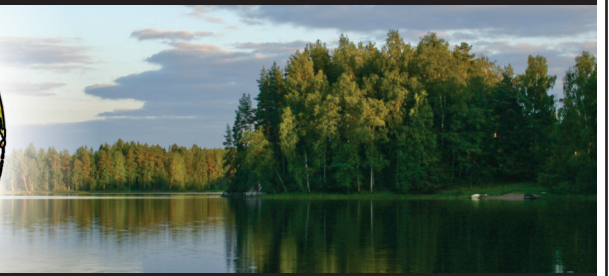


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Global Glimpses

ARGENTINA: Three years ago **Pastor and Sister González** took a run-down building with just a few people and started a church. In three years they have completely renovated the building, started a radio station that broadcasts to their entire town, started working with street children, won many families to the Lord, and the list of accomplishments goes on and on.

It was our privilege to be with them on their three year anniversary service. Their labors have not been without sacrifice, however. They have done without, been robbed, and gone through persecution from other denominations. They've just kept at it and the Lord has added to the church. They are excited as to what the future holds. Pastor González speaks of further expansion, of crusades and, as he said: "There is no limit to what God can do in Alberti!" It was a great evening of celebration and the powerful presence of the Lord in the service.—**Michael and Miriam Sponsler**, Argentina

SCOTLAND: For the last year we have been planning our first ever Holy Ghost crusade for our district. The crusade was held in Dublin, Ireland. **The McFarlands** are the resident missionaries there. The crusade started with Brother Beek preaching, "Ye Have Not Because Ye Ask Not." This set a precedent for the continuing services as we began to ask God for great things. As a result, seven received the Holy Ghost, ten were baptized in Jesus' name, and there were twenty-three new contacts made. We are excited about what God is doing in the churches in our district and continue to believe for much more.—**John and Susan Beek**, Scotland

PHILIPPINES: Another quarter has passed and another school year has begun at the Apostolic Institute of Ministries, Davao City, Philippines. We are excited! This year we had 58 enrollments. In the first year class we have 20 young men and 12 ladies and in the second year and graduate class we have 19 men and 7 ladies, for a grand total of 58 students! We are excited about our new class of students in the first year class. They are attentive, enthusiastic and exciting to teach. They ask questions, clap their hands and shout "amen" in class, just as if they were in service! It's a joy just to teach them!—**John and Nory Cogan**, Philippines

AMERICAN SAMOA: The 2011 general conference in American Samoa and Samoa was wonderful. We were so thankful to have **Brother James Sample** from Hazelwood, MO, to minister the word of God. Many souls were renewed in the Spirit of God. A young child was prayed for and was healed! In Samoa, we had six receive the Holy Ghost for the first time.—**Bennie and Pat Blunt**, American Samoa

DEPUTATION: We would like to thank all the wonderful churches and pastors who have been so kind to our family during this 125,000 mile deputation. The first week of October 2011, our deputation schedule came to an end. We have begun the process of departure for Russia. Praise the Lord! Thank you to all of our faithful partners who are making this a reality.—**Robert and Sheri Moses**, Russia

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Missions Briefs

We are thankful for the following things which have taken place in the last few months in Suriname:

- Fourth "Open Door" Bible study group started in Paramaribo.
- Ten children were dedicated to the Lord.
- Monthly Bible studies in two prisons.
- Eighteen people were baptized. Among these were a thirteen year-old girl and her seventy-two year old great grandmother, a cancer patient who was taken from the hospital, baptized, then returned to the hospital.
- A national ministers' meeting.
- The largest "Open Door" group was divided, making a total of five groups in Paramaribo. In the new group's second meeting, a first-time visitor received the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- Brother Edwards, pastor in Nieuw Nickerie, ministered in the capital city church.—**Phillip and Sandra Rhoads**, Suriname

South Korea:

