



July/August 2006

“Give a man a fish, he eats for a day, teach him to raise fish and vegetables and the whole community eats.”

Hans and Sigrid Visit Montserrat

Hans and Sigrid Geissler were recently invited by the University of Science, Art, and Technology of Montserrat's Dr. Orient Tulp and Dr. Joe DiStefano to visit the Caribbean Island to conducting a feasibility study for a training center there. Montserrat, once a popular resort destination has come under hard times following a series of volcanic eruptions which have left the island with less than 40% of its original population and making 2/3 of the island uninhabitable. Hans then met with the islands Chief Minister Lowell Lewis and Governor Deborah Baines Jones who have donated land for a commercial fish farm to develop the economy of the island.

Jamaican Student Completes Training

Through our involvement with Mission Jamaica which Hans visited earlier this year Joel Calder, of the Copse Place of Safety in Copse, Jamaica has completed the training course in Aquaponics and Aquaculture at MSF. Joel will return home to Jamaica to supervise the project there, which will help feed a boys home as well as a home for children with disabilities.

Intern at MSF

This summer, Desiree McShane, a student from the Hillsboro Community College Aquaculture program, has joined MSF. Desiree has been a great help with running the facility in Dade City and hopes to start her own fish farm in the future. With the Completion of Desiree's internship Morning Star Fishermen will have donated **43,376** man-hours to HCC students.

Hans Named Purpose Prize Fellow

MSF founder Hans Geissler was selected from a group of over 1200 volunteer and service organization workers over the age of 55 nominated to by participate in a Symposium at Stanford University in California on service and the use of business experience in the volunteer service field.

Hans and Sigrid will be attending the event in September and hope to return with new ideas and contacts to help Morning Star grow even more.



Dorm Improvements Completed

The renovation of the Morning Star Fishermen Dormitory has been completed with the help of several great volunteers from the Idlewild Baptist Church, which is located in Tampa. The Volunteers from Idlewild did a terrific job. We are also very thankful for the donations we received from Wayne Wetzel, the Northeast Huntsville Community Church, Earl and Peggy Chantlos, Delores Riego de Dios, and Col. Gary and Mary Nelson. These helpful donations were vital in the completion of this important project.

Morning Star Needs Your Help

The costs for all these renovations have put a severe strain on our operational funding, but they were required to meet the needs of all our new students. MSF needs your generosity to rebuild these funds.

New Students Coming to MSF

September will see new long term, 3 month students at MSF. Joshua Muendo Kioko of Kenya is working with Crossroad Christian Communications in his homeland. Theresa McAnnar and Christopher Connolly are both mission workers who wish to use the Morning Star Fishermen training to help those in need. We are also going to be joined by students from India and East Africa.

Morning Star Theme Song Available

“Let’s Fight World Hunger” is now available on CD for a donation. The song is sung by Earl Harrigan, and written by Mike Roberts. Please contact the office at (352) 523-2722 if you would like a copy.



Christ The King Lutheran Youth Visit Morning Star

From July 26th to the 30th Morning Star hosted a mission trip for the youth of Christ the King Lutheran Church of Evansville Georgia. This was the second trip down for the group, who spent last year painting the hatchery. This year they helped put the finishing touches on the dorm remodel as well as a number of landscaping and maintenance jobs. Christ the King’s youth pastor, Cliff Gates, recently returned from working on the Mission Jamaica project where he worked at building the bio-filter for the system at the Copse Place of Safety.



Hans Visits El-Rosario Site

On July 31st through August 4th Hans visited Jinotepé and El-Rosario, Nicaragua to meet with the people involved and evaluate potential sites for the Fish Farm and Training Center there. Hans met with the Club Rotario de Jinotepé, as well as the Chancellor of UNA, the University of Nicaragua. Club Rotario de Jinotepé and the Rotary Club of San Antonio, FI are the sponsors the project, funded by a grant from the Rotary Foundation, with the help of clubs throughout Rotary District 6950.

New Board Members Join MSF

Two new board members have joined the Morning Star Fishermen Board of Directors. The new members are J.D. Moore former President of the San Antonio Rotary Club and owner of By Referral Realty, and David West Pastor of the Dade City Church of Christ, former District Governor of Rotary District 6950, and Community Relations Manager for the Tampa Tribune for Pasco and Hernando Counties.



Calvary Chapel Work Day

A group of young Christians from Calvary Chapel in Pinellas Park came out on August 5th to do some work and prepare for an upcoming mission trip to Honduras. This was the second group from Calvary to come to Morning Star to prepare for a mission trip, last year a group heading to Nicaragua helped out while preparing for the rigors of mission work.

New Intern at MSF

In September we will be joined by Intern Paul Hurtado, from Experience International, Paul is originally from Ecuador and is studying tilapia farming.

Upcoming Seminars

We will be holding a one-day seminar on August 19th, and September 16th at the MSF campus starting at 9 am and going to 3 pm, including lunch. The seminar will cover the basics of tilapia farming and aquaponics and will cost \$125.00 per person. There is also a one-week seminar from August 21st to 25th.

Please contact Jon in the office (352) 523-2722 for reservations and questions.

Please also keep in mind that should you wish to attend a longer study course this is also possible, and can be arranged through Jon or Hans at the office (352) 523-2722 or through email at msfseminar@yahoo.com.



*Thank you for all your help.
May God Bless You,
Hans and Sigrid Geissler, Founders*

As you can see there is a lot going on at Morning Star Fishermen. New opportunities to serve the Lord and help the needy present themselves every day. But we can't do it without the help of believers and workers like you. Your help is needed to sponsor students from needy communities as well as financial support for mission projects, you will be amazed at how far money can go in a poor community. As you plant a seed in good soil, God will multiply it and return it to you as a Blessing in your life. You can donate through our website, www.morningstarfishermen.org; call us at 352-253-2722. Or come out to the campus and volunteer.