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*Researching, Teaching,
Mobilizing, for the Name—
Serving Primarily African-
Americans*

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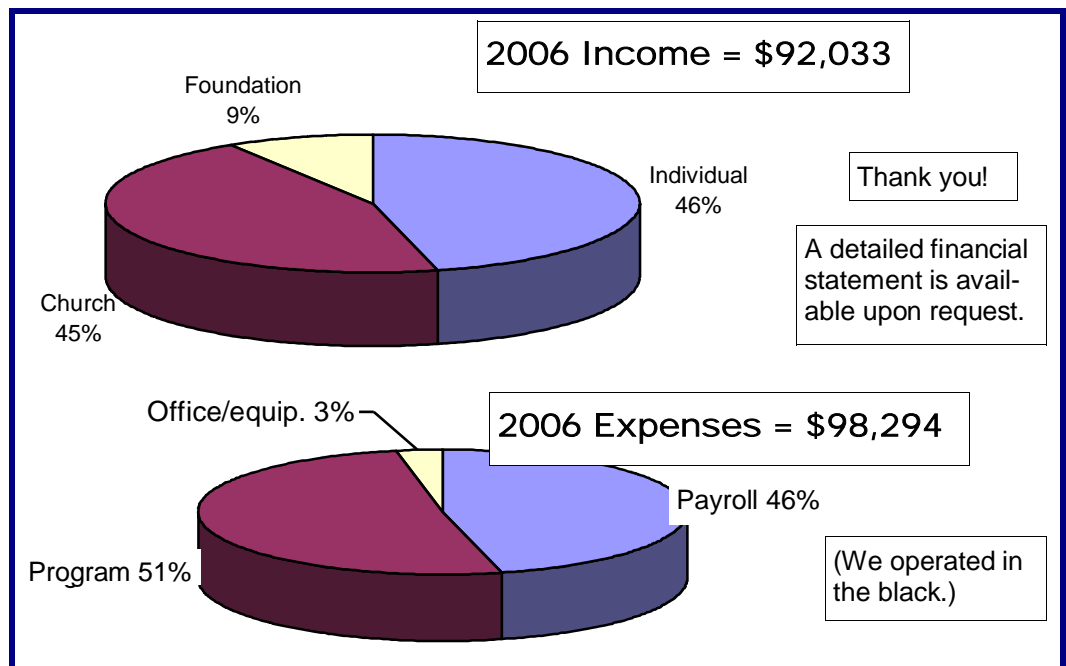
InSites:

- Live QnA Ask questions to the Web <http://qna.live.com/>
- "ReMap" —how to retain missionaries generatingchange.co.uk/html/remap_ii_-_project_documents.html
- Yelp.com Places in your community
- PubMed Medical database www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez
- Astronomy pics: www.pk3.org/Astro/

December marked 30 years of God's amazing financial support without a salary—faithfulness through wonderful people. He also provided a missionary salary for 5 years previous to those 30. God constantly stretches faith. Apart from a very modest reserve, we were \$2,000 short of meeting payroll as of Dec. 29. On Dec. 30th there was \$5,200 in the RMNi mailbox from 7 friends. Another \$500 arrived postmarked in December. This provides opportunity for ministry locally and abroad, and funds toward computer updating.

Our focus is to provide resources particularly for African American missions mobilizers and to provide ministry opportunities abroad for Black churches. There may be 500 African American missionaries. Thousands more could be sent and supported. The infelicitous term "glocal" describes us—global and local in our modest efforts. Ellen Fox just re-joined our Sudan team (she is investigating fulltime missions). Last week I spent 3 hours helping Kip get Social Security papers and a job interview and two hours providing financial counseling. I'm grateful for these opportunities in the African American community.

We finally made it to southern Sudan (we plan to return in June), which has only 20 missionaries per million Sudanese. Haiti was a closed door.



We're eager for our third trip to India in partnership with the India Gospel League, serving primarily at an annual pastors' conference at Chandrapur in central India. Please pray that the Lord will recruit teachers and medical workers for India and teachers, evangelists and medical staff for Sudan. India has only 8 missionaries per million (the USA has 118).

