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Answering The Call...

EFCA TouchGlobal Crisis Response Ministry Central Midwest Regional Advocate Vol.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Col 3:12

Dear Friends,

There is a mission field created in the wake of every disaster. *Because of the biblical mandate for the followers of Christ to respond to those in need, we exist to show the love of Christ in times of crisis by Developing, Empowering and Releasing the Body....for multiplying healthy churches among all peoples.*



I am sharing with you my calling into this holistic ministry of compassion, so that you can partner with me in this important task through the Evangelical Free Church Of America and my desire to serve in this area of missions. I will be helping to promote, recruit, equip, and prepare others in the Central Midwest region which will involve coordinating with 728 EFCA church's. I have started the process with my employer for a six month unpaid leave of absence to begin in April when I will continue to volunteer to help meet new ministry initiatives till as such time I transition into full time missions staff . Jesus has opened this door for me in the EFCA and MN to fulfill and develop this newly created role.

Prayer and Praises:

- Please continue to keep me in your prayers through this spiritual and financial transition.
- Please pray for the needs of workers and finances to come to New Orleans (LA), Cedar Rapids (IA), Galveston (TX), Chinha (Peru), Melon (Philippians), Haiti.
- Pray for EFCA Crisis Response Ministry and all missionaries through out the US and Global.
- As I submit to you Lord Thank You, for showing me you are faithful, and in control. Thank You for allowing me the honor of serving you.

For the last twelve years, I have founded and served a non-profit organization called Outdoor Adventures Ministry Inc. I was introduced to EFCA TouchGlobal Crisis Response Ministry in June of 2009 when I alone hopped on a plane headed for New Orleans, LA after being asked to come and observe. During a week of short-term missions, God used this trip to soften my heart to observe the crisis response ministry and serve the people of New Orleans whose lives were dramatically changed in August 2005 by a Category 3 Hurricane. On this first trip to New Orleans, the need was expressed how great additional full-time staff on the mission field was. When I asked what positions were needed, Mark Lewis Crisis Response Ministry director mentioned that there was a tremendous need to expand the ministries volunteer base and to create exposure through out the U.S. When he said this, my vision for this future expansion and Mark's were in alignment and my spirit leapt. The Holy Spirit showed me that was exactly what I have been prepared for. As I left and prayed about that opportunity, I became willing to surrender to God to fulfill that which He has prepared for me to do.

After returning, God opened the door for continued short term trips to Cedar Rapids, IA, where I witnessed the devastation of the 10th worst disaster in U.S. history. To date, people are still struggling to get some kind of normalcy back in their lives. It was after that trip, I decided to start the missionary application process which involves filling out an very in depth EFCA missionary application, statement of faith, and completing interviews with the national office.

More recently, since Jan 12, 2010 I have been involved with informational logistics for Crisis Response Ministry ground teams first responders to Haiti. I will continue with this volunteer work until deployed as soon as this spring for 1-2 weeks and as long as 3 months long-term. As part of my leave of absence I have offered to serve in that recovery effort as well as help to mobilize teams in the Midwest to serve. When people's lives have been completely turned upside down by disasters (such as Hurricane Katrina, Iowa flooding, and Haiti), there is an overwhelming need for recovery including sharing the hope in Jesus Christ.

I will keep you updated on my ministry plans. Please pray for me as I continue with this process. It is a big step to take to enter into full-time missions. Will you please pray about how God may be calling you to be a part of my ministry team that will help me get onto the mission field with EFCA Crisis Response? I thank you in advance.



**In Christ Love,
Mike Schultz**

Until I get final approval from the EFCA, to full time missions staff I will seek support through Outdoor Adventures Ministry Inc. This will provide a layer of accountability and a way to give a tax deductible deduction for me to cover the volunteer expenses of working towards the goal to expand the Crisis Response Ministry in the Midwest area. At such time when I become EFCA staff, all donations will be transferred to my EFCA account. What I have learned is in "our" eye's the timing when the Lord calls us will never be perfect , yet we must respond in faith and obedience because His timing is always perfect.

I've had the privilege of seeing God at work through the impact of disaster. It's a time when hearts are hurting and opened to talk about faith. Many times, homeowner's have expressed in tears how much they needed the contact, prayers and just to know that they had not been forgotten. Some have connected with our partner church bodies and they are now members serving and growing in their faith. Community discipleship has also been started. It has been exciting to see teams and churches with a heart for compassion ministry get involved in that process!

To continue with becoming commissioned into service, I must raise 100% of all needed ministry costs. *(This includes taxes, health care, retirement, ministry expenses, travel, personal and living costs. Please consider a 2% cost of living increase per year).* **Will you prayerfully consider becoming a monthly support partner to help with God's calling on my life to missions, and the immediate calling for HAITI Relief. With deployment as soon as this spring for as short as 1-2 weeks or as long as 3 months long-term. I can not deploy until I've raised 100% support. Thank You for your support!**

Please feel free to contact me at mike@oammagazine.com

As a support team member I 'am able to GO! on your behalf.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

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