

## There Are No Lone Rangers at *Step Up To Life*

*Step Up To Life Ministry* is a team. Some members are inside the SUTL headquarters and some are outside. Rick Waymire is outside. He is the Director of Body Life Ministries, which provides Bibles, gospel literature and sermon CDs by the thousands, free of charge to nearly 400 ministries.

He works for his father, Chuck, who founded Trans/Mid-America Inc., which services the legal papers for trucks passing through Nebraska. His father authorizes untold weekly hours to sustain and expand Body Life Ministries as well as space and staff for this ministry to function.



*Rick with Julie, his wife, Cassie (12), Adam (10), Ben (8), Nathan (7) and Judah (1)*



*CD table at banquet set up by Body Life Ministries displaying Pastor Murdoch's sermons from the Heritage Collection available to anyone desiring them free for the taking!*

Enter SUTL. Rick partners with us and provides the printing of all the internal pages of all our English, Spanish and Creole versions of our Children's SUTL booklet. We provide the four-color covers. But there is one more partner in this. His name is Bill Schmidt. He is the former owner of OK Fast Print Shop and still runs the presses that turn out this material. Because of this work done by Rick and Bill, we can sell our Children's version at the unbelievable price of 25 cents each. As a result, our dollars are multiplied, new literature distributed and the Gospel expanded. Thanks to Rick, Bill and Chuck. Go Team!

## Blessings From the *Step Up To Life* Banquet

Over 550 people attended the 12th Annual *Step Up To Life* banquet that was held September 16th at the Embassy Suites Ballroom in LaVista, a suburb of Omaha. Adapting our theme from the academy award-winning film, "Around The World In 80 Days," we sought to show the spread of *Step Up To Life* material that has gone around the globe.



*Lord Elmer and Lady Astor Pastor Our 18th Century attire highlighted the era.*

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## The Spirit Quietly Fell on Nazarene Congregation Using *Step Up To Life*

*Dr. Mark Prugh is the Senior Pastor at the Immanuel Church of the Nazarene in Landsdale, Pennsylvania.*

Mark Prugh was previously the pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in

Council Bluffs, IA. It was there he came in contact with the SUTL material and now uses it in his present church. Below is a letter he sent to us regarding an outstanding recent response of his people under the Holy Spirit.

Dear Pastor Murdoch,

October 6, 2011

During the summer months, I preached a series of messages entitled, "Doing Life God's Way", which was an expositional study of the Sermon on the Mount. During the last message of the series, I felt compelled to lead our entire congregation through the "Step Up To Life" booklet. As simple as it

sounds, everyone in the congregation had a booklet in hand and I walked them through it, page by page, making some personal remarks along the way.

When I completed the booklet and led the congregation through a simple prayer of confession and repentance of sin and asking Christ to come into their lives, I invited everyone who prayed that prayer to come forward, where I would give them a small metal cross they could keep in their pocket or purse to remind them of their commitment.

I was blown away that 70 people came forward because they had asked Christ to come into their lives.

Thank you, Pastor Murdoch, for creating this booklet, especially including the need for repentance because of conviction of sin. God is using this booklet in our church to lead people to Jesus Christ.

Sincerely, Pastor Mark Prugh

### Rescue 50,000 *Step Up To Life* Booklets

We need your serious praying. Last December we ordered and shipped 50,000 *Step Up To Life* booklets to Samuel Menyongar, our champion in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on the west coast of Africa. They were printed and shipped by our good friend and experienced business man/printer, Jefferson Gathu, in Nairobi, Kenya, on the east coast of Africa. (Why not look these countries up on a map and see where your prayers are going.)

Jefferson has used the shipping line before. They were timely and reliable. Our material reached Freetown, some time in February and from there the story becomes a challenge.

The Sierra Leone government turned the port and customs over to the French as they did not have the personnel to take care of it. There was an alleged loss of the original Bill of Lading, since replaced. The customs people let the material sit there and did not notify Samuel until about April. Then when he went to pick up the literature, they told him we owed money for storage, \$500 USA. We paid it.

From that point on, there have been delays, excuses and downright falsehoods. Repeated contacts to pick up the material is met with lying excuses, 'we are busy, come back later, it takes time, etc.' We will not pay any bribe money. This is a third world country with customs/dock men making a buck.

It is now December. We are not closer to getting them, humanly. Samuel went to the US Embassy in Freetown but they correctly told him that this was a personal matter and not governmental so they could not help him.

There has been untold hours, prayer and emails, etc., to make progress. It is not happening.

This is where you come in. Will you focus on this need with prayer and fasting as the Lord leads? This is his money, his booklets. There are 50,000 people who will get this material and another two people who will read it as it is passed around. That is 150,000 people.

If righteous anger or divine love arises in your hearts, that is good. Pray with either or neither. But just pray.

