# Tracy & Karen Singleton

During the past six months Tracy investigated several ministries and focused on two potential places to serve. By traveling to Nepal he "tried on" TLI, Training Leaders International—this was the final step in the application process. This past week Tracy received a letter of acceptance from TLI for him to join their staff as an international trainer.

However, in spite of his acceptance, we believe God is calling us to stay with our current mission organization.

- Remaining with ACTION allows Tracy the freedom to focus on Zambia, traveling there 3-4 times a year. ACTION has other fields in Africa and with their approval and invitation he will also help train pastors in those locations.
- 2. Each time he travels, he will spend 10 full days teaching. The schedule of 3-4 weeks in country gives more time for developing relationships as well as doing class time lectures.
- 3. APC (ACTION Pastors College) will continue! Over the past nine years, Tracy created an eighteen-course curriculum which he taught to APC pastors. He will teach this "tested armor" to new students, and over a three-year period these pastors would receive sufficient credits to graduate with a diploma at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Lusaka. This is exciting to us and it is a way of contributing to ACTION Zambia.
- 4. Remaining with ACTION means that Karen will travel to Zambia once a year with Tracy and work with former and future pastors' wives.

  Continuing in ministry together appeals to both of us more than we realized before we came off the field. Together is better!
- 5. One appealing aspect of TLI was its philosophy of teamwork. As stateside ACTION missionaries, our plans are to take other American pastors, their wives, and leaders with us to Africa. We are encouraged by the possibilities of a lengthy list of those who have already served and the possibility of recruiting new short-termers—while praying that some may become full-time missionaries.
- 6. There's a song called "Stuff That Works" that mentions the joy and comfort of a familiar shirt, friend, and car that "work"— being under ACTION's leadership is a good fit for us.

Part of our heart remains in Zambia with our African brothers and sisters. As we move in this direction, we seek your prayers for wisdom and guidance. Without the Lord's blessing, we will not succeed. We long for His approval above all else.

Thank you for your prayers for us during the last six months as we've sought the Lord's face concerning this. May the Lord bless you!

<u>Charles Kelley's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Open House</u> will be TODAY, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm at the Kelley Home, 117 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Monroe. Everyone is invited!





Congratulations to <u>Micah & Leslie Coppes</u> on the birth of their daughter, Josie Jean. Josie was born Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. & was 21" long. Josie joins big sister Elsie at home. May God bless you!

<u>Several items have gathered in the Kitchen</u>. Please check out the wide variety and take home what belongs to you before they are donated to the Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraiser Garage Sale.

Mission: Monroe ~ MACC, Monroe Area Community Closet is ready for our help. Please contact Carol Larson ASAP at 558-1475 to volunteer for a shift on Mondays 3-7 pm.

<u>Mission: Monroe</u> has a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to help with pizza sales at the Concert on the Square series this summer. Proceeds support Family Promise. This is a great opportunity for Life Groups! <u>Mission: Monroe</u> T-shirts are still available for \$5. Contact Carol Larson, 558-1475.

<u>Milwaukee Brewers game</u> Monday, July 3rd. Game is at 1 pm, we will be leaving at 9 am and will tailgate before the game. Tickets are \$10. Everyone is invited. Limit of 40 tickets. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Bernie Roidt at 325-2199.

<u>Church League Softball at Twining Park begins this Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Pick up a schedule at the Welcome Center.</u> If you didn't sign up, but would still like to play on one of Monroe Bible Church's softball teams, contact Bob Hauri at 325-9952.

# **NEXT STEPS in JUNE!**

<u>Step 1</u> – "Our Mission & Vision" (1 session) will be offered <u>June</u>  $\underline{4^{th}}$  at noon in the Nehemiah Center. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Step 5 – "On Mission" (2 sessions) will be offered Sundays, June 4th and 11th at 6:30 pm in the Nehemiah Center. You will need to have attended Step 4 "Our Equipping" prior to this class. Step 5 is required for those who go on mission trips sponsored by MBC. This step is offered once per year.

