

# Ministry International Inc.

## Letter from the CEO



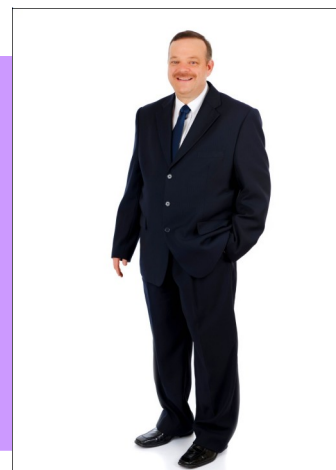
### Why We Lose Church Members

The most heart breaking activity for a Church Pastor is seeing people come and go. It is so exciting when people visit the Church and it is really exciting when we see people get what they need from God in our ministry. However, it is heart breaking when it looks like they will stay but suddenly they are gone. Most of the time, this is without a word as to why. Sometimes it is with very surface excuses and a few with great insult to what you are trying to accomplish as a ministry.

It is very hard on many Pastors when people leave, because they many times take it personal. Some Pastors even take it as a small wound added to other wounds when people leave. The conclusion seems to be that the visitor just didn't like the preaching or worse, that the visitor didn't like them personally. If you, as a minister, allow yourself to take people leaving personally, it will not be long before you leave the ministry. Before you leave, you will build walls that will not allow you to receive the ones that God sends your way. You will even begin to reject them before they reject you, or you could wound them out of your wounds. Language of rejection always turns people away.

Please understand that ministry is complex and has many aspects as to why people do what they do. These are some of the reasons that I have heard and seen through the years, as a Pastor and as one that ministers to Pastors.

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## Why We Lose Church Members Continued

- 1) Even though one member of the family likes your church, others don't. This causes the one that does to back off.
- 2) Many, when they receive what they need at your church, then want to return to their family church.
- 3) Someone in your church offends them or turns them off.
- 4) Services go too long.
- 5) Not enough freedom in the services
- 6) Uncomfortable with the freedom in the services
- 7) Don't like the style of praise and worship.
- 8) Sound system too loud
- 9) Sound system not loud enough
- 10) No nursery or they are not comfortable with the nursery workers
- 11) Either the parent or the teenager doesn't like the teen ministry
- 12) The parents don't like the children's ministry
- 13) Service times do not work for them
- 14) You don't offer programs they are looking for such as: (singles ministry, couples ministry, senior ministry, moms day off, after school programs for children, intercessory prayer meeting, Sunday school, Bible School, etc.)
- 15) Service is not what they are use to
- 16) Personal problems
- 17) Too much emphasis on money.
- 18) Not enough teaching on finances

I hope by now you get the point. You may never know why a person chooses to leave your church unless they tell you or God tells you. However, if you think it is all about you, please get counsel so that you can stop being wounded and quit wounding others. You should enjoy being a minister of the gospel.

## **School Graduation News...**

### **Congratulations to the graduates of the following schools:**

#### **River of Life Outreach—Uganda**

Instructor: Bishop Paul Wandera

The first graduation talking place in Uganda is to be held on May 6th & to be performed by Bishop Paul Wandera.

#### **Dominion Cathedral - New Jersey**

Instructor: Pastor Dr. Toyin Laoye

Dr. Chris Waller, Vice President of MII, along with Dr. Toyin Laoye, the Pastor of Dominion Cathedral, were very honored to perform the ceremony for the graduating students of 2011. In conclusion to the powerful graduation, many were healed and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We encourage all to consider hosting a Ministry International Institute in your ministry or church.



Dr. J. Chris Waller

#### **Exodus Chiropractic—Tennessee**

Instructor: Dr. J. Tony Slay

Celebration Graduation taking place April 28th at Calhoun's Restaurant and performed by Dr. J. Tony Slay.

### **New School Start Ups**

#### **Wells Clinic of Chiropractic—Florida**

Instructor: Dr. Travis Wells

#### **Tiwari School—Georgia**

Instructor: Usha Tiwari

#### **The Way, The Truth & The Life—Pennsylvania**

Instructor: Dr. Eugene Turner

Ephesians 3:14-19

<sup>14</sup>For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup>That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; <sup>17</sup>That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; <sup>19</sup>And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

## Testimonial

Hello. My name is Jerry Cobb. I am a member of MII and have been a friend of Dr. J. Tony Slay for over 30 years. In 2009 and 2010, Dr. Slay sowed a financial seed to help me and my wife, Teresa, go on mission trips to Honduras. I consider his seed as being from all of you, so as me and my wife were in Honduras, it was as if all of you were with us.

Let me give you some background on Honduras. The country is slightly larger than Tennessee and has a population of 7.3 million people. The average income is \$900.00 a year. It is the 2nd poorest country in the Western Hemisphere after Haiti. There is a great need there. The organization that I went to Honduras with is World Gospel Mission. They have been in Honduras for over 100 years.

