

## JOYEUX NOEL ET BONNE ANNEE

We send our love and appreciation for your prayers and support of our ministry during the past year. 2012 has been a year filled with fruitful ministry. **Kim and Marc** celebrated 26 years of marital bliss on May 24th and 16 years as CBF Field Personnel in June. **Rebecca** is now firmly in her Social Work Major, a junior at Meredith University in Raleigh, North Carolina. With the support of the campus chaplain, Stacy Pardue, Rebecca formed Angels against Trafficking, an advocacy club. Together the young women have raised money for local Anti-Trafficking programs and awareness on campus and in local churches. Next April Rebecca will be leading seminars on the issue as a guest presenter at the Mission Extravaganza hosted by the WMU of North Carolina at the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.



Meredith University Angels Against Trafficking – Rebecca Joy Wyatt, Coordinator kneeling left, Stacy Pardue, Campus Chaplain front center.

**Jon Marc**, a senior at Hillcrest Public High School, Ottawa was accepted by Gardner-Webb University and will enter college next fall. He was inducted into the Honor Society this year, remains active in the school Jazz Band and is a

youth leader in our church. He is completing his drivers training course this winter so we've notified the neighbors not to park their cars on the street.

**Thank you for generously giving to the Offering for Global Missions.** Your support makes it possible for us to participate in God's work among immigrants and refugees who now live in Canada. We love you. Keep praying, it matters. To receive our monthly **Prayer Associates** write us at [wyatt@thefellowship.info](mailto:wyatt@thefellowship.info) or call 613-521-4918.

## THE ABOVE GROUND RAILROAD

June saw our book, The Above Ground Railroad: The Story of the Matthew House Movement in Canada published by Tall Pine Press. With many thanks to the faithful people of **First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City** and the gifted work of freelance writer and photographer **Joey Clifton** the story of CBF's partnership with Canadian Baptist Churches and Refugee Advocate Champions was recorded in black and white. Over the summer the book was featured by Canadian Baptists during their annual assembly in Toronto. Later, during the CBF General Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas, the story was again featured during a book signing by Clifton. Over 1000 copies have been sold to date. Proceeds from the book's sale benefit the Matthew House Refugee Ministry in Canada. Available now on Amazon.

## 2012 OGM FEATURED OTTAWA MINISTRY

There is so much that could be said but we think the Offering for Global Missions Videos say it all. Here are the links to the videos. Thank you for helping make these ministries happen. Enjoy.

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We were blessed by so many helpers this year. Special thanks to the **Langford's: Jeff, Sara, Ian, Seth and Isaac from Liberty, Missouri** where Jeff is Associate Coordinator for CBF Missouri. The Langford's stepped right up to the plate engaging every aspect of our ministry faithfully and joyfully blessing everyone they served. An amazing family, the Langford's demonstrated the Gospel in word and deed during their 3 weeks serving in Canada.

We also had the privilege of serving alongside mission teams from **Augusta Heights BC (Tom Legrand, Pastor)** and **Inman FBC (Michael Owens, Youth Minister)** from Greenville, SC, **Larry and Kim Hovis of CBF NC**, a team from eastern NC led by Pastors **Lee Canipe, Murfreesboro BC, Daniel Glaze, FBC Ahoskie and John Pond, Chowan University**. In September, **Temple Baptist Church, Durham, NC** sent 7 angels led by **Scott Hovey and Barbara Hastings**, who packed, stacked, folded, washed, cooked, hung mirrors, bagged groceries, loved and encouraged weary workers and refugees all the while with cheer and Good News. We thank God for these and for those of you who partnered with us in special ways this year on mission in Canada. (A special shout out to the KW's in Richmond, Virginia. You girls rock!)

