

DELTA FLYER



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Change a life... Change a church... Change the world.

This is DELTA's vision, or what we have come to know as The Ripple Effect. It begins when people say yes to God and serve on a short-term team. Their lives are impacted so deeply that it results in a changed church, which in turn impacts the world for Christ. We all can make a difference. The following life change report began with John and Evonna Boorman of Washougal, Washington (Change a life). Then we see how the church they are members of, Gateway Community Church, was changed (Change a Church). Finally, we briefly touch on what impact their teams made on the mission field in Nicaragua with Jeff Brady. This is the ripple effect. This is our heartbeat.

Change a life

An interview with John and Evonna Boorman.

Q: What age were you when you went on your first mission trip?

A: John - I was 64 years old and a little apprehensive!

Q: How have you been involved in the community and what led you to get involved in missions?

A: John and Evonna - We have been very active in our local Christian Community over the years. I helped build six churches in the NW through Craftsmen for Christ. We also help at Dunes Bible Camp, volunteer at the Inter Faith Treasure House Thrift Store, Lost and Found Cafe (Where you can have a free meal and where Evonna serves on the board and John serves as security and a greeter), Lacamas Bible Camp (John is the Treasurer and Evonna is the Vice Chairman

"Anyone can work, (on a mission team) just keep an eye out for somebody who needs something.."

Evonna Boorman

), Fern Prairie Mission Society (Evonna is the President), Club "W" (Program for children at GCC), Church Care Team and are active with exchange students....

We always supported kids on their mission trips and various missionaries, but five years ago we were challenged to get adults involved in going too. So we went on a team to Honduras and got hooked into missions!!

Q: How many times have you been on a short-term mission trip?

A: John - three times to Nicaragua, one time to Honduras and three times to Mexico. I hope to go to Tanzania to build a home for street kids in the *(Boorman continued on page 2)*



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help a lady with a sick baby on one of our first trips to Nicaragua and then three years later on another trip we were able to see the beautiful healthy child again and invest in a long term relationship with that family. It has been exciting to see the Nicaraguan church grow and reach out to the community. They have even started a Bible school in the prison!

Q: Were the materials and training provided by DELTA helpful for your ministry on the field?

A: John and Evonna - The DELTA Training bonded the team together. Learning each others personalities, weaknesses and strengths helped us to work with one another and understand each other. We went into the trip knowing what to expect, always keeping the BIG 3 in mind. It was very clear to us who had DELTA Training and who didn't.



Queen Evonna and King John of the Camas Days Festival.

Q: What are you doing today (back home) in your community to further the Kingdom?

A: John and Evonna - We continue to volunteer in the various areas we did before but are always looking for opportunities to support missionaries and teams that go out. We look for tools and toys and other items needed on the mission field at garage sales or thrift shops. We are continuing our support of missions by encouraging others to go. Last year our church sent out 31 people on short-term mission trips!

Change a Church

Submitted by Mike Lamb of Gateway Community Church.

Would you like to see your relationship with the Lord deepen?

Do you want to see the Lord work in exciting ways in your life? If the answer to these questions is yes, then it is time to change your life. One of the ways you can do that is by participating in short-term missions.

Since 2002, Gateway Community Church in Washougal has sent 80 of our members to eight countries on short-term missions. Among those were five teams sent to help construct five churches in Central America. As a member of each of those teams to Central America, I discovered that even though we went to serve the Lord, we received the greatest blessing. This is a paradox that seems to be universally true. Our Lord uses our experiences on the mission field to bless us, to change us, and to ultimately to change our church.

In the late 1990's, the leadership at Gateway began praying for opportunities to involve our members in short-term missions. Our first team went out in March 2002, to help build a church at El Esfuerzo in Honduras. On that trip we began to really understand that the Lord is building His church all over the world. It was exciting to see His power at work, and to understand our connection with our brothers and sisters in Central America.

The following year, Gateway sent a team to Nicaragua to work on a church in a barrio in Tipitapa. The next year, a team went to build a church in Pio Doce, Nicaragua, about 40 kilometers from Tipitapa. That gave us the opportunity to go back and worship with the brothers and sisters in Tipitapa, and to see how the Lord was using that little church to transform the barrio. Then in 2005, a team went back to Honduras to build another church, not far from El Esfuerzo. Once again, we experienced the joy of working with brothers and sisters we had met before, and see the exciting results of the Lord's work in northern Honduras.

