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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

PAKISTAN: During this past monsoon season, Pakistan was devastated by floods which the United Nations called “this century’s worst natural disaster.” Thousands died and millions lost their homes and belongings as the flood waters rushed down the mountains and over the river banks. We are thankful for **Compassion Services International**, the humanitarian arm of the United Pentecostal Church, for providing funds for emergency flood relief. It has been such a blessing to distribute bedding, food, clothing, medicine, school supplies and New Testaments to literally hundreds of families in relief camps. Through these efforts we have made many contacts in areas where we had no established churches. Local communities have requested that we come back and hold meetings as soon as possible.—**Allan and Georgene Shalm**, Pakistan and Afghanistan

Kazakhstan: In September, Evangelist **Michael Bower** and his wife took a trip through Kazakhstan. During this trip the Lord opened many doors and granted him favor with many contacts in several different locations! While there are still some legal issues regarding our registration and church status, we believe that the Lord is orchestrating every meeting and guiding us to those who would hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. The enemy would seek to destroy, confuse, and discourage with negative influence, but

we will believe the re-port of the Lord!—**Scott and Niki Carpenter**, Russia

ESTONIA: The last weekend in September, a group from Ingunn’s home church in Norway, led by Pastor and Sister Briggs, joined us for evangelism in Tallinn. During this time, we had our first meeting in a rented hall with twenty Estonians attending! The Spirit moved in a great way, and people were speaking in tongues and some laid out on the floor praying. All had already received the Spirit but were powerfully renewed and refilled. We rejoice over what God is doing! While passing out invitations, we met people who expressed a need for God. One young lady said, “After the Soviet Union, for 20 years now we’ve had access to religion. But I don’t know much. I need something to fill my life with meaning.”—**Nate and Ingunn Turner**, Estonia

BURKINA FASO: The month of September was an exciting time for the six churches in Burkina Faso. Every church held what we called “Fete Des Amis” which means a celebration of friends. School supplies were given out and food was served. The churches were full with people singing, dancing and worshipping God.—**Ken and Ginny Cantrell**, Burkina Faso

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Faith Promise Reports

- In a Faith Promise service a year ago in the Atlantic District, a high school student made a FP commitment of \$800.00 per month. This young man has faithfully paid that commitment every month. One month he was \$200.00 short, and a man in the church he attends had a dream he should give this young man \$200.00, which he did. This same young man decided to attend Bible college this year, and applied for an SFC scholarship which he received. However, he still needed \$5,600.00. In a FP service in Fort St. John, BC, this summer, where this story was relayed, a brother wrote out a check for the \$5,600.00 to complete the teenager’s Bible school fees.

- In a Faith Promise service in Kelowna, BC, a sister made a commitment by faith. At the close of the service her husband texted her from work saying that he had just received a raise that covered their commitment.

- Another brother in BC made a commitment by faith, and after doing so, cars were double parked in front of his repair garage. He attributed the increase in his work to his giving.

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BRAZIL: In June, Brother and Sister **Kenneth Cooper**, Cooper City, Florida, held a children's Holy Ghost crusade in Manaus, Manacapuru, and São Paulo. Over 300 kids received the Holy Ghost!



In July, we were blessed to have **Robert and Shirley Henson** from Flint, Michigan, preach our conference in Coari, 250 miles up the Amazon River where we went together in a Cessna 206 floatplane.

In August, Brother **Larry Sims** from Tallahassee, Florida, ministered in the Manacapuru conference, fifty miles west of Manaus. Immediately after, Brother **David Ferrell** from New Brunswick, Canada, preached our ABI graduation and Manaus annual conference. One hundred and forty-five buses brought 7,000 people to "Jerusalem," with hundreds repenting, being healed and receiving the Holy Ghost.—**Bennie and Theresa DeMerchant**, Brazil



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Reports from UGANDA

An evangelist for the North Kyoga region reports in November, as he traveled from church to church, that God was doing a great work. In Omoro thirty-one were baptized; in Lira Town twenty-one were baptized; in Omogoro seventeen were baptized; in Amularar eight received the Holy Ghost; in Soroti, a new Church was planted; in Aloji, eighteen were filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized.

In the Mt. Elgon region, presbyter Dison reported last Sunday in Bududa (this is the region where many have been killed in severe mud slides on Mt. Elgon) twenty-six received the Holy Ghost and fifteen were baptized.

In Kampala, at the Rubaga church, a Trinitarian church lost their land and decided to join the Rubaga church. As they began to worship they began to receive the Holy Ghost, and all forty-five are being baptized.

In the far West, at the Kasese Town church sixteen received the Holy Ghost and were baptized. Many more have been restored and refilled. In Kygegwa, seventeen have been filled with the Holy Ghost in the last two weeks.

—Phil and Twyla Tolstad, Uganda

MASTHEAD PHOTO: Graduation of the 2010 class attending the Apostolic Bible Institute in Brazil. The student body has reached 1,100 and 200 teachers with 65 locations throughout Brazil. Nearly 4,500 students have attended ABI since 1990.

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