

## CrossWay International's Strategy

*CrossWay International focuses on these 5 main areas as a means of outreach:*

**Water Well Drilling**--We have drilled wells in Sudan (near Darfur), Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and we hope to drill more this year in Africa, Central America, and other areas in the world.

**Orphans**--We care for 549 orphans in Sudan near the Darfur region.

**Medical Clinics**--One of our medical clinics, which we recently established, is specifically for these orphans. We hope to have a second medical clinic up and running in Meki, Ethiopia. We also have a request to start one in Nicaragua.



**Agricultural Training and Animal Husbandry**-- In order to avoid the syndrome of dependency, we are sending a farming expert into Sudan to train the villagers to grow their own food and raise animals to feed these orphans.

**Schools** Our school in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is self supporting. A second school in Sudan is meeting the needs of the orphans there through the devotion of ten teachers.

## CrossWay International's History

*CrossWay International began in 1997 by Dean and Joan Chollar. Its initial focus was missions, evangelism, and training overseas. The ministry has since grown to include several new and exciting avenues to reach the lost, in spite of Dean's physical blindness.*

*A main focus of CrossWay International is to bring badly needed humanitarian aid to remote and impoverished areas where the larger NGOs (non-governmental organizations) are not willing to go. We are honored to take medicine, food, and the gospel of Jesus Christ to these remote and needy areas.*

*Another facet of the ministry involves coming alongside national churches and coworkers overseas. They play an essential role in helping us develop and extend our ministry throughout their country and the world.*

*God uses all of these various ministries as a platform to reach out to the truly impoverished and lost of our world and gain a hearing for the gospel. As an African proverb says, "Empty stomachs have no ears."*

*For a more complete picture of our ministry, go to [www.gocrossway.org](http://www.gocrossway.org).*

### **CrossWay International's Mission Statement:**

**CrossWay International is committed to spreading the clear Gospel message of God's grace throughout the world.**



## **Merle Admire**

Missionary with CrossWay International

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## Personal History

Merle Admire is a Master Electrician and has been married 30 years to his wife, Lisa. They have 3 children, Stephen, Megan and Deborah, and five grandchildren, who have all participated in mission work. Through seeing their example, Merle was also inspired to become involved in missions.

After God prepared his heart for over 2 years, Merle went on his first mission trip to Kenya in the summer of 2000. On this hospital ministry



Teaching at a trade school in Kenya

trip, his heart was broken for the people he encountered, and he began listening to a growing call from God to mission work. Ten months after Kenya, Merle traveled to Haiti, helping solve electrical issues at an orphanage, and during this time, he

felt the call was affirmed. Since that

time, he has traveled to Mexico several times, building a cabinet shop and helping with maintenance. His most recent trip was back to Kenya in May of 2009. While there, he did electrical work at Moffat Bible College and taught at a trade school located in an orphanage.

During these same years, Merle met Dean at a local church and struck up a friendship. They kept in touch, and he began doing electrical work at the CrossWay International office. When Dean began looking for men to help with some of the mission work overseas, he invited Merle to join the team. It didn't take Merle long to pray and agree to come on board.

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Merle will continue to work as an electrician during his transition into full time mission work. His electrical skills have proved useful on his previous mission trips and are matched by his desire to help wherever needed.

Merle points to Luke 5:1-11, where Jesus called his first disciples, as his inspiration for obeying God's call to missions. Like them, he feels God's call on his life to become a "fisher of men."

We are honored and excited to have Merle Admire as our fellow missionary, and we look forward to seeing how God joins his skills and heart for missions with our ministry's growing work overseas!

## The Ministry

Merle's main responsibility will be to help coordinate and oversee the various ministries for CrossWay International. Our initial focus will be in Africa, with the hope to expand to Central/South America and the Middle East.

His specific responsibilities will include:

- the drilling of water wells;
- repair and maintenance of water wells and electrical equipment;
- overseeing the construction and running of medical clinics

We'd like to emphasize that the purpose for this work is to secure a hearing for the Gospel of Grace. As we accomplish some of the above objectives, we are hopeful that God will open the door for us to teach Pastors' conferences, seminars on evangelism, encourage and strengthen local churches, and hold evangelistic events, as He has done in the past. Merle's responsibilities will help open the door in these countries for us to present the gospel.

## The Support Needed

As Merle moves toward full-time missionary status at CrossWay International, we are anticipating the following needs for support:

Per month:

Salary — \$1500

Health insurance — \$800

Ministry Expenses — \$500

Total — \$2800

If you feel led to contribute toward Merle's support, please make your check out to CrossWay International and write "Merle Admire" on the memo line.

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Merle with young Kenyan