

LAKE SHORELINES

June 21, 2006

Ministering to the HIV/AIDS Population in South Africa

Scott Houser, CBF Missionary

Sunday, June 25

9:45 a.m., speaking in Bereshith Sunday School class

10:45 a.m., preaching in worship

The statistics of the toll HIV/AIDS is taking upon sub-Saharan Africa are staggering: 26 million people are HIV-positive, and 13 million children are orphaned because of AIDS-related diseases. It is estimated that up to 25 percent of children in the region will be orphaned by 2010.

Lake Shore is privileged to welcome Scott Houser as our guest. He is a witness to the tragedy of the AIDS epidemic *and* a witness to the mercy of Jesus Christ for all. This week he is in Atlanta for CBF's HIV/AIDS Summit: "Breaking the Silence: Compassion for an HIV Positive World."

Scott and Ana Marie Houser are regional CBF coordinators for sub-Saharan Africa. They minister to the HIV/AIDS community by working with foster mothers, facilitating memory box workshops, working with systemic urban poverty issues, and helping people moving from rural areas to the city of Johannesburg, a city of 4.5 million people. Over 50 million people live South Africa, a country just twice the size of Texas.

Scott was born in Dallas and grew up as a "missionary kid" in Kenya and Tanzania. His wife, Ana Marie, also an MK, was born in the Dominican Republic. They have five children – Daniel, Elizabeth, Christina, Erika, and Louisa. Scott received his B.A. from Baylor, his M.Div from Southwestern Seminary, and his Ph.D. in world religions from Baylor in 2005.

"We continue to be thankful for the opportunity to live and learn from and alongside South Africans," Scott writes. He quotes Judge Edwin Cameron: "The world has become a single sphere, in which communication, finance, trade and travel occur within a single entity. How we live our lives affects how others live theirs."

When Scott spoke to us in a seminar in 2004, many of you remarked how his theology of missions resonated with Lake Shore's. We encourage you to be here Sunday to hear Scott's South African perspective on the world-wide community of Christ.



Worship at Lake Shore

The Third Sunday

after Pentecost

Sunday, June 25, 2006

The Sermon

"Knowing God in Community"

Scott Houser, Guest Proclaimer

The Scripture

John 14.9

Hebrews 1.3

The Sending Service for

Mike and Carrie Powell Ingoldsbey

Outdoor Family Movie Night



"The Little
Friday,
8:30 –
p.m.

Rascals"
June 23
10:00

**Bring lawn chairs
and blankets!
Bring your friends!
Bring your family!**

Memory Boxes

In South Africa . . .

In a Ugandan village, a memory box may be a plump basket. In a South African township, it may be a discarded box that a child painted with food coloring. It can be a biscuit tin decorated with shells or a square metal box with a handle and a lock. Whatever its shape, its purpose is to hold what HIV-positive parents wish to leave their children: advice, key health and family information, memories, and love.

Memory boxes or books go by the generic title of memory work. They are designed to help the millions of families affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa cope with disease, death, and grief, and to plan the children's future. With the growing number of orphans in Africa who lie in poverty, individual counseling is expensive and impractical to deliver. Memory work is a group-based, user-friendly model of counseling and psychosocial support.

After parents and adult relatives die, many orphans live with foster parents, in institutions, or on their own. Cut off from family, children's memories can fade quickly. Without the traditions and beliefs of their heritage, orphans risk growing up without a clear sense of identity and roots.

The box may include small treasures or gifts. Ideally, it holds a cassette tape of the child's history or lullabies in their parents' voices. The process of making the box opens a window for parents to disclose their health status and to talk frankly about the child's future. As family members collect photos and souvenirs, draw a family tree, and write about their lives, they grow closer.

Memory Box work was pioneered in Uganda by HIV-positive women who wanted to leave their children intimate reminders of their lives by creating memory books and memory boxes. Workshops for adults may include help in parenting skills, child development, communication within the family, naming guardians, writing a will, and safeguarding family property. A memory workshop is a communal space where people's stories can be heard and told. It helps ensure that the lives and struggles of people bravely facing difficulties are recognized and recorded in a memory book or box.