*Lord, Thy Kingdom come to Freetown and free these tracts. Break down greed, sin and the power of darkness that would seek to keep the words of life from those who are lost and need them. Provide these tools to your workers for evangelizing. We plead the exalted and victorious Name of Jesus over this matter. Show Yourself strong, O Lord. Amen.*

This is the first time we have ever had such hindrance.

*"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1*

# Kenya Calls, Step Up To Life Answers

By a providential act, a copy of Children's SUTL booklet reached the hands of Jefferson Gathu. We didn't know who that person was. What we do know is what happened next. Gathu is the Director of Cistern Material Ministry in Nairobi, Kenya, where he oversees the translation, printing and distribution of literature of some 11 African languages in 15 countries. Since Cistern and SUTL have crossed, thousands of SUTL booklets in Swahili and English have been used in jails, churches and evangelistic organizations. The demand for SUTL became so great that a separate office had to be opened to service the requests. The next step was a natural – hold a SUTL Conference in Nairobi, which they did. Cistern already had full access to the 50,000



prisoners in Kenya. So invitations went out to the chaplains, world-class Kenyan athletes, pastors and Sunday school workers. Lincoln Murdoch was invited as the

speaker for the three-day conference, Nov. 4-6. Jefferson's letter and pictures tell the story. There is one problem. They want us back.

“The SUTL conference in Nairobi turned out to be the most successful conference Cistern Ministries has ever organized! Lincoln, using the Step Up ToLife original tract, trained our workers and demonstrated its usefulness. The question and answer session went so well that every participant wanted it to go on and on! We had a total of 110 delegates from all corners of Kenya.

We divided the conference into two main groups. Athletes and prison leaders met on Day One, and Sunday school teachers with chaplains on Day 2. We gathered with the whole group on Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, for the closing ceremony and cutting of the cake at the Industrial Prison Unit Chapel. (A ceremonial cake is part of Kenyan culture indicating commitment and fellowship.)



On Day One, Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, we spent the day with Kenya's top athletes. Some of them, because of the

fame and wealth they have acquired, had been unconcerned in their spiritual journey and this was a wake-up call for them. At the end of the first day, most of them expressed great remorse for their past life and conduct. We believe this will eventually



help them make a personal decision to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. To those who had already accepted Jesus as their Lord, it was an opportunity for them to be trained to go and preach to the thousands of other athletes in their respective provinces. After awarding certificates for taking the SUTL training, they went home carrying enough booklets to deliver to their respective stations.

Day 2 was also very interesting. Now that the Senior Chaplains had attended the training on Day 1, they helped to train the Junior Chaplains and Sunday school teachers on Day 2. This was aimed on improving their evangelizing skills. At the end of Day 2, Lincoln presented certificates to the trained trainers, who would then go and train others in all corners of Kenya. They also were provided with Adult and Children's SUTL booklets to use in their places of ministry.

In the evening Keneth, the Director of Rescue Souls Mission (RSM), shared his experiences and challenges in the Muslim world on the local islands, especially Zanzibar, where he has ventured with SUTL tracts. This report was very moving and he asked the group to pray for his work. The climax was at the prison unit on Day 3.

We attended the prison service with the inmates at 9 A.M. Later Lincoln preached at a fully packed chapel attended



by the Commissioner of Prisons, principal chaplains and conference delegates. The cake to commission the SUTL work in Kenya was cut and everybody shared a piece. At 2 P.M., after lunch, we gathered together and closed the conference officially with prayer.”

# Matching Grant Ready to be Matched

Matches give light. So do matching grants. Again this year, \$10,000 has been received for this purpose. All donations from December 1st to January 15th, 2012, will be marked for this goal and your gifts will be doubled to this amount. Our grants have been met each year. Let's do it again.

**NOTE: To receive tax credit for this year's giving, your gift must be postmarked by December 31, 2011.**

Our motto regarding our booklets in 43 languages...*A million more from shore to shore.*

## Blessings From the Step Up To Life Banquet (continued)



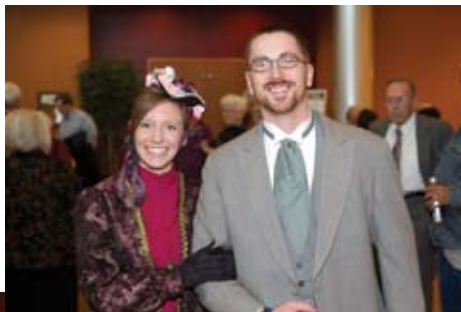
*Lincoln Murdoch and Ty Schenzel hosted the event.*

*Testimonies were given by Norma Jean Hackett, local/world traveling SUTL user, Samuel and Mariama Menyongar, Pastor and wife from Freetown, Sierra Leone in Africa, and Ross Hindman, former missionary to France. Their personal words impacted the audience.*



*Norma Jean Hackett and Ty Schenzel wrapping up her testimony after a humorous exchange.*

*Greeters Nate and LeAnn Adkinson*



*Greeters  
Bob and Sondra Herold*



*The Ballroom at Embassy Suites, a gracious venue.*



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