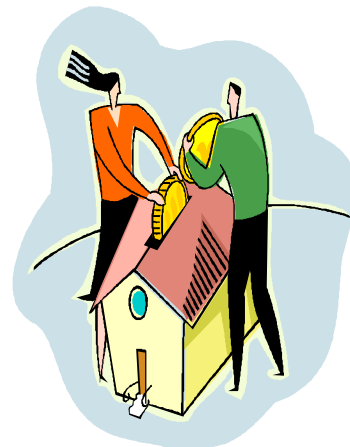


## MNYBA Association Mission Week May 18-25 Ryals Association Missions Offering Goal: \$10,000

Each year the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association (MNYBA) celebrates Association Missions Week by promoting the Ryals Association Missions Offering. Dr. DeLane and Mrs. Nancy Ryals served the Lord in missions with churches and pastors in MNYBA for more than 20 years. Dr. DeLane Ryals was MNYBA Church Extension Director from 1974-1995. The Ryals are now retired and living in Nashville, TN.

Monies collected through this offering will go towards church starting projects in MNYBA. We have set a goal of \$10,000 for 2003.

**Please pray and give! Send your offering to:  
Ryals Missions Offering  
Metropolitan New York Baptist Association  
236 West 72nd St  
New York NY 10023-2805**



### New Hope New York Team Readies for Implementation Phase

The New Hope New York strategy is based around five focus areas: Prayer, Church Planting, Collegiate Ministry, Church Strengthening, and Pastor Leadership Development. The addition of three new team members will aid as the staff leads in the implementation of ministry in these areas.

**Partnerships and Mobilization**

Shane Critser comes to NHNY as Partnerships and Mobilization Team Leader to coordinate the numerous missions groups that will

participate, and to formally establish healthy partnerships between churches and ministries.

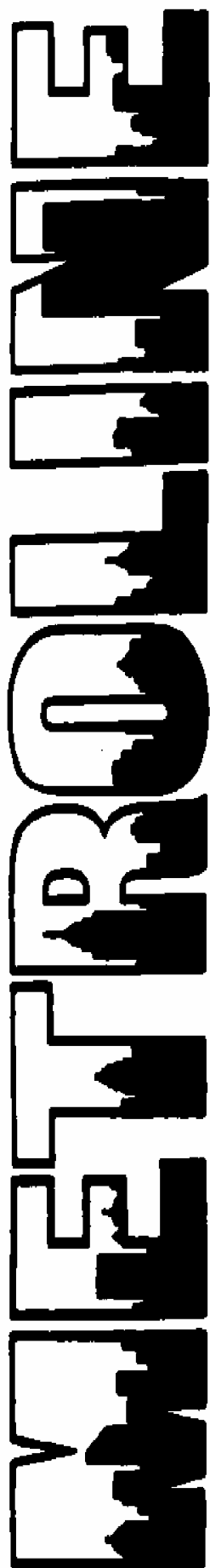
Shane attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he concentrated on theological studies in missiology. He served at the seminary's Center for Missions Mobilization as Coordinator of Missions Activities. He has been integrally involved in mobilizing and sending teams to many locations within the United States and around the world including China, Senegal, Israel, Croa-



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## Volunteer Voices

So much has been happening these past months and as summer approaches, we will be gearing up again for summer missionaries and mission teams. We will welcome Andrew Mann back to East 7<sup>th</sup> Baptist Church for the 2<sup>nd</sup> summer and Bethany Bledsole from GA to the MNYBA office. She will be assisting Jill and I with teams this summer! We continue to be grateful for Jill Pittman and Wendy Griffin for their hard work in our Association Volunteers office.

I asked our churches to write me concerning their volunteer experiences to share. Madison Baptist Church gets the AWARD for being the first so we will share their thoughts on Volunteers. Mark Millman, Associate Pastor writes:

*“Volunteer teams that have come to Madison Baptist Church in New Jersey over the past few years have really added a spiritual vibrancy to our church. When youth ministry teams come, I believe God really uses them to give us a fresh touch from God as they have shared in*

*worship, testimonies, music, and friendship. As we move forward into the New Hope New York imple-*



*mentation, it is my goal to have volunteer teams come in and attempt new ways of doing ministry.*

*This summer we are conducting a sports camp for the first time with the help of a group from Texas. They will not only be doing ministry while they are here but they will be models for our people to learn. I am grateful for volunteers and encourage churches to partner with them for more effective ministry.”*

Mission teams can be very effective for use in your churches. They can provide extra bodies for what you already have in your vision. They can provide expertise in areas and assist with training in areas that you might want growth for your church. **The best team is the team**

**that fits your vision for your congregation.** Fit them into what you want to see happen and then they will be effective. To have a team for the sake of having one can cause disaster for your church and theirs. Be focused and be specific about what your needs are and then request teams from the Volunteers office.