Pick up a <u>new Next Steps</u> brochure at the Welcome Center for a listing of the 2017-2018 classes!

Sunday, June 4

Worship Services ~ 9 & 10:30 am, S Café Service ~ 10:30 am, NC No Sunday School/ABF/Fusion Next Steps-Step 1 ~ noon lunch, NC/K Ignite Finale ~ 4 – 6 pm, LL #106 Next Steps-Step 5 (1st s.) ~ 6:30 pm, NC

# Monday, June 5 Deadline for Ministry Leaders Annual Reports

Missions Meeting ~ 6 pm, LL #106 Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

#### Tuesday, June 6

Primetimers Lunch & Games ~ 10 am, NC

#### Wednesday, June 7

Men's Bible Study ~ Noon, LL #102 Women's "The Armor of God" study begins ~ 6:30 pm, NC

#### Thursday, June 8

AV Tech Mtg. ~ 6 pm, NC/K Choir ~ 6:30 pm, S Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102 Worship Team ~ 7:45 pm, S

#### Friday, June 9

Mission:Monroe Concerts on the Square ~ 5:30 – 9:30 pm

Team A ~ 7:30 pm, East Field

Team B Umpire ~ 7:30 pm, East Field

Team B ~ 8:30 pm, East Field

Team C ~ 9:30 pm, East Field

#### Saturday, June 10

Guatemala Preparation Party ~ 9 - 11 am, NC (preparing VBS project materials)

## Sunday, June 11

Deadline for Elder/Deacon Concerns Next Steps-Step 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> s.) ~ 6:30 pm, NC

#### Monday, June 12

Elder Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106 Friday, June 16

Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am

# Week of May 28 – June 3

#### Today, Sunday, May 28

Worship Services ~ 9 & 10:30 am, S Café Service ~ 10:30 am, NC No Sunday School, ABF's, Ignite, or Fusion

Open House Birthday Party for Charles Kelley ~ 2 – 4 pm, 117 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Monroe

Open House Graduation Party ~ 3 – 9 pm for Timmy Thoman, 419 4th Ave., Monroe

### Monday, May 29



MBC Office Closed

No Prayer Meeting

#### Tuesday, May 30

Guatemala Mission Trip Benefit Garage Sale Donation Drop Off ~ 1 – 8 pm

#### Wednesday, May 31

Men's Bible Study ~ Noon, LL #102 Guatemala Mission Trip Benefit Garage Sale Donation Drop Off ~ 1 – 8 pm

#### Thursday, June 1

Guatemala Mission Trip Benefit Garage Sale ~ 8 am - 6:30 pm AV Tech Mtg. ~ 6 pm, NC/K Choir ~ 6:30 pm, S Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102 Worship Team ~ 7:45 pm, S

#### Friday, June 2

Guatemala Mission Trip Benefit Garage Sale ~ 8 am - 3:30 pm

Team A ~ 7:30 pm, East Field

Team C ~ 8:30 pm, East Field

Team B ~ 9:30 pm, East Field

Team C Umpire ~ 9:30 pm, East Field

#### Saturday, June 3

Men's Breakfast ~ 8 am. NC

Prayer Focus - Mission: Monroe Ministry Ministry Leader - Carol Larson Please Pray:

- † Praise for the many volunteers over the past year.
- † More volunteers of all ages will step in to help meet the many needs in our community and church.



The Guatemala Mission Trip Benefit Garage Sale is June 1 & 2. Volunteer opportunities are many. Item drop-off and set-up is May 30 & 31 at the church, from 1~8 pm. Please bring only gently used items! Please test all electrical appliances; we aren't able to take old TV's.

Trailers are needed and people to help with pricing during set~up. The Hurlbert family will start hauling loads to the church on Monday,

May 29th, and could use some help. Donations of grocery bags are needed and trailers to haul things away on Friday after 3:30 pm. If you can help with any of the jobs listed, please contact Deb Hurlbert at 329-4590, or sign up at the Welcome Center.

> Praver Topic Memorial Day: Give thanks for our freedoms; pray for our active military

