## **General Conference 2013**



This year's General Conference in St. Louis was one of the most powerful I have attended! It took me back to services we had at General Conference when I was a boy and my dad first felt the call to the mission field. From the incredible and timely preaching of Brother Woodward on the oneness, to the great fellowship of the brethren; it was glorious!

The Global Missions service on Thursday night was a powerful outpouring of God's mighty truth. From the beginning to the end of the preaching, the service was totally directed of God.

Thanks to the team of Brother Norman Paslay and Brother Scott Graham for their help with the offering. We give our heart-felt appreciation to all of those who participated and added to this great service.

We had three missionaries presented for PIM subscription this year: Brother and Sister Hemus to the United Kingdom, Brother and Sister Vacca to the Philippines and Brother and Sister Guidry to Colombia. We are happy to report that not only were all three were fully subscribed before the service Wednesday night but because of the hard work of Brother Jack Leaman and the District Global Missions Directors, two others were completed. Brother and Sister Doan to Japan and Brother and Sister Kline to Lesotho were sent from the General Conference to their field of labor! May the Lord bless them for their efforts and every pastor who took the missionaries on as partners when they were contacted.

The offering for "Cities...In the Name!" was a great success. A total amount of \$479,000.00 in pledges and cash was given during the service. This will be dispersed through all six regions for the work of evangelization and developing new churches in ten cities per region. The aisles overflowed with people waiting to give to this great cause. What a tremendous victory and outpouring from the hearts of those that attended! We thank you for your sacrificial giving and your consistent support of the work of missions around the world.

We know that none of these great things could have ever happened if not for the sacrificial and generous giving of a godly church that loves the lost. We are very cognizant of the uncertainty of the hour, politically and economically, and yet the church responded from an open heart to reach for the lost souls of this world.

I believe we are living in the hour of the coming of the Lord for His church, so what we do, we must do quickly. Jesus said we should work while it is day for the night is coming when no man can work. I am thankful for every dollar, sacrifice, prayer, and every rejoicing in our churches in America. I know despite the age, hour or darkness, she is doing exactly what God has called her to do—taking the whole gospel to the whole world!

God be praised and we give Him all the glory for the things that have been and are yet to be done before His great and glorious appearing.



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1. A partial view of the missionary family attending the 2013 Global Missions service. 2. Keys to cities are handed out.

3. Raymond Woodward preaches the Word.