Thanks to Mark and Madison Church for using volunteers effectively!

A big welcome to Shane Critser who is the Mobilization and Partnerships staff person for NHNY. Shane will be assisting in the strategy of NHNY by helping provide volunteers for those specific projects. We will work together to be more effective in the volunteers area and help those who come here to have a good experience. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been here since the first part of April along with their newborn son, Chase.

## The Leadership Corner

**R. Michael Chance**

**Been thinkin’ about Airlines** (of all things!). Yep, I’ll be making two brief trips over the course of the next month, and flying two different airlines. Got to think about price, you know, and getting the best deal for the money! While I’m very pleased with the deals I’ve gotten, I know my flying experience will be very different on each of the airlines! One of the companies (**United**) has been around a long time, and lately, it’s been in a battle to survive, even bordering on bankruptcy. The other airline (**Jet Blue**) is a relatively new start up



based right here in New York and is one of only 2 or 3 airlines (all recent start-ups) to show any profitability. In fact, even in the economic environment we’ve been in these past 2 years or so, **Jet Blue** has been wildly successful! They’ve proven that an airline can be successful in the worst of economic conditions. But before it’s all over with, one of the “big boys” in the airline business will, no doubt, bite the dust and wind up in the Airline graveyard. What does all of this have to do with Leadership and Church Health?

You don’t have to look far to find churches that are in trouble, in poor health, or, about to “bite the dust”. Yet, in the same environment, there are

“start-up” churches (within, as well as outside of the SBC family) that are growing, demonstrating health, and creatively reaching people.

**United** is typical of many old-line, and formerly successful companies that are trying to do business as they always have done it. But, they couldn’t quite make the leap into “the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. Because of their name, they kind of expected that people would show up, purchase tickets, and fly with them! **Jet Blue**, on the other hand, is an incredibly exciting airline to fly. . . plush leather seats, digital TVs at every seat. . . and the thing that really sets them apart is their relaxed, highly relational, service oriented approach to meeting

your needs as a passenger! After flying with **Jet Blue**, you know one thing – *people matter, and getting them to their destination is top priority!* (Think about that! What does that say to us about the way we do church?) In one of their online ads, four words describe how they arrived in their journey to become one of the most successful airlines in operation today – **Reinventing, Redefining, Rethinking, and Rediscovering**. These words describe a process that forced them to think “outside of the box” and become an airline that could meet the demands imposed upon them by a “21<sup>st</sup> century world” with relevancy and success! The staff of **MNYBA/New Hope New York**

# MOSAIC

**AUTHOR! AUTHOR! Mrs. Lisa Chilson-Rose**, MNYBA Director of Partnerships and Volunteers, has written a book titled, "As The Towers Fell: Stories of Unshakable Faith on 9-11." The book will be released on August 1, 2003. Advance orders may be placed at [www.cbd.com](http://www.cbd.com). The book contains stories about New Yorkers and their faith since September 11.

**Welcome New Pastors: Ron Boykin**, Bridgewater Baptist Church (NJ), **Willington Bayma**, New Life Portuguese Mission, Woodside, NY; **Antonio Brandao**, First Spanish Baptist Church, Flushing, NY; **Rick Crews**, North Shore Baptist

Church, Kings Point, NY; **Farooq John**, The New Revival Church of NY, Astoria, NY; **Zilmar Leite**, First Brazilian Baptist Church, Jamaica, NY; **Baltazar Mecarsos**, Crossroads Baptist Mission, Elmhurst, NY; **Rowel del Mundo**, International Bible Community Church, Staten Island, NY; **Dennis O'Neill**, Living Gospel Baptist Church, Rutherford, NJ; **Calixto "Bing" Oyos**, God's Grace Gospel Church, Staten Island, NY; **Jean Robert-Pierre**, Church Silo of Deliverance, Newark, NJ; **Sang Chul Song**, Sunrise Baptist Church of NY, Fresh Meadows, NY

## New Hope New York—cont.

Shane, and his wife Jennifer, and new son Chase reside in Manhattan.

### Church Planting

Rick Pressley, who has felt God's leading to help start new churches for as long as he can remember, has joined the team as Church Planting Team Leader. His philosophy of church planting involves not only starting churches, but also nurturing them into healthy, Bible-believing places of worship.

