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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

FINLAND: Although we have not physically been within Finland's borders but once since April, the Word is still going forth, and services are ongoing! Our daughter, Candace, is in Finland and leading weekly group services and facilitating a weekly group Bible study. We are truly thankful for her help! Our Bible studies and team leadership sessions are continuing via video! We are utilizing Zoom videoconferencing services and on one occasion, we had three locations connected including India, the home location in Finland, and our place in Copenhagen! Technology has made "influencing people" a much easier thing, and we are thrilled that ministry can continue even when we cannot be physically present.—**Mark and Glenda Alphin**

PARAGUAY: For the first time the pastors voted for their superintendent in the National Assembly and I was privileged to be elected by the brethren. **Brother Bryan Abernathy**, Director of Promotion, and **Brother Darry Crossley**, our regional director, were present to do the nationalization ceremony. **Brother Marcotulio Oviedo**, the superintendent of the work in Colombia, was our special speaker and his messages were powerful and inspirational. There were around 500 in attendance. The power of God moved in a tremendous way. We had six new pastors that were sent forth into the ministry.—**Joey and Cristina Bir**

FRANCE: It's been a great and exciting summer for the work in western France as the church of Châtelleraut hosted a group of intercessors from the Atlantic District. Composed mainly of youth and young adults from Mission

Point Church in Saint John, NB, the team was led by **Brother and Sister Mike Long** and **Brother and Sister Ryan Shephard**. The group was joined by local church members for three days of prayer walking and intercession before visiting our churches in Bordeaux and Melun. Thank you, **Pastor Brent Carter**, for sending such a great team of Apostolic young people to bless us! Please keep the work in this city and throughout western France in your prayers. Strongholds have yet to be broken, but our God is greater and there will be a harvest.—**Paul and Darla Brochu**

BOTSWANA: We recently traveled to Gaborone, Botswana, for their annual General Conference. An outsider might look at the number and not think much, but to those who have walked along the road with the Batswana through their spiritual journey, one feels a rise of excitement at the progress of the church. Botswana probably has the youngest generation of church leaders on the continent of Africa. The superintendent, **Reverend O. Molefhi**, is only thirty-three years of the age. He and his wife, along with a great team of pastors, have made great strides in the spiritual maturing of the church. From the organization of the conference to the leading of worship services, there was a level of excellence. The Africa vision is being carried forward on the dreams of the people of UPC Botswana. New ministers are rising to the occasion. No one can doubt the future of this church. It will grow numerically, because they not only have the vision, but they have the strength as 'youth' and are always willing to seek direction from God and the elders of UPCI.—**Ted and Patricia Grosbach** (Continued on page 2.)

Missions Briefs:

GUATEMALA Children's Home



The picture above is the Delissa Cox Administration and Clinic building constructed by Louisiana District "Apostolic Man" on the new campus of the Home for Street Children just outside of Guatemala City.

Twelve of the fourteen buildings are currently under construction and we are planning the official opening of the home this year! We thank Apostolic Man of the UPCI for making this dream a reality.

Teams are coming from all over the US and Canada! You can see the progress of the home on Facebook at: "H.O.M.E. International." —**Brad and Regina Thompson**

SCOTLAND: We rejoice in the fact that ninety-six students have now graduated from the full time Bible school. Many of them are involved in ministry in different nations. In the United Kingdom, many of the alumni are becoming great leaders, real harvesters in the kingdom of God.—**Robert and Jerolyn Kelley**

COLOMBIA: These past few months have been extremely busy as we have visited churches in Pasto, Leticia Amazonas, Cúcuta and Cartagena among others. These next few months will be even busier as we visit other areas and have our regional conferences. We have taught at children's events, leadership meetings, minister's meetings, preached weekend revivals, etc. Several people have received the Holy Ghost, as well as healings in their body and their mind. Pastors and saints have been renewed and encouraged. The Lord is doing great things in Colombia! You are a part of that Revival!—**John and Vonda Guidry**

UNITED KINGDOM: We are so excited to be able to say that construction has begun on the new Youth and Sunday school center pictured below! This additional facility will add approximately 3,800 square feet to our campus. It's large, two story building to support our out growing Sunday school and youth departments. What a wonderful problem to have! We also plan to use the youth center as a means to reach out to the local community. We are thrilled to add this to an ever growing list of ministries that the Apostolic Church of Liverpool is apart of. We are believing God to provide the funds for this project as He has given the vision.—**John and Sherri Hemus**



Masthead Photo: Since December 2013, more than forty-one people have been baptized with the Holy Ghost in Lesotho. Dozens are being renewed each month and twenty-five new people baptized in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ!

Project of the Month:

Printing in Costa Rica

The church in Costa Rica printed 40,000 tracts and 100 Sunday school books last year and is in need of printing again. They have passed out all the tracts and all of the Sunday school literature has been used.

This is a great benefit to the entire country. They are experiencing great growth as a result of their efforts. The cost last year to print these materials was \$2,500.00.

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