



Many Hats

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Being in ministry is often thought of as being “up front”, teaching or preaching or doing outreach and folks wonder what we do with the rest of our time.

During May we have been at home and normally schedule it that way so that I can help my parents in their soft crab business while we also prepare for the intense ministry of summer. This May has been like many others—ministry goes on but it takes a different form than the “up front” kind. Here are some of the other hats we have worn this year when not on the road.



Travel Agent Fay has arranged for two guys to get to and from Zambia (see photos on page 1) . . . One stranded Zambian pastor to get home . . . A mission trip for us in July to the Dominican Republic . . . and is working on a multi-faceted trip back to Zambia and England in September.



Writer Both of us have been working on new material for summer, preparing program work- books, editing scripts for sale and working on this news- letter.



Editor Everything must be edited and we do it for each other. Fay also helped with the John Hobbs' newsletter.



Printers We have this month worked on both the Maranatha Newsletter and our own and are growing weary of the printing, the folding, stuffing and stamping. Thank you, volunteers, for all of your help!



Executive Secretary While Clayton, our friend from Zambia, was stuck here waiting for the necessary documents (from three governments) to take him home, Fay scheduled his meetings with various folks and tried to help make it a profitable time for him. She also helped him design a new newsletter, logo, business cards and stationery.



Taxi Service Those visiting from other countries need to have rides in order keep appointments,



Bible Students In order to teach a course in Christian Character in a local School of Ministry we have to study.



Missionary Training Taking a group to a mission field is everything from teaching and training to the practical stuff like passports, visas and fund raising.



Counselor Being in the ministry means being available to listen, to pray with and to point to God the many who call or drop in.

The hats of course change with each opportunity and will be different next month. Thank you for helping us meet the needs of others in these ways as well as when we are out ministering with the Creative Arts. **Through your prayer and support you too are doing with work of the ministry**

He [God] will remember how you helped His people in the past and how you are still helping them.

You belong to God, and He won't forget the love you have shown

His people.

Hebrew 6:10b CEV

Program Report

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April was a full month! We averaged being in the office 3 days a week and out every weekend in ministry.

The **Dance Retreat** (at Maranatha Christian Fellowship in Wilmington, NC) was a refreshing weekend. What a treat to work with both teens and more mature ladies together in the retreat as we sought to meet with God in devotional movement.

The **Carolina's Fellowship of Christian Puppeteers** weekend was as always a time of teaching those in local churches and of fellowship with others in ministry.

We had the privilege of doing a weekend of training for a group from Savannah, Georgia who are going on a mission trip to the Philippines. We taught them how to do a puppet show that will work if don't speak Tagalog (or any other language)!. They learned well and we practiced on the congregation, translator included! We are confident that they will have an effective ministry as they present their Bible stories and skits.

The **Southern Baptist Conference** in South Carolina hosts an annual creative ministries conference that was terrific. We highly recommend it to anyone wanting more training in an area of the creative arts. We taught in the area of puppetry and were blessed by working with those in our classes.

The last weekend in April was the memorial service for Phyllis Stick. Thank you to all who came to help celebrate her life and for the time of fellowship we shared that weekend.



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Prayer Requests

1. For clarity and effectiveness as we minister this summer at home and in three foreign countries.
2. **For the health and safety of our entire board and staff, and for board member Chris Linde as she recovers from major surgery.**
3. For provision for our staff, programming, and **The Meeting House.**
4. **That we will be sensitive and responsive to the doors that God wants to open for us.**
5. For the many volunteers and prayer warriors who help make what we do possible.