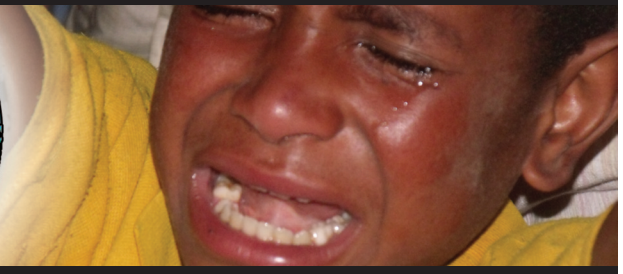


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# Focal Points



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## Global Glimpses

**SCOTLAND:** It has been our privilege to become acquainted with a new group of people who are meeting on the Isle of Man which is a small island country in the Irish Sea. We thank God for these precious people who desire to follow truth and evangelize their nation. This work has now become a part of the United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain and Ireland. Pray for the work in the Isle of Man to grow and prosper. Pray that a revelation of truth will be given to people who are regularly attending services.—**Robert and Jerolyn Kelley**

**ARGENTINA:** We recently had the privilege of being in a service in the southern part of Buenos Aires. **Brother Carlos Lando** is the pastor of the church and is reaching out into the streets. After the service, on Pentecost Sunday, he and the church went on a fifty day fasting and prayer chain, with services every night during the time of the fasting and prayer. At least twenty-one received the Holy Ghost, at least seventeen were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and several notable miracles of healing and deliverance took place during this special time. It was a powerful service in which a young girl was delivered from demon possession and the presence of the Lord was so strong. Fifty days of prayer, fasting and seeking God brought tremendous results!—**Michael and Miriam Sponsler**

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** We were blessed and privileged to preach at the National Sunday School Conference. It may have started with some 'clowning around,' but it sure ended with God meeting hungry children. Many baptized and filled with God's Spirit in a life-changing weekend.—**Peter and Robyn Gratton**



**FRANCE:** During the recent annual youth convention in France, twelve people received the wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost! The European Region was blessed to have

**Reverend Shay Mann**, youth president of the United Pentecostal Church International, present to preach these meetings.—**Paul and Darla Brochu**

**BANGLADESH:** We thank the Lord for the tremendous Sunday school training seminar which was held recently in the capital and for the Sunday school ministers that are sweeping the nation with the gospel of Jesus Christ! We will conduct follow up training sessions with Sunday school ministers every six months. In a recent Sunday school outreach, approximately thirty children and twenty adults were impacted and moved by the gospel of Jesus Christ.—**James and Elizabeth Corbin**

**TOGO:** After many years of dreaming and preparing and almost three years of hard work by many people, the dream of a new Bible school facility in Togo has come true. And beautiful it is!



The dedication was held on September 17, 2010. Those attending and officiating at the dedication included Regional Director **Jerry Richardson** and **Pastor and Mrs. James E. Carney** (Columbia, MS). Also attending were a host of fellow missionaries, pastors, local church members, and friends. Thanks to all who gave and worked to see this dream come true.—**Randy and Carolyn Adams**

**MEXICO:** The evening service in our District Conference found the hall filled with the churches from the city of Oaxaca. Three years ago there were about sixty believers in the city. However, in this service, close to 300 people came together to worship! Thank God for the growth in Oaxaca! Nine received the Holy Ghost in this service!—**Scott and Linda Guinn**

### Regional "Quick View"

#### **Dominican Republic and Leeward Islands:**

- Over 420 received the Holy Ghost in 2010.

- Seven graduated from Bible school program and 125 students enrolled this year.

- Five visiting groups (Indiana Bible College, Florida District Men's group, Louisiana Men's group, Missouri Youth on Missions, Mississippi sectional Pastors on Missions).

- Four church buildings built.

#### **France:**

- 27th Annual Youth Convention was held and hundreds of expectant, excited youth were led to glorious levels of revival and commitment to the work of God.

- 16th graduation exercises of the French Bible Institute. Nine more graduates joined the ranks of workers in the Lord's harvest field of France and Monaco, equipped to bring in the harvest of souls.

