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**2007 World Mission Conference  
First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD  
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**Surprised by the Word: Mission and the Unscripted God**  
***How our hearts burned within us as He opened the scriptures to us. Luke 24:32***

The World Mission Conference (WMC) is 64 years old and it's on the move!

International Ministries is eager to give as many people as possible the chance to catch a glimpse of what God is doing in the world through the missionaries you support, the international partners, those missionaries serve and the direct engagement of U.S. congregations and regional associations in global mission. So, the WMC has evolved into a weekend format, hitting the road and coming to location near you-Sioux Falls, SD!!

At the WMC you can develop or deepen a relationship with missionaries engaged in a variety of cutting edge ministries. Through programs, videos and workshop, you'll learn how your missionaries help others to put their faith in Jesus, and be personally transformed.

A global music experience is a sweet sound at a WMC. You'll be stretched in your understanding of how to worship God whether it's through music that is fast or slow, contemplative or triumphant. Praise God as you sing in Congolese, Thai, Spanish, Japanese or Zulu. It may lead you to get up on your feet or down on your knees. We hope your heart will be directed to God through the use of international rhythms, styles and the music of various cultures. Worship and music will be lead by **Rev. Kip Mickelson** on keyboards and **Nate Gonzalez** on guitar.

**Child care:** On site care will be provided for the very young up to those enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup> grade by September. International songs, games and stories will keep them busy and learning a little about mission.

**Youth Program:** Students in grades 6-12 by September will have their perception of mission stretched and challenged in a unique mission Xperience designed to help them Xplore God's world and Xercise their faith.

**Adults:** You have so many great options for learning about mission, that we think there's something for everyone! The evening programs use music, stories, videos, audience participation, international guests and fun to educate, inspire, excite and help you consider your next step in mission involvement.

There will be forums where you can ask questions, workshops on a variety of mission topics, and an exhibit area with displays by the missionaries and various mission agencies. Every year we add something new to the WMC. This year we have **Mission in Motion** on Saturday afternoon. You can choose to be indoors or outdoors, working with your hands or using your mind, opening your mouth to new taste sensations, or opening your heart to new possibilities. Whether you stand, sit, walk, dance or wiggle, these intergeneration opportunities will put your mission experience in motion!

Have your ever had a BLT? **Boxed Lunch Talk** gives you a chance to talk informally with a missionary, conference leader or international guest while you enjoy a boxed lunch. (See in this issue)

Additional international guest invited to the WMC in South Dakota will be announced later when their plans are finalized. Once they are confirmed, their photos and biographies will appear on the IM website ([www.internationalministries.org/wmc/conferences](http://www.internationalministries.org/wmc/conferences) ).

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It would not be a WMC without our annual **STEP Walk!** This 4 kilometer walk/run is fun whether you are 18 or 88. STEP stands for Student Tuition Expense Program. \$20 a month provides a child with food, clothing, books and school supplies. Bring you comfortable walking shoes and you pledge sheet (in this issue) full of sponsors! –Karen Mason, Director of Special Events International Ministries

The following leaders will be at our World Mission Conference in Sioux Falls. Save these dates and fill out the registration form in this issue. There is a discount for all Dakotans. ABC of Dakotas website is [www.abc-dakotas.org](http://www.abc-dakotas.org)



**Adalia Schellinger-Gutierrez** will be the Bible Study Leader at the World Mission Conference in Sioux Falls. Adalia and Ray work with the women of the "Dios Con Nosotros" Baptist Convention of Northern Baja California, Mexico. Together with the women of Tijuana, they have begun Deborah's House, a ministry to victims of domestic violence. Deborah's House brings together a diverse mix of services, including crisis intervention, healthcare, shelter for victims, counseling and education for both victims and abusers in these situations. Ray and Adalia also offer workshops to all churches in the region on alternatives to violence, self-esteem, relationship skills, and communication. Currently, work teams from U.S. churches are joining together with Mexican Baptists to construct a permanent facility for Deborah's House.



**John or Tomoko Armagost:** John and Tomoko serve with the Japan Baptist Union churches in the Kansai (western) area of Japan. The Armagosts went to work with the Nishi Okamoto Baptist Church who were without a full-time pastor for four years. The church had lost their pastor and several church members in the Kobe earthquake in 1995. John and Tomoko work with the church leadership as well as reaching out to minister to the children and families of the community.



**Susan Linderman:** Susan works with Project Hope, a ministry to women tricked or drawn into prostitution. Her focus is on women whose country of origin is Bulgaria. Susan became involved in Project Hope while teaching English to theology students at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague. Susan is a native of Huron, SD where she was nurtured spiritually in the FBC, participating actively in the children's and youth activities during her growing up years. She is the first dual appointment missionary status - between IM and the ABC/Dakotas.



**Mike Mann:** Mike and his wife Becky live in Chiang Mai, Thailand where they ministered for almost fourteen years. Mike now serves as IM's Global Consultant for Rural Development. He is available to international partners who are interested in developing water and/or agricultural projects. Mike, also, continues to advise the Integrated Tribal Development Program, through which he ministers among the hill tribes of Northern Thailand.

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**Virgil Nelson:** Lynn and Virgil work in Kikongo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Together they work to train leaders of all ages. Virgil teaches classes at the Pastoral Institute where students and their families come to receive training in rural ministry. Lynn provides support to teachers in both the Kikongo high school and the primary school which is run by the Pastoral Institute.



