

Community Focused & Globally Minded Making an Impact for God's Kingdom

By: Chris Santasiere

Where were you when the earthquake struck Virginia in late August? I was sitting in a local restaurant finishing up lunch with Rick Raines and Mike Campbell. Although we were miles away from the epicenter of the earthquake itself, we felt the impact from the quake. The ground shook underneath us. The building swayed. Cars bounced on their tires in the parking lot. Not only did we feel the impact from the earthquake, we heard it too. There was a loud rumbling, roaring noise that accompanied the shaking of the ground.

Just as there is a significant impact made when tectonic plates collide together, a more powerful and significant impact is made when the gospel of Christ collides with a world desperate for hope, forgiveness and salvation. When the gospel of Christ is preached and the love of God is displayed through actions, transformation is possible. Individual lives, entire families, neighborhoods, communities and even countries can be transformed by the impact of the message of the gospel as it is preached and is lived out.

Fairmount Christian Church has a long history of being a very missions-minded church. Over the years, Fairmount has been generous to support many missionaries and mission organizations financially. Fairmount has also taken an active role in missions through many hands-on projects and short term mission trips.

Fairmount's Mission Ministry has functioned over the last several years through two ministry teams: S.A.L.T. (Short and Long Term Missions) and the Missions Team. The role of S.A.L.T. was to focus on ways that

people at Fairmount could get their hands dirty in Missions. S.A.L.T. oversaw all of our short term mission trips to places such as Haiti, Mexico and Poland. S.A.L.T. also was responsible for work projects at Mountain Mission School in Grundy, VA; hosting the homeless in our church through CARITAS, organizing disaster relief efforts, doing local service projects through Mission To Virginia and collecting food for the local MCEF food pantry. The Missions Team's role has been to develop and nurture relationships with missionaries and mission organizations in foreign countries while also promoting those missionaries and mission organizations at Fairmount. The Missions Team has done a wonderful job educating our congregation on the work of our missionaries. We've also been blessed to periodically have our missionaries come to Fairmount to visit. These missionaries are part of our Fairmount family. The Missions Team has played a huge part in deepening our relationships with our missionaries.

Beginning on September 1, we have made a shift in the way that we "do" Missions at Fairmount. Our S.A.L.T. team and our Missions Team have merged to become the IMPACT Ministry Team. The need to merge our teams into one has been seen for a couple of years now and preliminary efforts to do so had taken place. Building off of the foundation from these earlier efforts, the IMPACT Ministry Team was able to take shape.

The formation of the IMPACT Ministry Team was mainly driven by two things: Fairmount's Vision and a desire to aspire to a higher level in Missions at Fairmount. The

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"You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

FEATURE: *The IMPACT Ministry Begins*

third pillar of Fairmount’s Vision Statement says, “Fairmount Christian Church will be a church that is Community Focused and Globally Minded.” Fairmount has a strong desire to create a lasting impact in our community and around the world for Christ. We believe that the IMPACT Ministry Team will help us to achieve this God-given vision for Fairmount. Throughout the history of Fairmount, we have done outstanding work in the area of Missions. But there’s always room for improvement and we can and should seek ways to do better. Through the IMPACT Ministry Team, we will actively seek to take Missions at Fairmount to a higher level of communication, effectiveness, accountability and hands-on work by our congregation than we have ever experienced before.

What will the IMPACT Ministry look like?

We are going to follow a model based on Acts 1:8. In that verse of Scripture Jesus says, “...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Accordingly, we will have four regional teams representing a different part of the world. **Our Jerusalem is the Richmond area. Our Judea is Virginia. Our Samaria is the United States. Our ends of the Earth are our foreign missionaries.** Each of our four regional teams will have fields that they are responsible for working with.

The chart below shows a breakdown of the fields that fall under each regional team.

The leaders of those four regional teams will come together to form our IMPACT Leadership Team. It is at the IMPACT Leadership Team level where communication will be shared regarding all of our fields, prayer needs will be presented so they can be given to the congregation, mission trips will be planned and funding decisions will take place. Besides the regional team leaders, our IMPACT Leadership Team will also consist of a ministry staff member, a treasurer, prayer coordinator and administrative coordinator.



Children in Haiti receive an education and a nourishing meal each day.

Our IMPACT Leadership Team:

Minister

Chris Santasiere

Treasurer

Diane Knapp

Prayer Coordinator

RW McDowell

Administrative Coordinator

Cheryl Collie

Richmond Area Team Leader

Connie Davis

Virginia Team Leader

Fred McGhee

United States Team Leader

Mike Banton

World Team Leader

Renaë Carter

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Richmond Area	Virginia	United States	World
Freedom House	VEF	Good News Productions	ICM -Cambodia
Hilliard House	Virginia Vision	IDES	Missions Unlimited - India
CARITAS	Mountain Mission School	NACC	Polish Christian Ministries
Habitat for Humanity	Camp Rudolph	Disaster Relief Projects	CMF - Kenya
MCEF	Oak Hill Camp	Cincinnati Christian Univ.	Niños de México
Pregnancy Resource Center	Campus Ministries of Virginia	Emmanuel Christian Seminary	Good News - Mexico
Gospel Jail Ministry		Johnson University	CRU - Australia
Mission To Virginia		Kentucky Christian University	HOM - Haiti
BLOCK Party		Lincoln Christian University	Logic - Haiti
Miscellaneous Projects		Milligan College	Red Quarry - Haiti

