

May 2012 Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

WINDWARD ISLANDS: We are so happy to report that our first deputation has been completed! It has truly been an adventure and we treasure each friend and missions partner that has been made along the way. It is only because of your generosity and faithful giving that we are able to serve the Windward Islands and help bring revival to the region. We hope to bring you great reports throughout the coming years from the nations of Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Barbados, Dominica, Martinique and Guadeloupe. - **Devin and Brandi Doyle**

ESTONIA: Since the Tallinn church launch last September, we have been meeting at a cultural center located right in the middle of Tallinn's most densely populated area. Our weekly Sunday school has had a total of seventeen kids. Most of them walk by themselves from their homes in the neighborhood. Among the kids who have become regulars are a handful of pre-teens who are learning about the new birth experience, prayer and reading the Bibles they've been given for the first time. With song services in Estonian and Russian, Elujõe kogudus (River of Life Church) is experiencing a steady flow of visitors from all walks of life. Meanwhile, three new Bible studies have been started. - **Nate and Ingunn Turner**

BANGLADESH: We are working very closely with a new church in Dhaka, and every week we have many new visitors. We are excited about what God is doing in this area of our city. There is a population of 16 million in Dhaka city alone, and there is much need for evangelization. Ninety souls were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ in the Dinajpur District in November 2011. In December, I visited a village in

the southern part of Bangladesh. As forty villagers gathered with us outdoors, we began to worship and praise God. I preached a message entitled "The Reason He Came," and ten souls were filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. To God be the glory! - **Patrick and Sandy Miller**

NICARAGUA: Young people from Toledo, OH, and Madison, WI, came to minister in Nicaragua. They ministered in León, Masaya and Managua, and a total of fifty-one Nicaraguans were filled with



the baptism of the Holy Ghost! As the young people reached out to others,

they found that God also changed their lives. What a tremendous difference can be made when dedicated people with a burden give of themselves on the mission field! These young people raised the funds for all the paint in the downstairs part of the new Bible school construction, and then proceeded to actually paint it! Thank you, **Pastor Mark Jordan**, for coming to Nicaragua and making this trip possible! - **Stephen and Yvonne Nix**



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Prayer Circle in Paris

2012 began with a special time of prayer and fasting for the churches of France. One of the events headed by the headquarters church was a prayer circle around the city of Paris. Members mostly from the Melun church, but also from other churches around the Paris area, gathered to pray at each of thirty-three "portes" (exits) around the "périphérique" (loop around the city). Two buses dropped off Christians in groups of two or more to pray for about an hour at each exit. In this way we completely surrounded the city.

For the first time ever approximately 120 or so participated in creating this prayer hedge. The experience was described variously as a barrier or wall around Paris, and also as Jesus placing His arms around it.

It was an amazing event to participate in, and we feel a special blessing when we look back on it.

- **Marcus and Renee Brainos**

Global Glimpses continued.

TANZANIA: During our annual regional conferences throughout Tanzania, thousands attended daytime seminars and evening crusades. Over 200 were filled with the Holy Ghost and scores were baptized in Jesus' name. Many repented or heard the gospel message for the very first time in their lives. - **Richard and Pamela Smoak**

BURKINA FASO: The church in Burkina Faso is aggressively sending the gospel to the north of the country. We have just purchased our first piece of property in Kaya. **Pastor John Bapste Nabaloum** has begun construction of the church. The church is being started in a primarily Muslim area. We believe that God has given us favor in Kaya as we press into the Islamic communities. Pastor John Bapste will begin services in the city following his Bible school graduation in April.

Bible School Update: We currently have fifteen students enrolled in the GATS Bible school program. There are six new students this semester including one from the country of Mali. We are very excited to watch God open the door to this country. - **Ken and Ginny Cantrell**

PHILIPPINES: In the Philippines our daughter work in Maya, Cebu, is moving to their own (fully paid for) property! In one week in February, six more were baptized in Jesus' name, making a total of thirty-three baptized in water and seven Holy Ghost-filled so far this year. - **Kevin and Lolita Vacca**

NEW CALEDONIA: Our family had the privilege to visit the outer island of

Ouvéa for the first time during the month of January. We are thankful for the door that God has opened on this island and the new contacts there. Also, remember the town of Bourail in your prayers as we have been invited to start teaching in a home there. This is a town about ninety miles north of where we live. - **Eddy and Della Mae Kennedy**

**GLOBAL ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
Nicaragua and Costa Rica**

In October, a two day faculty development seminar was held in Nicaragua. Forty-five teachers were present from Nicaragua and ten from Costa Rica. Certificates were extended to twenty-seven teachers who had successfully completed eighteen of the Advanced Educators lessons. We are planning an exclusive seminar for Costa Rica in 2012 to be able to meet some of their specific needs.

Guatemala

Forty-nine teachers from Guatemala have completed advanced study classes to upgrade their Bible school diplomas to GATS Associate Degree level. They have dedicated many extra hours over a three year period to accomplish this. We are grateful to several North America leaders who were our guest instructors.

Panama

In February, Steve Nix traveled to Panama and held an Introductory faculty education seminar with eighteen teachers and administrators. We spent considerable time presenting GATS and worked with the administration to develop a plan of transition to GATS curriculum. Since then the UPC of Panama has submitted a letter of intent and are presently working on the application process. A second seminar is being planned for 2012.

**Project of the Month
Property in
Colombia
"Campo Jireh"**

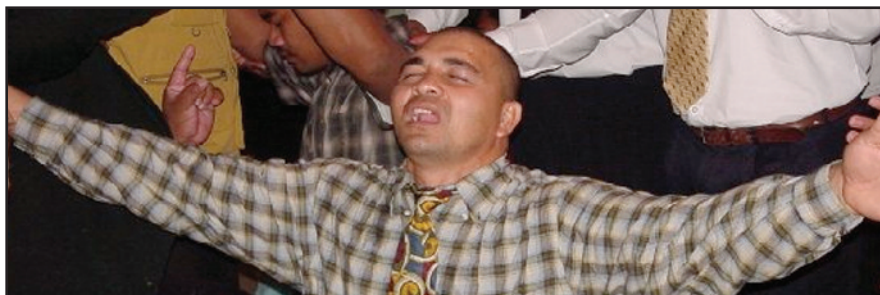
For several years, the church in the country of Colombia has been trying to raise funds for a centrally located property which would benefit the entire work. They have plans to host various events including youth camps, ladies retreats, Sunday school retreats, and national conferences, as well as a building complex for pastors in their retired years.

The project is called "Campo Jireh," and they need funds to finalize the purchase of the property and to begin the building process. Helping the Colombians accomplish a project such as this will greatly impact future generations of UPCI saints in that country.

If you would like to assist the work in Colombia, please send your donations to:

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Designate your offering to **Campo Jireh** or to project account number **103.FA0512F.033215.21.2107_6030.**



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MASTHEAD PHOTO: Bennie Blunt, missionary to Tonga, recently held a successful national youth camp in Tonga. This camp blessed the island with the presence of God as young people rededicated their lives to Him.