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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

PARAGUAY: Last year a new addition of offices and a kitchen/lunchroom was built onto New Heights Christian School, relieving the strain on the space and facilities at the central church. Also, government approval was granted to open the next grade, which means the Christian education is now available for preschool through the seventh grade. Many thanks to all who have given and who continue to give in support of New Heights School and the children and families whose lives and futures are being changed one day at a time.—**Vlad and Kim Goodrum**

GUATEMALA: The Institute of Pentecostal Ministries had 393 students enrolled in 2011. We rejoice with the thirty ministerial graduates pictured to the right! There are currently fifty-seven teachers and ten training programs held throughout the nation! It is our desire to make training available to all our pastors and leadership.—**Brad and Regina Thompson**



BARCELONA: It was our goal this past year to start another church in the Barcelona area. After months of prayer and planning, in September we started a new church in the city of Cornellá (a suburb of Barcelona). The Lord has blessed us in this endeavor, and this new work is now averaging over thirty-five in attendance in only five short months. We give God all the glory for what He is doing.—**Nathan and Tanya Harrod**

BANGLADESH: In November 2011, we had our first UPC of Bangladesh ladies seminar which approximately fifty ladies were blessed to attend. The Lord moved in a mighty way, and many were healed in Jesus' name and thirteen received the Holy Ghost.—**James and Elizabeth Corbin**

CYPRUS: On December 11th, I travelled to and preached in Larnaca, Cyprus. In that service two souls were water baptized. One of those baptized was beautifully renewed in the Holy Ghost.—**Mark and Mariann Starin**

GHANA: The first extension Bible school graduation was a success in Tamale. Eight completed the Certificate level of the GATS program.

In the Upper East region, fifty-five were baptized in Jesus' name, five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and several reported healing.—**Colleen Carter**

MALTA: In November, Christian Life Center held the first Foundations of Faith Conference in Malta. **Reverend George Craft**, Europe missionary, ministered the Word of the Lord in a mighty way. **Larry Carter**, guitarist from Doniphan, Missouri, ministered through music and his testimony. Lives were changed and one received the Holy Ghost. **Larry Ruiz**, from Junction City, Kansas, helped with outreach, altar work, and giving his testimony during the conference. We are thankful for the prayer support for this meeting. The Lord continues to open doors, and He is doing marvelous things in the island nation of Malta. Revival! Glory!—**Kirby and Mary Parker**

AFRICA REGION: Developing leaders is the constant goal of growing fields. While reaching new people, we must assure that there will be able leadership for every field. Sub-regional conferences in West Africa, East Africa, and Southern Africa help to assure this. The area coordinators for each of these areas continue to do an outstanding job with their sub-regions. The development of national church leaders in the past five years has been unbelievable. To the Lord Jesus goes all the glory and praise!—**Jerry and Vickie Richardson**

SOUTH KOREA: We had our Youth Winter Retreat from January 9th-12th, and fifteen of our youth received the Holy Ghost. We are so thankful for what God has done for us! About seventy to eighty youth got together in Jesus' name. We enjoyed a wonderful presence of God. The Lord surely visited with us.—**E.J. Kim**

Repairs in the Amazon

On December 22, 2011, we received word of an urgent need only we could solve. An Indian village of a thousand people was without electricity a month due to a lightning strike. Christmas would come with total blackness; no water pumps, or sound system, etc. Could we help these Hiscariano Indians in the jungle? They were praying for the impossible!

We gathered together all possible electrical materials and took off in our seaplane on a two hour flight over the jungle with one of our church electricians, Brother Itamar Sales. After four hours of work, the lights flashed on. Normal again! This kind of response even in the city by government or private sector over Christmas is all but impossible. At the same time we, in a city of two million people, were out of basic internet services for two weeks, requesting maintenance with no response.

—**Bennie and Theresa DeMerchant**, missionaries to Brazil

HAITI: During November 2011, we were blessed to have **Brother and Sister Bernard**, general superintendent of the UPCI, and **Brother and Sister Howell**, general director of Global Missions, visit Haiti. We appreciate their taking the time to make a personal visit to witness the rebuilding and revival that has been made possible by the generosity of the United Pentecostal Church International and Compassion Services International following the devastating earthquake of 2010. Together we have made a difference!—**Ron and Terry Brian**



PAKISTAN: After we returned to Pakistan in January, we went right to work. While we were away, the construction crew was busily working on our new Bible college campus. Two floors are being built now with a third to be added shortly. This new campus will not only allow us to move forward with our educational plans for this nation, but it will also host pastors' conventions and other national meetings. Most of all we are looking forward to having full facilities again as we now have twenty-four students living in three bedrooms and taking many classes outside.—**Curtis and Amanda Scott**

EGYPT: After being in contact with a young pastor, and giving him a copy of the Arabic translation of Brother Bernard's book, *The Oneness of God*, he excitedly declared it had answered his many questions. He now preaches the truth! Another lady had been studying the subject and was impressed that she had come "home" when she entered our service for the first time as we were singing the simple song, "There's Just One God."—**Mokhles and Teresa Sedra**

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: A total of 164 of the highest leadership met together in August of 2011 for our 14th annual conference for the sectional presbyter, district presbyters, Bible school faculty and national department directors. **Pastor Anthony and**

Mickey Mangun, Pastor Terry and Melanie Shock along with **Pastor Raymond Woodward** challenged us with their anointed ministry. We enjoyed three days and eighteen sessions of vision and direction from the Lord! We were blessed to have delegates from Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan in attendance.—**David and Kathy Brott**

MEXICO: After finishing deputation last year, we settled into a new home and city. Guadalajara is the second largest city in Mexico, and we immediately were immersed into the activities here in the Oeste district. We came to Guadalajara with our first goal being the construction of a Bible school. As you can see from the photo, we have



completed the first phase and will begin the second phase in the

near future! We are so thankful to Brother Jerry Dean and The Pentecostals of Bossier City, Louisiana, for sharing in our vision and dream of a Bible school in this great city. We held our first semester in June-July of 2011. We were blessed with a group of thirty full-time students. When the facilities are complete, we will be able to house 100 students at a time.—**Steve and Danita Drost**



Masthead Photo: Sister Kline teaching and training the ladies with the gospel of Jesus Christ for ministry in Lesotho.

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