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From the Word:

*And there is salvation in
no one else, for there is
no other name under
heaven that has been
given among men, by
which we must be saved.
Acts 4:12*

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From the Trustees of S.A.E.M.:

It's Official – David Finch Becomes Executive Director of S.A.E.M.

At the semi-annual meeting held on the SAEM campus September 12, the trustees unanimously named David Finch as the Executive Director of the mission. David and his wife Dorna have been living and working at SAEM since March and have already become a great blessing to the mission. They have a great love for the Lord and His Word and have demonstrated a sincere heart for the ministry of SAEM.

David and Dorna first came to El Paso in 1978 as students in El Paso Christian College, where they caught a vision of the opportunities and challenges of reaching the Spanish-speaking world with the gospel through the gateway of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, the largest twin-city international metropolis in the world. David and Dorna later received B.S. and B.A. degrees respectively from Kentucky Christian College (now University) and have been working in various ministries and mission enterprises for more than twenty-seven years. They bring various talents and skills to SAEM, having also studied at Purdue University and Central Missouri State University and have

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special training in literacy missions through the International Literacy training Institute with Literacy Evangelism International. They have served in short-term missions in Costa Rica, the Ukraine, Belarus, and Ethiopia. Both are studying Spanish. And this month Dorna will attend a four week intensive language school in Costa Rica.

As David assumes full responsibility as Executive Director of SAEM, Bety Reynolds, who has served well as Interim Director, will return to her first love as Office Manager. The Trustees congratulate Bety and thank her for her faithful devoted service and look forward to a continued close relationship with her and with David and Dorna in this ministry. Already they have given evidence of their vision for the future of SAEM, and they are devoted to the challenge of taking it to the next level of service to the Spanish-speaking world.

In His Service,
Bill Morgan

(Bill is the Founder and a Trustee of S.A.E.M.)

*****VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES *****
Do you buy and sell on e-bay? We have a couple large items that have been given to us to sell. We have pictures. Give us a call to help us sell them!

Do you have time or useful items to donate to our Samaritan's Closet?

Do you have time to bundle tracts? Then give us a call @915.852.2525



Is God calling you to the Spanish-speaking mission field? Is He calling you here? Check out our website. Request our missionary questionnaire.

What are you doing next summer? Request our internship application.

Look for our booth at the National Missionary Convention in Tulsa November 20-23. We'd love to talk with you.



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Praises:

For the wisdom and unity at the trustees' meeting and for the commitment to move forward in the ministry.

For two new trustees to serve with SAEM – Grady O'Dell from Sullivan Christian Church, Sullivan, MO and Bob Shock, Valley Christian Church, Albuquerque, NM. Praise God for raising up these men!

For His continued provision through you, His people, that we might reach the Spanish-speaking lost of the world! All the missionaries at SAEM are responsible not only for their own monthly financial support but also for raising support for SAEM. Only Bety and the pressman receive a salary. Please pray for God's provision for these servants and the mission.

Prayer requests:

For missionaries, staff members, volunteers, supporters and prayer partners to join us in reaching the lost for Christ. Pray for the Lord's pressman to come and serve SAEM.

“I cannot thank you enough for your help...May you know someday the full impact of your help to us.” Pantano Christian

Church, Mexican Missions to Puerto Penasco, Mexico

I am hoping today, dear friends, that you are in complete accord with S.A.E.M's compiling staff "Thank You" messages in this 4-page newsletter. Just let us know if you need any personal accounting information. We still try to make it convenient for you by including an addressed envelope.

The involvement we have in mission service these days is especially interesting. We are going places and doing things that a very rare breed of people is willing to do. It took untold patience to go through the rig-a-ma-role of security at a prison in Juarez to get Bibles and blankets "inside" for the prisoners

The social worker was very cooperative, but the channels are a bit complicated. I couldn't take my cell phone, left off my driver's license at a desk, was frisked, and had the back of my right hand stamped. Further down the hall, behind another locked door, the mark was read in a little black box. Then we were run around through another parking lot where an attendant lifted a big yellow bar from across the driveway, and finally through a huge, black sliding door to unload our

gifts for the benefit of those incarcerated. All the time we were under the surveillance of armed guards. They have a job to do and they usually do a pretty good one. Before a vehicle could leave the prison, it had to pass over a "pit" where a guard inspected the undercarriage.

One time when I was there with an out of town helper, his remark was, "Ed, you took me out of my comfort zone." Well, that's what it's all about, isn't it? Well, let's see. What else is on my heart to share with you?

God answers prayer, right? I was on a rather perilous journey, but I went right under the 50 caliber guns of the federales, had a cursory inspection (obviously we are very innocent-looking people) and ran right along on the Lord's business. There is extra security in Juarez these days as the officials try to keep the lid on drug trafficking. We just act sensible, and God provides. End of letter. See you next time.

Love, (that's such a nice 4-letter word),
Ed and Donna Weckerly

Ed's "covered wagon" all the way from MN!



Sullivan, MO work group in Juarez

Dear Ones,

I remember seeing a TV ad for "Focus Factor", the cure-all for mental sharpness. I'm convinced and convicted that what I need and what seems to be missing for a lot of Christians is a determined focus upon Jesus.

Christians need to get serious about staying focused on Jesus and the eternal picture. And maybe if we stayed focused, God would do even greater things through us for the Kingdom.

When our worship services are more performance than praise— where's the focus?

When irreverent slang is used in sermons to get the attention of the audience – where's the focus?

When holiness and being salt and light are 'un-cool' and too archaic – where's the focus?

When church leaders discourage young people from attending Bible college – where's the focus?

When parents tell their children that if they work hard enough they might grow up to be President - not preachers or missionaries because there's no money in it – where's the focus?

We are so concerned about the financial

markets and who will be our next president. Are we as concerned about those who have yet to hear about Jesus and His plan of salvation? Are we sore and tired from weeping over the sins of our nation? Where's our focus?

We are only as holy as we want to be. We are free to decide what we will focus on. And if we would stop long enough to think about it – our focus determines how we respond to everything else.

May God give us at SAEM the strength to stay focused on Him and to complete the task He has given – Matthew 28:19-20

David

A Testimony

September 11, 2008

Dear Friends at SAEM,

Thank you very much for sending the Directorio del Ministerio. It will be a tremendous help in guiding my converts to local congregations. I usually have between 80-120 Hispanic inmates here at the Calhoun County jail.

Usually they stay here from two weeks to eight months. Most are INS detainees. They have come from at least 22 Spanish countries. There have been at least 6,000 with a change out of around 50 a month in the eight years of my ministry here.

Of the inmates, there are usually 10-15 women at all times.

There have been around 4,000 decisions for Jesus. However, I have not been given the opportunity to baptize very many of them as there isn't a facility available. Please send a 2009 edition when it comes out.

In the Service of Jesus Christ,
Larry Cuyler
Battle Creek, MI

4000 decisions! Aren't you glad you are part of a ministry that places tools in the hands of servants like these?

Announcements:

One man's trash...

Don't throw away your ratty, old T-shirts! We need them for rags for our printing press. Just wash them and bring them in. Even that little bit of recycling will save us over \$100 a year!

**Thanks to those of you who have sent boxes of baby and children's clothes
What a blessing!**

Don't know what to do with all those motel soaps you've accumulated? Send them. We'll put them in the hands of prisoners and the needy in Juarez.