

UNTO THE LEAST OF HIS

Where the least come first!

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Rev. Bobby Gale, Director



A Word from Bobby

Let's not romanticize poverty in our world. The word poverty for me is a multi-dimensional word which could mean materialistically or spiritually without. In some cases, poverty could mean both aspects of the word. I was recently engaged in a conversation with an affluent person from London about the material needs of the Maasi people in Northern Kenya. I was trying to explain the difficulties of getting water from the river that is filled with crocodiles and how hard it is to transport the water back to their village.

Before I could say another word about the difficulties of nomadic life, this British lady stated how lovely of a time that she had with her grandmother as a child carrying the water from the well to grandmother's house and how these children and ladies probably enjoyed their work. After a few more minutes of romanticizing their poverty, I asked the lady to trade places with the Maasi women. I asked her to give her house in London with running water and amenities for the simple but good life of these nomadic pastoral people.

To my dismay and unbelief, she puffed up like someone had hit her with a wet tuna. I could not believe my ears or my eyes! "Why would I want to live out here in these mud huts?" she asked. I really wondered on that day who was the most impoverished. Materialistic poverty does have its difficulties, but I am not sure spiritual poverty is not worse. Poverty in either dimension de-



Our Vision

The vision for this ministry is to equip local churches to become more actively involved in Christian mission opportunities and service.

Our Goals

- 1. Select and train future mission team leaders and help them implement mission projects for their church.*
- 2. Attract and train mission team leaders by taking them on a mission trip before leading a team on their own.*
- 3. Generate interest in missions by providing local churches with programs, seminars, or services about missions.*

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Good news for Ghana, Africa

Recently, we were in an area where contaminated water is the drink of the day. Water born diseases are common for the children and adults of this area. We witnessed the people in this area taking baths in sewage water right beside the pigs and other animals. The needs of this community were obvious to us. This community in Ghana, Africa needed clean water, but it was evident to us that they could not do it themselves. The people of this community are hard-working people who leave early in the morning to gather firewood, food and shelter each day. We shared their difficulties with other Christian believers and today we can be assured that the body of Christ is alive and well. Partners and friends of "Unto the least of His" ministry, Martha Bowman UMC and Warner Robins First UMC have sponsored the village with the necessary funds for this project. We hope to dedicate this water well project to our Lord and Savior in January of 2008.



Future location for water well in Ghana, Africa

Please remember our seminary students in your prayers, both spiritually and financially. Training the next generation is preparing to pass the torch!

Brandon Passmore
Michael Lolwerikoi
David Blackwood

Joe Bateman
Ashley Kennedy



Happy Thanksgiving
From our family to yours!

THANK YOU!!

As the manna ministry comes into fruition, I would like to thank Goodwill and those churches that have helped with prayers and clothing drives. Good ministry is about partnership and each person or church using their gifts to strengthen and glorify the body of Christ. Many of us do not even realize the needs of the least and the power of compassion. Compassion changes people!

On behalf of the recipients of your acts of compassion, I would like to thank these churches for their partnership in collecting used clothes: Acworth UMC of Acworth, Riverside UMC of Macon, Warner Robins 1st of WR, Pitts Chapel UMC of Macon and Irwinton/Toombsboro UMC of Wilkinson County. These clothes will impact people for Christ!

Letter from Rev. Joe Bateman

Hey Bobby. I want to thank you for coming to Sparks UMC last week as our revival preacher. The words that you brought to us each night were encouraging, inspiring, and challenging. I heard from several life-time members that this was the best revival that Sparks has had in many years. Our theme, 'Expect a Miracle' held true. There were two people who were so moved by the picture of the man from Africa reading his Bible through a single eyeglass lens that they brought several pairs of eyeglasses and challenged others to bring their old glasses or buy reading glasses to be sent to help those in need. Another lady was inspired to begin a sewing ministry within our church. She has had a good number of ladies who have agreed to be a part of it and have already received donations of money to get started sewing children's clothes. Two of our men have begun planning a work team to travel to New Orleans over the Christmas holidays. And get this; someone in our little church has felt inspired to raise enough money to put in a water well in Africa. Praise God! Thank you Bobby for coming and sharing God's greatness with us. Your ministry has certainly had a tremendous impact on our church. Though our sign that said "REVIVAL" has come down from the front of the building, revival continues at Sparks UMC.



Sowing a recipe and reaping a cookbook!

Unto the Least of His continues to equip and involve local churches and individuals in missions and ministries. We have a fun project in the works and we need your help. We are trying to compose an Unto the Least of His cookbook. We are hoping to have recipes from different regions of the country and world. We need your best recipes to help us in this endeavor. Thank you to those who have already sent some great recipes!

KEEP THOSE RECIPES COMING !

May you continue to bless and be blessed in His kingdom,

Joe Bateman

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Our little Samuel turned 1 year old last month! Time is flying!

We would love to come and share our ministry with your church, Sunday school class, circle, civic group, school or community event. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we reach out to the least in our world.