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# Focal Points



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## Global Glimpses

**COSTA RICA:** After the Next Steps group left, we had two young women from Wisconsin, Elisha Thompson and Rachel Goebel, stay as AIMers (associate in missions) to help us here! They have been a blessing, helping with the Bible school, ministering in the churches, working with the youth and the children. They are being involved in all they can be. We thank the Lord for young people willing to serve God and be used in His work!

Over Thanksgiving week we had Hurricane Otto do damage to some of our churches in the north. They were without electricity and water. Additionally, the roads were washed out, there was damage to the churches and homes of our pastors. The president of the work and some other pastors including Brother Decker, went to deliver food and clothing! We are grateful to God for their safety!— **Larry and Elizabeth Decker**

**BRAZIL:** We have outgrown our ABI auditorium for seminars. Our Seminar Center, a huge project in Coroado (near downtown Manaus) has received, the last of twelve truckloads of cement for the upper floor slab. When finished, it should seat 1,200 ministers and students for seminars.

After two years of studying in classrooms, over two hundred will march the long aisle to graduate at Jerusalem Conference Center November 18th.

Our Cessna 172 and 206 float planes have had annual inspections and propeller overhauls that clears them for flying with periodic maintenance until 2021. The floating hangar has received some new beams and floor work. Only God gives us the

health and strength to happily continue on. Thousands of Brazilian saints join with us to thank you for your prayers and faithful support!—**Bennie and Theresa DeMerchant**

**FRANCE:** The UPC of France recently hosted the 33rd Annual European Youth Convention with an attendance of 1,300 people. Special guests were **Brother and Sister Michael Ensey**, president of the General Youth Division. Brother Ensey's anointed and impacting messages resulted in deep times of prayer around the altar and Holy Ghost outpouring. — **Paul and Darla Brochu**

**COLOMBIA:** We have continued visiting as many churches as possible in Colombia, with a desire and burden to be a blessing and to see lives touched and people filled with the Holy Ghost. We recently went to Pitalito and San Augustin, Huila. A very beautiful area of Colombia, with very friendly and lovable people who received us with open arms. A total of ten received the Holy Ghost in several services. There were several healed in their bodies, including a woman who had spinal column pain and problems, and another woman who had pain and problems in her hand after surgery. An eighteen year old pastor's son wanted the Holy Ghost. He prayed and didn't feel anything special and returned to the drums disappointed. He began to worship as he played and suddenly began playing "wild and fast" as the Holy Ghost fell upon him and he began to speak in other tongues!—**John and Vonda Guidry**



**CAMEROON:** We are in Yaoundé working on phase one of the building project. Our goal is to have it ready by January 1st so that they can start holding services there. Excitement is building as it progresses!

The youth group has been going on evangelism in the area and are anticipating the harvest in the community of the new site! Meanwhile services at the current location are being well attended and we have been experiencing a great move of God's Spirit! — **Rusty and Adriane Riddick**

**ARGENTINA:** Approximately 1,500 people, families and couples, gathered in Buenos Aires for the annual Restaurando Familias (Restoring Families) Conference. **Brother Samuel Mendezabal**, Houston, TX, founder and director of Restaurando Familias, was the guest speaker. There was a wonderful move of God in the services and to watch families and marriages strengthened and healed was beautiful to see.— **Michael and Miriam Sponsler**



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**UNITED KINGDOM:** Earlier this year we stopped our association with the local Food Bank as we found that we were not able to have an impact on the families like we had hoped. Due to local government restrictions, we were unable to get deeper in to the lives of the needy through Food Bank. Instead, we began our own food outreach in the form of Storehouse. For a very small membership fee, each family can shop our Storehouse and receive over \$35 worth of groceries. We also offer debt counseling, cooking on a budget and we can pray with and for people without interference from government agencies. In eight weeks we have been able to impact over 200 families. We give all glory to God for this opportunity to reach out— **John and Sherri Hemus**



## Masthead Photo



**MASTHEAD PHOTO:** Pictured are the families and couples, gathered in Buenos Aires for the annual Restaurando Familias (Restoring Families) Conference.



**Luke and Larissa Havens**  
Latvia



**James and Mary Catherine Beek**  
United Kingdom



**Nancy Mansfield**  
Middle East

Global Missions is proud to introduce the new missionaries appointed at the 2016 General Conference!



**Aaron and Tiffany Anderson**  
Brazil



**Troy and Jennette Wickett**  
Fiji/Solomon Islands



**Ken and Isabel Cooper**  
Brazil

