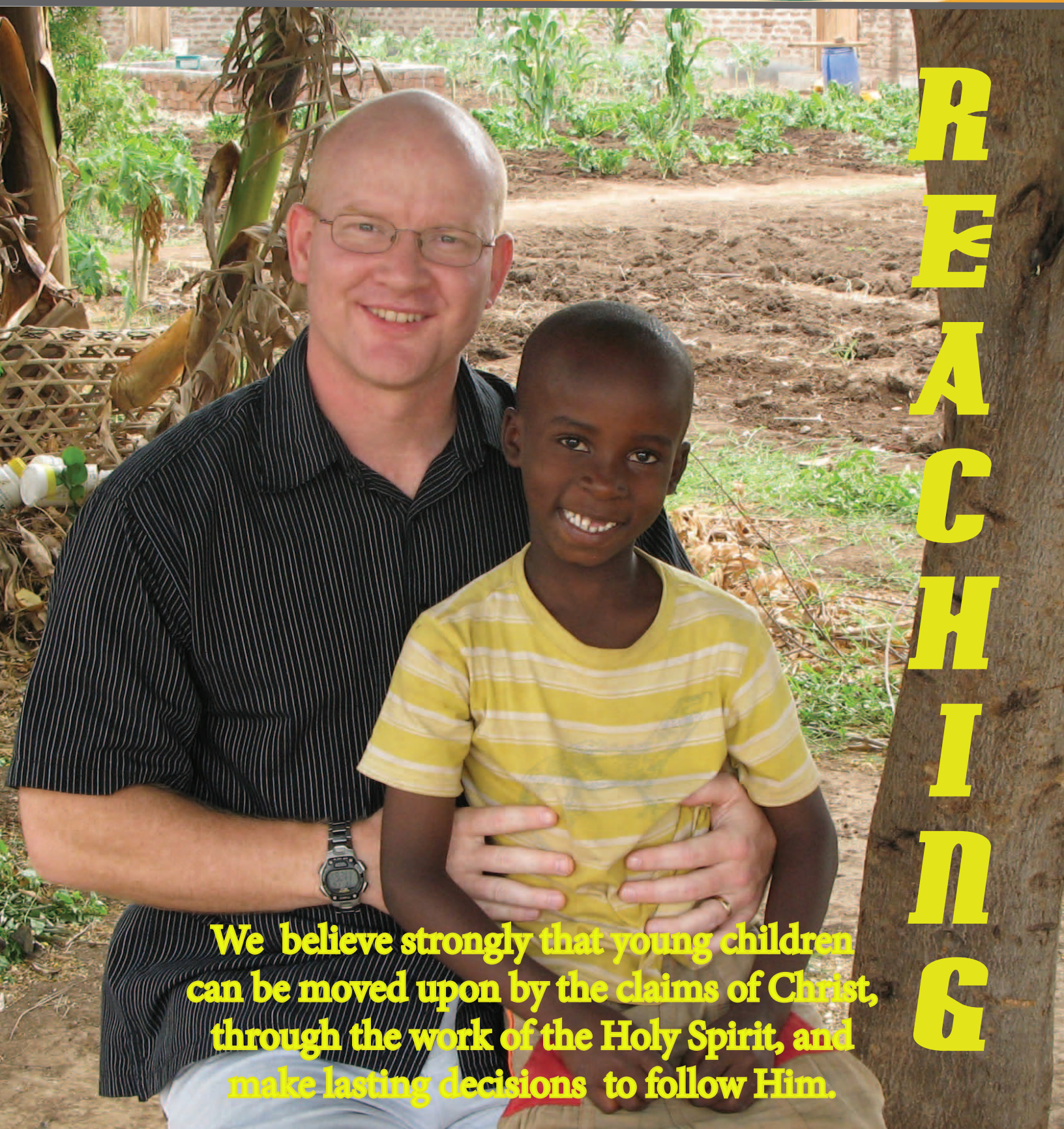




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THE VOICE OF COMPASSION FOR THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA

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The mission statement of Assemblies of God World Missions speaks of four pillars upon which our missionary efforts stand; *Reaching, Teaching, Planting* and *Touching*. We would like to use those four terms in the next four issues of *Speaking for the Children* to emphasize the integrated aspect of our work with the children of Africa. We have long referred to ourselves as “the integrated childcare program of Assemblies of God Missions in Africa.” Hopefully these discussions can help drive the meaning of that term home.



