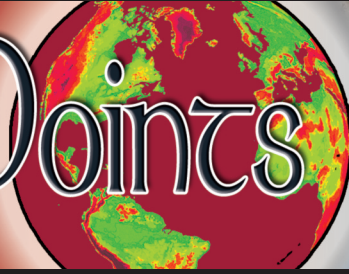


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Global Glimpses

COSTA RICA

BOTSWANA: There was great excitement as the youth from five different countries gathered in Gaborone, Botswana, for Bible quizzing. This year UPC Gaborone, took the crown from Zambia. For the first time, Swaziland participated and they left with a vow to become champions next year. It was so wonderful to see the young people share their various cultures, languages, and love for God's Word. Next year the competition will be held in Livingstone, Zambia. We have hopes of Namibia, Lesotho, and Malawi joining us next year. Thanks to **Reverend Dixon Pillay**, for organizing the program. Thanks to all the team masters. We applaud the youth for their dedication and sacrifice. - **Ted and Patricia Grosbach**

NEW ZEALAND: The One In Christ (OIC) Joint Conference is history, to God be the Glory! The New Zealand national work under Reverend Ringa HeiHei separated in 1995. The UPCI New Zealand Ministries formed after our return from deputation that term. This conference represents our first effort at a joint conference. We were greatly blessed to have General Superintendent **David K. Bernard** and Pacific Regional Director **Roger Buckland** speak at this momentous occasion. Their messages were so timely, inspired, anointed and instructional, exploring areas of Apostolic focus, identity, unity, and missions. Thank God for this tremendous breakthrough! Years ago God's pen wrote the song "Prayer Prevails" on the heart of Sister **Judy Addington** during a prayer conference, which she taught the choir to sing. These timeless words etched in the minds and hearts of the New Zealand saints, and sung again at this conference, gives proof to the power of prayer! - **Bob and Judy Addington**

COLOMBIA: We arrived in Bogotá, Colombia, on Wednesday, January 22, and were serenaded by a group of Colombian pastors and saints who came to pick us up. They greeted us openly in a crowded airport with guitar music, singing, balloons and flowers for **Sister Guidry**. We now have our apartment set up and have already begun working for the Lord, visiting churches and teaching and preaching the Word of God. Keep us in your prayers that we can be a blessing to the churches of Colombia. - **John and Vonda Guidry**

DEPUTATION: During a service in Kennewick, Washington, a lady who had been suffering from neuropathy throughout her body was wonderfully and totally healed by the power of the name of Jesus Christ. Follow up visits to the doctors have totally astounded them as they have stated she is completely normal with no sign of any sickness. One doctor told her that 'no doctor did this as we didn't know how to treat you. This is a miracle!' What a great and awesome God we serve! This deputation we have been blessed to see several miracles of healing take place during services. We have been blessed to see a young man facing rotator cuff surgery take his arm sling off and declare: 'I have no pain and have total movement!' We've been blessed to see at least two ladies with back pain instantly delivered. We live in the day of miracles, signs and wonders, not only on the mission field, but here in the US as well. God is doing a great work in these last days and to God be the glory! - **Michael and Miriam Sponsler**

We are excited at what more God is going to do in Costa Rica this year! We are looking forward to the reports of **more baptisms, more people receiving the Holy Ghost, more licensed ministers, more Bible school graduates, even more churches, many more preaching points, more testimonies, and the list goes on.**

What a privilege to be a part of the work of God! We are thankful for each state and each church we visited last year. We are thankful for all of the new partners we have and we look forward to many more new partners in 2014!

- **Paul and Stephanie Rivero**

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MADAGASCAR: The year 2013 was a great year in Madagascar! We are still compiling reports from local churches but we know that we saw unprecedented revival across the island nation. Many new church plants and preaching points, revivals, Holy Ghost crusades, children's evangelism, teacher training seminars, leadership training, Bible school training, ladies conferences, youth camps, and many souls baptized in Jesus' name and filled with His Holy Spirit! We were so blessed by the ministry of **Reverend and Sister David K. Bernard**, General Superintendent of the UPCI. We had a great conference week with 2,075 filled with the Spirit! - **Chris and Paula Richardson**

TANZANIA: Thirty-five students, pictured below, gathered at the main campus of the E. L. Freeman Bible Institute in Moshi for the final course of the diploma level of GATS (Global Association of Theological Studies). Of the four subjects taught, only one was taught by missionary personnel! As Paul admonished Timothy to teach those who will then be able to teach others, we are seeing this develop among the leaders and teachers in Tanzania. - **Richard and Pamela Smoak**



FINLAND: Over the last year, with the help of our interpreter, Sirpa, we have been teaching a Bible study to a couple that we met in July 2011. We recently learned that they had been encouraging each of their daughters to attend "at least one Bible study," as it was "different" than anything they had experienced before in church attendance. Over the last two months, each of their daughters have taken part at least once, and two have attended nearly every week, with one deciding to purchase her own Bible! In everyday common American vernacular, "This is huge!" We ask that you pray for the Puuska family as we continue to teach them from the Word of God.- **Mark and Glenda Alphin**

Institut de Theologie Apostolique - Burundi

Pastor Kevin Borders taught Life of Christ to forty-five students through Kiswahili and Kirundi translators. Without a Bible school building in the country of Burundi, classes are held in Bujumbura churches. Students sit in chairs without desks, balancing books and notebooks on their knees to take notes and write tests. Even taking a test without a desk, these students are still thrilled to be in Bible school. Property has already been purchased for the Bible school facilities. Please be in prayer concerning the need for a Bible school building in Burundi.



Project of the Month Czech Building Maintenance

The Czech church has been able to secure additional space next to the main church in the city of Prague. This space is currently being used for storage and will undergo renovations to be used for training and education. Once renovated, this space will be used for Sunday school as well as Bible school training.



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MASTHEAD PHOTO

MASTHEAD PHOTO: We praise the Lord for five that were baptized in water in Jesus' name, as well as the twelve who received the Holy Ghost, on Sunday March 2, 2014, in Zambia.