

NEWS RELEASE – BIOGRAPHICAL

Gary Ellsworth

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Gary and Martha Ellsworth, nationally appointed U.S. Missionaries will be ministering in America, the third largest unreached nation in the world, with over 195 million unreached people.

The General Secretary of the Assemblies of God reported in his biennial report in 2001-2003, 467 churches was added and 418 were closed with a net gain of only 49 churches. Sixty-three percent of all Assemblies of God churches are at or below 100 people and 40% averaging below 50. Serving within a community takes a great commitment on behalf of the local church family. It is more than 'keeping the doors open' but implementing an organized way to get to each home to see if the local church can help meet needs, as well as to see where people are in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Ellsworth's focus of ministry is to help revitalize the foundational churches of our movement by Pentecostal renewal. This burden for ministry became distinct after being in ministry for over 30 years as a church planter, evangelist, camp meeting speaker and Bible teacher. Also they saw growth by helping smaller congregations realize their potential and help them achieve success spiritually, numerically and financially. Through the years of ministry many different styles of outreach ministries were developed. The Ellsworth's will be taking this ministry experience to many smaller congregations to help them find renewal within themselves and then implement an outreach plan into their communities.

Much of the revitalization process will be through the Community Outreach, (CO). In CO three main areas will be focused on:

- **Empowerment** through Pentecostal renewal, Holy Spirit seminars, prayer cells, and intercessory prayer partners.
- **Equipping** through Life Style Evangelism, Personal Evangelism, Discipleship training to new converts, hospitality, parenting or partnering by mothering, sending participants, and or providing funds, and Community Outreach Ministries.
- **Evangelizing** through canvassing communities, Bible distributions, special outreach events, revival campaigns, drama ministries, and child evangelism.

Gary Ellsworth and his wife Martha have two married children. Chuck Ellsworth and his wife Susan pastor in the Kansas City area and Gayla (Ellsworth) Mefford and her husband Randy live in Chelsea, Alabama. Of course, four of the greatest grandchildren in the world, Thomas 16, Jordan 9, Danielle 7, and Christine age 4.

The public is invited to hear Gary share God's Word and their burden for Community Outreach on the dates of:

For more info please contact: _____