

# Ministry *Aflame*

## Team of 60 heads to New Orleans to assist in on-going relief efforts!

(graphic courtesy Pentecostal Evangel magazine)



From December 11-17, 2005, sixty faculty, staff, and students will be in New Orleans serving with the School of Urban Missions (SUM) in the Katrina Relief Missions effort. The SUM has been asked by the Jefferson Parish elected officials to help coordinate the relief effort into Jefferson Parish, which is the staging area for relief efforts into New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish. Anthony Freeman, President of SUM, has been appointed as the liaison between the Mayor/Council Members to head this effort.

There is nothing glamorous about this effort. The team will do routine and mundane activities, and clean-up. Many will be doing 'gut-outs' and 'mud-outs' of houses that have been flooded and either need to be bull-dozed, or have the insides rebuilt.

"'Mud-outs'/'gut-outs' is the process of clearing out all the stuff in a house and separating into piles on to the sidewalk for dump-trucks to come around and clean up" said Joe Childs, Associate Professor and Business Program Director at Bethany University.

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The three main parishes that make up the New Orleans Metropolitan area are: Orleans Parish, Jefferson Parish, and St. Bernard Parish. New Orleans & St. Bernard Parishes have major flooding. They do not expect to allow anyone into the flooded areas of these two parishes for at least 8-12 weeks (too dangerous). Our Bethany Team will be going in

to work for one week. We will be helping to distribute food/water to Jefferson Parish residents, assisting with clean up efforts and roof repairs, and providing medical assistance at the distribution center location. Teams will be housed in various churches and facilities located on the east and west banks.

Bethany University has embraced this opportunity to serve as an example of God's hands extended. The Team is prayed up and ready to work! The city's personnel have also been working tirelessly. We have been instructed that this effort should be treated as if taking a mission trip to a third world country. Pray for the entire Team as they will be in ministry to folks who desperately need to know that the Church cares. **BU**



**Team members with various callings, skills, and gifts – all with one heart: to reach out to people in need!**



**Displaced by the hurricane...**  
Chaplain Arthur and Margaret Dawson of Biloxi, MS. They are both graduates of Bethany University, and have been relocated due to the flood in Biloxi. District Assistant Superintendent Samuel Huddleston asks that they be remembered in prayer. **BU**

**John and Judy Ross congratulated for 30 years of ministry!**  
Both John Ira Ross ('71) and Judy Carol Harper ('71) chose to live a life for Christ at an early age. They found love in each other and married when Judy was 17 and John was 19; they will celebrate 39 years of matrimony next April.



On Saturday, November 12, they celebrated 30 years as pastors of *Cloud 9 Worship Center* (Assembly of God) in Spring Valley, CA. President and Mrs. Rossi attended the special celebration banquet and presented the Rosses with beautifully framed, updated degrees with the new name: Bethany University. The banquet was held at St. Peter's Hall in El Cajon, and President Rossi was the guest speaker at the special service at the *Cloud 9* church on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Both John and Judy had distinguished records at Bethany Bible College, as well as subsequent higher education; John double majored in Biblical studies and pre-seminary, and Judy majored in education and minored in missions. They have both impacted countless lives in their 30 years of active ministry and they just can't wait for the next 30 years! **BU**



Emeritus Professor Dr. Truett Bobo's new book, "*Quest for Q: The Life You've Been Looking For*," is designed specifically to minister to the needs of the Church. Dr. Bobo states that some who are faithful in attending church services seem restless and unsatisfied. Worship may be more routine or tradition than a celebration. Christian disciplines such as prayer or Bible reading are often duties performed wearily.

It is Dr. Bobo's strong belief that the Christian life should be one of joy and fulfillment. Those who live their Christianity out of habit, duty, fear, or necessity, are lacking something very basic to the life God desires for us.

Dr. Bobo has good news for us – Good News he believes provides for a much better life. It does not ignore areas of responsibility and commitment, nor does it provide immunity from suffering, sickness, or hardship. But a proper understanding of the Christian life can open the door to something so marvelous that it can transform even the ordinary routines of life into satisfying activities. Each day can be an adventure, experiencing unanticipated events in a way that provides more meaning and richness to life than any thrill-seeking pursuit even can.

Dr. Bobo's book is available at the Bethany Bookstore. Please contact us today for your own copy! **BU**