

Step Up To Life FOOTSTEPS

A timely report on Step Up To Life Ministries' progress and happenings . Fall Special Edition 2010

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Step Up To Life
11th Annual Banquet

The Stars Come Out at Night

September 17 . 6:30 p.m.
Embassy Suites . LaVista

Anticipation High for SUTL Banquet

The 11th Annual *Step Up To Life* (SUTL) Banquet is scheduled at the elegant Embassy Suites in LaVista. Having outgrown the venues and services of other Omaha accommodations, Embassy will become the preferred site. Four of our "champions" from South Africa will be there, Karl and Julie Ostrand and Paul and Lindsey Cain. Both couples were and are instrumental in the origin and use of SUTL material there. Both are under Floyd McClung, Director of All Nations Family (not to be confused with All Nations Church), and are in the church-planting school.

The theme this year will be *The Stars Come Out At Night*. Rather than expand on this, take this as a personal invitation to join us that night, Friday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites across from Cabela's. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge but we must have your reservation to help us plan. Phone us at (402) 359-1432 or (402) 933-4095.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Next Step Up *A Personal Letter from Pastor Murdoch*

It has been nothing short of breathtaking to see the Lord take us, in just a few years, from ten language translations for the Step Up To Life tract to 43 languages, including 20 of the most widely used in the world. Concurrent with that was the donation of \$450,000 to enable us to buy our present office building in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

The Lord then supplied a volunteer staff that brought years of professional experience and leadership to spearhead this ministry. They were:

Janell Armstrong retired with 25 years on the Sioux City Police Department. She was also a part-time employee as a Waddell and Reed Financial Advisor.

Paul Armstrong retired from the Sioux City Police Department with 30 years service. He also worked as a federal court security officer for six years.

Nancy Keating retired from AT&T/Lucent after 30 years having worked as a secretary in the Marketing and Sales Group for most of that time.

Ralph Aldrich retired in 1995 after working at UPS for 30 years as a Manager of Operations/Industrial and Plant Engineering/District Auditor and Compliance Supervision.

Noel Lammers retired from Union Pacific Railroad after 38 years in 1999 working primarily in...*(cont'd pg 2)*



This is our warm and genuine invitation to you!

SUTL 11th Annual Banquet
Friday, September 17, 2010

6:30 p.m. Dinner . Embassy Suites in LaVista

We would be honored by your presence at our 11th Annual Step Up To Life Banquet. We try to make it as inspirational and interesting as we can. So, when you accept our invitation, please know that we are grateful and excited that you will be coming. One thing: Please keep in mind that we are planning on your being at the banquet and your presence justifies our planning and expenditure. Your commitment to attend will make this event a joyful homecoming. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, September 17th. Don't miss it!



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computer areas in Information Technologies, Engineering and Operating Departments.

Jerry Tobias is a retired pilot from the U. S. Air Force, a High Adventure Ministries Mission pilot (in Israel), a commercial pilot for Jet America Airlines, Alaska Airlines and later for Mutual of Omaha. Combined he had 35 years in his aviation career. Jerry was also an Assemblies of God Family Life Pastor in Bellevue and Missions Pastor at Trinity Interdenominational Church of Omaha.

Janice Halbur worked at Metropolitan Community College for 30 years, retiring in 2003. The last 14 years, she worked in Marketing and Public Relations as a writer/photographer.

Jerry and Janice have recently stepped down but were active for years with SUTL.

Without all listed above, there would be no ministry. Overseas, the Lord gave us a network of champions in countries all over the world to translate, print and teach SUTL material. For the sake of continuity and leadership, the board appointed Lincoln Murdoch, as Associate Director. He, with the board, will continue this ministry if I become unable to carry on my duties. All of this brings me to our next "step" of growth.

At the present time, we are all healthy and functioning. But for future growth, that will require two provisions: new staff and new income. God has provided a tailor-made team now and no one is planning on leaving. God has provided funding. We have never been in debt and we have accomplished all we wanted...to this point.

To insure that this will be the case, please consider this with us. Would there not be wisdom in having a Staff and Support Restricted Fund, set up to receive gifts earmarked for any eventualities?

