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# Focal Points

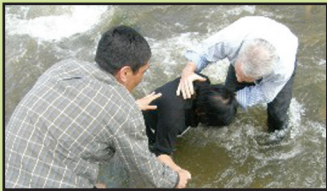


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## Global Glimpses

**PORTUGAL:** During the National Convention of Portugal, the Lord filled twenty new souls with the Holy Ghost, and in special services afterwards, six more souls were filled with the Holy Ghost. **Brother Bruce Howell, Brother Robert Rodenbush** and **Brother Oscar Rodriguez** were the special speakers, and they all did an outstanding job. The Lord really blessed in all the services. **Brother William Markham** did a wonderful job of organizing and directing the convention. —**Joseph and Jean Collins**, Portugal

**KYRGYZSTAN:** On a recent visit to Kyrgyzstan by **Pastor Randy Briggs and his wife, Sherry**, of



Kristiansand, Norway, yet another former Trinitarian pastor and his wife were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

This Spirit-filled couple declared this Bible truth was what was missing in their life and ministry. This was the tenth Kyrgyz pastor to be baptized in Jesus' name. Our son, Nate, his wife, Ingunn, and their two boys, Michael and Christopher, finished deputation in May and departed for their field of calling, Estonia. Reports of revival and growth continue from Russia and Ukraine. In St. Petersburg, Russia, new visitors have attended nearly every service this year, with numerous new water and Spirit baptisms.—**William and Elizabeth Turner**, Ukraine/Kazakhstan/Russia

**GHANA:** A spirit of victory reigned over Easter Convention 2010 as 4,252 saints of God joined their hearts in praise and adoration as seen in the masthead photo above. Friday's rains may have stopped electrical power, but they could not stop God's power. My love for this nation was renewed as I saw each one bring their chair to the center of the grounds to escape the collapsing canopies and mud. With one mighty voice these beautiful people praised God. God sent showers of blessings and filled forty with the Holy Ghost that night.



A total of ninety-five received the Holy Ghost throughout the convention and twenty-five were baptized in Jesus' name.—**Colleen Carter**, Ghana

**PAKISTAN:** In the past few weeks we conducted our 39th Annual General Conference; held New Life Theological Seminary's graduation; hosted our **regional director Lynden Shalm** and our annual field fellowship; enjoyed the ministry of **Joel Wright** from Annapolis, Maryland, in Kharian's annual convention; dedicated two new church buildings; and preached in many services across the country.—**Allan and Georgene Shalm**, Afghanistan/Pakistan

**SCOTLAND:** Great things are happening in Scotland. As God brings things to new life in the natural, likewise He will also in the spiritual. We have seen growth in the saints in Scotland. They have begun to move into greater dimensions in the Spirit. Recently **Brother and Sister Calhoun** came to Scotland to teach in the Bible school and do some preaching in the churches here. They commented on the new growth that they saw in the people. It was so nice to have them with us in both Edinburgh and Kemnay. They were a great blessing.

It is also good have **Brother and Sister Bunch** from Odessa, Texas, working with us here in Scotland. They have already been a great blessing to us and the work. It is refreshing to see their eagerness and commitment. We continue to travel to three works during the week. The cost for fuel is high, and we would like to appeal to our partners once again for any added support you could lend.—**John and Susan Beek**, United Kingdom

**BRAZIL:** This year we have worked hard to reach new areas with Bible school trained teachers giving home Bible studies. New works were started in three new cities and on the air force base. A sergeant and his wife from the air force base study were baptized this year, four baptized from the city of Porto Amazonas, several baptized from the city of Caiubá, and a couple from the city of Campina Grande do Sul are scheduled soon. Many of these have received the Holy Ghost.—**Chris and Michelle Weber**, Brazil

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**ARGENTINA:** Much has been happening in Argentina, and we'll update you on some of the exciting events that have been taking place. The national ministers conference took place in February, and it was an awesome time in the presence of the Lord. Pastors and pastors' wives came from the most distant parts of Argentina to be at the conference. **Brother Darrell Johns** of Atlanta, Georgia, and **Brother Mark Hattabaugh** of Cooper City, Florida, were the guest speakers and did an awesome job of ministering to a large part of the over 400 pastors and workers of Argentina. Thank you, Brothers Johns and Hattabaugh, for the ministry of the Word, anointed preaching and teaching, and for being a part of the revival that is taking place in Argentina.—**Michael and Miriam Sponsler**, Argentina

**CZECH REPUBLIC: O.U.T.** = The first Thursday evening of each month is allocated to covering a designated portion of the city of Prague with prayer. This stands for **Over, Under, and Through** our city, focused

praying while riding the underground transport system, the trams, the buses, the trains, and by foot. "O, God,...I will seek thee...thirsteth for thee...longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land...to see thy power and thy glory..." (Ps. 63:1-2) We so desperately need a divine, spir-



itual breakthrough. Would you be willing to stand with us, joining us in intercessory prayer for the city of Prague and for the nation of the Czech Republic?

At the invitation of **missionaries Sim and Judy Strickland**, we were privileged to minister at the Annual Greek Conference held in Athens on May 1-2, 2010. With the recent economic collapse of the nation of Greece, we were so thankful for the refreshing outpouring of His presence, for the renewal in His Spirit and for the Holy Ghost infilling which took place! We give special thanks to the **UPC of McHenry, Illinois**, for paying Sister Buckland's way, enabling her to go! Teaching it, preaching it, living it over and over and over again, missionary **Becky Buckland** presents the beauty of the death, burial and resurrection to her ladies Bible study group which meets monthly. Please pray these women will allow God's Word to penetrate their hearts.—**Roger and Becky Buckland**, Czech Republic/Slovakia

**MICRONESIA WEST: Pastor and Sister Mark Parker**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, blessed our 2010 Leadership Conference with anointed preaching and teaching! The conference was held on the island of Guam, one of the hundreds of islands in Micronesia West. Please pray that the Lord would send laborers to our region to plant churches. Our focus this year is the island of Saipan. It is the largest island of the United States Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), a chain of 15 tropical islands belonging to the Marianas archipelago in the western Pacific Ocean. —**David and Kathy Brott**, Missionary Envoy



## Project of the Month: Ecuador Church Roof

Pastor Filemón Álvarez has a congregation of about 130 members in Lago Agrio. His church is in the center of the city and is in the Amazon region of Ecuador, District One. They need to replace their roof because the one they have is badly deteriorated, and the people do not have the funds to do so.

If you would like to assist in replacing the roof of this church, please send your donation to the Foreign Mission Division, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042. Designate your donation for **Ecuador Church Roof** or to account number **103.FA0810F.033215.21.2109\_6035**.



### MASTHEAD PHOTO

A partial view of the congregation during the 2010 Easter Convention held in Ghana.

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