One of the projects there is called Project Manuelito. It is run by Pastor Jorge and Marta Pinto. There are thousands of kids who have been abandoned to live on the street. What happens is that the women will have a baby and then use the baby to beg for money. After awhile, the children get too big to use to beg, so they are abandoned and the mothers will have another baby to start over with. Pastor Jorge saw this and started a project to get the kids off the street. He was able to acquire some land to build the project.

What we do on the trips to Honduras is to help build buildings to house the children. The work is very hard physically because this is a third world country without a lot of the modern conveniences to build with.

In the 4 trips so far, I've helped build a foundation, paint the walls in a dormitory, help lay a floor for a bathroom and tie a sewer line together and build walls on a new building. When you go down to Honduras, you think that you are there to help the kids, but after a couple of days, you realize they are ministering to you. They get to you and you realize they just want to be loved. When they are playing with you, you think about Jesus and the children where he says, "Suffer little children and forbade them not to come unto me..." Matthew 19:14

**Testimonial continued**

At that moment, you realize that you are doing what Jesus would be doing.

Again, thank you so much for standing with us and sowing a seed into Honduras. We currently don't have internet available, but we hope to in the future.

If you would like to contact me or my wife, you may call us at 765-506-1342 or 765-506-1345.

Thank you and God bless you!

Jerry Alan Cobb



**Jerry Cobb**



**Teresa Cobb**



## Neyland Stadium **GAME TIME** in Tennessee

Dear friend in Christ,

I am so excited to tell you about our next outreach! We've partnered with University of Tennessee Chaplain Roger Woods and the Spiritual Heritage Foundation of Knoxville to bring a massive evangelistic movement to Knoxville and the state of Tennessee. The outreach is **It's Game Time in Tennessee** and it consists of a cross denominational (already 550 churches) unity to prayer, service, training in Friendship Evangelism, and the proclamation of the Gospel. For details, go to [www.GameTimeTN.com](http://www.GameTimeTN.com).

### ***Get Ready to Serve!***

Thousands will work Saturday, April 9, 2011, to serve individuals and helping-agencies throughout Knoxville. You and your congregation can show the love of God, acting as the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need as part of this Game Time and Serving Knoxville as One event. In setting this date we have steered away from Holy Week and Spring Break for UT and Knox County Schools. No date is perfect, but we believe we have a good one for 2011.

Please put this date on your church calendar and plan to share with dozens of other Knoxville churches as we fan out across our city as the hands and feet of Jesus.

In the last 2 years we have mobilized 5,649 volunteers, partnered with almost all of the local helping agencies and served 33,729 people in need in our community. Even so, our potential is for more ministry. We are planning for the 2011 SKA1 event to be the best yet.

### ***Counselor Training Announcement***

Here are the dates for training for ***It's Game Time in Tennessee***. Please call Mark Keyes at Infusion Ministries at 865-966-1153 if you have any questions.

### ***Collegiate Day of Prayer Coming Soon...***

Thursday, February 24th, 2011 is the national Collegiate Day of Prayer...campuses and churches across America will pause to pray for our nations colleges and universities on Sunday Feb 20th and again on Thursday Feb. 24th

### ***Tommy Toombs Confirmed!***

Tommy Toombs the great children's evangelist based out of Knoxville has joined the **It's Game Time in Tennessee** Team.

## ***Chattanooga Joins GAME TIME!***

Chaplain Roger Woods and Jim Geyer met with a group of 50 pastors and business leaders in Chattanooga and presented the vision for Game Time in Tennessee.

## ***24 Hours of Prayer***

Get involved with Game Time. Join the prayer team. We've got a big prayer event coming up soon. Join us on February 25th at the Campus House of Prayer (CHOP).

## ***Prayer Requests***

Each week we post the prayer requests from the prayer committee. Join in the effort to cover this event in prayer. God is doing a GREAT thing in Tennessee. You can be a part of it now by praying.

## ***Launch Meeting Great Success***

## ***Game Time on Facebook***



## ***Game Time on Twitter***



## ***Church Leaders Luncheon - Plan to Come***



## Tell Your Friends



Notify your friends that they can sign up for this MII newsletter. We look forward to keeping you informed on just some of the exciting events and activities of the MII ministers, graduations, and activities around the world.

IT'S EASY, just tell them to go to the MII website at: [www.ministryinternational.tv](http://www.ministryinternational.tv) and sign up for e-mails. A-Weber, our e-mail distributor, will then send you a confirmation. Click on the confirmation link they send and you will be assured of receiving our bi-monthly newsletters.

MII will keep you informed of upcoming events, pictures of minister and school friends and family, and a word of exhortation.

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