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*An independent and voluntary organization of Grace Brethren people working in concert to both fulfill the Great Commission and to meet the needs of our brethren around the world.*

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Find us at [www.loveinactioninternational.org](http://www.loveinactioninternational.org).

# “Love Notes”

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## Metal Fabrication Shop Begins Training!

*A dream and much hard work is becoming a reality as the Metal Shop opens its doors to five students.*



*Matthais Ezel with four of the five first students of the Metal Fabrication Shop. Also pictured are three leaders from the church who helped the first day of classes.*

On September 27, 2004 the Metal Fabrication Shop began its training with the first class consisting of five students. The students were chosen from many applicants because of their motivation and eagerness to learn. They are excited to be obtaining good practical and “hands-on” training, as much learning in Chad is based on books.

The first day began with a small opening ceremony as they cele-

brated the beginning of this training center.

Although the building is not all completed and the equipment is limited, the students are able to begin learning and working with what they have. The trainees will get to participate in the continuation of the building project which will prove to be a good work experience. They eagerly await the arrival of the generator

which, because of the generous gifts of LIAI donors, has been purchased and shipped from Europe. It is expected to arrive at the end of the year.

In addition to teaching this important trade, Matthais will be teaching the students from the Bible. Please pray for wisdom and strength as Matthais prepares these lessons, which all have to be done in French. Pray that the lessons will be relevant and that the students will be open and receptive to what Matthais will be teaching. Pray that God can use the time to give the students a desire to know and walk with Him and a vision to teach others about the Bible and Jesus Christ.



*Metal Fabrication Shop*



## Chad Trivia

- 1) What does N'Djamena mean?
  - A) Pajama Party
  - B) Of the People
  - C) Leave Us Alone
  - D) Desert Oasis
  - E) Riverside
  
- 2) What are horse scorpions?
  - A) Chadian helicopters
  - B) Scorpions
  - C) Horses
  - D) Spiders
  
- 3) What might you find on the back of a Chadian bicycle?
  - A) A pig
  - B) A goat
  - C) Another Chadian
  - D) A bag of charcoal
  - E) Firewood

Answers located on pg. 4



## The Ministry of the Jesus Film

Frank and Karin Puhl have been using the Jesus Film, both in French and Arabic for many years. In addition, the Puhls will now be able to offer the film in Tchad Arabic.

The film is traditionally shown at Christmas time in the local church and usually hundreds turn out to see it, including many non-believers. The film has proved to be a great tool in which workers can introduce the truths of Christ to hearts which are softened by the powerful message of the film. Many questions are discussed after each film.

LIAI participates in funding copies of the Jesus film

to be shown in Chad as well as around the United States.

There currently are no projectors that are working to

show the Jesus Film. LIAI is seeking to raise funds to replace these projectors with a video media projector, estimated cost of \$2,000. Please pray for the raising of these funds as well as the impact of the Jesus Film to those in Chad.



## Challenges in Chad

*It's That Time of Year Again! . . . . . Written by Heidi Sisson, GBIM missionary serving in Chad.*



School starts the first of October in Chad, which brings a lot of financial pressure on families here in Chad. Parents chose between public schools (approx. \$28.85 per child) and private schools (running from \$38.50 to \$1,150.00), depending on what they can afford. Most families have anywhere from one to seven children a year in school plus any relatives that have been sent in from the village to attend school and live with the families.

In this culture thinking ahead is just not done. Instead the families hear that it's time to register and then try to figure out where they will find the money to get their children into school. All of

our workers take out loans against their salary that they pay back over the next 3-6 months.

The easy thing would be to hand out money to all workers, church members, neighbors and the whole town! However, we didn't come to Chad to hand money out. Our goal is to help the Chadians look to God to provide for their needs and not to look to the white person. This, my friends, is the hard part. On a weekly, and sometimes daily, basis we get requests for financial help.

We have funds set aside that can help some but we can't help everyone. I find myself praying many times throughout the day, "Lord what should I do?" Sometimes I'm given the peace to help and other times I don't have a peace about helping so I choose not to. When I do feel led to help I make sure that the person understands that this money belongs to the Lord. He is the one that is providing it for them and

they need to give thanks to Him.

