

WE ARE EXPANDING SERVICES!!

Our beginnings...

date back to 1965, when Christian Horizons began providing services to people with exceptional needs (disabilities) in Canada, under the direction of Rev. Jim Reese. In 1977, the Canadian ministry expanded to include services in Michigan, and Christian Horizons USA was officially recognized by the IRS in 1983 as a non-profit organization. Christian Horizons/Canada has grown to become the largest provider of services to people with special needs in the province of Ontario, serving 1300 people with 2300 staff, at an annual budget of over \$80 million, and has recently expanded their services to include 7 different countries. Last summer, Christian Horizons/Canada was an active partner in the growth of the summer camp program here in Michigan.

Our purpose...

today remains largely unchanged from our beginning days; we exist "to contribute to the exceptional person's quality of life by addressing his/her spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social and physical needs".

We serve in a manner that considers each person's intrinsic value as loved by God and bearing His image. We achieve our goals through residential, recreational and educational programs as we partner with Christian ministries, individual Christians and governments to maximize our resources.

Our success in the US...

has been driven largely by volunteer efforts, as we have rarely employed (paid) staff. Christian Horizons USA programs today consist largely of Christ-centered recreational programs (summer camp & assisted travel), and educational programs designed to partner with local ministries to promote the cause of people with exceptional needs.

Christian Horizons USA has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with Christian Horizons Canada...

to more effectively reach out to more people with exceptional needs around the world. Specifically, we can combine our resources (and leverage the success of our sister ministry) as we partner with established organizations in developing countries.

Currently, Christian Horizons USA is working with our Canadian partners to support the growth of services to people with disabilities (exceptional needs) in Ethiopia.



"The original intention of the ministry was that it be a Christian mission... Our call is to [serve] the world."

Rev. Jim Reese
Founder, Christian Horizons

The need is great...

In Africa alone, there are nearly 50 million people with exceptional needs. (That's a population of about 17 times the population of Chicago Illinois!) Only about 2% of these people have access to health care and other essential services, and nearly all of them live in abject poverty.

It is our desire and prayer that every person with disability finds a meaningful place in society, and an eternal home in Heaven!

As Christian Horizons continues to grow our programs in the US (and Canada), we will reach out in support of the marginalized peoples of Africa and other developing areas of the world.

You can make a difference...

in the lives of people less fortunate around the world. As we prepare to collectively give thanks around the country for our many blessings, won't you take a moment and review the response card in this newsletter, and then make a gift for someone else to be able to enjoy some of the benefits we take for granted every day?

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS 27TH ANNUAL SPRING SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

**Christian Horizons USA
2007 Summer Camps**

***June 24-30 *July 1-7 *August 8-12**

**Registrations are now being accepted.
Please call 616-956-7063**



***128 people with exceptional needs attended camp (19 first-timers)**

***1 person accepted Jesus as their Savior for the first time!**

***49 volunteer staff served the campers (29 first-timers)**



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