

Together for Hope

Together for Hope (TFH), Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's (CBF) rural poverty initiative, works with local communities in the 20 poorest counties in the U.S. to help bring about long-term transformation initiated and implemented by local resources with help from state and national resources. TFH supports grassroots leadership development and the empowerment of full communities in their identification of their priorities and resources to accomplish those priorities.



Ben Newell with local leaders

TFH of Arkansas (AR) is a two county initiative that helps Phillips and Lee counties in the Delta area of Arkansas. TFH of AR work is directed by Ben and Leonora Newell, career missionaries with the CBF. The Newells live and work in Helena/West Helena, AR along with their three children: Lucas, Nate, and Gabriela.



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Ministries2007

Phillips & Lee Counties, Arkansas



All Church Challenge**2007**

July 21-27, 2007

Helena/West Helena, Arkansas

Ben and Leonora Newell and TFH of the Arkansas Delta announce the 4th annual All Church Challenge 2007 to be held during the week of July 21-27, 2007 in Helena/West Helena, AR. This program is an intensive one week mission program where churches from all around the United States work with TFH of AR and local churches in Phillips and Lee counties, AR to serve our communities through Kids camps, sports camps, building projects, community gardening, literacy projects and community evangelism. The **ACC2007** will integrate the enormous resources of outside churches and organizations with the limited resources of our communities to better serve our kids and adults with their greatest priorities. The **ACC2007** will be a catalyst toward instilling courage in the face of poverty, love in the face of hatred and apathy, and hope in the hearts and spirits of deserving kids and adults.

We will need many volunteers to plan and implement the **ACC2007**. We extend our invitation to all people who love God and who want to give of their special gifts so that the people of Phillips and Lee counties, AR can begin to experience the love of God through your love. Contact Ben or Leonora Newell at bn@worldmail.org or ln@worldmail.org to register.

Swim**Camp**

The 4th annual TFH Swim Camp will be held from July 14-20, 2007. TFH of AR and the community of Helena/West Helena invite all churches, organizations and clubs who want to extend the life-long skills of swimming and health to kids and adults of our community to join us for an exciting and fun mission experience. The swim camp provides basic swimming lessons, health training and water aerobics for kids and adults alike. During this week, volunteers will be teaching kids to swim for the first time, working with moms and their babies to learn to be comfortable in the



water and leading adults in improving their health through water aerobics.

It is not necessary for all of the volunteers to be the best swimmer in the world. We only require you to be comfortable in the water and willing to work with non-swimmers. The swim camp will be held in the mornings and afternoons which will allow for some opportunities to see the community as well as work on other mission projects. There will be building projects, community gardening projects and opportunities to work at the Stories on Wheels library and community center. There are mission options for everyone during this week. Swimming—Hammering—Reading—Playing with kids!

Kingdom**Enterprises**

Kingdom Enterprises (KE) is a new TFH initiative that wants to help jumpstart economic development in the 20 poorest counties in the United States. KE is a long-term Christian response to the chronic issues of poverty and unemployment. KE's goals include helping existing businesses in the 20 poorest counties to expand and be viable into the future. Additionally, KE wants to help local entrepreneurs in the target counties start new, sustainable, Kingdom businesses that will generate jobs and wealth for the citizens.

KE seeks to build a network of Christian business people who will covet and agree to use their valuable business skills, resources and contacts to accomplish the goals of KE. KE will support Christian economic development through utilizing Biblical business principles to show and train people in the impoverished communities how to create and sustain biblical run businesses. KE will intentionally stand by God's people who have traditionally been forgotten or left out of the wealth loop.

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TFH of AR Delta**Ministries**

1. ACC 2007 → July 20-27, 2007
2. Swim Camp 2007 → July 14-20, 2007
3. TFH Basketball Camp → June 16-22, 2007
4. Kingdom Enterprises (two projects to start in February 2007)
5. Stories on Wheels Toy and Book Lending Library/Literacy project
6. Creativity Lab located at Helena Community Center
7. Computer Lab located at Helena Community Center
8. Laundry Ministry located at Helena Community Center/Financial Assistance training
9. Gardens of EDEN community gardening program
10. Sports Leadership program
11. Pastoral and Civic Leadership Training program (starting in January 2007)
12. Swim/Health program for Phillips County, AR