

CHRYSALIS NEWSLETTER

Discipling leaders by Biblical principles of education for individual and cultural transformation * June 2007

Our Seventh Year of Ministry

by Elizabeth Youmans, Vice President of Operations

We at Chrysalis have much for which we are praising God, as His mighty Hand has indeed been favorable to us! Now in our seventh year, our young, non-profit educational institute continues to grow and expand through the providence of God. The seventh year in scripture is one of remission, sabbatical rest and liberty! During our first six years we labored to set a firm foundation for Chrysalis on the rock of Jesus Christ and to build a sound educational ministry with Biblical principles and Christian ideals. The lively seeds of Christian education and government that were sown throughout the years through seminars, training programs and now through our children's curriculum have taken root in many nations. The testimonies and stories of rebuilding and transforming education are now beginning to return to us.

The Addition of Four Educators

God has blessed our ministry recently with the addition of four Christian educators, who will assist in governing various areas of our international ministry. The first is **Jaqueline Gough**, who helped me found Chrysalis in 2000. Jacqi is a true servant of Jesus Christ in education. She and her husband, Dennis, were missionaries in Finland for 15 years, after which she taught Christian education at the Maryland Bible College for 18 years. Jacqi's passion is teaching and mentoring youth in Biblical principles of education, and her former students are teaching in many nations. We met at a FACE Apprenticeship in Virginia, and soon became friends. We traveled to France together in the summer of 1999 to attend a Christian education conference where Jacqi was teaching. The following year, God sealed our friendship in Geneva, Switzerland at the inspiring Reformation Wall, where we recommitted our lives to Christian education while praying amidst the statues of the great reformers of Christian history. Jacqi has served on our Chrysalis board of directors for seven years. We launched our international ministry in the summer of 2001, when we spent two months teaching and consulting in six European countries. Jacqi has a Masters degree in education and assumes her full time role as Director of Discipleship in July.



The second educator is my precious Brazilian daughter-in-law, **Simone Youmans**. Many of you know Simone and her background as a Christian educator. Now that our ministry has grown in Brazil and we continue to write and translate units of study for our children's curriculum into Portuguese, there is a great need for a liaison for all the business that now takes place in the Portuguese language. Simone has a Masters degree in Christian education, and her passion is her family that includes two young girls and a busy household.

Finally, we welcome **Rubens and Daniella Cartaxo**, a Brazilian husband and wife team, who now serve as our AMO Brasil Directors. They live in Parnamirim in the northeast region of Brazil. I met Rubens and Daniella in 2001 at a Chrysalis Vision Conference that Simone organized in Fortaleza, Brazil. They invited me the following year for a week of teacher training. Since that time, we have sent American teachers to disciple them in Biblical principles of education and to train them in our AMO children's program. They piloted AMO with great success and continue to govern and teach in their elementary school, as well as direct and teach in their AMO afterschool program. Rubens serves on AECEP's (Association of Brazilian principle-based schools) Board of Directors. He has a degree in electrical engineering and Daniella's degree is in school administration. Rubens and Daniella walk by faith and have sacrificed all to serve Jesus Christ in Christian education. They have three children, and their vision is to see Brazilian education transformed by Biblical principles and to reach the hearts and minds of the millions of at-risk children in the Portuguese-speaking world. I am so grateful to God for His great provision for our expanding ministry and look forward to the fruit that will surely develop by His grace.



2007 Ministry

This year I have primarily focused on writing and editing our AMO children's curriculum. I attended several forums that strengthened many relationships with leaders around the world and established new ones. I was invited to an African Orphans Summit in Edmonds, Washington in January and the Disciple Nations Alliance (DNA) Forum in Heber, Arizona in May. There were over 100 DNA pastors and leaders who are engaged in wholistic ministry all over the world. It provided a time to learn how God is transforming individuals and communities and provided me with many opportunities to network with key individuals and ministries. DNA established a working group at



the Forum to develop resources for highlighting the role of family as a divine institution in discipling healthy nations, of which I am a part. This working group will continue collaborating in October to help restore families worldwide to God's intentions.



I spent a week in April at the YWAM base in San Juan, Puerto Rico teaching Christian education. The first day pastors and educators were invited to learn more about how to establish a Christian school. Their new PCYM students were a great group to teach. The YWAM staff also attended, who consist of young Latin American leaders directed by Yarley Niño, who take seriously their call to disciple nations. They have a focus on the

fine and performing arts, so it was refreshing to teach and fellowship with them. They have a calling to China and currently minister to a group of Moslems in a small Chinese village. I will return in August to train them to use our AMO Program. Luis Seña, Food for the Hungry Dominican Republic (DR) country director, attended with his assistant. I met them in Lima, Perú in 2002. They plan to establish several AMO projects in the DR next year.

Calendar of Events

August 6-8: AMO Teacher Training with YWAM, San Juan, Puerto Rico (Jacqi & Elizabeth)

September 24-29: Monday Church Conference with the DNA African Working Group: Nairobi, Kenya (Jacqi & Elizabeth)

October 29-November 2: Raising Up Esther Conference with Darrow Miller: San José, Costa Rica (Elizabeth)

November 3-7: DNA Family Working Group: San José, Costa Rica (Elizabeth)

AMO Program Update



We have a new web site for our AMO* children's program in four languages—English, Portuguese, Spanish and French: www.amoprogram.com

AMO is an enriched, principle-based program for children that nurtures both the head and the heart with the ideals of truth, beauty and moral goodness. Designed for churches to use as an after school program, it can also be used in day and home schools, Sunday schools or in family life settings.

The AMO Introductory Unit, which contains *Heidi*, the book of Proverbs and our *Timeline of Promise*, is now translated into French, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, and Burmese. The following units are new and available in English, Spanish and Portuguese: *Pilgrim's Progress*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Lion, the Witch and Wardrobe*, the Book of Luke and *Wellspring of Wonder Timeline*. *Pinocchio*, *Hans Brinker* and the books of Psalms and Exodus are being edited. We have the books of Genesis Part 1, Ruth, Esther and Acts currently being written with five other literature units completed for editing. We are delighted about the growth of our program and are working with a publishing company in New York to put our teacher guides into book format. These units may be purchased on either of our web sites or by telephoning our Orlando office at 407-275-0203.

* AMO is an acronym for 'Feed My Lambs' in Portuguese and Spanish. The word 'amo' in the Romance languages means 'love.'