I don't like to just give money out. I would rather have them earn the money by doing some odd jobs or making something I can buy. This in itself eliminates a lot of the need, as many are not willing to work. However, odd jobs easily run out and crafted items become an abundance.

With the help of Love In Action we are offering two different training programs where the goal is to teach the students a skill that once completed, they will be able to support themselves and their families. Also, they will be able to support their local church and it's outreach.

Please join us in praying for the Metal Shop and the Sewing Center as they train Chadians in a trade they can use to provide for their needs and pray for wisdom for all missionaries as we face these daily requests.



God's Heart for the Poor Should be Our Heart for the Poor

LIAI's purpose in Chad . . . . . Written by Tom Stallter



cause even the most basic needs to often go unmet. The government does not encourage the small business person unless he or she is Muslim. As the dominant religion, Islam intends to maintain political control by keeping the Black African in economic bondage. Few jobs are available and yet more and more people move to the urban centers hoping life will be better than fighting for their crops in the face of drought and famine. Tribal and family structures among Black Africans weaken the moral of people who might get jobs or start small businesses since they will have to share with so many extended family members for whom employment will be impossible.

Love in Action International came into being on the convictions we shared about helping the poor among us in the body of Christ. With one foot in the Old Testament and the other in the New, we were convinced of God's strong feelings about the responsibility of the wealthy for the poor (Prov. 14:31; 21:13), as well as his desire that all should "work with their hands" (1 Thes. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:10). Somewhere in our individualist society, Christians in the West had generally lost sight of the need to help other Christians in the world from the poorer countries. Sometimes we have lacked the "know-how," and sometimes we have been over zealous for our own comfort.

In the country of Chad, believers in urban centers wrestle against odds beyond their control that

Today there is the opportunity to offer real help through non governmental organizations like LIAI. Love in Action International provides compassionate training that brings self-sustaining answers to poor Christians in Africa. It provides apprenticeship training for Chadian Grace Brethren Christians in tailoring, metal fabrication, construction, and computer skills. But there are needs: The metal fabrication shop needs more equipment and the first building needs some finishing construction; The sewing center has outgrown its facility and needs to expand to train more apprentices; The Mike Retterer Training Center is in its

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Update on the Sewing Center

Four students graduated from the Sewing Center on June 6, 2004. This is the third graduation of this Center and 600 people attended the ceremonies. Praise God for the accomplishment of these graduates. Please continue to pray for them as they begin work of their own.

The Sewing Center has four new apprentices who will be studying until May of 2006. Please pray for these new students, that God will bless their efforts in learning a trade that will help them support themselves.

Laokoura Mbailao Elie (pictured) is the Director of

the Center. We praise God for Elie's good work and willingness to train these men. In a recent report, he asked prayer for the following needs: 1) a new plot of land for the expansion of the Sewing Center, 2) An embroidery machine, 3) a mode of transportation (bicycle, motorbike, etc.) for him as it is necessary to travel around town to gather supplies, etc. for the Sewing Center.



Chad Trivia

- 4) What is a Samosa?
  - A) A type of luggage
  - B) A Central American dictator
  - C) A type of Chadian fast food
  - D) An inhabitant of a South Pacific Island
- 5) What hour is considered missionary midnight?
  - A) 8:00 PM
  - B) 9:00 PM
  - C) 10:00 PM
  - D) 11:00 PM
  - E) 12:00 AM
- 6) What might you see at the swimming pool in Moundou?
  - A) A pig
  - B) A horse
  - C) A camel
  - D) A giraffe
  - E) Vultures

Answers located on pg. 4





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## God's Heart continued . . .

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final stages of completion where vocational and biblical training will take place but it still needs landscaping, electrical fixtures, furnishings and training equipment. Your contributions help make all this happen. Your gifts will help Christian brothers and

sisters who are poor help themselves.

“God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” (Hebrews 6:10)



### Answers to Chad Trivia:

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) C                       | 4) C                 |
| 2) D                       | 5) B                 |
| 3) All answers are correct | 6) B & E are correct |

If you have any questions regarding newsletter articles or general questions regarding the ministry in Chad, please contact Valerie Crumbley at (574) 269-4513 or by email at [vcrumbley@loveinactioninternational.org](mailto:vcrumbley@loveinactioninternational.org).

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