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The Brink Connection

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DRIME Ministry

Last weekend, Shannon participated in "10 for 10: Run for the Nations", a 10 km run to raise money for the international ministry of DRIME. So, since DRIME is part of Power to Change, I thought I would highlight that ministry this newsletter! DRIME (Disciples Ready in Mobile Evangelism) is a ministry of Power to Change that uses choreographed street drama set to music to share the gospel with those on the city streets around the world in a creative, non-threatening, engaging way. They host conferences and workshops to equip



others through drama and evangelism training. And, because drama transcends culture and language, they have been able to plant DRIME bases in countries like Benin, Paraguay, Kenya, Thailand, and more.

Last month, DRIME held a base leader's summit in Kenya, with 25 people from 6 countries. They had a great time of training, vision casting, and encouraging



each other, and did ministry together. Here are a couple stories from their time ministering in the Kibera slum there:

I talked to 2 ladies, a mother and a daughter. They wanted to become Christians, and so we prayed together. They were so grateful to hear the good news! They now have Jesus as their Saviour. We prayed that they would know more about Christ, and exchanged contact information. Praise God for our new sisters in Christ! (Kung and Kong, from Thailand)



While doing street ministry in Kibera, I met a man named Paul. He was so open to the gospel from the beginning of our conversation. I shared about faith and how he could get have a relationship with Christ, and he decided that he wanted to accept it! I connected him to a DRIME Kenya team member, and they exchanged phone numbers. Paul will be going to church in Kibera with his new brother in Christ! (Maura, from Brazil)

Not only is this ministry effective in slums in Africa, it is also amazingly effective on our own streets here at home. Since the dramas naturally gather a crowd of people stopping to watch, it makes it really easy for spiritual conversations to happen. DRIME staff connect with these people, and after a presentation often hand out Bibles or books like *Soul Cravings* to help people take a step closer to God.

As you can imagine, the effect of street dramas like this can be even greater when there



are large crowds of people in town, as was the case in Vancouver a couple years ago with the Olympics. DRIME teams were able to connect with tons of visitors coming to our city. One upcoming opportunity that DRIME is preparing for is the Calgary Stampede. This year is the 100th anniversary of the stampede, and they are expecting about a million people to attend. Several churches in Calgary have asked Power to Change to help train their members to reach out during the Stampede, using methods that worked well for the Olympics. And, DRIME will be a big part of that! Please pray for this unique opportunity.

Family Update

There is lots to share on the home front! We've had a busy spring season adjusting to two bouncing boys while simultaneously carrying various ministry roles. We started a small group in January which has been both a challenge and a joy. We also traveled to Ontario to visit family and shortly after, Shannon traveled alone with Toby to Indiana to attend her grandmother's memorial service. We have had various houseguests, big ministry events (Shannon organized a swap meet for kids' items at Church



Silas:

Hockey playing, constant talking, quick mimicking, perpetually moving, games playing, pretending, sweets loving, pottin training, Toby watching, alphabet singing, wagon pulling, boundaries testing, kiss giving, BIG boy 2 year old who wants to do everything 'by self.'

Toby:

Dimple grinning, grunting/groaning, almost sitting, solids starting, toy-grabbing, jolly jumping, drooling, fussy napping, toe biting, cuddling, front to back rolling, neck-tickling, giggling 6 month old [just dedicated at church] baby who watches everything BIG boy Silas does.

Shannon:

Kids swap event at Church planning, Women's ministry leadership team attending, first 10 km race running, garden planting, photobook making, Bible study coordinating, Dairy-free-recipe experimenting, Hyperthyroid-buzzing, Play date planning, Stroller walking Stay at home mom who is learning how to find joy and contentment in the everydayness of the everyday.

Jason:

Website building, App tinkering, Work project leading, Bible study [on prayer] teaching, Global outreach team attending, Household improvement planning, Bike riding, Early-rising [with Toby], Late night working, Hockey playing [with Silas of course], Working dad who is learning about prayer, management, and how to keep everything balanced.

with over 500 people attending!), and have been learning how to balance it all. One thing we are continuing to grow in is the area of prayer and Sabbath rest. With all that is on our plate we want to carve out the 'first fruits' of our time and give it to the Lord. We have started "Saturday Sabbath" which has been a great relief and joy to our family. We look forward to where God will take us in the months to come! Please continue to pray for Shannon's health and sleep for the whole family as busyness quickly crowds out that much needed rest!



Prayer Requests:

- For DRIME and other PTC ministries as they seek to share God's love with the 1 million people expected at the Calgary Stampede in July
- For a major project Jason is managing at work to replace Power to Change's financial system
- For our family to balance time of rest and refreshing with being fully engaged in the things God has set before us to do

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Yours in Christ,

Jason, Shannon, Silas, and Toby