### **MEUBLES ET MONDE A NATIONAL STORY**

Meubles et Monde which in English means Furniture and People, led by our ministry partner, **Julien Desrochers**, was featured in December by the Canadian Broadcasting Company. The national television news story placed the local downtown Montreal

neighborhood ministry onto the national stage. Thanks to help from CBF and **Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission** Julien's team of French volunteers provide hope and help to immigrants and refugees trying to set up a home for themselves in Canada's largest French Speaking city. It's easy to miss these folks, marginalized and invisible to most. But together we are helping those Jesus identified personally with support to establish a home for themselves. See the CBC Story by clicking the blog at -

<http://meublesetmonde.blogspot.ca/>

### **PARTNERING IN CHATEAUGUAY, QUEBEC**

L'Église Chrétienne le Rocher (The Rock Christian Church), a French Canadian Baptist congregation faithfully demonstrates the love of God weekly through its Food Basket Ministry. The ministry provides healthy groceries to over 110 families a week. Pastor **Daniel Cimon** believes actions and personal relationships with the community are important ways to bridge the vast cultural and spiritual fracture that exists between the Gospel of Jesus Christ and those injured by abusive religion and poverty. Despite its culturally Catholic identity the people of Quebec are among the least evangelized in North America. Less than 1 percent of consider themselves Evangelical Christians. A growing partnership is emerging between CBF and French Baptist Churches. Mission teams, prayer and other resource helps are mobilizing for 2013. 'Venir et de nous aider'! Acts 16:9

### **BLESSINGS & PRAYERS REQUESTED**

**Hewot and Solomon** were married at Bromley Road Baptist Church in July. The church was filled with joyful participants, dancing, great

food and worship as we all became Ethiopian for the day. Our daughter, Rebecca, was a most beautiful bridesmaid. Marc was invited to join the Bride's family during a ritual of honor in which the Groom's family and the Bridal Party filed by one at a time to kiss the knees of the Bride's family. It was a very unique and special experience and honor for our family. Thank you for praying for Hewot as she has moved from refugee to wife, from stranger to sister in Christ. Please continue to pray as she maneuvers the Canadian immigration system toward citizenship one day.

**David**, one of the three Matthew House Ottawa staff originally came to Canada as a refugee himself. This summer he gratefully became a new Canadian after 6 years of patiently waiting. "This is the first time in my life that I truly feel like I am home," he told us. With a new passport firmly in hand, MHO supporters rallied to help David visit his mother in southern Africa in November. It was the first time the two had seen each other in 16 years.

**Sue Sparks**, a member of McPhail Baptist Church, joined Kim as a chaplain for the Adult High School of Ottawa in September. As the New Year approaches she will take the lead providing practical and spiritual ministry helps to the majority immigrant student population, administration, staff and teachers. It is wonderful to see Sue grow in her pastoral presence and leadership knowing that God is transitioning the ministry into faithful hands and hearts. The Wyatt's will be concluding their current service in Canada beginning home assignment in Wilmington, NC July 1, 2013.

**The following email** was sent to the Director of Matthew House Ottawa by Marc on October 3<sup>rd</sup> following baby Michael's birth at 2:14 am. (7lbs 12 ounces)

*Dear Jan,*

*Oh, what a long and yet blessed night, eh? Thank you for all you have done to help our refugee friend during this special and yet anxious time in her life. So happy to hear baby Michael is now here; our newest Matthew House Canadian.*

*I couldn't help thinking today as I was driving back home, the verses in Matthew 25:31 ff where Jesus told the sheep that when the marginalized and helpless were in need and they were there helping that it was actually him they were serving. I thought – 'I was alone, having a baby by myself in a strange new place and you looked after me; helped me find a wonderful place to live – furnished it with beautiful furniture – threw a great shower and celebrated my baby with me – took me to the hospital when it was time and I felt really bad – stayed with me all night to hold my hand and help me welcome my precious new baby boy into this world – that was me – Jesus.*

*Bless you sister,*

*Marc*

**Alpha House** and **Jirah Place** became satellite ministries of Matthew House Ottawa this fall. Both homes are owned by a local real estate agent closely involved with MHO and the Furniture Bank of Ottawa. These homes offer extended community and support for refugees that transition from the main ministry program. Current residents hail from Nigeria, Uganda, Burundi and Cameroon. We give thanks to God that our ministry has grown from one to three homes now dedicated to loving and supporting refugees in Ottawa; from a home to a neighborhood.

*The Wyatt's are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel serving Internationals in Canada. They may be reached by email at [wyatt@thefellowship.info](mailto:wyatt@thefellowship.info) or by writing 1776 Dorset Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1H5T8 or by calling 1-613-521-4918.*