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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

FINLAND: God is showing Himself strong in Finland! Our daughter **Candace** is continuing to connect our contacts within the Helsinki region. Her 2016 calendar is in place, and we're excited about her vision for the year! Group meetings, fellowship opportunities, prayer meetings and more are planned. She also continues to host the online Bible study that we do with three of our Finnish friends whenever our schedules permit. In Loimaa and the surrounding area, **Jun and Joyce Ventura** are working on making contacts, have plans to start new Bible studies, and are holding services whenever their schedules permit. We are thrilled about the team that God is building, and we look forward to what He will do through all of us!—**Mark and Glenda Alphin**



CHILE: 2015 was an incredible year for the United Pentecostal Church of Chile. We had a record National Conference in September with over 1,300 in attendance and thirty-two received the gift of the Holy Ghost! We were honored by the visit of the director of Global Missions, **Brother Bruce Howell**. His preaching was timely and set the stage for a tremendous outpouring. We recently conducted a leadership seminar in the city of Curicó. A man who had been seeking the Holy Ghost for a long time came to the altar. Brother Hayes explained that there was no need to "seek" it as it was already poured out on the Day of Pentecost. All one must do now after repenting is to have faith and receive it! The man lifted his hands, repented of his sins and began to speak in that heavenly language! After he finished speaking in tongues, he was so excited that he immediately turned around to where another young man was praying, laid his hands on him and that young man too was filled with the Holy Ghost! He said afterwards that everyone should receive the Holy Ghost! We are excited about what God has in store for Chile in 2016! Please keep us in your prayers as we reach Chile with the gospel of Jesus Christ!—**Shane and Dena Hayes**



GUATEMALA: On October 22, 2015, we had a great celebration. After three years of construction, we could finally say that we were ready to dedicate the entire complex back to the Lord. We were honored to have so many guests from all over the US and Canada here to help us celebrate. We had a ribbon cutting ceremony where **Brother and Sister Howell** (Global Missions), **Brother and Sister Mike Williams** (Apostolic Man) and **Brother and Sister Rodney Weekley** (HOME International, USA) cut different colored ribbons. This was followed by marimba music and fireworks as we headed inside. We then held the official dedication ceremony with many esteemed speakers. Then everyone dispersed around the four acre property. As **Brother Raymond Woodward** led us in prayer, people laid their hands on the doors, walls, beds and every room in each of the thirteen buildings. We want the peace of God to reign in each of the ten homes, as we begin to receive the needy children of Guatemala. Help us pray that each child that we receive will find love, joy and peace within these walls. One day, we will be able to care for 100 children. At the moment we are still working through the accreditation process, but are hoping to receive our first child in the beginning of the new year. Help us pray to that end. Thank you to all who have given to this project. The dream has become a reality!—**Lynne Jewett**



GREENLAND: Regional Director **Michael Tuttle** and Area Coordinator **Robert Kelley**, were privileged to travel to Greenland at the invitation of a church group there who have been seeking for more teaching and a deeper experience in the Lord.

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There are no roads between towns in Greenland, so it took many hours of travel by plane and helicopter to reach the village where this church group lives. A warm welcome was given by people who were eager to get acquainted and discuss the Word. Several days of meeting people and sharing the Word culminated in a weekend with six hours of teaching in their Bible school and two services. We are happy to report that six people were filled with the Holy Ghost! People were extremely eager to learn and grow in the Lord. Bible study materials were left with this group who gave an invitation to keep connected and make another trip this year. Truly this is an open door!—**Robert and Jerolyn Kelley**

CYPRUS: In the past few months we have seen a growing hunger to know more about God and who He is! God has opened the door for us to have a Saturday evening prayer meeting! This is a prayer answered for us! Also, a city wide prayer and Bible study has opened a door for us to meet with local pastors in the area. There is a hunger among these men and women, who are praying for "more truth and less tradition" and we are stepping through these open doors. God is doing a work!—**Stephan and Debra Summers**

COLOMBIA: In October, we joined **Robert and Lisbeth Dame**, our South American Regional Coordinator of Global Campus Ministries, for the 2nd annual Congreso de MUG, Colombia, where we trained how to reach university students and professionals. It was a well attended meeting with much excitement in the atmosphere! The leadership in Colombia came up with the idea of forming a department for reaching and linking students and professionals to help them stay dedicated to God while studying, and to reach their peers at the same time. This a great combo for reaching those with formal education. The Dames are tremendous missionaries and soul winners and are doing a wonderful job leading Global Campus Ministries in South America.—**Monte and Dianne Showalter**

GHANA: A total of thirty-three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and thirty-six were baptized in Jesus' name at three local churches.

After a week of prayer and fasting there were five baptized in Jesus' name at one church.

There were six students who received their GATS certificate at the northern ACTS extension school.

After a very successful national council, there were sixteen pastors ordained. All sixteen are former Bible school students.

At a regional youth camp there were five who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit for the first time while many others were renewed.

At least twenty-seven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at national conference in Benin where I was privileged to speak to the ladies on two occasions.—**Colleen Carter**

NEW ZEALAND: Living Waters Ministries is the newest UPCI work in New Zealand. Living Waters Ministries has a strong focus on the fundamentals of biblical salvation which begins with the priority of the oneness doctrine. At Living Waters Ministries we encourage all members and visitors to come to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as the one true and only almighty God manifested in flesh, the God of the universe revealed to His creation.—**Robert and Judy Addington**

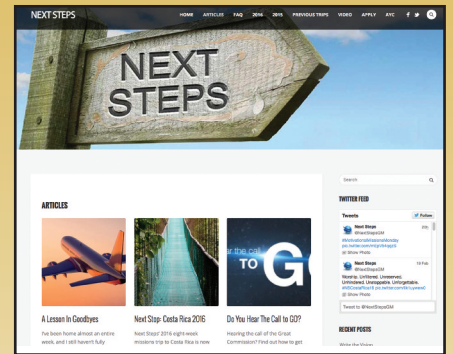


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An estimated 5,000 people were filled with the Holy Spirit during an outdoor crusade service attended by 35,000 in Marikina Sports Stadium in Manila, Philippines. This crusade was the final service of the Philippine General Conference held February 17-21, 2016. **Philippine Superintendent Bodegas** and Global Missions Regional Director **Roger Buckland** preached before twenty-two ministers were ordained on Saturday afternoon. That evening a 'singspiration' featured national musicians and singers from around the country. **Pastor Anthony Mangun** of Alexandria, Louisiana, and his team ministered throughout the conference.



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