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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

POLAND: In Warsaw, the church is growing! **Field Superintendent Ray Nicholls** shared with us that the local church that was meeting in their apartment had outgrown their living room. After much research, a small conference room in a nearby hotel was rented. This proved to be too small really fast! The church has moved to another rented facility that has an additional room for a Sunday school classroom. —**Jim and Latitia Robertson**

IRELAND: Recently, we held our district conference in BO'Ness, which is an outreach of the Falkirk church. During the day we held our ministers' session, and all offices were re-elected to fulfill another term. Brother Beek was re-elected as missions director. As missions director, Brother Beek arranged our first crusade ever for our district that was held in Ireland on July 8-9. This has been in the preparation stage for the last year, and we're very excited about it and are anticipating great things. It's our vision to hold a crusade each year in a different area, with one of these places being in a city with no church in the hopes of establishing a new work. Without a vision the people perish. It's our vision to see more churches, more ministers, and a great harvest of souls.—**John and Susan Beek**

ARGENTINA: For the first time ever Argentina enjoyed the blessings of 2 1/2 days of nothing but doctrinal teaching and preaching. Held in the city of Rosario, the conference was blessed with the teaching and preaching of ministers from the United States, Argentina, Paraguay and Venezuela, and had ministers from as far as Chile attending. It was a powerful conference with subjects such as Apostolic Leadership, the Inspiration of the Bible, Apostolic Holiness, Our Message and more being presented. There was a tremendous presence of God in the conference from the very first service until the very last message.—**Michael and Miriam Sponsler**

SCOTLAND: God has provided a wonderful opportunity for single men and women to gain experience on the mission field and get Bible school training at the same time. Harvest Bible College, located in Glasgow, Scotland, provides a ten month intensive course of study. While attending Bible college, students are given the opportunity to work alongside missionaries and national pastors in a myriad of

ministries. The Bible college is fully accredited with the British Accreditation Council.—**Robert and Jerolyn Kelley**

EASTERN EUROPE: With no resident missionary, the Hungarian church always looks forward to the annual conference with great expectation. This year was no exception! The final service was awesome as God's power swept over the congregation, with notable healings taking place! Testimonies of instantaneous relief from severe pain followed. God is great!—**Roger and Becky Buckland**



FAITH PROMISE: One sister, by sincere faith, made a Faith Promise commitment. She had no idea how she was going to pay, but just a few hours later someone paid her commitment for the entire year. She supplied the faith and God supplied the resources.

A brother told me that by faith he had made a Faith Promise commitment. At work the next month, he and his colleagues all received a pay raise. Much to his amazement, he discovered that his raise was double the amount of the other employees. And the amount he received was four times what he had pledged to missions.—**Harold and Helen Kinney** (to learn more, faithpromiseworks.com)

SPAIN: The work in Spain has made great advances over the last twelve years. This is thanks to the leadership not only of the missionaries, but also of our local ministers. They have worked hard to plant churches and go to different preaching points and spread this great message of Jesus Christ. Many have proven themselves to be dedicated to the cause of souls. During our last National Convention, they officially made vows to give their lives completely to the work of God. The pictures show the nine ministers that were ordained at the ordination ceremony in December.—**Gary and June Sones**



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UNITED KINGDOM: We began our Leadership Training classes in April. We are so very excited as nine church members stepped forward to participate in the classes. Four of the individuals are preparing to become licensed ministers. We thank God for this breakthrough and for giving each one the desire to serve in His Kingdom. Please pray for protection over these brothers and sisters in Christ.—**John and Sherri Hemus**

URUGUAY: Holy Ghost power fell with dynamic worship on the conference in Montevideo. It was a great privilege to have **Brother Bruce Howell**, visiting Uruguay for the first time. Several received their Pentecost as the fire fell! It was a great joy to be with missionaries **Michael and Ivonne Walmer** and AIMers **Mandy and Jacob Palma**.—**Darry and Kathy Crossley**, South America Regional Director

TANZANIA: One of our pastors was visiting relatives in the coastal city of Dar es Salaam when he met a man who wanted prayer for healing. After Pastor Emmanuel prayed for him, he was instantly healed. The man then invited Brother Emmanuel to go with him to his home on the island of Zanzibar. Zanzibar is 99.5% Muslim and we did not have any contacts on the island. After teaching in home meetings, Pastor Emmanuel baptized thirteen in the name of Jesus. Praise God!—**Richard and Pamela Smoak**

CHILE: We were very glad to have **Brother Joseph Bir** from Paraguay and **Brother Steve Nix** from Nicaragua with us to present the Global Association of Theological Studies (GATS), to our people and to teach our Bible school professors. We are confident that this will be a huge blessing to the work here in Chile and will give more credibility to the Bible school. We are also finally nearing completion of the plans for our new building for the school and for our new central church. Thank you all for your faithful support and prayers.—**Dan and Debbie Barkley**

PAKISTAN: We are happy to report that the United Pentecostal Church in Pakistan is continuing to see progress and growth. This year at our General Conference, the twelve men pictured below, were ordained into the ministry. These are men who have proven their ministry for at least five years and have an established church. One candidate told the General Board that in the past year more than 120 people had received the Holy Ghost in his ministry.—**Allan and Georgene Shalm**



Project of the Month: **KIEV CHURCH CONSTRUCTION**

Excavation work is now complete on church property recently purchased in Kiev, the capital city of Ukraine. The provision of funds for the land purchase was nothing less than a miracle for the Kiev church. Other miracles have followed. When Pastor Sergey Tomev talked with a contractor about preparing the site, the man not only agreed to do the work, but did not charge for \$6,000 of fill dirt. Architectural work is under way, but funds for construction are still needed.

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MASTHEAD PHOTO

A photo of the Thai Youth Conference where seventeen were baptized and thirty-four were filled with the Holy Ghost!

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