The Official Childcare
Ministry of
Assemblies of God
World Missions
Africa

Mission Statement

Touching the children of Africa with love and compassionate ministry to their spiritual, physical, educational, and crisis needs ... all in the name of Jesus who loves them.

In Christian jargon, we use the term *Reaching* in relation to our priority efforts and burden to *attain* people for Christ. It is the goal of the Church to share and broadcast the message of Christ: His work, His person, His mission and His eternal impact upon the

hearts of human kind. We long to reach to where they are, reach into their personal environment and, simply stated, tell them about Jesus - bring them to a point of making an intelligent decision to follow Him.



We believe strongly that young children can be moved upon by the claims of Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, and make lasting decisions to follow Him. Not only have we seen this many times in Africa, but in our own family. Deborah accepted Christ in real and lasting terms at the ripe old age of nine years. Our sons, Brad and Jeremy made their

walk with Jesus at the respective ages of six and seven.

For me, I was sixteen ... a “late bloomer?” Not really. My entire young life was spent in a godly home and a strong church environment. Sunday School, Kid’s Church, Vacation Bible School; all were strong and constant influences on my life. My ultimate decision to follow Jesus as a teenager was encouraged by a young life of exposure to the claims of the gospel of Christ.

Word and deed are both powerful methods for this purpose. Proclamation of the message of Christ, in a manner customized for



children, is uppermost in our hearts. Demonstrating the love of Christ through the work of our hands is a powerful message in itself. We do both - and always will.

It is our joy, our pleasure and our honor to focus our efforts on *attaining* children for Jesus. He honors those efforts by allowing us to see, again and again, children coming to Jesus. We are deeply appreciative of your help. It means everything to us.

Speaking for the children,
Don and Deborah Tucker, Founders



Pictures from Niger, West Africa summer camps.

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Cover: Phil Malcolm and a young friend in Tanzania, East Africa

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“Powerful!”

Nate and Tammy Lashway, Caleb and Becca, are missionaries to the island nation of Madagascar. They share the following story ...

His name is Mahery (pictured above) ...twelve years old. He had just travelled, by bicycle, 150 kilometers on horrific dirt roads through the wilds of northern Madagascar to pray to receive the Holy Spirit in special meetings for that purpose.

We were at the end of a three-week tour of the island holding regional Acts 1:8 seminars, linking the power of the Holy Spirit to witness and mission. Mahery had heard about the seminar through his pastor but the bus he was going to take broke down. This did not deter this young boy. He grabbed his bike and began riding.

A local pastor brought the boy up to us after the first evening service and explained his story. We immediately began praying with him. Not only did young Mahery receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, he began praying for other children and youth throughout the prayer times during the week. In addition, he took furious notes at each teaching session.

This young boy, who’s name in Malagasy means “Powerful” was driven by an insatiable desire for the Holy Spirit’s power.. Mahery was not alone.

There is a strong desire for the Holy Spirit to move mightily in Madagascar among our churches. During the three weeks of teaching, thousands of pastors and lay leaders attended and hundreds of people were newly filled with the Holy Spirit. God really impressed on our pastors to begin planting churches in earnest and to reach the unreached

tribes of Madagascar. God is mobilizing His church for the harvest.



The Lashways



1) Mahery and his “long-haul” bike, 2) taking notes during the conference and 3) lost in deep praise and worship to God.

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- Christian Television for Children in Burkina Faso, West Africa \$10,000

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