

June 1, 2010

Dear Friends,

After living in a Catholic mind set for over three years, we now serve the Catholic Church full-time. I'm not a priest. Lori is not a nun. We are not hired or paid staff members of a parish or diocese. We have followed a lesser common path of "Catholic Lay Missionaries."



**Is that like those Baptists and Methodists who wear pith helmets in Africa?**

Sort of. They have to raise support from churches and individuals to feed themselves as they serve God full-time. Here is what we do:



Imagine a small cart on wheels. Put a sign on the side that says "Kerygma USA" (ka-rig'ma). We push this cart around to promote the vision of Kerygma , proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

### **What's in the cart?**

1. **A connection with Youth With a Mission** globally and locally. We link their evangelization and discipleship opportunities with the Catholic world in an ecumenical cooperative way.
2. **Involvement with Charismatic activities** – prayer groups, healing masses, conventions, conferences and the Houston Catholic Charismatic Center (which is only five hours from us). ☺

### **1. How do you connect with YWAM?**

This can be activities on a YWAM base in the U.S. or abroad, or at a local parish or church. The machinery and experience of YWAM is already in East Texas. These local missionaries are opening up to their Catholic brothers and sisters to help evangelize the baptized. This might be by:



A one day retreat at a church.

A two night mini-SST camp for Catholic teens at YWAM's village in the woods





A 7-day summer arts camp at a local church involving dance and music, taught by YWAM dance professionals. A 3-week YWAM Summer camp of training and outreach (SST) to Houston or Chicago with youth 13-18 years old.



A 2-week "Go Team" outreach to a foreign country to experience missions. A six-month Catholic Discipleship Training school in Australia or India with outreach to other nations. This is for high school grads and up.



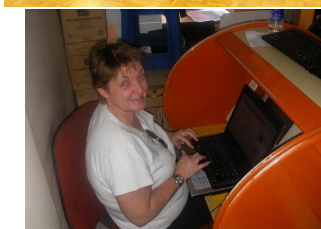
**That's a lot of stuff in the cart. Where do you push it?**



We push it often to Deanery meetings and clergy days throughout this large Diocese of Tyler to promote Kerygma. There we give a presentation and share a meal with priests deacons and parishioners who we may be like minded with or can help.



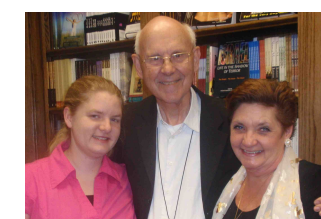
We might push it into a Catholic School classroom and share these Kerygma opportunities with students or even teach them or present live music. We try to stay connected with the Spanish Charismatics, and visit their events.



We have a web presence that reaches people around the world. [www.kteamsusa.com](http://www.kteamsusa.com)



We linked with Randy Skinner, Director of Justice Revival in Dallas, who invited us to a luncheon with the Mayor.



We were invited to represent Kerygma at a Toward Jerusalem Counsel II dinner with Catholic and Messianic Jewish leaders in Dallas, featuring Fr. Peter Hocken from Austria, a friend of Kerygma.

**2. What about the Charismatic Renewal?**

The link between Protestants and Catholics is through charismatic activity. That means freedom to teach, understand and exercise the power of the Holy Spirit. It's been very good lately.



We have a small, but powerful Catholic core group that prays together twice a month. Once a month we coordinate a charismatic healing mass led by spirit filled guest priests we find from out of town. We have a time of worship, followed by the mass, and the extensive prayer ministry.



In April or May we host an annual Life in the Spirit Conference. Once a year we try to visit a Charismatic Conference in another state. We get ideas for our own conferences and look for speakers we want to bring.



God's presence is powerful here. We honestly have not seen this kind of visitation in any church since we came back to Texas six years ago! People are either overwhelmed by God's peace at our masses, meetings and conferences, or they seem resistant to what to what's going on. This is a fine balance and requires much sensitivity on our part to encourage people about the Holy Spirit. Being sandwiched between a move of the Spirit and a brick wall of opposition is very exhausting. We need your prayers.



On the bright side, more Protestant friends are starting to join our ministry team at the services. We've been telling them "Jesus is in the House." Now they're starting to experience it for themselves. This part of ecumenism is exciting. ☺

### **What do you do the rest of your time?**

Alan works on promotional material: writing, print, web, audio and video. Lori makes connections, schedules speakers, networks with the parishes and with food pantries. She sends packages to prisoners, and does a lot of personal counseling. Our list of projects is unending.

### **How can we help?**

Evangelization involves three parts. All three are important.

1. Prayer

2. People willing to GO

3. Financial Support

We are not on the payroll of YWAM or any church. Our income is strictly from a team of financial supporters. We love our supporters, but we don't have very many. State-side missionaries are overlooked when people think of supporting missions. Our mission field is sleepy hearts in America. That's a lot of hearts.

Will you help us? We need small amounts or large amounts. Having a pledged monthly base level would free us from a lot of stress, so we can focus more attention on touching people's hearts for the Lord. Now that Summer is here we will be on the road a lot. Most mission giving becomes lean in the Summer.

Please remember us. Alan and Lori Harris. PO Box 2531, Lindale, TX 75771 (903) 963-7146

## Support Team Commitment Form

Thank you for being a part of our team. **YOUR** financial support means much more than you know.

How can we pray for you?

Name
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City, State, Zip
Cell phone
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*All Youth With A Mission workers are volunteers and have to raise their own support .*

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For a tax deductible receipt, make your check payable to:

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Leave the memorandum blank. On a separate piece of paper say  
“For support of Alan and Lori Harris.”

You will receive a receipt from YWAM.

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