2006 saw the rollout of the third generation of www.RMNI.org under the direction of Walt Robertson, the site's originator. Please pray that our 10,000 visitors per month will find us again, as page addresses have changed. We plan to update and enhance site content in 2007.

Concerning the spiritual warfare issues I've mentioned this year, it's a day-by-day fight, but there is progress. Thanks for praying. We've not located either an intern or an assistant director, to share some responsibilities. I'm helping to draft an African American missions manifesto, and plan to teach a workshop on recruiting African American missionaries, Jan. 19-20, 2007 at the African American Missions Strategy Seminar at Columbia International University. The following week I plan to take a course on ethnicity and missions. Thank you for any prayer and other contributions in 2006. Our Board of Directors and my wife and I are very grateful. Praise and worship songs are good, but our commission is to evangelize, baptize and disciple—to participate in creating worshippers. (mission stats from the World Christian Database)

2006 Ministry Summary

Researching:

Compiled lists of African American Scholarly websites and Good stewardship websites; Researched Report articles

Teaching:

PowerPoint upgrades: Budgeting, Financial Stewardship; Personal Evangelism—also created a Sudan strategic overview slideshow. RMNi provided 4,444 student hours (60 minutes) of teaching in the US and Africa (1200 to women, 1900 to children, 1344 to men); The Gospel was presented to at least 175 persons, with at least 4 accepting Christ.

Missions Mobilizing:

Sudan: Led 6 people to serve for 11 days in Sudan, channeled an extra \$3,851 to Sudan and made arrangements to return in 2007

Kenya: Channeled \$8517 to Kenya for medical missions and individual support

India: Funneled \$2,311 to pastors in India and have made arrangements to return

Uganda: Provided \$927 to Ugandan pastors and consulted with Westminster Theological Seminary (Kampala, Uganda) in their campus development

Helped to draft the African American Missions Manifesto 2007

Attempted to take a team to Haiti

Urban Ministry:

47 ministry occasions, ministering to an average of 3 persons per week; four volunteers assisted; distributed approx. 500 New Testaments; Updated and distributed job acquisition handouts; Assisted in minority recruitment for a local Christian school

Counseling: Financial debt/budget counseling—15 sessions; Personal counseling: 6

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Administration: Produced and distributed 6 Reconciliation Reports and 6 donor reports

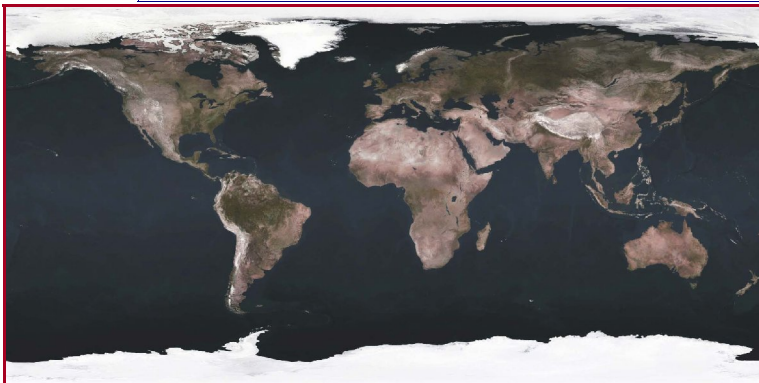
Website: Walt Robertson developed an online African American missions forum; oversaw a complete website redesign; prior to site redesign we had approximately 10,000 visits per month.

Dear Jim

Thanks so much. GREAT JOB!! This is a tremendous tool for educating the church with the crucial facts! I'll be sure to look for the 2007 version. Blessings upon you!

