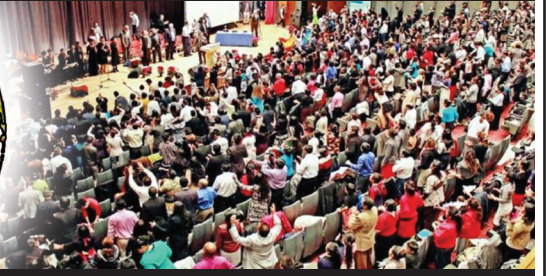


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Global Glimpses

SPAIN: We were so blessed to spend this past summer in Spain getting to know the church and country. The work was established in 1994 by missionaries **Gary and June Sones**, who were our hosts. They have done such an awesome work for God in Spain, and we appreciate them. Many souls received the Holy Ghost in the weeks we were there. It was a privilege to be present at the graduation ceremony for the very first graduating class of their full time Bible school. Sofia also had the opportunity to minister at a ladies conference in the Canary Islands and to organize a kid's service in Madrid. I had the opportunity to visit the work in Bilbao in the north of the country and Badajoz on the border with Portugal as well as be present at the youth conference held in the city of Zaragoza. — **Wayne and Sofia Monday**

REPUBLIC OF CROATIA: In August we had our first evangelism conference in Zagreb. We had ten new visitors who were very interested in what was going on. They felt the mighty presence of God, heard the good news preached by missionary **Mark Shutes** and a few were willing to be prayed for. They commented on how happy everyone was. We were joined by several other missionaries, national ministers and our **regional director, Brother and Sister Tuttle**. Five, who travelled from the eastern Croatia, received the Holy Ghost. There was much rejoicing!—**Radovan and Tanya Hajduk**

EL SALVADOR: Two new modular schools have been opened since our last report! The Instituto Bíblico Pentecostal of El Salvador is growing. In the last few months we have made major strides in updating the curriculum and bringing the school within international GATS guidelines. Sixty-two courses are currently being taught; fifty books have been updated and/or written; twelve more are in process; three levels of diploma have been instituted; and 150+ students are enrolled in this school year! The modular school in Santa Tecla began classes on October 20, with thirty students enrolled. Excitement is in the air, morale is up, and we are very excited about the great progress that we are seeing. — **Ken and Kay Burgess**

ARGENTINA: A wonderful presence of the Lord filled the building as the Instituto Bíblico Apostolico (Apostolic Bible Institute) celebrated the graduation of the class of 2012. As the commission was given and the ministry laid hands on the graduates, a tremendous presence of God began to flow. The students wept as they felt the gentle urging of the Holy Ghost to reach their country for the name of Jesus Christ. It was a beautiful time of worship, a serious time of the realization of the need in Argentina and a time of thanksgiving as the twenty-one graduates left for the harvest field.—**Michael and Miriam Sponsler**

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NEW BEGINNINGS IN THE PACIFIC



In August of 1993, the Global Missions board appointed our family as the first UPCI missionaries to the Czech Republic and Slovakia. While residing in Prague, God helped us establish the first UPC church in the nation located in the beautiful capital city, as well as found two Bible schools, complete with translated curriculum. We have also been honored to serve as Area Coordinator for the fourteen nations of Eastern Europe, the EME GATS Representative, and Sister Buckland as the EME Ladies Ministries Coordinator.

In October 2012, we received and accepted our appointment to become the regional director of the Pacific region, beginning January 1, 2013.

After giving so much of ourselves for over seventeen years in Eastern Europe, saying goodbye to a people we have grown to deeply love was not easy. We were honored to "Pass The Mantle" of leadership to a wonderful young Czech couple, Brother Jaromir and Michaela Žumár (pictured below), during the Czech Conference on November 9-11, 2012. —**Roger and Becky Buckland**



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NEW ZEALAND: A thankful heart reaps many blessings bringing joy both to the giver and receiver. We are thankful to share the blessings of your giving for God's glory in multicultural New Zealand. The challenges are many but the blessings are more. Over twenty nationalities were represented at our recent National Conference. We experienced such an intimacy with God. After a heartfelt message admonishing us to "Don't Miss the Boat," four children asked their grandmother if they could be baptized in Jesus' name! God's Spirit swept over the people in waves of repentance and Holy Ghost infilling. – **Bob and Judy Addington**

PAKISTAN: A number of exciting changes have been implemented at New Life Theological Seminary (NLTS) for this year. We are now offering a two-year Associate Degree following the course guidelines of the Global Association of Theological Studies. We are also preparing for the grand opening of our new building. We are most excited about having a new group of young men joining our college. In the past, our graduates have become pastors, district superintendents and even our national bishop is a graduate of our school. Only the Lord knows where these young men will take the gospel for the first time. God has given us an incredible opportunity to mold twenty-seven young men into His image. This is our largest class in the six years since we began working at NLTS. Three of our students (members of the Episcopalian church, Salvation Army and a Trinitarian Pentecostal work) all indicated that their pastors were adamant that NLTS is the best place to learn the Bible in all of Pakistan! This is a great endorsement considering these same men disagree with our doctrine. These local leaders know our teaching is from the Scriptures! Pray with us that all of these young men will be transformed by the Spirit and be set free to preach this gospel in His name! – **Curtis and Amanda Scott**



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NEWS FROM KENYA



In August 2012, we were greatly blessed in our annual general conference of the UPC of Kenya, to celebrate forty years of having the apostolic message proclaimed in Kenya! It was a very exciting time for all present.

Unfortunately our guest speaker had to cancel but the Lord's presence was still very evident in every service. We took some time to honor the pioneers of the work in Kenya and were blessed to have in the service several of those who were the first to be baptized in Jesus' name. The Lord demonstrated that He was still moving in his church by filling ten souls with the Holy Ghost. Seven people were also baptized in Jesus' name during the conference.

We want to give honor to all the missionaries and national workers who have made this possible. We also give God thanks for the faithful partners of the work here as without your support none of this would be accomplished. Today we have over 400 UPC churches and over 300 preachers all over Kenya.—**Patrick and Jean Groves**



MASTHEAD PHOTO: In December 2012, the UPCI in Spain held their General Conference in Madrid where 110 received the Holy Ghost!