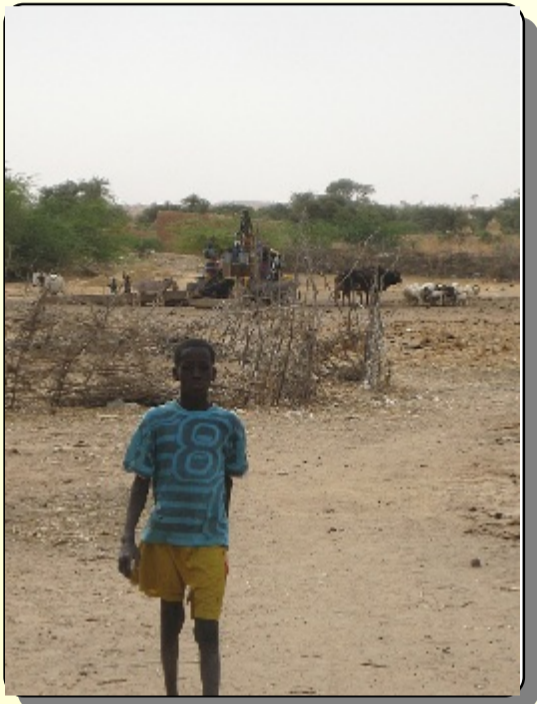




**TIME SENSITIVE NIGER NEEDS**



Desert conditions

Our expanded partnership with Niger Christian Mission takes a leap forward with the mobile medical clinic outreach directed by lead physician, Dr. Sally Sidman, of Danville, IL. The medical mission trip dates are January 11-23, 2010. The team will work with nomadic tribes people, most of whom have never received any medical care. Time is wasting away for gathering needed supplies and for mobilizing an expanded medical team. As of October 1, our team size is 4. We need other doctors and nurses to step up between now and November 15 in order to allow time for necessary



Medical needs

vaccinations and visa processing time prior to departure. And, extra supplies are needed – **TIME IS CRITICAL**. The container of supplies will ship on October 28. The Rockville Christian Church collected \$2500 to purchase pharmaceuticals needed by Dr. Sidman. We want to supplement the shipment with over the counter medicines and personal care items. Please consider sending a gift or gathering supplies so that they are in Florence, KY by October 27. Helpful items to donate: **Ibuprofen, antibiotic creams, sterile pads, bandages, skin care lotions, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc.** Other items needed are a generator, pillows, sheets, sleeping bags and tents. Please contact Roger if you are interested in joining the team or meeting any of these supply needs.



Praise God for provisions in Jesus' name!

**EVADE 48**

Experiencing Victory At Decade's End

For the second time in MP's 16-year history, we have launched a capital campaign. Our current effort is designed to meet 6 strategic ministry needs. Information about our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009 project affectionately known as EVADE 48 is enclosed with this issue of Clothes-Minded. Our desire is to see 1,000 families offer a special gift of \$48 in order to reach our campaign goal of \$48,000. Will you offer a contribution to help meet these MP needs? Please return your gift made payable to MASTER Provisions in the enclosed envelope so that it can be properly credited to EVADE 48. THANKS!

# DOSVIDANYA JIM, SPACEEBAH



Jim Smelser and family

Jim Smelser resigned from his position as Operations Director at MP, effective October 1, to move back into the secular work force. He'll be driving semi tractor trailers and conducting sales work at Waitt Trucking Co. near Indianapolis. Over the years, Jim kept plugging away until the tasks were done and offered extra hours of sacrificial service each week for 15 years. He volunteered during his first 5 years at MP while working at a financial services company. After taking a full-time position in 1999, Jim served in many different capacities until his unexpected resignation. In addition to managing operations, Jim drove trucks, organized and led clothes packs, picked up clothing regularly in central Indiana, spoke at churches, led mission trips and was well loved by just about everyone in MP circles. As they say in the old Soviet Union, Spaceebah (Thanks) for many jobs well done, and Dosvidanya (Good-bye) Jim.

## CALL FROM AFRICA: WARM WEATHER CLOTHING NEEDED

God continues to fling open doors of service in Africa. In addition to our new ministry partner in Cameroon and regular shipments to Niger and Zimbabwe, MP is very close to finalizing initial shipment plans for Sierra Leone and Ghana. With the greatly increased demand for container shipments to Africa (plus 7-8 shipments to Honduras annually), MP needs your help to collect lightweight clothing suitable for use in hot and warm weather climates. Since summer is over, why not clean out your closets and send your summer threads our way and then on to people residing in equatorial climates? And, if you have connections with churches in the Southern United States, please provide some contact information to us and we will investigate potential clothing drives down in Dixie-Land.

## DIVINE ACTION IN JACKSON.....ville

We have experienced many "breaks" in the weather over the years where the meteorological forecasts took a back seat to God's plans for a given day at a given location. Such was the case for the umpteenth time this past September 24 in Jacksonville (Illinois, that is). The First Christian Church of J-ville collects clothing annually in a storage trailer in the corner of the parking lot. In the past, Jim would bring a semi tractor to move the storage trailer next to the church building to simplify the sorting process. Unaware of this arrangement and not licensed to drive a big rig, Roger made the trip this year with a box truck and pull-behind trailer. The Jacksonvillians expected to see a semi pulling into the lot to perform the parking lot trailer shuffle. It had been a rainy day with more rains in the forecast and threatening skies. But, in faith, we set up tables in the parking lot next to the storage trailer. After putting 10 tables in place, the day's first beam of sunshine broke through the clouds to shine on the parking lot while black clouds covered the rest of the town. The 100% chance of rain for the area turned into no chance of rain while we completed the Lord's work in the parking lot.

## CLOTHING COMMENT by Roger Babik

These are exciting times at MP as God is preparing us for shipments to our 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> nations (Sierra Leone and Ghana). With Jim's departure, we will consolidate operations at our Florence, KY warehouse and regionalize packing events more effectively. Tom and Don are now in charge of what we call MASTER Touch (MT), an internal contact program. Our MT focus: Excellence at thanking, educating and appreciating our supporters while improving our prayer links with them. Successful completion of our EVADE 48 (Experiencing Victory at Decade's End) Capital Campaign will meet 6 strategic needs and provide solid financial footing as we continue to offer help and hope in the name of Jesus. Thanks for sharing in the Lord's work at MP!

## KROGER UPDATE

Over 300 specially assigned Kroger gift cards issued by MASTER Provisions to our supporters are in circulation around the U.S. MP receives a monthly check from Kroger equal to 4% of the total amount loaded on those gift cards. Do you shop for food and/or fuel at Kroger? If so, do you want to join our MP/Kroger team and donate \$4 for every \$100 that you spend at Kroger? TO JOIN THE MP KROGER CROWD - contact Tom Pendergrass at [clothespen@insightbb.com](mailto:clothespen@insightbb.com) or 859-992-3895.

Monthly gifts from Kroger to MP have averaged over \$500 since May 2009!!

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