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Focal Points



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NEWS FROM GHANA

Just Having Church

Throughout the country, in regular church services, 178 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and 168 were baptized in Jesus' name.

Youth in Action

In one region, the youth became active in evangelism and outreach, and as a result thirty-two were baptized in Jesus' name and five received the Holy Ghost.

Paper Preacher Conversions

In one region 4,000 tracts were distributed and as a result nineteen were baptized in Jesus' name and twenty-two received the Holy Ghost. In another region, 3,000 tracts were distributed and so far five have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

ACTS Students Apprenticeship

Three of our students from other organizations have embraced the truth and were baptized in Jesus' name. Students helped a pastor with evangelism and tract distribution – four visitors came to the next Sunday service. Since then, five have been baptized in Jesus' name.

Gospel on 102.7 FM

A deacon has been preaching on the local radio station for three years now. The chief and elders in one town invited him to visit. As a result a church has been planted and thirty-nine have already been baptized in Jesus' name.

The Gift of Truth

A pastor and congregation from another denomination expressed their interest in the Oneness truth. So far, twenty-eight members have been baptized in Jesus' name and the other twenty-two will soon follow.

—Colleen Carter

Global Glimpses

RUSSIA: Our annual area leadership seminar, in the city of Yalta on the Black Sea Coast of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, provides key leaders from several nations with a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth, as well as the renewal of friendships shared with those of like precious faith. This fall's meeting was no exception. Our thanks to special speakers, **Brother and Sister Antonio Hibbert** from New York and **Brother and Sister Randy Briggs** from Norway.—**William and Elizabeth Turner**

INDONESIA: The Jakarta area Sunday school teachers recently had a special retreat where they rested, relaxed and were challenged and taught on the importance of Sunday school. The highlight of the event was on Saturday morning when the teachers visited Sister White's "Idea Factory." Sister White provided a workshop in which the teachers created their own puppets and teaching aids.—**Rodger and Margaret White**

ARGENTINA: On October 30, 2010, more than 700 came to celebrate twenty-four men and women that had dedicated themselves to two years of study and preparation for the work of the harvest. It was a fun filled night, a serious night and a night that was blessed with the presence and anointing of the Lord. **Brother Raúl DeAsis**, president of the United Pentecostal Church of Argentina, was our guest speaker. We were laughing one minute, shouting the next, and weeping the next. Diplomas were also handed out and prayer was given for the graduates. It was time for celebration, as seen in the masthead photo, and they did celebrate as only the Argentines can! At the end of the night, twenty-four entered the harvest field prepared to make a difference.—**Michael and Miriam Sponsler**

HUNGARY: The end of July took us to the nation of Hungary to minister at their national conference, as well as hold the first national Hungarian session for ladies. With a passion to teach and train the next generation for spiritual leadership, long monthly trips to Serbia were well worth every sacrifice as The Balkan Bible Institute graduated it's very first class in November. Special guests included **Reverend and Mrs. James Stark** of Ohio, and honored commencement speaker, **Foreign Missions Director Bruce Howell**.—**Roger and Becky Buckland**

SOUTH AFRICA: Brother Grosbach and Brotehr Davis teamed up for more leadership seminars in various districts of South Africa. True vision casters are emerging from the national leadership with a unity that can only result in great revival.—**Ted and Patricia Grosbach**
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Global Glimpses (Continued from page 1.)

CHILE: Heroes are in the headlines in Chile: earthquake, aftershocks, tsunami and the rescue of miners. We've all read the stories and watched it unfold. Behind the scenes stand Missionaries **Dan and Debbie Barkley, Shane and Dena Hayes** and our pastors who defend the front lines and the faith. Exciting things are happening in Chile! When homes and churches were destroyed or damaged, no services were cancelled.

Pastor Esteban Poblete, from Copiapo, reports that they have baptized the wife of the head of the rescue team and she received the Holy Ghost. Family members of the popular miner, Mario Gomez, have asked for a Bible study and literature to share with him.—**Darry and Kathy Crossley**

BELGIUM: This year God has truly blessed us with only the beginning of revival in Belgium and Luxembourg. The following are a few things that God has helped us with this year. We will continue to carry our mission into 2011. Sixty-three received the Holy Ghost,

twenty-nine were baptized, a new church was opened in the city of Aalst, we started a new evangelization program among our youth within the cities of Belgium and English classes were started as a way of outreach throughout the Brussels community.

—**Phil and Brenda Ciulla**

PARAGUAY: When Juan and Miriam decided to enroll their eldest son, Jeremias, in kindergarten at New Heights last year, they also decided to start attending the church as well. They started coming to church the very first Sunday after school opened and have been faithful ever since. They have seen God begin to move in their lives and family as they received weekly Bible studies. Miriam was filled with the Holy Ghost during a July evangelistic crusade at the Lambare church and she, Juan, Jeremias and her father were all baptized just a few weeks later.—**Joseph and Loretta Bir**

PROJECT OF THE MONTH: COMPASSION SERVICES INTERNATIONAL



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Masthead Photo: Bible school is a ministry of critical importance. Only by training and teaching will the church be able to send forth. The masthead photo is from the Argentine graduation celebration referenced on page 1.