Focus on Bible School ~ Seekers Class

by Judy Allard

Seekers is an adult Bible School class ready and waiting for you to come and join us! Randy Allard leads this class of young adults to those not so young each week while following the Standard Publishing lessons of God's Word. Friendships grow closer as we search and seek His will for each of us. Discussions abound throughout Randy's lecture time. Our class supports Fairmount's programs by serving in many areas. Varied interests blend together a terrific group of believers ready to reach out to others. If you are seeking a place to learn more, serve better, and study together, we'll save you a seat in the Seekers' class any Sunday morning. ■



Seekers is led by Randy Allard and meets on Sundays at 9:30am in Rm. 132B.



Mountain Mission School is just one of the "Virginia" missions we support.

Mountain Mission School Choir Concert ~ October 16th at 6pm

Would you like to see teenagers do something upbeat and positive? Then come see the widely acclaimed **Mountain Mission School Concert Choir** from Grundy, VA. These young musicians will present a public concert at 6pm in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 16th. Be sure to invite your friends!

The students in this choir earn the right to travel through their conduct both in and out of the classroom. Forty-five members make up the traveling concert choir. Students range in age from eighth graders to High School seniors.

Mountain Mission School is a Christian children's home and school. Since 1969 these teens have performed on a national and international level all over the

United States and in Canada, England, Austria, and France. They have performed at the National Missionary Convention, the North American Christian Convention, the Eastern Christian Convention, and various civic gatherings. They have appeared on television and as repeat featured entertainment at Disney World, Disneyland, and Opryland. In one year alone, they sang by invitation before twenty-six governors and at our nation's capital at the request of Virginia's senators. The choir traveled to Brighton, England to perform for the World Christian Convention in July, 2004 and performed at our nation's capital for the "Capitol Holiday Tree" lighting in December, 2004.

The choir's programs are designed to appeal to a variety of musical tastes. They have an inspiring sacred repertoire, which they perform for church settings, as well as a number of appealing secular and patriotic numbers for civic and community functions. Audiences usually find themselves humming a newly found favorite tune when they leave the energetic concerts.

In all of its performances, the choir, conducted by Mrs. Patti Hertzog, seeks to focus the audience's attention upon the special person of Jesus Christ and to express Jesus' joy and love through their songs. ■

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One way that we feel we can take Missions to a higher level at Fairmount is to get more people in our congregation involved. Is there an area of the world that you want to work with? Is there a field that interests you? Join a regional team! We need people who have a desire to pray and can creatively engage our congregation in prayer for Missions. We need people with administrative skills to help with publicity and mission trip coordination. Contact me at csantasiere@fairmountchristian.org and I'll get you connected with a place where you can serve and make a difference.

At the beginning of 2012, Rick is going to focus our first sermon series of the year on the Vision aspect of being "Community Focused and Globally Minded". You're going to hear a lot more about the IMPACT Ministry Team and its work. This is a great time to get involved in Missions at Fairmount. Pray for how you can get involved. Pray for our leadership team as we make this transition. Finally and most importantly, pray for our missions and missionaries. They are the ones who truly are doing the hardest work. They deserve our prayers and, along with God, deserve our very best effort. ■



Volunteers helped after the tornado in Joplin, MO



Mission to Virginia is on Sat., November 5th this year. Save the date and help our neighbors with services such as home repair, winterization, yard maintenance, and more. Mission to Virginia is the perfect service opportunity for the whole family.



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The mission of Fairmount Christian Church:

To develop followers of Jesus who:

Love God,
Love People and
Introduce the world
to **Christ**



The Forecaster is
best viewed online @
www.fairmountchristian.org

Our Church: September 25, 2011



Gaming 101
Seminar for Parents
Saturday, Oct. 1st
10-11am, Rm. 132

90% of children play video games; so what's the big deal? This special seminar examines concerns about video games and the tools parents have to judge what their children are playing.

Your Church Staff:

- Rick Raines - Senior Minister
- Chris Santasiere - Associate Minister
- Mike Langley - Associate Minister
- Tracy Thomas - Worship/Music Minister
- Mike Campbell - Youth Minister
- Rose Williams - Children's Ministry Director
- Bob Massey - Business Administrator
- Veronica Brewster - Office Manager
- Jef Powell - Facilities & Grounds Manager
- Barry Will - Technology Director
- Larry Haake, IV - Child Care Program Director

Attendance & Giving.

8:15 Worship Service: 117
Children's Worship: 15

9:30 Worship Service: 473
Children's Worship: 57

11:00 Worship Service: 219
Children's Worship: 111

Total: 992

Bible School: 616

Budget Requirements: \$36,871.00

Budget Receipts: \$28,878.88

Sermon Series Continues...



Week 3: Matthew 5:21-48

Menu for Wednesday, October 5:

Baked Spaghetti w/Salad
Dessert

Alternate: PB&J w/ chips

Martin-Dabney to serve
Friends Class to clean up.