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Randy Schmidt, Dave Potts, Jed Scheuermann and Mark Lindquist fixing a broken sewer line.



Sue Diviney and Holly Bloomquist washing down furniture that was in a flooded church

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The Oaxaca Team with Mexican co-workers

The Oaxaca Team met together on September 24th at First Baptist Church of Oaxaca. They shared their hopes and dreams for what the week would have for each of them and spent time in prayer. Monday they boarded the bus and headed out to Tlacolula to begin work on

the Regional Training Center. The Team laid block, moved dirt, poured concrete, set rebar, built forms, installed plumbing, and made lots of new friends. They also rough installed all the bathroom plumbing drains, purchased the windows and doors, and the rebar and concrete for the ceiling and roof.

It is exciting to see how the men returned changed. They saw that their work was part of something significant for the Gospel. One of the highlights of the week was the Friday evening time of sharing where the team was able to experience a sense of what it means to be brothers in Christ. As people shared and sang in their principle language, Spanish, English, or Zapotec, they felt one in Him.

The first classes scheduled to take place in the new Training Center are for mid-November. All Glory to God! ▲

### OPERATION COMPASSION, WASHINGTON DC



DC Team members involved with Children's ministries during the Festival Celebration

The DC team of 21 did very well considering they had never met and were quite diverse - coming from 9 different states and ranging from 4 years old to 74. It was a blessing to see them pull together and serve at the Rescue Mission, paint an Inner City Church and jump into the Festival with both feet.

Some highlights were seeing a family from Beaverton, OR and a team member from Boston, MA take the initiative to boldly return to the inner city to pass out thousands of flyers for the festival at the major train and bus terminal. This was the toughest neighborhood in the city, but they wanted to return there because they had “put on a heart of compassion” and expressed that Jesus would want them to deliver a personal invitation.

The Week of Compassion ended with the DC Festival. Extreme Sports, concerts and other outreach ministries were followed by the presentation of the Gospel by Luis Palau. Thousands heard the Good News and hundreds came to Christ. ▲

# CONNECTING *Point*

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,  
and thanksgivings be made for all people...1 Tim. 2:1 (ESV)*



*By Chris McDaniel*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

**FOR VICTIMS OF KATRINA/RITA:** Pray for those who have lost homes, possessions, livelihoods, and loved ones, as they struggle to recover and rebuild their lives; for those struggling to live in shelters, who may be hot, crowded, weary and fearful; for government officials, medical professionals, churches, and others—all those working to meet the overwhelming needs in the Gulf Coast region.

**FOR TEAMS GOING TO HELP:** Pray that God would be glorified in what the teams are able to accomplish, that God would comfort the people whose lives have been devastated by this disaster. Pray that God will work through the teams to make a difference for the people they meet, that team members would have sensitive spirits toward how God is at work and that they would have servants' hearts and be humble. Pray that the presence of God would be realized in the midst of all this brokenness and need - that Emmanuel, God with us, our Savior Jesus, will be known and experienced.

**Complete the enclosed response card to indicate your commitment to pray.**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

**HURRICANE RELIEF AND RECOVERY TEAMS** - Your church can send a team to assist in demolition, debris removal, aid distribution and rebuilding. Initially church teams will focus on rebuilding and recovery of the local church and its members. Teams can serve for one to three weeks and are based out of a local church in the affected area. Currently churches can serve in a variety of locations including Slidell, Louisiana, Pass Christian and Biloxi, Mississippi. DELTA has openings for teams for October 2005 through January 2006 that will work primarily in demolition, debris clean-up, aid distribution or construction.

**ORLANDO FESTIVAL WITH LUIS PALAU** - Do you want to impact thousands of lives for Christ in Orlando? DELTA is once again partnering with the Luis Palau Association to bring teams to Orlando, FL to serve in various venues demonstrating the love of God in a "two-handed" Gospel approach. The first hand will be the week leading up to the Orlando Festival (Operation Compassion). Teams will be involved in practical displays of Jesus' love including saturation evangelism, prayer walking, restoring homes, random acts of kindness and Habitat for Humanity. The second hand will be the gospel proclamation given by Dr. Luis Palau. Involvement needed for the two days of the Orlando Festival include humanitarian projects, children's area, setup and take down for the festival, counselors and prayer teams. Come and be a part of this life changing event. Dates: March 25 – April 3, 2006.

