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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

KENYA: General Conference 2009, held in Kakamega, was our largest yet, with over 800 in attendance. Even though it rained heavily each afternoon for over an hour, it did not dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of the crowd. God met with us in each service. Twenty-seven received the Holy Ghost during the conference. **Pastor Gordon Parish**, Fairbanks, Alaska, and **Pastor Stuart Churchill**, Kenai, Alaska, were our conference speakers.—**Jim and Karen Crumpacker**, Kenya/East Africa

COLOMBIA: We have seen God do some great things in the past few months. There have been thirty baptized in the wonderful name of Jesus and twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost. Two new cell groups have started and the outreach of the church for lost souls in their neighborhoods has been so heartwarming to watch. God is really using them. Earlier this year, we were able to travel to Chile to preach the National Youth Congress. Sixteen young people were filled with the Holy Ghost! It was such a privilege to be in Chile and reconnect with friends and see what God is doing there. It was an honor to be with Brother and Sister Dan Barkley. They are such wonderful people doing a great work for God.—**Shane and Dena Hayes**, Chile/Colombia

BRAZIL: We thank God for helping us to expand the “Jerusalem” Conference center, on the Amazon river near Manaus. Brazil is exploding in missions, sending missionaries and ABI teachers to other states and other countries under their own flag. A Bible school in Mozambique is under construction to train leaders for other unreached Portuguese countries. Brother Paul Reynolds from British Columbia, Canada, was very happy to preach to seven thousand excited people at the North Regional Conference in September.—**Bennie and Theresa Demerchant**, Brazil

PAKISTAN: We returned to Pakistan in October for our seventh missionary term. Many exciting things have been planned for the work such as pastoral training seminars, evangelistic meetings, an intensified Bible school program, and several construction projects. We have a great team to help us: Aslam, Toy, Isaiah and Tiara Malik, Curtis, Amanda and Zander Scott, and more than two hundred and fifty national pastors. Please pray and believe with us for a mighty harvest not only in Pakistan but also the surrounding nations.—**Allan and Georgene Shalm**, Pakistan

Praise Reports from Louis and RoseMary Louw in Namibia:

Ongwediva (Northern Region): Despite stringent government regulations about property for churches, Pastor Shipiki has been allowed to purchase property for home and church.

Tsumeb (Gateway to the North): Pastor Hauseb has found favor with the school district to present the Worth the Wait Program as an AIDS deterrent, and as an outreach to the many young people there. He has also baptized a member of the Tsumkwwe Bushman tribe and has been given an inroad to preach to this totally unchurched tribe.

Gobabis (Eastern Region): Reaching out to farming communities in that region, with new doors opening to evangelistic outreach.

Windhoek (Central Region): Church is experiencing good growth.

Walvis Bay (West Coast): The new pastor of this church has concentrated on Sunday school, and it is growing at a tremendous rate.

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HUNGARY: The Hungarian Pastor's retreat was a time of refreshing and renewal for the 60 pastors and leaders who attended. The pastors and their families returned home to evangelize their cities with fresh vision and faith to see a move of God. The Lord blessed them with peace and a sense of unity that strengthened them for their future work.—**Geroge and Cheryl Craft**, European Ministries/Training and Evangelism

DEPUTATION: We are in our fourth month of deputation and have traveled to nine states while driving over 17,000 miles. We are grateful to all the district directors and sectional directors that have made it possible to visit the churches in their respective district. We are so grateful to all of you who faithfully support us. Your continued support is vital for our return to the field. Without each church and individual that supports us, we could not do what we do. We are as it states, "Partners In Missions."—**David and Yonda Schwarz**, Costa Rica

MEXICO: People came from every corner of the country expecting a wonderful move of God in the city of Puebla, Puebla, and they were not disappointed! The youth celebrated their very first youth convention and the children had activities throughout the day in the children's museum next door. All others were blessed by wonderful services throughout the day. In the evening, everyone came together for a Pentecostal party! 811 people were filled with the Holy Ghost and the Lord blessed the convention with many miracles.—**Scott and Linda Guinn**, Mexico

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Compassion Services International



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Due to Hurrican Ike in El Salvador and tsunamis in the Pacific, CSI is in need of your financial support to reach the thousands of hurting, destitute, sick, and unfortunate people in need. It's been your support that has made the difference, and will continue to make the difference. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Foreign Missions Division, 8855 Dunn Rd, Hazelwood, MO 63042, designated for **CSI or to account number 103.FC.033325.91.9102._.995.**



MASTHEAD PHOTO: The Sunday school class of Sherry Davis, Missionary to South Africa, celebrate Christmas on a 90 degree day by eating cake and singing carols about snow. Find out more about the Davises at www.foreignmissions.com.

Report from JAPAN

What an incredible time it is to serve the Lord in Japan! God has given us a lot of victories and we want to thank all of our supporters for their financial and prayer support. Please take some time to pray for the needs in Japan and visit our new prayer blog for the Japan Network of Prayer located at: www.jupcmissions.com/blog.

In a recent fall camp meeting in Tokyo, Japan, three received the Holy Ghost in one of the most powerful camp meetings I have seen. We were all blessed in those services.

God is giving us great revival with the U.S. military here on Okinawa, Japan. Several have been filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized in Jesus name. Tuesday and Wednesday nights we are teaching discipleship training courses in different C.A.R.E. groups. What a privilege it is to be able to give back to our troops with all their sacrifices.

Recently we baptized a young boy from Miyako Island. Please pray for Miyako Island and the Yaeyama islands. We would like to do some outreach into these islands.

Lastly, I would like to share about our youth. God is giving us many new young souls in the Uruma City church. The youth are reaching out to and praying for more youth!

—**Ed and Naomi Hosmer**, Japan