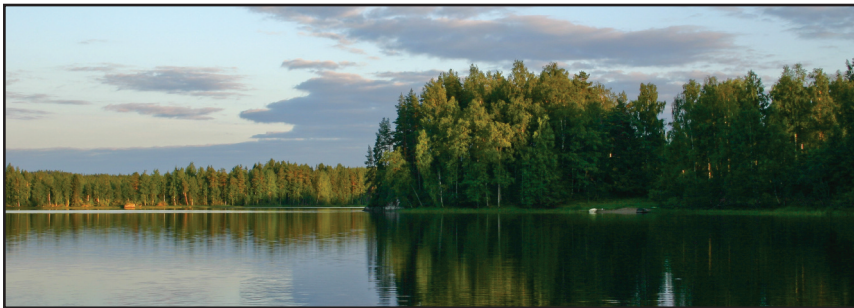
Pastor D. G. Hargrove from Dallas, Texas, came to minister unto us for our adult camp meeting in August. We were so tremendously blessed by his anointed ministry. Not only our people but also our ministers were really touched. We were challenged, recovered, renewed and strengthened by the Lord. - **E.J. Kim**, South Korea

FINLAND: We made several new Finnish contacts in July and are enjoying meeting with them to practice languages and share cultures. God is placing wonderful people in our lives, and we are thankful. We are working to build relationships and be Jesus to those around us. God is helping us, and we are enjoying teaching home Bible studies and sharing our knowledge of Scripture. The ultimate goals are for each person to realize their potential in Christ and deepen their relationship with Him. Thank you for your prayers as we endeavor to impact the kingdom!

A missions team from **Grace Apostolic Church** in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, greatly impacted us in July! While on a trip to Ukraine, they stopped in Helsinki, Finland, simply to bless our family with fellowship. We spent a few days sharing our capital city with the **Robert Linder family** and two accompanying young ladies. What a wonderful time we had, laughing and just having fun! It was so good to deepen our friendships and make a few new ones, too. Thank you to Pastor Linder and Grace Apostolic for caring enough to bless our family so greatly!

We accompanied the Linder Team to Tallinn, Estonia, for a few days of quality time with the **Nate Turner family**, church members, and AIMers. Such opportunities are few and far between, and as we want our daughters to enjoy fellowship with other young people, we work to make each one count. It was a blessing to be a part of their service and enjoy corporate worship; we made some more new friends, too! Thank you to the Turners for making us feel welcome in their home and city!—**Mark and Glenda Alphin**, Finland

POLAND: Brother and Sister Ray Nicholls are the resident missionaries that we will have the privilege of working under. They have served faithfully in Poland for many years. One day during prayer, Brother Nicholls felt impressed by the Lord that someone would receive the Holy Ghost that month. Every day that went by, it was the same question, “Is this the day God?” On the last Sunday of the month, after the service, there was much disappointment because no one had received the Holy Ghost. Meanwhile, **Sister Natasha**, regional missionary from Belarus, had been witnessing to her neighbor, Alina. After weeks of prayer, witnessing and several Bible studies, Sister Natasha invited Alina to church. She was not able to go on that Sunday. However, she wanted to know if it would be all right to go to the pastor’s house on Monday to receive this Holy Ghost. Of course it was all right! Sister Natasha and Alina went to the Nicholls’ apartment, and after just a little while Alina was speaking in tongues! While they were rejoicing, Brother Nicholls realized it was the last day of the month! God fulfilled His word right on time!—**Jim and Latitia Robertson**, Poland



Masthead Photo:

This photo was taken by Candace Nicole Alphin in Ruovesi, Finland.

Project of the Month:
**Training Program for
Myanmar Ministers**

The cost for the training program in Myanmar is \$2,000.00 and covers the travel and the food for the ministers who will be attending. In the past, one pastor related how it had taken him nine days just to travel to this meeting especially for ministers.

Many of the pastors who will be attending are from remote and almost inaccessible areas of Myanmar. Foreigners are not permitted to go to these areas so the pastors come to a central place that is accessible to all.

If you would like to assist these men in their effort to spread the Gospel, please send your offering to:

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