

CHRYSALIS NEWS

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Season's Greetings!

We want to summarize our year of ministry for our faithful supporters and colleagues and wish each of you a joyous Christmas and a very blessed New Year in Christ!

✿ **Corporate Name:** 2005 will be remembered as a year of great *transition*, both for the ministry, as well as our families. We moved from Virginia to Florida last Christmas as Principia and emerged this Christmas as Chrysalis International! Challenged by the Christian Scientists, who have a college named "The Principia," to remove Principia's web site online, we were counseled to change our corporate name. Our mission to "disciple leaders by Biblical principles for renewed thinking and cultural transformation" needed a name that reflects our Biblical, Christian philosophy, methods and tools of education, as well as one that can easily be understood in various languages. The Greek word '*chrysalis*' was chosen, which is both 'a stage of metamorphosis' and 'a sheltered period of growth.' Chrysalis is now incorporated in Florida and we're getting used to answering the phone with our new name. A new office has just been completed and is large enough to train a small group of adults. We praise God, who has led us into His promised land here in Orlando and provided for every need through the generosity of many of you. We love the year-round warm weather and have met many international ministry leaders. Please visit us the next time you're in Orlando. We're only 10 minutes from the airport.

✿ **Teaching and Training:** Since our founding five years ago, Chrysalis has grown from a tiny seed planted by faith to an international educational institute, whose services and resources are sought by diverse organizations, networks, and teachers around the world. The vision for Biblical, Christian education has been cast on five continents in 22 countries with participants from an additional 60 countries. One- and two-week training seminars have been taught on each continent and translated into 14 languages. This year, a group of Christian leaders founded a "school of thought" in San Antonio, Texas. Their vision to see Biblical principles applied to all spheres of society began in March as a bi-monthly study fellowship with teachings by Dr. Elizabeth Youmans.

✿ **Feed My Lambs Curriculum:** Our enriched, principle-based curriculum, written for paraschools, home, day, and Sunday schools around the world, has taken on a life of its own. The *Introductory Unit* has been translated into five languages, produced on CDs, and available on our website at www.chrysalisinternational.org. We are delighted that many of the new units' lessons were written by former graduate and elementary school students of Elizabeth Youmans. Ten units await editing and five have been beautifully illustrated. *Wellspring of Wonder*, written by Dr. Evie Tindall and Elizabeth, is ready for publication. This is the favorite component of the children in the pilots, in which a storyteller uses wooden figures, backdrops, and underlays to bring our *Timeline of Promise* to life. After the story, the children express what they gleaned through painting, drawing, or sculpting.

✿ **Feed My Lambs International Pilots:** There are presently three pilots in Brazil. The first one in São Paulo just held their community *Festival of Readers* with a *Heidi* drama! Parents and church leaders alike were amazed at the ability of these young street children to memorize lines and act with great appeal! They are offering the drama at a local nursing home during the holidays. After summer break, they will repeat the program with the children and initiate two more pilots through Mt. Zion Church. Two pilots just began in two Parnamirim churches under the direction of the Cartaxos. In November Elizabeth trained 140 Korean children's cell leaders from one church, who will incorporate FML into their cell meetings. Several pilots are slated for Lima and Ayacucho, Perú in February.

✿ **Developing an Educational Handbook:** In 2006 Dr. Youmans is planning to write a handbook on the subject of Christian education in collaboration with several Disciple Nations Alliance leaders. Over the years, leaders have told us of their need for a concise, practical handbook that imparts the role education plays in nurturing healthy nations and teaches Biblical principles and Christian practices.



Due to a little known provision in the hurricane Katrina tax relief package, donors who make cash gifts to most charities by December 31, 2005 can deduct an amount equal to virtually 100% of their adjusted gross income, which is double the usual 50%.

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Principle-based curriculum, such as we are producing in Feed My Lambs, is costly to design, write, illustrate, publish, and translate. We are limited by the public support we receive in completing this life-changing program for youth. Please pray about sending an end-of-year donation to Chrysalis to enable the completion in English and to translate it into four languages.

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