

QUICK BITES

TIP Update

We're officially our own non-profit. Praise the Lord!

Thank you Lord for taking us through this process over the last year. Thank you to all who have given us their support through prayers and donations.

We appreciate all you have done.

Curriculum Update

We've updated Units 1 - 4 and are currently working on Unit 11, a year-long curriculum called *Developing Godly Character*.

Vilma has planted another Kids Church!

By Vilma Caldas



God gave me a lot of patience! I asked others to pray for me and with His help; I was able to open a new church in Jamundi.

The church in Jamundi is very active with the children. I'm happy I opened it.

I was going to open another four churches but decided not to because I didn't feel the churches had the money to support them. It's hard enough with two Kids Churches to add four more.

We are hoping to have a MEDIC Trust Bank in Cali. Pastor Frankie at our first church would like to start a broom-making business. The leaders and churches are excited to start businesses of their own. We look forward to helping establish a MEDIC Colombia soon.

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Our Partnerships Working...

MEDIC LIBERIA IS UNDERWAY



Our first Trust Bank is established. Medic Liberia's Board has been formed and starts training in July. Several of our board members are Kids Church leaders and pastors. More importantly, most every Kids Church wants to start a business.

We're excited at how this will help these churches become self sufficient.

Who is MEDIC International?

Many Churches are working with the extreme poor but are not making progress in bringing these communities out of poverty. Mercy Economic Development International Corporation assists these churches in becoming self sufficient. "A self sufficient church is a church that not only preaches the Word but works to better the community where located," said Donna Elms, MEDIC Auditor.

"Your donation to a Trust Bank provides funds for the business that keeps on working. These funds are used to create business loans. These small loans provide capital for a small business. Borrowers can expand their business for more than food for the day. They can expand their business to employ other workers. Over the course of five years the investment of \$10,000 to set up a Trust Bank can create up to 200 businesses."

MEDIC goes into an area where local churches are established to promote the Trust Bank principle in villages where there is no conventional banking or where the people in the body of Christ are not financially established. When a believer is able to establish a small business several things happen:

- They regain self worth.
- They are able to provide for their family.
- They learn biblical principles concerning their personal and business finances, how to own and operate a business, control inventory and keep records.

A Real life Story in Sri Lanka, By Pushparaj

Prema and I were married and were Hindus with no children. We lost confidence in our Hindu deities and broke all pictures and idols we had. We met a Christian who introduced us to Jesus and through prayer had our first daughter Karunya. A terrible shock awaited us. When she exhaled, her naval would blow out like a balloon and we could see her intestines. The doctors did not give us hope and we were desperate. We asked for prayer support and our baby was completely healed. We accepted Jesus as our Savior and were baptized. Karunya is now 11 and we've been blessed with Nisa, 10 and Daniel, 8.

We went through financial difficulties. To survive, we ran a tea shop with snacks in a borrowed shop. I heard of MEDIC and applied for help. Since Prema and I are knowledgeable in tea plantation, we thought we could lease a tea garden and earn a profit. We leased half-an-acre. I've been able to make a profit and am thankful to God and MEDIC. With the profits, I have added one more room to our existing house and constructed a well, which is blessing our neighbors. This loan has helped our entire family to a great extent and we live a very happy life.

Our First Shop in Liberia, By Paul Johnson

We thank God for the mighty things He is doing through our churches in Liberia. Last week, our churches met and had a day of fasting and prayer for the growth of Kids Church in Liberia and the coming of MEDIC. We thank God for our shop because it is helping to provide employment opportunities for some of our youth who can type or operate a computer. Our prayer is to enlarge our services by adding more computers and manual type writers to be able to empower our youth.

How can you help?

We are raising money to reach our \$10,000 goal for our Liberian Trust Bank. We have \$5000. If you would like to help us start this Trust Bank, please send your check to:

MEDIC International, 180 South Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44278 Attn: Donna Elms, 330/871-4256

Thank you for your support and prayers.