As we have gotten personally involved in missions, our understanding of the church has been dramatically enlarged, and our faith has grown. And just as we have been changed, Gateway has also changed. You might say that our vision has enlarged. We are more committed to reaching our community, and to carrying out our Lord's Great Commission. Not surprisingly, our local ministry has grown. So this year, in addition to sending a team to Nicaragua to build another church, we are also constructing a new building for Gateway to meet the needs of our growing ministry. A global perspective has changed our church forever.



CONNECTING Point

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



ESTATE PLANNING A BLESSING FOR FAMILIES AND GOD'S WORK!

When the Holy Spirit reveals the truth that the Lord "first loved us" it creates a tremendous amount of inner joy and gratitude for our Savior. We desire to see everything in our lives align with God's purposes. As stewards, we consider how we can align our time, talents and resources with God's will for our lives.

One of the final aspects of our earthly journey will be the distribution of all that we owned upon our physical death. We have the opportunity to make this process a blessing for our family and utilize our accumulated resources once again to further God's purpose. Unfortunately, many don't plan for this part of the journey, as it is reported that only 41% of American adults have a Will in place (www.findlaw.com), let alone a comprehensive Estate Plan.

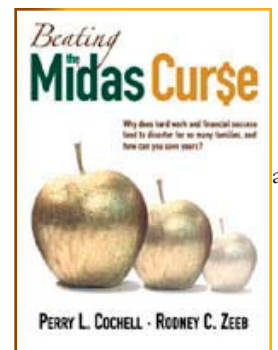
Here are a few questions I would like you to consider:

1. Are you concerned with how your estate will affect your inheritors (most likely your family)?
2. Do you desire to help strengthen and protect your family through your estate plan?
3. Would your journey with Christ be important for your descendants to know? If so, is this a written part of your estate plan?
4. Are your values, traditions and lessons from the past incorporated into your estate plan? Would your family benefit from knowing these?
5. Would it be important for your family to know what organizations you supported prayerfully and financially and your reason for doing so?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you may be interested in knowing more about *The Heritage Process*. It's an estate planning process developed by *The Heritage Institute* that puts "family first and fortune second." The entire process was built upon the understanding that when parents leave only their financial assets to their heirs, and not their faith and values along with it, there is little chance for those financial assets to last beyond the first generation. A sudden inheritance without proper planning has proven to destroy many families.

Through a Values-based Estate Planning process like *The Heritage Process*, there's an opportunity for all believers to leave a legacy for the Kingdom and their families that extends well beyond their lifetime.

Fill out and mail the enclosed response card and DELTA Ministries will provide you with introductory materials about *The Heritage Process* free of charge. For further questions about planning your estate, contact me personally at chrism@deltaministries.com.



CONNECT THROUGH PRAYER (Use the enclosed response card to indicate how you want to connect through prayer.)

- Pray that God would help DELTA staff and board finalize Vision 2010. This *exciting* vision includes eight key goals that will steer DELTA over the next four years.
- Pray for the Vision Banquet in Portland, Oregon on Friday, November 10, 2006.
Pray for God to raise up all the necessary volunteers and funding needed.

CONNECT THROUGH GOING (Use the enclosed response card to indicate how you want to connect through going.)

- Recruit or serve on a short-term missions team.

CONNECT THROUGH GIVING (Use the enclosed response card to indicate how you want to connect through giving.)

- DELTA was recently awarded a matching grant of \$87,130. Any gifts or pledges will be matched dollar for dollar.
- Help sponsor a table for the Vision Banquet. A gift of \$350 covers the costs of ten banquet guests who will learn about DELTA and be invited to partner in prayer and financially.

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Change the World

Jeff Brady, a host Missionary and team leader to Nicaragua shares briefly on the impact of DELTA's mission teams working with National Missionaries in Central America on the construction of church buildings along with a childrens program.

1. Are DELTA teams different than other teams?

The Washougal (WA) group has always been well prepared with strong leadership. I think the extensive team training they do before hand is very evident on the field. They seem to be more united as a team, never complain about changes in the schedule and work hard in the construction and building relationships with the nationals.

2. What impact has DELTA short-term teams had on your field location?

We have many stories of people coming to Christ through the Lord working through our different teams. We work for eight days or so side-by-side our national brothers and sisters. You then have the opportunity to really build relationships and share the love of Christ. This was Gateway Community's fifth trip with us and they always come well prepared to minister and share the Gospel.

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