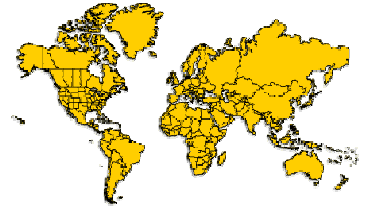




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The International Missionary Retreat was not our only retreat last month. We also conducted a one-day Middle-School Retreat in Saint Petersburg as a part of my responsibilities as Chaplain of International Academy.



The theme of the retreat was **Faith in the Face of Adversity** and featured the movie *Soul Surfer*. Two of our teachers, Karen Erickson (above right) and Aaron Minor, worked with us on the retreat. The Middle School praise team (photo below) led us in worship before I brought a message on trusting and glorifying God in difficult times.



2011 International Missionary Retreat



Thirty seven of us gathered for the **16th Annual International Missionary Retreat** on the Greek island of Corfu. **Jack Story** did a great job with arrangements for the and everything went very smoothly. Our **VBS team** (see the photo below) did a great job with the missionary kids. This retreat is the highlight of the year for many of them. **Shawn Crane** did a fantastic job in leading in worship and God moved in our services.



Missionary Wives Meeting at the Retreat

I admit that the retreat was bitter-sweet for me because I had planned on my late pastor, Robert Francis, bringing the messages and teaching some of the classes. We missed him but God showed up and I enjoyed doing the preaching!



My Crazy Team

We owe a special debt of gratitude to the churches who supported the retreat or. We could not have the missionary retreat without you! Thank you! And please plan on helping us again next year.

It takes a team to put on the retreat and God again provided a great one for this year. Shawn and Alison Crane from Unity, Texarkana, have served with us for seven years now. They are wonderful ministry partners! This year's team from Faith, our sending church, included (l to r front row) Betty Reece, Janice Francis, and Chelli Parmer. These ladies love missionary kids and the kids love them! Not pictured but an integral part of the team are Jack & Pat Story. What a blessing they have been year after year! Thank you team!!