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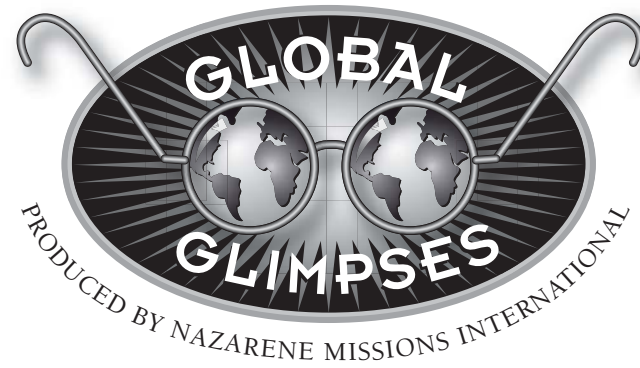
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## WORLD SCENE

### Jamaican Farmers Give Back

Beans were planted in St. Catherine, Jamaica, by a cooperative of 12 farmers. The seeds were a gift from Food For The Poor, an international relief charity that helps feed two million poor people daily. The charity also provided tools, fertilizer, and training. The farmers were inspired to thank Food For The Poor by donating back 20 percent of their crop. Food For The Poor will give the farmers' donated beans to the Salvation Army Street Feeding Project in Kingston, Jamaica, and other ministries. To read more about Food For The Poor, log on to <http://www.food-forthepoor.org/>.

### Audio Bible for Texas Households

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has asked the Faith Comes by Hearing ministry to provide audio Bibles for every Texas (U.S.A.) home by Easter 2010. The audio Bibles are in a word-for-word, dramatized format and will be provided in more than 350 languages for the statewide outreach. To read more about the audio Bibles and Faith Comes by Hearing, go to <http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/audio-bibles-every-texas-household>.

### Graduates Learn Skills

The Skilled Hands Technical College in the Philippines trains students from poor families that are typically unable to attend college. At the school people receive training in computer technology, auto body repair, and other skills. Students also receive personal evangelism/discipleship training. Many graduates find jobs in cre-

ative access countries or areas resistant to the Gospel. AMG International is an evangelical mission and relief agency currently ministering in 55 countries.

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### Prayer Initiative Launched

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### Partners Tackle HIV

Tearfund is working to stop the spread of HIV in Russia and to bring spiritual and material transformation by joining forces with local church and Christian partners. Among the partners is Radio Teos, which broadcasts weekly about HIV issues such as prevention and healthcare. Reaction to the broadcasts suggests that listeners value Radio Teos and its messages. Tearfund is a Christian relief and development agency building a global network of churches to help eradicate poverty, relieve suffering, and provide hope. Log on to <http://www.tearfund.org/> to learn more.

### Faith-based Volunteers

Faith-based organizations have a profound impact on volunteerism in the United States according to a July 2009 report by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The report states that more than one third of America's 61.8 million volunteers served with or through a religious organization in 2008, more than any other type of organization. To read more, go to [http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_pr\\_id=1427](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=1427).

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