We are proposing this in-house financial arrangement as a means of preparing for the future life and outreach of SUTL. Our current general fund pays for all translations, printing and distribution of our material. For additional or replacement staff to be hired, a new source of support would be needed. Many of you have walked with us for many years. You know the scope, character and faithfulness of this operation. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a donation to this Staff and Support Restricted Fund.



Step Up To Life Ministries moved into this building in Elkhorn, 2005

Embracing my years, I thank God for the privilege of leading SUTL. By His grace, I am healthy and not planning on retirement but other staff will be needed to supplement Lincoln's role in the future. The monies would be used to that end, under the board's direction.

It is understood that new staff would seek to enhance giving for the ministry too. It should be stated that volunteer help will always be desired and even recruited. The time, experience and abilities of these volunteers will always be a major force in the growth and outreach of SUTL.

This then, is a plan I want to set before you. Some may want to give now to this. Some may want to put this item in their will so that "you being dead, will yet continue speaking" the gospel message.

We will be giving you more information on this but wanted to start now to assist you in thinking and praying. For further information, call (402) 933-4095 or (402) 359-1432. Our mailing address is SUTL, 20301 Wirt Street, P. O. Box 730, Elkhorn, NE 68022.



**God Bless You All,
Pastor Murdoch**

A SUTL Avalanche in Alaska

Alaska, the Last Great Frontier, has two SUTL pioneers, Doug and Joyce Steel. They have initiated, helped, supported and assisted in many evangelistic outreaches while inspiring others to do the same. The following are some of the locations and events where SUTL distributed all together approximately 3,200 bookmarks and 8,500 tracts starting from February through July, 2010 in Alaska:



The Anchorage team distributes SUTL tracts and US flag mints at the 4th of July parade. They are left to right: Eleanor Liddell, Mike Hopkins, Bea Hopkins, Joyce Steel and Doug Steel

*Turnagain Snow Machine Outreach
Iditarod (Anchorage-Ceremonial Start) and (Willow-
Formal Start) and Brenda Crim's team (Nome-Finish)
Bike Blessing (Anchorage)
Skinny Raven 10K Run (Anchorage)
Fishing Outreaches (Russian River and Kenai River)
Midnight Sun Outreaches: Baseball, 10K Run and
Sun Festival (Fairbanks)
July 4th Parade (Anchorage)
Mount Marathon (Seward)
Biker Outreach (Homer)
Crab Fest (Kodiak)
Salmon Frenzy (Kenai)
Mayor's Marathon Outreach (Anchorage)
Yukon 800 Race*

At all of these outreaches hot chocolate and/or Chap Stick, and mints were available with each tract. In Nome, the finish line for the Iditarod, Brenda Crim, the Baptist leader, with her volunteer student teams, helped at the dog-sled race by: cleaning public restrooms, participating in kid clubs, high school basketball outreaches, prison ministry and running a food concession stand, with \$7,500 given right back to the community. Also 680 homes in Nome received a 5-gallon bucket with a Bible and Mush To Life booklet enclosed. Buckets are rare and much needed items in Nome.

A Wonderful New Development Has Happened!

At the Omaha Triathlon and Marathon, the organizers of these races now provide the service of placing an item from event vendors in each registration kit. This is commonly called a "Goodie Bag" as it often contains free items from the vendors/merchants participating. SUTL is, of course, one of them. We pay from \$250 to \$500 to have a booth and put up our display, usually for a two-day period. But, now at these Omaha events, we have the jump-start of every registered athlete receiving one of our tracts in his/her registration bag. Invariably, racers return to their homes/hotels and lay all their "goodies" out to see what they have. Here is where our prayers are to be focused so that the Holy Spirit will attract their attention and speak to them through the pictures and message of the booklet as they read it.

"...WHOEVER SOWS GENEROUSLY SHALL REAP GENEROUSLY." II Corinthians 9:6

New Races, New Places

**"...RUN WITH ENDURANCE
THE RACE SET BEFORE US..."**

Hebrews 12:1

*Holiday Triathlon, Brooklyn, IA – May 16
Hy-Vee Triathlon, Des Moines, IA – June 11, 12 & 13
Omaha Triathlon, Omaha, NE – July 31 & August 1
Omaha Marathon, Omaha, NE - September 25 & 26*

Your SUTL workers were at each of these races and approximately 6,000 Triathlon and Runners tracts were distributed at these events!