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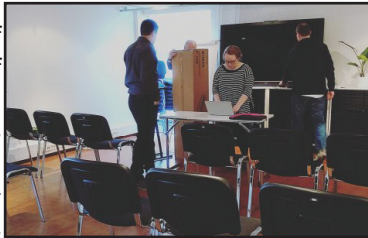
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Global Glimpses

FINLAND: Immediately following our return home, Mark began finalizing arrangements for a public meeting space. On January 1, 2017, we launched Uudet Alut Helsinki (New Beginnings Helsinki, United Pentecostal Church of Finland) right in the heart of Finland's capital city. God has truly blessed us with a miraculous situation that includes growth possibilities. It is a very accessible location just minutes from the train station!—**Mark and Glenda Alphin**



FRANCE: Many months ago prayer was requested in one of our services for a lady we didn't know personally, named Nikki. She recently found out that she had cancer. This was after having already been treated for another form of the disease and been in remission. This was devastating news so her friend, H el ene, who is part of our small group, made the request. We prayed repeatedly over time and eventually received the news that she had been healed. We recently got to meet Nikki when she came to service with H el ene! She was very enthusiastic about being in the meeting, asking questions and requesting prayer. At the end of the service she was praying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost! We are very excited to see what the Lord is going to do in her life!—**Marcus and Renee Brainos**

VANUATU: The completion of our new stage has been the most thrilling project of recent months. At Christmas time last year the Southern District Conference was held on location.



There was a huge shift in the Spirit as the church was called to new dedication and fresh repentance, not only in each of our own lives, but repentance for the nation.—**Peter and Robbie Gratton**

NICARAGUA: We recently had an incredible outpouring of the Holy Ghost! Evangelist **Mark Drost** ministered with anointing to crowds of 9,000 Nicaraguans, and in three nights a total of 2,396 people were filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost!

There was such a powerful surge of faith that people were coming out of wheelchairs, and others left crutches behind as they were healed by the mighty power of God. The sound of Pentecost reverberated for miles in every direction, and history was made in the first crusade to be held on our headquarters and Bible school property. God bless Pastors **Jerry Dean, Jeff Ralston**



and **Nathan Thornton** for the support that made this great crusade a reality. Prior to the crusade, churches all across Nicaragua joined in a week of fervent prayer and fasting, capped on the final day with an old-fashioned all night prayer meeting, crying out to the Lord for this crusade. The opposition was heavy. A hurricane threatened to do severe damage the week of the crusade, then there was an earthquake that literally and figuratively shook up the nation. Then two days before the first night of the crusade, there was a national protest that paralyzed the entire nation, involving riot police and national guard, but nothing could prevail in the face of the fervent prayers of the people of the name in Nicaragua! We thank the Lord for this mighty move of God!—**Stephen and Yvonne Nix**



MADAGASCAR: The New Year is well underway and we are excited about what God has in store for 2017! The United Pentecostal Church of Madagascar has many goals and plans for the year: new churches being built, a new Bible school being built, many seminars and conferences for ladies, youth, children, men and leadership. Local church revivals, Christian education, evangelism, discipleship are many of the things happening. It is going to be a great year as the Lord leads us in victory! Thank you for being a part of our ministry through your prayers and finances!—**Chris and Paula Richardson**

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PAKISTAN: Brother Shalm was joined by Evangelist **Brian Norman** for the District Conferences in Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi and Bahawalpur. A large convention was also held in the city of Wah, where about 4,300 gathered. Several notable miracles occurred in this meeting. We are thrilled that a satellite New Life Training Seminary has been opened in the city of Karachi. Already there are more than 125 students attending. This new Bible school is totally funded by the United Pentecostal Church in Pakistan. We were thankful that Brother **Garry Tracy**, former missionary to Pakistan was able to minister to the students during his recent trip. The United Pentecostal Church in Pakistan is moving forward in victory!—**Allan and Georgene Shalm**

with 592 students enrolled. We have an additional 110 students enrolling in advanced classes in March giving us over 700 students in 2017! In January we licensed six new ministers and started two new churches, all a result of training!

We currently have six Bible school complexes under construction throughout the nation. It is exciting!!!—**Brad and Regina Thompson**




GUYANA: What a great time we had as we celebrated this great milestone in the work of God here in Guyana! We were so blessed to have **Pastor Devon and Sister Joy Dawson**, pioneering missionaries and Superintendent of the New York Metro District UPCI, with us, along with our regional director, Reverend and Sister **David and Yonda Schwarz**. We were tremendously blessed with their ministries. We thank Jesus for the blessings in the sessions and services.



We also thank Jesus for the sixteen graduates from the Apostolic Bible Institute of Guyana. To God be the Glory! We thank every one of our Partners in Missions for your faithful support that has enabled us to be a part of the work in Guyana for the past sixteen years.—**Steve and Cheri Smith**

GUATEMALA: In January and February we opened thirty-two Bible school locations around Guatemala



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Masthead Photo: Because of your sacrificial giving, the "I AM GLOBAL" offering has ended the deputation of all thirteen missionaries that were called out at the 2016 General Conference! By sending them home, we have eliminated seventy-two months of deputation. This is six years of time saved where our missionaries can be on location instead of traveling in the U.S. We have also saved \$419,000 of deputation expenses for the missionaries and saved our North American churches at least \$258,000 from hosting expenses! Thank you for your giving! Thank you for making a global impact!



Projects of the Month

MAURITIUS CHURCH PROJECT

The UPC of Mauritius has a building partially constructed to house the Bible school, national church offices, a one room missionary apartment and a local church congregation. \$100,000 is needed to enable completion of the current structure. **To donate to this project, please reference project number GMGP.166.2109.**

SOLOMON ISLANDS ACCOMODATION

The AIM apartment that was built many years ago, has fallen into disrepair due to no one living there. The repairs needed are minor and could be covered at a cost of \$7,500. This will enable the administrator for the college to come and go with very little expense. Also visiting regularly and basing out of Fiji will be the newly appointed missionary to Solomon Islands and Fiji, Brother and Sister Wickett. They will also be blessed by this accommodation. **To donate to this project, please reference project number GMGP.5140.2102.**

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