**Carolyn Predmore** works with the Japan Baptist Union in the Naikai Region of Japan. She supports the Hiroshima Peace Christian Church and the other churches and meeting places in the region through preaching, teaching Bible and teaching English conversation. Carolyn works with the Christian congregations and pastors of the region in an area where less than one percent of the population is Christian.



**Walt White** is a Global Service Missionary with a wide range of responsibilities including coaching missionary teams and individuals in several countries. Walt teaches seminars in cross-cultural evangelism for partner churches, organizations and sister denominations seeking to reach believers of the major historical religions. He is also involved in ongoing development projects and leadership development in Bangladesh.

| Dakota Baptist<br>News Deadline Dates |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| March 15                              | April-June issue |
| June 15                               | July-Sept. issue |
| September 15                          | Oct.-Dec. issue  |

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## World Mission Conference 2007

### Friday

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Registration                                    |
| 3:00 pm           | Afternoon Forums (optional, for early arrivals) |
| 5:00 pm           | Dinner on your own                              |
| 7:00 pm           | Evening Program<br>Youth Program & Child care   |

### Saturday

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 8:00 am  | Registration  |
| 8:15 am  | Devotion with missionary                                    |
| 9:00 am  | Morning Worship & Bible study<br>Youth Program & Child care |
| 10:00 am | Break   |
| 10:30 am | Workshops   |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch with missionaries                                     |
| 1:30 pm  | Workshops   |
| 2:30 pm  | Break   |
| 3:00 pm  | Mission in Motion   |
| 5:00 pm  | Dinner on your own  |
| 7:00 pm  | Evening Program<br>Youth Program & Child care               |

### Sunday

|          |  |
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| 8:00 am  | Devotion with missionary                       |
| 8:30 am  | International Worship Service or Sunday school |
| 10:00 am | Break  |
| 10:30 am | International Worship Service or Sunday school |
| 12:00pm  | Lunch with Missionaries                        |
| 1:30pm   | Afternoon Forums (optional)                    |
| 3:00 pm  | Head home!                                     |

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**Hotels with reserved rooms for World Mission Conference:**

**Sheraton Sioux Falls**  
**1211 N. West Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57104**  
**[www.siouxfallsconventions.com](http://www.siouxfallsconventions.com)**  
888-627-8088 or (605) 331-0100

The price is \$84/night whether single, double, triple or quad occupancy.  
The rooms are either 2 doubles or a king size bed.

**Holiday Inn City Center**  
**100 W. 8th St.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57102**  
**[www.holidayinn.com/fsd-cityctr](http://www.holidayinn.com/fsd-cityctr)**

1. Put in the arrival and departure dates.
2. Put in the Group Code 'MIN' in the group code field. (The contract is under International Ministries)
3. Click on 'check availability' to see if there is any rooms in the block to reserve.  
(605) 339-2000  
The price is \$79/night.  
The rooms are two doubles.

For information on Sioux Falls, other motels, restaurants, and other information:  
[www.siouxfallscvb.com](http://www.siouxfallscvb.com) (800) 333-2072

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**World Mission Conference 2007  
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Registration Form  
September 14-16, 2007**

*(spouses and children can register together on one form)*

Adult Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

List all family members under 21 accompanying you, including their age and grade completed by July 2007. Youth Program is for students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 in Fall 2007. Childcare is available for children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. Please indicate if they will be in Childcare or the Youth Program.

| Name  | M/F   | Age   | Grade | Childcare | Youth Program |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|---------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____     | _____         |
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**A \$40 adult scholarship and a \$15 child scholarship will be given to all ABC of Dakotas persons.**

**Payment**

Full Conference Weekend Adult \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60 = \_\_\_\_\_

Full Conference Weekend Kids & Youth \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

*Kids & Youth fee is for 12th grade and younger.*

Daily Conference Adult \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20/day x \_\_\_\_\_ (# of days) = \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Conference Kids & Youth \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10/day x \_\_\_\_\_ (# of days) = \_\_\_\_\_

*Kids & Youth fee is for 12th grade and younger*

Boxed Lunch-Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Boxed Lunch-Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment = \_\_\_\_\_

A check made out to ABC of the Dakotas must accompany your form.

**Please fill out this form and mail it to: ABC of the Dakotas % Cheryl Wiebers, 22739 171<sup>st</sup> Ave. Owanka, SD 57767**

**2007 Camp Bentley Dates**

May 28-29 Work Camp  
 June 1-3 Men's Round up  
 June 8-9 Women's Retreat  
 June 10-16 Senior High Camp  
 June 17-23 Junior High Camp  
 June 24-29 Junior Camp  
 July 5-7 Scrapbooking  
 Camp  
 July 5-7 Golf Camp  
 August 3-5 Family Camp  
 August 12-15 Special Needs  
 Camp

**Rental Dates Available**

July 1-4  
 July 8-12  
 July 16-19

**2007 Camp Judson Dates**

June 3-7 Project Camp  
 July 1-7 Family Camp #1  
 July 1-7 Adult Camp  
 July 8-14 Trail Camp  
 July 8-14 Junior Camp  
 July 15-21 Junior High  
 Camp  
 July 22-28 High School  
 Camp  
 July 29th- Aug. 4  
 Family Camp #2

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