- Constant stream of conversions, baptisms and Holy Ghost infillings in all our 15 churches and preaching points throughout France.

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**SRI LANKA:** **Brother Sivabalasingham**, who is one of our Bible college graduates, is presently pastoring seven places of worship in district one of our national work in the mountain areas of the country. He is doing a tremendous job and working untiringly to proclaim this saving message. We have bought him a motorcycle as he has to travel hundreds of miles throughout each week to minister at various places where he conducts regular weekly services. He, along with his wife and three children, are a blessing to the UPC of Sri Lanka.—**Prince and Suzana Mathiasz**

**GHANA:** What a blessed time in the presence of the Lord as an average of 450 ladies lifted their hands in worship, danced before the Lord, and gave Him all the glory in a recent ladies conference! Twenty-two received the Holy Spirit and twenty-seven testified of healing. **Sister Nancy Shirley** and **Sister Cylinda Nickel** did a fabulous job speaking, impacting our ladies to go forward in Jesus' name.—**Colleen Carter**

**UGANDA:** In January 2011, we were privileged to be a part of Uganda's General Conference. **Brother David Bernard**, the General Superintendent of the UPCI, was the guest speaker. Nine Trinitarian pastors were baptized in Jesus' name and are interested in becoming a part of our church. Sixty-eight souls received the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues. Thirteen others were also baptized in Jesus' name.—**Jim and Karen Crumpacker**

**UNITED KINGDOM:** Our U.K. National Conference was held in Llandudno, Wales, August 3-6, 2010. This year, **Brother and Sister Anthony Mangun**, **Brother and Sister T. F. Tenney**, **Brother Gentry Mangun** and Because of the Times blessed us with the Word, worship and praise. It was an awesome time in the Lord with thirty-seven receiving the Holy Ghost! Many were also healed and delivered! We give God honor and thanks for this. We also thank God that many of the European missionaries were able to attend. We

are already looking forward to Conference 2011!—**John and Sherri Hemus**

**BELARUS:** Evangelist **Michael Bower** traveled to Magadon (Siberia/Russia), Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Moscow, while **Regional Missionary Alexander Baron** traveled from an area in Russia near Japan across thousands of miles ministering in villages and cities. Brother Bower ministered in Magadon, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Moscow. The Lord filled around fifty-two with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-nine were baptized in Jesus' name. God granted many miracles of healing to confirm truth. A lady that was blind is now seeing and reading posters on the wall of the church in front of the congregation. God opened deaf ears, the crippled walked, tongues were loosed, hearts were healed, tormenting spirits came out, tumors shrank, a crippled foot was healed, and drug addicts were delivered.

While in Kazakhstan they met with a pastor from Tajikistan. This pastor is willing to organize a meeting with several other pastors for healing, Holy Ghost rallies, and a seminar on the oneness of God and baptism in Jesus' name. By God's grace this will happen next summer.

Brother Alexander Baron has opened many churches and preaching points all over the Commonwealth of Independent States. He just got back from a trip across Russia (Siberia), where he formed one new church and opened five new preaching points. He baptized three on this trip, and twelve received the Holy Ghost.—**Mark and Robin Shutes**



**Masthead Photo:** Many children were baptized and filled with God's Spirit in a life-changing weekend during the national Sunday school conference in Papua New Guinea.

## PROJECT OF THE MONTH:

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION  
IN TONGA



The most northern group of islands in the Kingdom of Tonga, the Vava'u group, consists of thirty-four islands, twenty-one of which are inhabited. We have a pastor as well as a growing congregation there but no church building in which to gather.

We were able to purchase land for the purpose of building a church but are in need of \$25,000.00 to construct the building. The land, pictured above, is located on the capital island in the city of Neiafu.

If you would like to help, please send your donation to the Foreign Missions Division, 8855 Dunn Rd, Hazelwood, MO 63042, designated for **Tonga Building Fund** or to account number **103.FA0411F.033215.21.2101.1.286.**



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