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Into All the World

Mission teams from Heartland Community Church make several trips each year to the Philippine Islands. During these trips, the team ministers to church leaders during two-day pastors' gatherings in a variety of locations. They also hold evangelistic crusades under the direction of our host Bobbi Pino, who has planted several churches in the Philippines. On the most recent trip this November, team leader Tom Hutchens experienced the first answer to fifteen years of prayer for the Muslim areas of the nations. He and Tass Abu Saada were able to visit a predominately Muslim region where Tass managed to preach about Jesus during a mosque service. Heartland Community Church continues to pray for our friends in the Philippines while we plan our next journey.

In January of 2004, several men from the church will be traveling to Mexico on a building project. The team will be building a church in the practical sense, but also building in the spiritual sense as they work together and serve the people of another nation.



Part of the recent team which traveled to the Philippines.



A night crusade in Bais—the Philippines.

We welcome you to attend our Missions Conference February 29-March 3, 2004.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER Heartland CNS International Ministries, Inc.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Morning Service
	6pm	Evening Service
Tuesday	7pm	Youth Meeting
Wednesday	7pm	Mid-Week Service
Friday	7pm	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	7pm	Intercessory Prayer

"Straight from the Heart" TELEVISION PROGRAM

KTVO Channel 3	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
WGEM Channel 10	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
WTJR Channel 16	Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

RADIO PROGRAM

WTAD 930 AM	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
WGEM 105.9 FM	Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

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HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER

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A Church that Serves

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE NOVEMBER OPEN HOUSE



Charles Sharpe welcomes our guests.



The kitchen staff hard at work!



High school and Bible College students presented a program of music and worship after the meal.



Putting every detail into place.



These cute little "cows" greeted guests and directed them to the Dairy presentation.



More than 1200 people joined us for Open House.



High school servers from HCA were "on the move."



Visitors browsed through displays, such as this 4-H table.

So many things are going on in the Heartland community that people sometimes wonder if there is a central focus to it all. A few minutes with Pastor Charles Sharpe settles that question and makes the vision perfectly clear: "We are a church that serves. That is our mission. We are here to serve the hurting and to help those who are lost find Christ. We may do that through a variety of things, such as schools, recovery centers, or jobs but our purpose is always the same."

Pastor Sharpe also says that he and this local church are specifically called to serve Northeast Missouri, and beyond that, this nation. Although the church is concerned with world missions and does send out short-term teams, their first call is in the United States. David Nance, who manages Heartland Dairy, recently discussed that issue. The church is sending a construction crew to Mexico to build a church, and David really wanted to be a part of that team. But he came to the realization during prayer one day that his mission field is the dairy. His call is to keep that place running smoothly so that men can work at good jobs while seeking God and getting their lives turned around.

The same thing is true for Phil who manages the café or Mrs. Gilmore who teaches school. Dr. Nickerson in his clinic and Peter in the greenhouse are all following the same call of God on their lives. They are all committed to living in unity and being a church that serves.

Being a church, a local expression of the true Body of Christ, is a miracle. It can only be formed by God and held together by His Spirit. But the cooperation of people is essential. Although such unity is invisible and takes place in a spiritual realm, it can be seen in practical ways. The 2003 Heartland Open House was a good example. Nearly 1200 people were served free steak dinners while students from the school and Bible College surrounded them with sounds of worship in November. Every person in the church pulled together to make that event happen, and unity prevailed. The church served. That continues to be our goal every day and every hour in this coming year.

HEARTLAND YOUTH RECOVERY

A Family in Focus

The Heartland community is home to a number of young people whose lives have been changed by the power of God. Often, those dramatic changes become a catalyst to seeing entire families brought into the



Carissa and Chelsea

Kingdom of God. Chelsea is one example of that miracle.

Chelsea describes herself as a "church kid" who grew up knowing something about religion but nothing about a relationship with Jesus. Her family experienced a lot of problems, including hidden anger which never surfaced in public. Her siblings, however, were open with their issues. Police officers visited the family home at least once a week to deal with something a sibling had done.

"I would get so embarrassed that I withdrew from people and was consumed with fear and rejection," Chelsea says. "My sister came to Heartland and stayed for a few months in 1998; then she left. In 1999 she came back to Heartland and then learned that she had cancer. My family started coming to Heartland every month for my sister's chemotherapy, and it was then she gave her life to the Lord. It has been through my sister's sickness and healing that my family

and I have become Christians."

"My family has changed. There are no more cops at our house. I moved to

Heartland several years ago, which in many ways saved my life. I know it is not Heartland that changed me, though I have learned structure, but it has been Jesus Christ. In this season of my life, God is speaking to me about building my character and about responsibility. I know I am blessed

to live in a community where you can walk down the street and be unafraid of someone kidnapping you or being shot. I know that inside of me is a move of God and that God has given me a spirit of courage, not one of timidity."