**RESTORE AMERICA** - Are you concerned about future generations and our nation's direction in the 21st Century? DELTA is partnering with RESTORE AMERICA and America's Foundations to conduct Christian Heritage Tours to our nation's capitol and other significant historic locations. During the tour, you will learn about the foundation of America, the biblical principles of our Founding Fathers, the historical documents of our nation, the basic functions of government, hear from guest speakers, visit significant historical sites and participate in prayer walking. There are only 55 openings for adults and youth (ages 10 and up). We have chosen the most exciting and meaningful places that every American should visit. Together, let's trust God with His promise to us in II Chronicles 7:14 and believe that America can be restored to one nation under God! Dates: August 6-12, 2006.

**Please complete the enclosed response card to indicate your commitment to go.**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

### **\$50,000 YEAR-END MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE**

The Mission Increase Foundation has awarded DELTA Ministries a \$50,000 matching grant to assist DELTA in fulfilling its vision and strategies for 2005 and 2006 hurricane relief and recovery efforts. For those not in a position to go on a team, your generosity and compassion can impact lives thousands of miles away. As you consider your options for year-end contributions, our prayer is that you will remember DELTA in the coming months.

**Please complete the enclosed response card to indicate your commitment to give.**



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The PalaCasoria Complex where the Festival was held



Speak USA, one of the festival outreach booths

## CASORIA, ITALY

One hundred and eighteen Americans from around the United States partnered with veteran WorldVenture missionaries Doug & Dee Valenzuela, the churches of Arzano and Casoria, Italy to conduct a nine night festival that attracted thousands of people to the PalaCasoria (Festival Venue) to hear of the saving message of Jesus Christ. Using an interactive relational evangelistic approach, team members provided relational connecting points with Italians through activities centered on a festival theme. Gazebos (booths) were set up in a gathering place and the Americans partnered with Italian believers to share the love of Christ as they participated in the various activities. The festival provided a wonderful platform to share God's love in an area of the world where unemployment is 55% and hearts are very hard. Catholicism has a strong grip on the culture of the people in Italy and evangelicals find it one of the most difficult places for the gospel despite the freedom to proclaim the message of God. Yet, despite these challenges, God's word is going out and many are being drawn to Him.

The impact of the festival also reaches beyond the event itself, as missionary Doug V. shares.... "as I gave the closing invitation yesterday in church we had five people come forward! The inspirational music, interactive crowd games and evangelistic messages impacted the whole city with the Gospel of Jesus Christ." ▲

Coming Soon!



OPERATION COMPASSION  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
MARCH 25 - APRIL 3  
AND  
RESTORE AMERICA'S  
HISTORIC EAST COAST TOUR



This 7-day Tour will present you and your family with the biblical foundations of America.

AUGUST 6-12, 2006

### THE DELTA FLYER AT A GLANCE

- Hope Beyond The Devastation - An opportunity to pray, go or give to the Hurricane Relief and Recovery Effort
- 2005 Festival Team Reports - Oaxaca 100, Operation Compassion, Washington DC, and Casoria Italy

For more information on how you or a team from your church might participate in one of the 2006 festivals or the hurricane relief effort, visit the DELTA web site at: [www.deltaministries.com](http://www.deltaministries.com) where you'll find links to each festival. Also, you may contact Asher Sarjent, our Director of Mission Operations by phone at 800-533-5822 \* 503-669-8048 or e-mail: [ashers@deltaministries.com](mailto:ashers@deltaministries.com)

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# DELTA FLYER



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# HOPE BEYOND THE DEVASTATION

By Chris McDaniel, Director of Development

*The absence of media coverage of the devastation caused by Hurricane's Katrina and Rita can unfortunately influence the Body of Christ's response. True recovery will take years.*

*Now is an opportunity for God's Church to step up and commit to long-term partnerships for relief and recovery. A long-term, sacrificial commitment that goes beyond an initial emotional response can be used by God to bring glory to Himself and demonstrate to the world the relevance of His Church.*



*A house in Pass Christian lifted off its foundation by the hurricane winds*

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