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Local Points



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Global Glimpses

BRAZIL: Theresa and I flew 2,500 miles in our Cessna seaplane ministering in Coari, Pauini, Eirunepé and Carauari. It is so amazing to see what God is doing through trained ministers who arrived with only the clothes on their backs. In some cases, years later, we see them pastor large congregations, beautiful churches, teach in the Bible schools, superintend large “roadless” river districts by boats, own small businesses and sacrifice to give towards national and international regional missions to other Portuguese countries. Theresa has turned the Manaus Bible school over to faithful Brazilian leadership that are doing a great work. Five other towns near Manaus want graduation together this year at “Jerusalem.” **Bishop Paul Mooney** plans to be with us for graduation and Manaus conference November 16-18, 2012.—**Bennie and Theresa DeMerchant**

FRANCE: This summer we took the time to turn our attention toward ministry development. We are excited about our Biblical Preaching small group, in which our local ministry staff took part. We studied Haddon Robinson’s “Biblical Preaching” textbook, which has been translated into French. Our ministry staff is from widely varying backgrounds, which is often the case pretty much everywhere. Though we have had to take the time to familiarize everyone with the vocabulary, it is very rewarding to see the engagement coming from the participants.

Everyone seems to be getting different things from the study, and at the same time the key underlying ideas are being made clear: 1) Faithfulness to the Word of God, and 2) Faithfulness to

those we are called to feed spiritually.

We have had some excellent discussions which have served to edify and encourage those working in the ministry of the Word. Providing a focus and a framework to preaching has helped the group feel more comfortable with what they are trying to do. We are confident that this, and other efforts like it, will lead to the edification of the church as a whole.—**Marcus and Renee Brainos**

ESTONIA: Professor David Norris from Urshan Graduate School of Theology and **Global Missions General Director Bruce Howell** ministered tremendously in our Awakening seminar. What a move of the Holy Ghost! It was an awakening and a refreshing for all who attended.—**Nate and Ingunn Turner**

CZECH REPUBLIC: In April we were informed by our landlady that the Prague church must find a new location. Many of you prayed with us as we were on a very short time-frame! God indeed does perform miracles! On Sunday, June 24, at 2:00, the historic chapel that had been the home of the Prague International Pentecostal Fellowship for the past 15 years began to completely fill with members and constituents for the final service at that location! What an awesome day!

Now we have beautiful facilities with room to grow by fifty percent! We are confident that God has “rustled the nest” as it is now time to begin harvest season.—**Roger and Becky Buckland**

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Missions Briefs: GHANA

- In three local churches, a total of twelve received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, five were baptized in Jesus' name, and one was healed of a stomach ulcer.

- The fifteenth annual ACTS graduation was a success with 530 in attendance. Thirteen graduates were commissioned to go out into the harvest field.

- A fireman who was born a Roman Catholic and later became a Baptist was hungry for more truth. He was taught a personal Bible study, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and later baptized in Jesus' name.

- A Bible school student testified of two being healed after long term illnesses.

- Another Bible school student held an all-night prayer meeting. One girl who was an outcast from her family for over two years was finally allowed back in her home after specific prayer was made on her behalf.

Thank you dear partners for your continual support through prayers, finances, and Christian love. We are working together for the establishment and furtherance of His kingdom!—**Colleen Carter**

THAILAND: During the past eight years, a group of very poor Akha Hill Tribe people worshipped in a tiny bamboo church which needed to be rebuilt every three years. During one of our visits, Sister Coolbaugh and I saw where the church people had put six posts in the ground to try to start building a new church with almost no money, but lots of faith. God responded! **Evangelist Brian Norman**, from St. Louis, saw the posts and wanted to help. The next week, God put it in the hearts of **Pastor Anthony Jarry** and the saints in Phenix City, Alabama, to help build a church in Thailand. So, without the Thailand church asking for help, enough funds came to build a beautiful church.—**Jack and Michiko Coolbaugh**

MALTA: In May, we attended the Europe/Middle East Subregional Conference in Istanbul, Turkey. We were refreshed in our spirit by the power of the Lord and the fellowship with believers of "like precious faith" (2 Peter 1:1). We witnessed the Lord filling more than forty with His Spirit; nearly an equal number were "dipped"! Following the conference we joined with several other ministers and wives and took a tour of four of the seven churches of Revelation. We returned to Malta with a prayer cloth that had been anointed with oil and prayed over at the site of the church of Laodicea. Since our return, we have had new visitors and on Pentecost Sunday we broke our attendance record with 105 present for our Music of Pentecost Concert.—**Kirby and Mary Parker**

FINLAND: The ten member EME Regional Prayer Team shared both time and tears as they joined us in Helsinki, saturating the city's spiritual atmosphere with prayer. The trip culminated on Sunday with our first hall service. There were twenty-three present, including nine from Helsinki, five of which were first-time visitors; one of those five received the Holy Spirit! We are already reaping the benefits of this precious team's labor of love on Finland's behalf. Our deep thanks to those, in Europe and the USA, who prayed for this endeavor.—**Mark and Glenda Alphin**

SOUTH/CENTRAL AFRICA: We want to thank all of our faithful partners in missions. We are happy to report we will be returning to our fields of labor at the end of October 2012. We want to thank **Dr. Mike Talberg** from Minnesota, for bringing his medical team to Namibia. Many were blessed by the medical care. Zimbabwe's General Conference was a great success with thirty-five receiving the Holy Ghost. Thanks to **Superintendent Jannie Smith** and his team for organizing Because of the Times South Africa. Many were blessed from all over the South/Central Region. Thanks again, **Reverend Anthony Mangun** and team.—**Ted and Patricia Grosbach**



Masthead Photo: This is some of the very excited children who now have a Sunday school building where they can learn the Word of God. Thank you for giving towards the church building project!

Project of the Month: Training Program for Myanmar Ministers

The cost for the training program in Myanmar is \$2,000.00 and covers travel and food for 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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