

# March 2011 Focal Points



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## One of the Best Decisions Ever Made!

By Bruce A. Howell,  
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I was sincerely stirred as several selected pastors stepped to the stage in our foreign missions general conference service, in Houston, Texas, and articulated the importance of buying into the field. There is no greater investment! There is incalculable value placed on lost souls.



Granville McKenzie explained, "So, why did I buy the field? Because I love the treasure...It was worth the investment. It is a treasure distinct from all other treasures. This treasure is more than simply silver, gold or precious stones, which decay into dust. This treasure is neither transient nor

temporary, trivial nor trite."

Many personally answered that question by committing to sending nine fully funded missionaries and their families back to the field. A total of 884 Partners In Missions enrollments were collected. The financial commitments, when paid, will reap four million dollars over the next ten-year period. That is \$400,000 annually. We offer many thanks to our supporters throughout our fellowship, not only those that made fresh commitments, but to those that are so faithful in paying their monthly pledges.

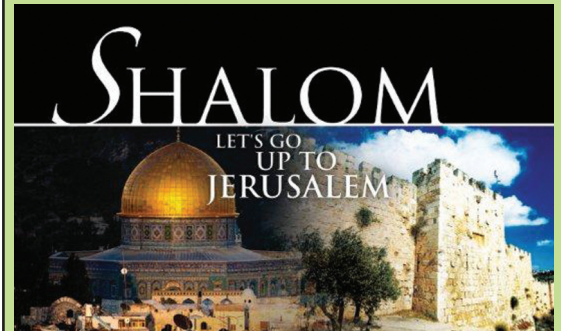
For the first time in history, the total amount of Partner In Missions support for eight of those missionaries was raised prior to conference. This was effectively carried out by our promotion team, John S. (Jack) Leaman, and our district foreign missions directors. A total of thirty-three district directors got involved with fifteen of these exceeding their given goal.

As Wayne Huntley ministered in our service with power, conviction, and a timely message, a steady stream of people filed to the platform dropping money in the treasure chest in front of the pulpit. The funds realized in this sacrificial, spontaneous offering exceeded cash received in the first part of the service. He brought life-impacting clarity to James 4:3, NKJV, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures."



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## Holy Land Tour



### Tour of the Holy Land hosted by the UPCI Sunday School Division

October 31, 2011 - November 7, 2011, departing and returning to New York City.

**\$2,995.00 out of New York City (JFK).**

*Early Bird Special - Register by March 31, 2011 with **promo code FMD** to receive \$300 off of the tour price.*

*Registration information: contact Lana Farnell at 314-837-7300, extension 421 or visit [www.sundayschooldivision.org](http://www.sundayschooldivision.org).*

God is willing to bless us if we will invest in the advancement of His kingdom and assist in spreading the gospel globally.

I'm sure that many that came forward to invest their finances and lives into the field would testify along with Brother Matthew Martin, "One of the best decisions I ever made was to buy the field!"

The investment in the field is yielding remarkable results. We are now reaching into 192 nations, with 2,042,103 constituents in 30, 307 churches and preaching points that are being led by 17,879 ministers. Last year 104, 906 were baptized in Jesus' name and 104,344 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Thanks for investing in global missions. It is one of the best decisions ever made.

## MISSIONS BULLETINS

**FRANCE:** The 27th European Youth Convention took place this November, and once again great blessings were poured out. The conference report placed the attendance at over 1,100. Eleven people experienced the in-filling of the Holy Ghost for the first time as we were all blessed and inspired by the ministry of Brother Shay Mann. This is always a highlight of the year for the church in France, and this year did not disappoint.—**Marcus and Renee Brainos**



**ARGENTINA:** Each year the United Pentecostal Church of Suriname has short term Bible school classes for those interested in learning more from the Word of God. This year the following two levels of study were conducted:

- **Basic Bible School**

This group met one Saturday a month for six months, and studied Essential Doctrines of the Bible, Essentials of the New Birth, and Essentials of Holiness.

- **Advanced Bible School**

This group met one Saturday a month for eight months, and studied The Acts of the Apostles.

Both of these groups have now completed their studies for 2010 and certificates of completion were presented in November 2010. Special thanks goes to the ladies of the United Pentecostal Church who help fund these training programs. Your giving helps ground people in truth!—**Philip and Sandra Rhoads**

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** We recently held a special church gathering of about 500 members in Chimbu province, where our son-in-law, **Rick VanSant**, was the main speaker. This was a wonderful time of preaching, singing and fellowship.—**Richard and Margaret Carver**

## PROJECT OF THE MONTH: Liberia Clinic



In June 2010, a brand new clinic was opened to serve the people of Liberia. This clinic has since delivered fourteen babies and has a staff of seven. With the maternal mortality rate in Liberia being one of the highest in the world, the clinic serves a distinct purpose of maternal care. The clinic is appealing for help by way of monthly donations or one-time gifts to offset operating costs of \$800 per month.

Please send your donation to the Foreign Missions Division at 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042 and designate them for account number **103.FA0311F.033215.21.2118.\_.201** or to **Liberia Clinic**.

### Masthead Photo

A view of the platform during the Foreign Missions service at the 2010 General Conference. During the conference, over \$30,000 in PIM support was pledged and 9 missionaries were sent back to the field.

