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Madagascar News



Annual Leadership Seminar

Each January, all of the top level leaders from national, regional, and district committees gather for a week of budgeting, planning and training. The following week these church leaders are joined by hundreds of ministers and wives from all over Madagascar. We have found this to be a great way to start each year! We are believing God that 2010 will be a great year in Madagascar. In this meeting, seeds of faith were sown of which we are already seeing results: water baptisms, Holy Ghost outpouring, and healings! Please continue to remember Madagascar in your prayers. It is due to your faithful support that our family is able to be a part of what God is doing in this great country.

2009 Evangelism Report

The United Pentecostal Church of Madagascar has 18 full-time evangelists that work across the island. They have reported that during the revivals held in 2009, a total of 5,722 people were filled with the Holy Ghost! The Missions and Evangelism Department also sponsored three crusades last year, during which there were 419 filled with the Holy Ghost and 110 baptized in Jesus' name! To God be the glory!—**Chris and Paula Richardson**



Global Glimpses

SCOTLAND: The Northern District of the United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain & Ireland has as its theme for this New Year, "Enlarge." Based on Isaiah 54:2, our desire is to see every saint, every minister and every church *enlarge* in their walk with God and in their harvest of souls. To that end, our district ministers' retreat and planning session was a great time of challenge, encouragement and charting of our course for 2010. We thank God for the dedicated ministers and their wives who are sacrificing to see this nation reached. Please join us in prayer that 2010 will be a year when our district will "enlarge," both spiritually and numerically.—**Robert and Jerolyn Kelley**

KENYA: We are so thankful for all that the Lord has done this past year here in Kenya. We have



personally seen several hundred filled with the Holy Ghost and many baptized in Jesus' name and healed by the power of God, all in the past

year. The church in Kenya is definitely experiencing revival! Much of what is happening is a result of your prayers and faithful support of the work of God here in East Africa. May the Lord richly reward you for your love and burden for the precious souls here in East Africa.—**Patrick and Jean Groves**

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Bro. Robin and Sis. Gwen Craft were our special guests for the La Romana Regional Conference. One of the people who received the Holy Ghost was a Trinitarian pastor who received the revelation of the Oneness and is now baptizing his church people in the name of Jesus! This church has now joined with the UPC! God is good! Twenty-seven received the Holy Ghost in the Santo Domingo regional conference in November!—**Steve and Kari Shirley**

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Europe / Middle East "Quick View"

- Ten Regional Missionaries are working in the EME region.
 - Spain Conference 2009 - more than 1,500 in attendance with 170 receiving the Holy Ghost.
 - United Arab Emirates - 12 received the Holy Ghost.
 - Jordan - 12 baptized and 16 received the Holy Ghost in recent weeks.
 - Netherlands Family Camp - 11 received the Holy Ghost and 4 were baptized.
 - Canary Islands - 25 received the Holy Ghost in one weekend.
 - We are happy to report another great year of revival with 1,741 baptized and 1,948 filled with the Holy Ghost.
- In the EME Region:**
- There are currently 55 Bible training programs with 1,400 students.
 - There are 101 missionaries under appointment.
 - 541 National Pastors and a 400% growth rate in 20 years.
 - Thirty-nine nations opened in the region since 1990.

Haiti Relief Update

To say that the response from our UPCI churches to the Haiti disaster has been incredible would be an understatement. Already, just over \$250,000 in cash contributions has been received along with enough medical and humanitarian supplies to fill three forty-foot shipping containers. Beyond the finances given there has been a tremendous mobilization of people to become involved. The 5 gallon bucket family packs and 1 gallon Ziploc bag personal care packs have literally involved thousands of our young people and children from all across North America. Many of our churches have become the focal point of their community's involvement in the Haiti disaster relief. Caravans of trucks, trailers and minivans have driven from as far as Texas, Tennessee and Pennsylvania to our staging area in Alexandria, Louisiana, to drop off supplies. Churches in Pakistan, Taiwan, Europe and South America have sent offerings for Haiti. We are truly the *United Pentecostal Church International*.

One forty-foot container full of medications, medical supplies, food, personal care packs and family packs donated by churches, businesses, schools and individuals is already on location in the Dominican Republic. The CSI medical team along with our missionaries, Ron and Terry Brian, and the saints of Haiti will distribute these supplies later this week and into the next. We will soon send two additional forty-foot containers full of supplies that will be distributed to the Haitian people. CSI will have an onsite coordinator in Haiti for the next 30 days to assist our missionaries and church leaders with the distribution of goods and the upcoming medical/humanitarian teams.

On behalf of CSI, our missionaries, and saints in Haiti, we want to say thank you to our great fellowship for your love, compassion and involvement in helping Haiti. This disaster, like none other I've seen, has gotten so many personally involved, and we are simply overwhelmed by the goodness of God's people and their confidence in the ministry of CSI. Current updates and photos can be found at foreignmissions.com/news.asp or at compassionservices.org/news.

Scotty Slaydon

PROJECT OF THE MONTH: HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

In January, Haiti was rocked by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake. The capital city of Port-au-Prince was left in shambles with hundreds of thousands of people dead or missing. Immediately, Compassion Services International mobilized and has since been conducting humanitarian missions. To date, over \$250,000 has been received as well as enough medical supplies to fill three 40' containers. Personal care kits have been passed out and clinics have been conducted but there is still a need for liquid antibiotics, vitamins and other supplements, especially for mothers and children. If you would like to donate for this cause, please send your donation to the Foreign Missions Division, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042. Please designate your donation for account number:

103.FC0410F.033325.92.9206. __.3995 or Haiti Earthquake Relief.

Masthead Photo:

CSI has been integral in collecting medical supplies for the people of Haiti. Along with medical supplies, personal donations have also been made, such as this teddy bear.



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BARCELONA: After almost three terms in Mexico, we find ourselves starting our third term in the nation of Spain. As we look back over the past eleven years, it can be said that God has blessed us in a wonderful way. The UPC of Spain had three churches and about 70 constituents. Today, there are 37 United Pentecostal Churches with over 4,500 constituents.—

Gary and June Sones

GHANA: Three Portable Bible School students were baptized in Jesus' name after the graduation service. A Trinitarian pastor was baptized in Jesus' name. This was an Internet contact from one of our pastors in the United States. Six were baptized in Jesus' name during Portable Bible Schools International classes. Two received the Holy Ghost and were then baptized in Jesus' name at yet another Portable Bible School class.—

Colleen Carter

FRANCE: The purpose of every program of the church is the salvation of sinful souls. In France we have a population of people from almost every nation on earth. What a mission field! They all need salvation that's found only in the Lord

Jesus Christ. Many of them are responding to the gospel and are being saved. All of them have the same experience as the converts in the Book of Acts – repentance, water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost. During our 26th European youth convention, Brother



Harold Linder preached anointed, timely messages from the Word of God that brought the hundreds of young people from many nations to their feet in worship,

to the altar in tearful repentance and consecration, and to their knees in serious dedication to higher service for the Lord. Our youth is on fire for God!—



Sam and Pat Balca

SOUTH KOREA: God has opened doors for us this year. One of our deacons taught Bible studies to groups of other faith. We baptized six elders, three deacons and three church members in the precious name of Jesus.—

E. J. Kim