Regarding the Global Missions Trends PowerPoint presentation, from a missionary

Two rare African American missionaries, who gave us a tour of Kibera slum in Nairobi last June. Dr. Michael Johnson is a surgeon working at St. Mary's Hospital and with his wife Kay, assist in famine relief and orphan care, as well as medical missions. He works through World Gospel Mission and is (hint) on furlough in the US . See www.wgm.org



Global Missions 2007

- Over 15.4 million people die annually without having been told of God's salvation by faith in His Son. However, according to David Barrett, "The least evangelized peoples of the world have been shown to be the most responsive to the gospel." As of mid-2007, there will be 1.85 billion unevangelized persons on earth—28% of total population. The Christian World C receives 178 missionaries per million persons, the evangelized non-Christian World B receives 28 missionaries, while the unevangelized World A receives only 19 missionaries. Asia receives just 16 missionaries per million, in large part due to political/religious restrictions.
- As of mid-2007, there will be 4,420,319,000 non-Christians on the planet. Of these, Muslims total 1,359,745,000, Hindus total 888,300,000 and Buddhists total 382,482,000. Muslims and Hindus both have a higher growth rate than the general Christian population, due to higher birth rates. While Christians comprise 33.2% of the global population, only 34% of these are trying to fulfill the Great Commission to go to all peoples with the Gospel. Are you one of these?
- According to the World Christian Database, 453,000 Christian missionaries globally are being sent from one country to another (including "Christian" cults). Of these, 115,700 missionaries come from the USA. If there are as many as 500 current African American cross-cultural missionaries from a population of 38,380,000 in 2006, then African Americans are .4 percent of the total number of US missionaries, while being 12.7% of the US population.
- As of February 2007, African Americans have an annual buying power of 762 billion dollars (expected to rise to 981 billion by 2010). Ghana sends 500 missionaries per year. Her population is 22.1 million and her Gross National Income is 10 billion. African Americans spent 10.7 billion on household furnishings and equipment in 2004 (the latest year available). Nigeria sends 2500 missionaries per year and has a Gross National Income of 74.2 billion dollars. African Americans spent this much on vehicles, insurance, clothing and gifts in 2004.

Mission stats are from David Barrett, Todd Johnson and the World Christian Database. African American spending information is from Target Marketing News. African American population figures are extrapolated from the US Statistical Abstract and the number of African American missionaries from RMNi, and buying power from MarketResearch.com.

Southern Sudan Mission mid-June 2007



1. Southern Sudan is emerging from over 20 years of oppression by the northern Arab government. This is an opportunity to serve the poor and oppressed in an under-developed and under-served nation. We need medical personnel, teachers of children, youths, women and men, and evangelists.
2. Don't let difficulty prevent you from sharing your spiritual gifts across cultures. This is not a vision/observation trip—but a service trip.
3. Go to www.rmni.org/1/sudan-missions-trip-3.html for more information. Apply early, please, if you sense God's leading.
4. We have led 12 multicultural Teams to East Africa.
5. Cost: \$3,900. Funds are due by May 12, 2007. If God wants you there, He will provide. If you cannot go, please pray for this mission. The trip dates are subject to minor revision.

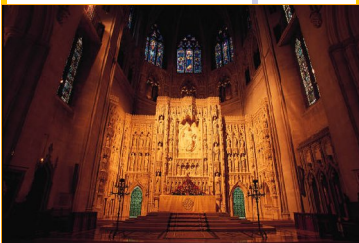


1. India has only 10 missionaries per million persons and over 1 billion are unsaved. Enormous are the spiritual needs.
2. India needs men and women with strong teaching gifts to teach and encourage pastors and their wives at the annual India Gospel League Pastor's conference in central India. We also need medical personnel of all kinds for mobile clinics as well as for work at the IGL hospital in Salem. India may steal your heart.
3. The cost is \$3,500. Please visit www.rmni.org/1/india.html Apply early!

India Mission Mid-November 2007



Prayer and Praise



↑ We're grateful for the privilege of being missionaries for 35 years. Thank you for being God's support to us.

↑ Please pray for an assistant director and a student research intern.

↑ Please pray for these inner-city friends: Patrick (for salvation), and for life transformation for Rel & Alex (they need a job) and Antonio. Pray for the ability to disciple, and for more volunteers.

↑ Wisdom in the best use of time and financial resources.

↑ For increased usefulness of our website and time to revise resources. To get traffic back to former levels, as page addresses have changed.

↑ For the African American Missions Strategy Seminar (Jan. 19-20) to

greatly move the Black church and help mission agencies to recruit blacks.

↑ That God will recruit interracial teams of 10 for Sudan and India in 2007.

↑ To update our African American missionary database.

↑ For the Spirit to work in our lives and in those whom we serve.