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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

BELIZE: We had our third annual ladies conference in October 2014. **Sister Sonia de Castellanos**, the National Ladies President in El Salvador, was our special speaker. It was an awesome conference once again. Even though it was a conference for our ladies, several men and children were present in the last service. We baptized five people including a man and a child! There were several new ladies praying and at least one backslider was refilled with the Holy Ghost!—**Amy Sawyer**



TANZANIA: During October, we returned to East Africa for the national conference of the United Pentecostal Church of Tanzania. General Director Bruce Howell was the special speaker. At least twenty-five received the Holy Ghost and one woman with a withered hand was instantly healed!

In November, Brother Smoak, Brother Mark Parker and Brother Kevin Borders taught a GATS term in Burundi with forty-one students. Brother Smoak met with church leaders and an architect in preparation for the building of a Bible school and national office complex in Bujumbura.—**Richard and Pamela Smoak**

SPAIN: The growth of the church on a national level has been tremendous. Sixteen years ago when we arrived in Spain, there were three churches and fifty-five members. Our annual



report this year will show sixty-five churches and preaching points combined, and 5,601 constituents, three of these new churches. Twenty-one

new preaching points were started just in the past two years. We had 697 baptized and 639 receive the Holy Ghost in 2014. To God be the Glory!—**Gary and June Sones**

SOUTH KOREA: In the month of October, we had our 26th General Conference. **Brother and Sister Lynden Shalm**, the regional director of Asia, came from our headquarters to preach our conference messages. He delivered wonderful messages and gave encouragement to our ministers and challenged us to go forward. Right after our General Conference, our youth retreat was held. The first night a nine year old girl came to the altar to pray, and God really touched her. I pray that when she grows up she will receive a calling from the Lord.—**E.J. Kim**

PUERTO RICO: We were blessed with so many outstanding speakers this year. We heard from God through all of these great men. Joining with the Caribbean ministers this year we had Rev. Anthony Needham as the night speaker. Words cannot describe the awesome messages that we heard. God bless all of these ministers. During the conference there were over 900 in attendance during the three days, and four ministers from Puerto Rico were ordained. It was our privilege to be a part of the great team here in Puerto Rico that hosted the conference.—**Gary and Kristi Landaw**

PARAGUAY: The youth department reported having a tremendous conference. We had the privilege of having a distinguished group from Colombia to minister at this conference including the President of the work **Brother Marcotulio Oviedo** and his wife and the vice president **Carlos Giraldo** and his wife and two district superintendents. Their ministry was a great blessing to the work here in Paraguay and it was a great honor to have them. God moved in a powerful way throughout the conference.—**Joey and Cristina Bir**

Regional Spotlight Europe/Middle East

CZECH REPUBLIC – Anointed Conference with guest speakers Brother and Sister Nathaniel Hudson and Brother and Sister Radovan Hajduk

GERMANY - Brother and Sister Tim Pickard blessed the Elisha Conference with their anointed ministry.

ITALY 2014 CONFERENCE: The ministry of Brother Robert Tisdale blessed this conference. Many Italians present, the Spirit was poured out abundantly and many were healed.

NORWAY – Thirty year anniversary services honoring former missionaries, Brother and Sister Ed Tilley.

•Guest speakers Brothers Mike Dobbs and Ed Tilley

•Four new ministers received their workers licenses.

•Former Baptist church joined the UPC.

•We dedicated the church building in November 7.

SCOTLAND celebrated 30 year Anniversary for the church and missionaries Robert and Jerolyn Kelley.

—**Mike and Dianna Tuttle**

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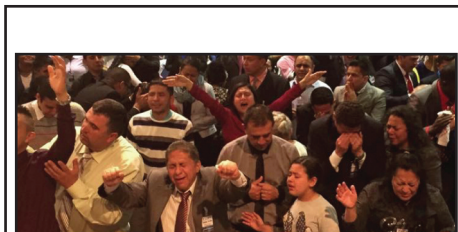
BRAZIL: There is no faster and more solid way to make firm disciples than through a Bible school program with pastors sending their students first to Bible school to be anchored in truth that will hold them through the anti-God currents of our modern day worldwide society. We have been appointed by UPCI since September 1964 and learned quickly that one man alone could not accomplish much in planting the Apostolic message in all of Brazil as we see today. From 1972 to the present, we have operated Bible schools in Brazil called Apostolic Bible Institute (in Portuguese, IBA) and the simplicity of our great truths are held by thousands of believers.



Brother Raymond Woodward from Fredericton, NB, Canada, preached the graduation service where 141 graduates from three ABIs joined with Manaus for a powerful service at our "Jerusalem" Conference Center on the north side of Amazon river, twelve miles east of the city. The following nights were of the Manaus Metro districts annual conference, where about eighty new ministers were presented. A five hundred voice choir blessed the crowd. During altar service on November 16, God baptized 136 with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was the best conference we have had, with over eight thousand in attendance, great sound system, great video screen, new light system, electrical power, music, attention and worship, organization and where hundreds claimed healing.—**Bennie and Theresa DeMerchant**



UGANDA: God is doing marvelous things in Uganda. We have been to three regional conferences in the last three weeks. God is moving in special ways as fourteen new churches have been opened in the last two months and churches are growing in revival! In Kyegewa, at the Rwenzori regional conference, it was a great sight to see our friend the DISO (District Investigative Security Officer) attend on Saturday, worshipping and having a great time in God. Fifty-one people received the Holy Ghost and sixteen were baptized at the conference. Special guest **Brother Crutchfield**, from Hinesville, GA, preached the North Kyoga Regional conference. We are excited to see the pastors working together to reach every district in their region. Twenty-two people received the Holy Ghost and twenty-four were baptized in Jesus' name. There were over 350 people gathered from every district in the region. Saturday and Sunday nights we were in open air evangelism. Then we travelled to the South Sudan border area for the West Nile regional conference. Brother Crutchfield did a great job in ministering and preaching the Word there as well. Eight received the Holy Ghost and sixteen were baptized. One lady who was baptized had come to just watch, but when she began to see what God was doing, she wanted to be baptized also.—**Philip and Twyla Tolstad**



Masthead Photo: A portion of the crowd worshipping during the 2014 annual national convention held in Spain.

NEW NEXT STEPS WEBSITE

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