Rick was a church planter in New Hampshire and has most recently partnered with the New England Baptist Association to plant more than 25 churches. He and his wife Nita currently reside in Manhattan.

### Collegiate Ministry

Aaron Coe, a nationally recognized leader in collegiate ministry, has joined the NHNY staff as Collegiate Team Leader. He, and his wife Carmen, moved to Manhattan from Atlanta, where Aaron served on staff at the North Star Church. He began ministering to college students full time at Bellaire Baptist church during his junior year at Middle Tennessee State University.

With less than one percent of the over 600,000 students involved in an evangelical ministry, Aaron is excited about the challenges that lie before him in New York City.

For more information, or to find out how you can be involved with New Hope New York; simply log on to [www.NewHopeNewYork.com](http://www.NewHopeNewYork.com) or call 212-580-0655 or 800-291-3692.

## So BLIND- But so CONFIDENT of the Path Ahead

Or

## UNCERTAIN- But yet so CERTAIN

Larry J. Brown

The devotional for April 29 in Oswald Chamber's classic "My Utmost For His Highest" was on the subject of "The Graciousness of Uncertainty". In pointing out that we are certain of God but only uncertain of what He is going to do next, the devotional reminded me that we as Christians are to look differently at the uncertainties we face and deal with on a daily basis. We are all faced with many uncertainties on a personal level whether they deal with health, security of employment or related financial matters, relational issues, etc. Our nation continues to deal with uncertainties that we could not have imagined prior to 9/11/01. MNYBA faces issues and uncertainties that we cannot control and many of them are of a nature and/or magnitude that are beyond the

human "fix".

- Where are we to find pastors for a large number of churches without a pastor?
- Where can we find resources to assist some of our non-Anglo pastors?
- Where are we to find 20-40 church planters for the new churches we plan to start in 2004-05?
- How will we find partner churches to help support (financially and otherwise) these new church plants?
- How can we encourage more of our churches to become more actively involved in the work of MNYBA in order that we and they might be more effective?
- When and where are we going to find the man God has called to be the next Executive Director of MNYBA? (This is my fa-

vorite)

- What should the staff structure of MNYBA be in the future and where will we find the people to fill these positions?
  - How do we move the plans/objectives of New Hope New York into reality?
- These are difficult issues that are beyond our human ability to resolve and even our ability to see how God might choose to deal with them but we are not to act as though we were people without hope. We need to claim the certainty we have in God for MNYBA, for I am certain that He:
- Weeps over the lost millions in the geographic area of MNYBA
  - Desires that none of them should perish but that all would come to know Christ
  - Desires to use the churches of

MNYBA to accomplish His will in the NYC area

- Is already calling out those who are to serve in various capacities in MNYBA
- Has all the resources necessary to carry out His will in and through MNYBA
- Has a perfect plan for MNYBA that will use us as we allow ourselves to be used within His will or can be accomplished without us

I am BLIND and cannot see the path God may have for MNYBA but I am CONFIDENT in walking down that path. I am UNCERTAIN as to how He may choose to meet the needs we perceive but I am CERTAIN JESUS CHRIST is sufficient for TODAY, TOMORROW and ETERNITY.

**BCNY/MNYBA  
CALENDAR DATES**



**MAY**

- 16-17 MIN RefreshHER State Women's Retreat,  
Greenwich Baptist Church, CT
- 18-25 **ASSOCIATION EMPHASIS WEEK**
- 23-26 MSN Filipino Youth Camp  
MSN Vietnamese Youth Camp
- 26 *Memorial Day, BCNY and MNYBA office  
closed*

**JUNE**

- 2 MNYBA Teams/Executive Board**
- 3-6 MNYBA Summer Missionary Orientation**
- 15-16 SBC WMU Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
- 17-18 Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, AZ
- 27-28 MSN Korean Youth Conference

**JULY**

- 4 *4th of July observed (office closed)*
- 10-17 MIN Women's Prayer Journey
- 13-18 MNYBA Summer Outreach Week**

**MNYBA FINAN-  
PORT**



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**JANUARY-MARCH 2003**

Total Income	\$104,059
Total Expenditures	<u>\$104,101</u>
Income Over (Under) Expenditures	\$
(42)	

**MNYBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, June 9, 2003  
7:00 p.m.**



**PLACE: 236 West 72nd Street, New York,  
NY**

**Teams will meet at 6:00 p.m.**

**The general meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

**For further information call 212-787-7037 or send  
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