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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

CAMEROON: Since we transferred to Yaounde, the capital city, God has opened doors for several churches and two organizations to affiliate with the UPC of Cameroon. We are seeing pastors and saints being baptized in water and Spirit as they receive the revelation of one God and baptism in Jesus' name.—**Terry and Cheryl Riddick**

NICARAGUA: On December 23, 2012, we ministered in Managua, Nicaragua, where nine received the Holy Ghost in this Christmas weekend service (pictured below). We are so thankful to be able to see His mighty power manifest itself when His people pray and believe Him to do the miraculous!—**Jayson and Nellie Long**



MALTA: The year 2012 was a great year for the work in Malta. The Lord continued to open doors in various parts of the island. A precious young man was baptized in the name of Jesus shortly before we left in early November. We are so thankful that the Lord made a way for **Matt and Mabelle Gastineau** and their three sons, Elijah, Seth, and Jacob, from Ohio, to come to Malta as AIM workers. They will be overseeing the work in Malta while we are traveling on deputation.—**Kirby and Mary Parker**

EL SALVADOR: Not only are new churches being started, but "old" churches are celebrating also! Centro Vida Church, one of the original works of the UPCI of El Salvador, recently celebrated its 36th church anniversary! Started in December of 1976, this church has had only three pastors and occupied two buildings! This celebration was especially poignant this year, as they held open-air services on the new property recently purchased



for the construction of a new facility. For many years they have held three services on Sunday in their current facilities to accommodate the crowds. On this celebration day, over 550 people were present under the big tent in the first service and seventeen received the Holy Ghost.—**Ken and Kay Burgess**

URUGUAY: Equipping new leaders with a diverse set of ministry skills is key in establishing a self-propagating church. We continue to work with our pastors and training centers throughout Uruguay to accomplish this goal. Pictured below is the graduation ceremony of our second-year students in Nuevo Berlin. I don't think I have seen a prouder group of graduates as they marched down the aisle to receive their certificates. These are our first graduates of the GATS program and our expectations are high as they prepare to launch into different areas of ministry. We hope to open churches in Fray Bentos, Mercedes and Young with the help of these men and women. Looking forward, we have a promise of a good number of students in our five training centers in Uruguay. Join with us as we pray for laborers of the harvest!—**Michael and Ivonne Walmer**



KENYA: In two months, a total of 186 were baptized in Jesus' name, 215 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 356 healed of various infirmities. There were also 166 home Bible studies taught, two new preaching points established, and forty-five backsliders restored. At the national youth conference, thirty-one were filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-six were baptized and eighteen healings were reported.—**Jim and Karen Crumpacker**

ASIA REPORT

GOLDEN TRIANGLE: Pastor VA Guidroz of Dallas, Texas, donated funds for the main leader a tribal church to purchase a truck for evangelism. Since this purchase many new villages have been reached and Bible studies have been given to the animist people, resulting in many new converts.

BANGKOK: This Church continues to grow spiritually and in attendance. Leadership training progresses and practical application is immediate. We have a midweek Bible study and now a church on Sunday nights in Pattaya. There is also another new church on the north side of the city of Bangkok. Our main Sunday morning service became too full so the Lord provided direction and we relocated to a larger facility!

CAMBODIA: Two Filipino people were baptized in the name of Jesus. **S e v e n t e e n** Cambodians received the Holy Ghost and ten were baptized in the name of Jesus. —**Robert and Gayle Frizzell**

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BOLIVIA: One of the first churches that we visited since being in Bolivia is the one in Villa Satelite, also known as Chilimarca. It was a church that we pastored for a while in 2009. It was wonderful to preach there again and to see many of the same people that were there before, especially the ones that we baptized. More importantly, there are many new people and the church has continued to grow under its new pastor. Since 2009, they have added on to the original building, but that building is now almost full and they are looking forward to building a completely new building later this year.—**James and Stacey Marse**

TAIWAN: We are currently endeavoring to start a new work on the east side of Taiwan. We have made contact with some wonderful people, one family especially. The father passed away suddenly and needless to say, all the family is grieving. The youngest son, John, is taking this very hard, for the whole load of personal business has been dropped on him. Please put John Jung on your prayer list. We had a long talk with John and he is looking for ways to make an impact on this community. We began to let John know the power and love of Jesus. We do believe that the Lord sent us to John. We also believe that the Lord wants to use him to impact this community with the gospel.—**Leonard and Ping-Lan Richardson**

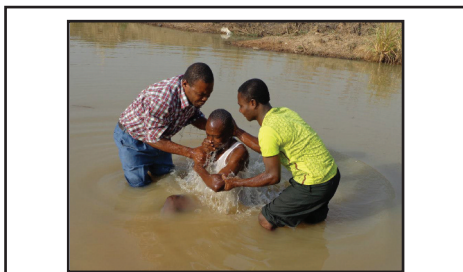
CHILE: Sister Yamila is attending university in Santiago, studying Early Childhood Development. In the course of her studies, she was invited to go to a government operated home for



abused children. She and a group of people from the churches in the Santiago area, as well as other students from the university, began to visit

this home on a regular basis. The staff have told this group that when they are there, the children feel something they have never felt before. They sing, teach a Bible lesson and pray with the children. Many of them have been deeply moved by these visits. We are so excited about this open door that God has provided and our people are doing their best to walk through it.—**Dan and Debbie Barkley**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: During the weekend of the November 17, 2012, we celebrated an important event for the church, a groundbreaking ceremony for the new construction about to commence on the Bible school compound. We are planning to build a new headquarters, Bible school classrooms, dormitories complete with kitchen and washing facilities and plumbed restrooms! Everyone was very excited to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony. We were privileged to have the Lord Mayor of Goroka, Mr. Bin Hulotove, and many more VIP guests who attended our special day. After the ceremony we ate a fabulous feast comprising of twelve pigs and much more! All of our ministers from around the country were in attendance and were all amazed and overjoyed! Pictured below is the ribbon cutting ceremony for construction to begin.—**Richard and Andrea Carver**



Masthead Photo: A man is baptized in Tamale Metropolitan District located in Ghana on January 27, 2013.


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