

MURSEA MISSIONS, INC.

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"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" - Matt 28:19

Dear Friends,

We hope you are well and prospering in the LORD.

Where do I start? Well, 2009 was, for MMI, quite a different ball game from previous years!

MurSea Missions, Inc. (MMI) was stalled on the construction of our 96' schooner, "ZEBULUN", due to delay of funding. I was, however, very focused on applying for grants and all the ancillary items associated with same. Also, I was checking prices and availability of materials and equipment for completing ZEB. I believe that upon receiving the grant it will take approximately one year to complete and launch ZEBULUN!

Spring 2009 - We had a family corporation meeting in Coeur d' Alene to brainstorm and see what the next 5 years could look like. The Lord gave us ideas and *the undergirding idea was to use whatever we do to spread the gospel and make disciples.* After much research, Jack put together a power point explaining the vision. Then we held a Board Meeting for Mursea Missions and told the directors about the plan. With the power point and research presented by Jack, our son-in-law, the Board voted to proceed. The "**South Pacific Disaster Shelter Project**" was birthed.



The Outer Islands of Fiji

May 2009 - MMI started applying for a grant to fund an outreach of humanitarian aid to the islands. The outreach will be called "**South Pacific Disaster Shelter Project**" (SPDSP). Jack and Brenda Lawlor have been the prime movers in the development of the SPDSP Plan of Operation and Jack is Project Manager. The funding would supply all building and facility materials, boats for transportation, temporary sheltering and other necessary support for MMI staff and volunteers to complete the project.

While carrying out this humanitarian aid, MMI would provide discipleship training to the local Christ centered churches and disciple the villagers where the shelters are being built. MMI would also mentor the locals in the trades of construction and skills associated with the

type of facility built. Training would also be conducted on public health and safety, disaster preparedness and disaster care.

MMI is now planning for the mobilization of this major mission into the South Pacific islands of Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomons. LORD willing, we will be going to the remote islands of these nations and build disaster shelters. They will be built as Schools, Medical Clinics, Libraries and Churches or Community Centers for the villages that are exposed to hurricanes, tsunamis, floods, earthquakes & volcanoes. These islands are situated on the "Rim of Fire" and take a beating.

This will be a massive project that will take an estimated 5 years to complete. It will require a small navy of vessels to move workers and supplies to the many islands needing these shelters in each of the 3 island groups. To keep on schedule with the construction MMI will have to complete 17.5 buildings per month over a period of 40 months.



Prefab Shelters

MMI has sent "**Request for Invitation**" letters to our friend Jone Kata in Fiji who has delivered them to the governments of Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. We are presently waiting for the invitation from these islands requesting MMI to come and do the work we have proposed to do. These invitations are necessary for us to receive the grant to do this work! **PLEASE PRAY!**

If you have access to the internet you can go to our web page: www.mursea.org and see the scope of the "Project" by clicking "**South Pacific Disaster Shelter Project**" on our home page. Then you can click "**Volunteer Powerpoint Here**" and see details.

The "**SPDSP-TEAM**" is starting to come together and a group of them came down to Clarkston to have their first encounter with the Boat Shed and the construction of ZEBULUN.

We are still looking at bases. Right now our boat shed and the land we lease from the Port of Clarkston is our base. We were donated more lead and we purchased some but still need 38,000# more for the keels. We were donated a San Juan 21' sail-boat which is a class boat raced here on the Snake River. We hope to use it to train others and do more racing, which is how we learned to sail



The Beginning of the SPDSP TEAM

offshore as a family back in the 1980's on Lake Coeur d' Alene. We attend the monthly meetings of the Lewis & Clark Sailing Association and this year Loren is Vice Commodore. They are planning more civic projects this season to promote sailing. Their Web site is www.lewisclarksailing.org.

We held two mini-schools this year in the boat shed for training and they were "Celestial Navigation", and "Coastal Navigation" taught by Captain James Talbot. Several large groups have come to hear about the vision as well as a few people almost every day.

A church service was started by Tim & Renae Little and Tom & Terri Wesa onboard the Weza's 52' ketch, "FAITH", at the local marina Sunday afternoons. If the wind and weather are right the "FAITH" leaves the dock and we have the service on the river in between practicing maneuvers. The Christian Boaters Association (CBA) flag is flying from at least three sailboats here and also on Tim & Renae's sailboat where they live aboard and work at jobs in Kennewick, Washington.



Loren - "Please Lord, a little more wind!"



GEORGIA - Morning Coffee aboard SJ-21



Celestial Navigation Class

We are now waiting for MMI's approved grants to be funded which we hope will be free of any further delays. **Please pray** that all the hurdles will fall away and we can run the race to the finish.

God bless you,

Loren Murphy

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