"The purpose is to build resilience in children and facilitate the bereavement process," said Philippe Denis, director of an oral history center at the School of Theology at the University of Natal. Scott and Ana Marie Houser used money from Lake Shore's gift last August to host a memory box workshop in their home of Johannesburg.

"This was the first time in my life I did something beautiful I could be proud of," said Babalwa Cekiso, a South African woman. "Doing memory work taught me to deal with AIDS within myself, in my heart."

At Lake Shore . . .

Sunday, June 25

3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Call or e-mail by Friday to sign up

Our experiences are different from South Africans who attend memory box workshops. But their example of creating a container for keeping concrete reminders of our personal stories is something important to us.

Memory boxes, keepsake chests, or story boxes—no matter what we call our artwork, the boxes will serve two purposes: 1) they will remind us of persons with AIDS in South Africa for whom a memory box is a prized possession, and 2) they will give us each a place to keep small, concrete reminders of our spiritual stories.

Create a box for yourself or for a child you love. Rachel Sciretti suggests making one for keeping symbols of a child's spiritual life, including the worship bulletin of the dedication service at church, a baptismal picture, or a letter in a child's handwriting.

In our culture, we have so many possessions that it can be difficult to discern what is most precious and worth keeping. Don't worry. The box you create is a life-time, on-going creation.

At the workshop you'll have a variety of boxes (from \$5-\$20) to choose from, but if you have one you'd like to use, please bring it. Think sturdy and lasting—wooden boxes, cigar boxes, even cookie tins. You can choose from a variety of paint and other art media at the workshop, but bring photos if you want to photocopy and adhere them to the outside of the box.

Call the office or e-mail Sharlande to R.S.V.P.



Welcome, Ben & Sarah Becker

Lake Shore is happy to welcome our two newest members. Ben & Sarah Becker joined the church last Sunday.

Ben, the older of two children, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, but moved to Texas at age three and was raised in Arlington. In 1997, he moved to Waco to begin undergraduate studies at Baylor and graduated in 2002 with a BBA in Information Systems and again in 2003 with an MBA in Marketing. Ben is currently the Assistant Director of Marketing at Community Bank & Trust and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, Waco ISD Adopt-A-School, and the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

The oldest of four children, Sarah was born and raised in Houston. She came to Waco in 1999 to attend Baylor as an undergraduate and graduated in 2003 with a BA in Political Science. Sarah worked for the Texas State Senate in Austin during several regular and special sessions and then transitioned into non-profit work in Waco at MICYC. She returned to Baylor as a graduate student last August to pursue an Education Specialist Degree in School Psychology and expects to graduate in May of 2008.

Ben and Sarah were married in August of 2003 and were a part of Church Under the Bridge for the last few years. They feel called to work with and advocate for those in poverty and are looking forward to being a part of the community here at Lake Shore Baptist Church.



Prayer Concerns

Sharon Wynn had a medical procedure last Wednesday and is awaiting test results.

Traveling mercies to Mike & Carrie Powell Ingoldsby as they move to Pennsylvania where Carrie will work at Bucknell University.

Building Update

In the upcoming weeks, you will notice a lot of activity going on with the church building.

After a routine boiler inspection, we learned that the boiler needs to be replaced.

The recent storms made us aware that the roof in the sanctuary was leaking. When we had the entire roof inspected, we learned that it had received hail damage.

Though our insurance claim on the roof was initially denied, Willie Hobbs and John Post from the Building Committee have requested that the insurance company send another adjuster to inspect the roof. Willie and John will state our case in person.

The committee recommended to the deacons that roofs and the boiler be replaced. The deacons agreed. The total cost for all three projects is a little over \$70,000. The Finance Committee is exploring funding options for these maintenance projects.

More later! — *Bruce Neatherlin*

Good News

Congratulations to Cassandra Diaz and Pat Nunley on their marriage last Saturday. Dorisanne performed the ceremony at Moon River Ranch.

