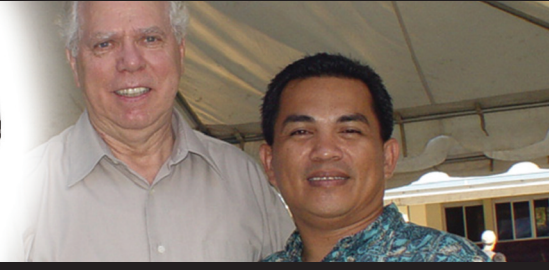
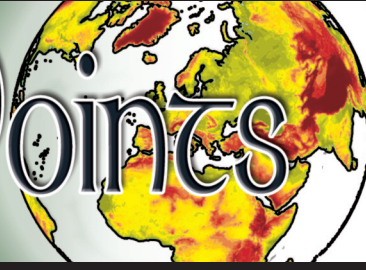


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# Focal Points



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The Burgess' budget is completed at the 2009 General Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE

Because you gave during the recent Foreign Missions service at the 2009 General Conference, we were able to complete our budget and will be returning to Argentina very soon! We are so thankful for the incredible outpouring of love and sacrificial giving that we experienced during that service. Our fourth deputation has been blessed in so many ways, and we feel honored to be part of such a great fellowship. We have met so many new friends and partners and treasure the time we were able to spend with family and friends, and those who have so faithfully supported our ministry throughout the last 20 years. **Because you gave** – we are able to return to Argentina for our fifth term. We are truly privileged to be able to live and work in the country that we love so much, and are looking forward to seeing what God is going to do there in the next few years, with your help!—**Ken and Kay Burgess**

## World News

**SOUTH AFRICA:** This has been a highly productive few months. We have traveled hundreds of miles. East from Swaziland for a ministers conference to the Northern Cape of South Africa. In the City of Kuruman, I was privileged to be a part of a baptismal service where 24 were baptized. One of our evangelists, engaged in a revival in the city of Port Elizabeth, reports thirteen being baptized. At Turning Point in Alberton, South Africa, where I am senior pastor, I was privileged to baptize eight new believers in Jesus' name. We have also been busy teaching at the South Africa Bible Institute and helping our general superintendent and area coordinator teach a series of seminars across the country presenting the new vision of the UPC of South Africa. So far, we have taught nearly 150 pastors and local church leaders and have five seminars remaining.—**Dan and Sherry Davis**

**SPAIN:** We are in revival here in Madrid. In the last eighteen months that we have pastored this church, we have seen 167 baptized in Jesus' name and 251 receive the Holy Ghost. Thank you, Tabernaculo de Vida, Madrid, for all the love, kindness, friendship and the memories! To God be the glory! **Brother and Sister Gary Sones** have just returned from deputation and have taken over the pastorate of their church again, so we are moving back to Portugal to teach in the Bible schools and preach in the churches.—**Joseph and Jean Collins**

**NEW ZEALAND:** God is faithful! He met with us each day for our New Zealand National Conference. **Brother Clifford Readout** and **Brother Levi Wright** expounded great truths from the Word each morning and **Brother Kevin Borders** delivered a tremendous message from the Lord each night. In addition, their wives ministered in the ladies' ministry meeting and other services. Many souls received the Holy Ghost and many were baptized. Each morning our children were blessed with singing, teaching, puppets, crafts and games from the children's ministry team.—**Robert and Judy Addington**

**REGIONAL MISSIONS PROGRAM PALAU:** The church is constantly moving forward to expand the kingdom for His glory. At last report, 289 converts have been baptized in Jesus' name, though only 40% of them remain in the island because they are contract workers. Under the church education program, we started our layman's Bible training course second level, and it has gathered 30 active student members with the goal to reach out to the Filipino community in Micronesia West. It is a certificate level program based on classroom hours. We are targeting three fulltime missionaries from our church this year. The construction of a pastoral house with four bedrooms inside the compound of the church is also in progress. There are a lot of good things that the Lord is doing around here, and we are so thankful to God for that.—**Brother and Sister Loudebin Delez**, *Regional Missionaries sent by the UPC Philippines to the island nation of Republic of Palau, pictured with Brother Richard Denny in the masthead photo.*

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**DEPUTATION:** We stayed with Karen in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. During our visit, she mentioned that she had multiple degenerated/bulged disks. Our family wanted to bless her prior to leaving (as the disciples were directed by Jesus to do), so we gathered around and prayed for her body. God instantly began to do a work! We watched as she bent over to the floor, danced around her trailer, leaned on her sink, then lifted our youngest daughter, all the while thanking God for what He had just done. Now, that's the God that we serve!—**Mark and Glenda Alphin**

**BOLIVIA:** The Sunday school department of Cochabamba was invited to participate in the city wide Children's Day sponsored by the Mayor and Social Services at the soccer stadium. Over 3,000 children from various orphanages arrived to watch the police department's K-9 unit demonstrate and other social services participated in the festivities. In the middle of it all Sister Dame, young people from various churches and AIMers **James Marse**

and **Jordan Gerlach** families, performed dramas, mimes and puppets presenting the plan of salvation. We were asked by several different organizations to go to their orphanages and minister to the children and staff.  
 —**Robert and Lisbeth Dame**

**AMERICAN SAMOA:** September 29, 2009, will be a day that will long be a terrible memory for many Samoans. An 8.3 earthquake and tsunami hit the islands of American Samoa, Samoa and the most northern island of Tonga, Niuatoputapu. The Lord was good and none of our church people were hurt!  
 —**Bennie and Pat Blunt**

**BOTSWANA:** **Sister Barbara Huston** from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and **Brother and Sister Rick Porter** from Swaziland blessed our National Ladies Conference with their ministries. There were many emotional and inner healings manifested in the faithful. New souls were filled with the Holy Ghost! We rejoiced as we "Reached for New Horizons," fulfilling our theme for this year's meeting.—**Ted and Patricia Grosbach**

## PROJECT OF THE MONTH: JORDANIAN CHURCH BUILDING

We are seeing open doors in the Husan/Irbid area of Jordan. They are requesting that we open a church for them in the Christian city of Husan. The King has granted us a Royal Decree to open this church, which is miraculous in the Middle East. We have the laborers and furnishings to put together a church building in little time.

The opportunity is now. We are in need of money to rent a building. This could cost us around \$6000.00 per year.

If you would like to assist in the rental of a church building, please send your donation to the Foreign Mission Division, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042. Designate your donation for **Hasan Church Building** or to account number **103.FA0210F.033215.21.2108\_41 75**. Any amount would help us rent a building and get this church started in the Husan/Irbid area.

**Don't forget to  
 include Foreign  
 Missions in your  
 estate planning.**

**Masthead Photo:** Brother Loudebin Delez, Regional Missionary to the island nation of Republic of Palau is pictured with Brother Richard Denny, Regional Director of the Pacific Region. Brother Delez is a missionary sent and supported by the United Pentecostal Church of the Philippines.