Chelsea is currently a senior at Heartland Christian Academy and her sister is a student at Nations Harvest Bible College located on the Heartland campus. Both girls are enjoying the fruit of their relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another.



HEARTLAND ADULT RECOVERY

Choosing God Each Day

A number of people who have graduated from the recovery programs end up deciding to make Heartland their home. These people become vital members of the community; committed to seeing other people find Christ and to seeing the local church grow strong. Tim is one of those community members.

I am the youngest of four siblings in a very stable family. I grew up as part of the Lutheran church and had a great childhood. I made good grades all through school and played baseball and tennis through high school. When I turned sixteen, though, things changed. I went to work in restaurants, which is a big party atmosphere, and I learned to like the adrenaline rush of that life. By the time I was 18, I was selling drugs across state lines while opening new restaurants.

At age 19, I was shooting up cocaine and heroin every day. It only took a little while before I was showing all my friends how to do the same thing. In one year, eight of my very close friends died of drug overdoses—something that took me a long time to get over.

A lifestyle of crime soon developed to support my habit, and eventually I was arrested for drinking and driving. Three months in jail didn't change me. Two months later, I found myself surrounded by police cars with a helicopter overhead after I ran from the police in another arrest. When jail didn't get my attention, the Lord tried something else. I developed an infection around my heart and spent two weeks in the hospital. The doctor told me that any more drugs would end my life.

I went back to my parents' house, and a neighbor invited me to church. On September 28, 2001, I accepted Christ into my life and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. After that, I started my own business and stayed active in the church for a year. Then I started putting God off. I got hungry for money, and I forgot what the Lord had done for me by pulling me out of that hell. I went back and in a month I had lost everything.

I nearly lost my life with another overdose, and that is when I found out about Heartland. I didn't hesitate. I came right away, wanting to change and willing to do anything the Lord put in front of me. He put

many trials and many blessings there. He put great men of God around me. Many times I wanted to leave, but I want to keep my word to the Lord this time and stay till He calls me out.

I head up a construction crew at the Dairy now, and I believe the Lord has me here to be an example to the men in the program: that there is a better way, a peaceful way, and that is through

our Savior Jesus Christ. There will be trials, but that is where we grow. James 1:1-12 says that faith grows through trials if we will do these things:

- F**ace your trials positively, vs. 2
- A**ccept your trials patiently, vs. 3
- I**mplore God for wisdom in your trial, vs. 5
- T**rust God through your trial, vs. 6
- H**arvest blessing from your trials, vs. 12

Every day we have the choice to serve God or serve our flesh. I choose to serve God today.



HEARTLAND DAIRY



The main milking carousel at the Heartland Dairy (above) can be viewed from the observation room at the Visitor Center.

The aerial view (left) is a photo of the Heartland Dairy/Sharpe Land & Cattle buildings in the rolling hills of northeast Missouri.

One of the main attractions for folks visiting the Heartland community is the Heartland Dairy, where over 3500 cows step on the carousel to be milked each day. Visitors are continually amazed by the sight of each cow ambling into one of the sixty stalls for a carousel ride and then stepping off at just the right moment to make a smooth exit. Managers at the dairy explain that it takes only a few days to train each cow how to ride the carousel. It takes much longer to train the humans how to do their part!

Heartland Dairy is the largest dairy operation in Missouri, and one of the largest non-commercial dairies in the nation. Approximately sixty-five workers are employed on the day-shift at the dairy, and ninety percent of them are residents or graduates of the Heartland Men's Recovery Center.

Blue and silver tankers bearing the logo "Jesus is the Answer" then carry 24,000 gallons of grade A raw milk to processing plants in other cities each day. Last fall Heartland Dairy expanded with another 20-cow milking parlor to produce Grade A milk.

As a bonus of this large dairy operation, Heartland Organics offers compost products such as potting mix and dairy manure. These products are used by nurseries, greenhouses, and farm stores in Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois.

Next time you are in the Heartland area, stop by the new Dairy Welcome Center. Watch the carousel in action, visit the gift shop, and take a free guided tour of the whole operation. The Welcome Center Director, Jerry Moffit, will be glad to arrange your tour anytime between 9:00am and 4:30pm Monday through Saturday or between 1:30 and 3:30pm on Sundays. Feel free to call 660-284-6361 or 660-213-4584 to schedule a tour.

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Are you prepared for the next season of your life, or have you just been hitting the "default" button? Think

about investing some time getting to know God better. If you are serious about making an impact in the world, Bible College can provide the training you need to step into your future. The discipleship process at Nations Harvest Bible College is designed to help you:

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