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# Focal Points



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## Global Glimpses



**NEW ZEALAND:** The One In Christ Conference was a great success. The combined efforts of the UPCI of New Zealand and the UPCNZ proved to be a unified time of worship and fellowship. Our visitors from the United States were a mighty blessing to the conference. **Brother Buckland** and **Brother Reynolds** ministered in the morning sessions and **Brother Grisham** preached the evangelist services. A big thank you to everyone that helped with the organization of this significant event.—**Robert and Judy Addington**

**SPAIN:** In December, we had our annual General Conference in the city of Madrid (pictured in the masthead). It is during this conference where we have our business meetings and reports of the revival taking place throughout the nation. During this past year we had 637 filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and a record 924 that were baptized in the name of Jesus throughout our churches in Spain. We now have seventy churches and preaching points throughout Spain, which is a net growth of five new churches and preaching points in this past year. There are now over 6,000 constituents that make up the United Pentecostal Church of Spain. During our General Conference in Madrid we were privileged to have **Reverend Matthew Tuttle** and **Reverend Carlos Mina** preach during this event. During this time of celebration there were over 1,000 in attendance and sixty-five that received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We know that God has much more for us in this New Year of 2016. Please continue to pray for us and the revival in Spain.—**Nathan and Tanya Harrod**

**PARAGUAY:** This past September we were in the city of Pilar for a zonal meeting in southern Paraguay. We inaugurated the new building that **Brother Ever Gomez**, presbyter

of the zone, and his congregation just finished building. Thank you, **Brother Vlad Goodrum** and pastors of the Texas District, for helping them put their roof on! The new church building was full of visitors. There were about seventy visitors that came and two received the Holy Ghost. Brother Gomez recently told me that almost all the visitors that came are still coming back to church and eight have received the Holy Ghost and five have been baptized in Jesus' name. Our National Youth Conference was held in October in the city Ciudad del Este. It was the first time to have a major event outside of the capital city area. We had about 300 in attendance. Seventeen received the Holy Ghost and two were baptized in Jesus' name.—**Joey and Cristina Bir**



**MOSCOW:** This summer we were excited to host our first Harvest Conference with Evangelist **Brian Norman**. The conference consisted of three days of teaching and preaching. What a blessing it was to see the efforts and unity of the Moscow church during these special meetings! God has added so many new people from so many different parts of the world to the church in Moscow. We are seeing God raise up an international church to reach our world. To God be the glory!—**Robert and Sheri Moses**

**THAILAND:** The annual Thai Women's Conference was held in Chaiaphum. There were more than three hundred attendees. **Sister Priscilla Sinyard** was our main speaker for the conference. Her husband, **Brother Darrell Sinyard**, also ministered at the conference. Brother and Sister Sinyard attend The Anchor Church in San Diego, California, pastored by James Larson. They preached, taught, sang, ministered, prayed and interacted with the Thai people in a wonderful and anointed way. The Thai ladies told Sister Sinyard she looks just like a Thai. Thank you, Brother and Sister Sinyard, you were both a tremendous blessing and we thank the Lord for so many that were blessed by your ministry.—**Ed and Mary Simmons**

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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** A men's group representing three churches from Palm Bay, Florida, Bloomington, Minnesota, and Cincinnati, Ohio, came and built a church in Gurabo, Santiago. We appreciate their sacrifice of time and money and their labor of love for the people of the Dominican Republic!—**Steve and Kari Shirley**

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** The biggest news of this quarter is also the most exciting. During our recent General Board meeting, the Board interviewed the graduating Bible school students. As one by one came to the Board, they expressed their desire to go as Home Missionaries into our "missions zones." These are under-evangelized areas of PNG where the church has minimal presence.

We were moved greatly by their willingness to leave the known behind and step into the unknown. Some are going where there are no contacts, no relatives and no churches. Even though they are still within the borders of their own country, it is really like they are going to a different world. Papua New Guinea has over 800 languages and sub-cultures! They are taking their families; wives, children and small babies with them, not having a house to move into or knowing what schooling is available, or where finance will come from beyond the initial \$75.00 pocket money that the PNG Missions Department gives them to start with.

Their faith reminded me of the first steps that my family made as we packed up our house, left our worldly possessions behind, and came to Papua New Guinea. An exciting aspect is that one of them has gone to the autonomous region of Bougainville (Buka Island), which is set to become its own independent country in a few years, if all goes well. This means that PNG has almost sent out its first foreign missionary. We are touching the borders of the Solomon Islands! This is a fantastic result for the Bible school and the church here. We are so proud of these fine young men.—**Richard and Andrea Carver**

## I AM GLOBAL

I AM GLOBAL is a simple offering that everyone can be a part of in any amount. If each UPCI church gave \$1,200 annually, along with PIM commitments, enough funds would be generated to send all of our missionaries back to the field. Now, everyone can be global, will you? Donations of any amount will assist with sending missionaries back to their field.

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## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH: **Matthew and Angie Buckland** Czech Republic



Matthew Buckland, son of missionary Roger and Becky Buckland, became part of the missionary family when his parents were appointed to the Philippines in 1984. Having served two terms, they relocated to start a work in the Czech Republic. After graduating from Indiana Bible College, Matthew returned to the field as an AIMER and taught in Bible schools in Eastern Europe.

He married Angie in 2004 and worked with the youth group of Pasadena, Texas, under the leadership of Brother Glass. While there, he also served as a police chaplain for five years. In 2009, Matthew was elected as the pastor of Calvary United Pentecostal Church in Richmond, Indiana, and served on both the Youth and Sunday School committees. Brother Buckland also earned his Bachelor's degree from Great Lakes University and is currently nearing completion of his Masters of Theology degree from Urshan Graduate School of Theology.

The Bucklands were appointed in September 2013 as missionaries to the Czech Republic and plan to facilitate the Bible school and help nationals plant churches throughout central Europe. Along with them on deputation are their two sons, Grant and Pierce.

The Bucklands are raising money for a number of projects for their field. **If you would like to support any of their projects, you may text the keyword "Buckland" to 71777** and fill out the form provided. If you wish, checks may be sent to Global Missions, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042.