Thank you, Lake Shore

Dear Lake Shore Family,
Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers after my recent surgery. I appreciate the wonderful blueberries and tomatoes and the people who delivered them. I am especially grateful for the Helping Hands who brought me a poster to brighten my room.

JoLeen Eiklenborg

“Meyer Center: A Ministry of Mission Waco”

Adult Seminar, Wednesday June 28

We will put words into action when we pack snack bags for Mission Waco's Meyer Center. The bags are given to the 35-50 clients each morning when they leave the Center. Nancy Harlan and Mary Granberry from Columbus Avenue will be with us to explain the program, which provides 120 snack sacks to the center each month. However, this only provides 25% of the sacks needed in a month. They would like for other churches to provide sacks for the other three weeks.

Mission Waco purchased the former Central Presbyterian Church to provide an easily accessible social service center. Much of the downstairs was renovated to provide intake, case management, emergency shelter voucher distribution, showers, laundry, haircuts, and meals. One of the center's primary objectives is to provide a type of “one-stop shop” without people needing to travel all over Waco for services. Its second objective is to provide a climate in which research and policy analysis can occur that will benefit the poor. At the seminar we will help fill sacks with vienna sausage, fruit cup, juice, and other non-perishable items.

Children's Corner

Lil' Helping Hands: We will make snack packs for the Meyer Center.

Wednesday Night for School-Age Children: On June 28 we will head to the Mountainview Splash Park. Parents are encouraged to attend! Wear a swimsuit and bring a towel.

Children's Musical: Please note the new date—September 24.

Spirituality of Parenting: Did you catch the NPR program “Speaking of Faith”? Here's the link. Check it out! <http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/programs/spiritualityofparenting/index.shtml>

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director
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 Aaron Garcia, Organist
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 25

9:30-Sunday School
 10:45-Worship
 12:00-Missions Committee

Monday, June 26

5:30-Beginner Yoga

Tuesday, June 27

5:30-Intermediate Yoga

Wednesday, June 28

8:30-Staff Meeting
 5:30-Supper
 6:30-Adult, Youth, Children Activities
 7:30-Choir Rehearsal

Extended Care Sunday, June 25

Infants: Karyn Miller
 Louise Clark
 Toddlers: Ryan & Arnisa Ramsower
 Preschoolers: Dell-Losey Family

Staff Update

Caryl will be out for the first three weeks of July while she goes on her honeymoon and completes her teacher certification course work. She will be in the finance office on Fridays. Leslie Fontaine Rosencranz will work at the front desk in the mornings.

Wednesday Night Supper

June 28
 Pizza
 Salad
 Dessert



Dinner brought to you by the Finches Care Group

Steve Fontaine Goes on New Orleans Mission Trip

Steve Fontaine will go to New Orleans with Richard Groves and a group from Wake Forest Baptist Church June 25-30 for a mission trip. The group will work on a house that was damaged during Hurricane Katrina, either the house of the church maintenance worker at St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church or the house of a childcare worker at the church.

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast: Todd Francis
 Sunday School: Scott Houser, the "Blue Room." **Be there by 9:40!**

Sunday Night:

3:00 – Memory Boxes Workshop
 The South African practice and making a memory/faith box—cost is \$10. **Call 772-2910 to sign up.**

5:00 – AIDS in Africa & PP2.
 We'll have our first lesson on the AIDS crisis in Africa and then begin priming what will become our new dining room.

Wednesday Night:

Sign-up for Dinner for 5 Amigo Nights: Get together with your amigo and sign up for a night to go out to dinner and do something with other amigos and Mike.

Project PRIME 2: We'll continue working on the Teen House, learning about AIDS in Africa, and experimenting with different types of prayer.

Coming Up:

July 17-22—Passport New Orleans

Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions to our budget help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for 2006 are \$7,865.17. Receipts last week were \$ 5,348.00.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 196,629.33	\$ 170,306.75	(\$26,322.58)