalist/musician; the gospel through opera and the personal testimony of **Natalie Griffin**

Mitchell, **Dan Griffin** (Natalie's father) and **Keith Critcher**; **Sam Elisha Ministries**; Scholarships for ladies

attending *Women by Design* retreats; Evangelistic float in the Boone Christmas Parade; Health and Wellness

Seminars; Introduced **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES** at the Casting Crowns Concert in Myrtle Beach, SC

Encouragement for ministers/missionaries and their spouses

- through conferences and retreats

Joy participated in the North Carolina Ministers' Wives' Retreat

DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES sponsored and hosted a conference for ministers and their spouses led by a Christian counselor, **Rev. John Padgett**, President of *Living Hope Ministries*, based in Boone, North Carolina.

Production of Christian literature

- through books, pamphlets, magazines, music, and web materials

Through **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES**, Joy's book, The Creation Diet, was produced. A spin-off of that book, Live Longer and Love Life, (co-written with a medical doctor) is now available. As of November, 2009, Joy has authored, co-authored, or has been a contributing author for eleven (11) books. The books are available through Amazon; Barnes and Noble; and LifeWay Christian Bookstores. You also can order them on line by contacting us at www.diversifiedministries.org

A new 365 day devotional book, A Passion for Purpose, published by New Hope Publishers, the Publishing Company of the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, is available. Wayne plans to release another recording which will include standard favorite hymns and some of his original compositions. He is naming the work *Something Old! Something New!*

On-going mission projects are conducted locally, nationally, and globally, including disaster relief efforts. Please write, email, or call if you would like to receive further details concerning these events.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Plans for 2010 include mission tours internationally to **Haiti** and **Nicaragua** and nationally to Arizona, New Mexico, and New York; and **Marriage Enrichment Retreats** and **retreats for ministers, missionaries, and their spouses** for encouragement. Mission/Study Tours of the **Holy Land** (including Egypt and Jordan) and the Missionary Journeys of Paul (Greece) are being considered prayerfully.

We are **booking now** for the 2010 presentation of the famous **Passion Play**, which is presented only every decade, in **Oberammergau, Germany!** The villagers present this dramatic musical interpretation of the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus in thanksgiving to God for sparing their village from the Bubonic Plague hundreds of years ago when it swept across Europe. This trip also will include **Italy, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France, and England.** **PLEASE CALL IMMEDIATELY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO WITH US!** The trip is scheduled for **June 23 – July 7, 2010.**

We have received invitations to bring future short-term mission groups to **Europe, India, Israel, Korea, Morocco, Romania, Russia, and Africa.** Please join us in prayer for God's guidance concerning **how to prioritize** the unlimited future opportunities for **DIVERSIFIED MINISTRIES.** We have become convicted that *"Most of the world's people have never heard what we take for granted: the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ!"* Please contact us if **you** are interested in or have suggestions for a mission trip to a particular location. We will be happy to investigate prayerfully the possibility of your suggestions and plan accordingly as God leads. We appreciate and truly are grateful for your prayerful support as we remain committed to serving as a **BRIDGE** between our loving Savior and a hurting world! Thank you! God bless you!

Gratefully and prayerfully, in Jesus' love,

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John 3:16



*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;
and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.*
Matthew 28:19-20

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon
you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all
Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*

If not NOW . . . WHEN?

If not YOU . . . WHO?

If not HERE . . . WHERE?

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