

April 2020 Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

ICELAND: Our new friend in Reykjavik is a faithful online attendee in our Helsinki services and her HBS training begins in January. Imagine being the only believer in a country of about 362K people. Will you pray for Vanessa?

We are working to set up multiple meetings within Reykjavik during the month of February and welcome your prayers.—

Mark and Glenda Alphin

GUATEMALA: Now that we have both a boys' home and a girls' home opened for children in need, there are always lots of things happening. Over the past three years, we have been able to provide a safe haven for a total of forty-one children. With twenty children in residence and six children that we are

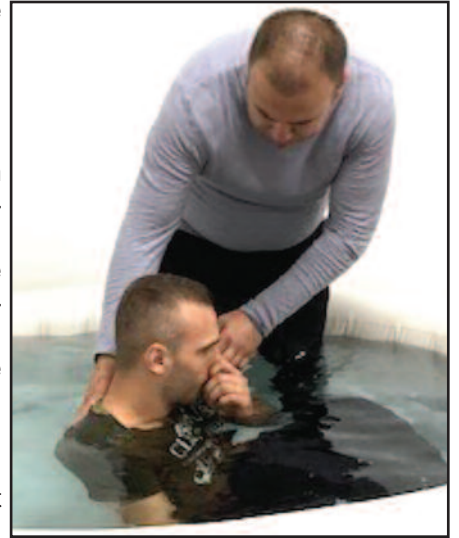


working with in our family reunification program, we keep quite busy. Just recently, we celebrated the dedication of our brand new playground. We are so grateful for Brother and Sister Williams and the POA, Apopka, Florida, and Brother and Sister Pamer and the saints of Fairlawn Apostolic Church in Ohio, for making this possible. What a beautiful tribute they gave us in memory of their precious daughter, Greyson.

We also had visitors from Alaska, New Mexico, Ohio and Florida, who all had a hand in making the playground project become a reality. The same week the Barnes family from Brother Tom Copples' church, Spirit and Truth Worship Center in Orange, California, came to build bird houses with all of our children. What a time they had! They assembled, glued, painted and then hung their bird houses in the trees all around the property. We are so thankful for the time and effort they put into this project. They not only spent time with our children but they made special memories that will never be forgotten!—

Lynne Jewett

CROATIA: We have been experiencing small breakthrough after breakthrough in our new work in Zagreb. Building a church from nothing presents interesting challenges here. Some things that come naturally in an established church, like an altar call, has to be introduced, taught and developed. A common question we've been hearing lately is, "What is that language you



were speaking during prayer?" It is exciting and we are so thankful to be on the team with you!—**Radovan and Tanya Hajduk**

PUERTO RICO: Bible school is one of the many things we have had the privilege to be a part of since we have been on the field. In Puerto Rico, we have been teaching students in the San Juan Metro area as well as in Sabana Grande in the south. We are thankful we were able to go to Trinidad this February and teach a week for Purpose Institute. One of our biggest prayers is that we would see people come to know the Lord and receive salvation. We also want to reach areas that have not been reached. Mayaguez is the eighth largest city in Puerto Rico with a population of 89,080. There currently is no UPC church in that town. We had our first outreach in that area and have made a few contacts. We are believing we will see lives changed in Mayaguez.—**Joseph and Cassandra Landaw**

PORTUGAL: Home Bible Studies have been a big part of our winter quarter here in Portugal. We have been teaching and training others to do the same. There is no better way to reach into the lives of others with the Word of God! Through these Bible studies, we have seen several receive the Holy Ghost and be baptized in the wonderful name of Jesus!—**Oscar and Erin Rodrigues**

ESWATINI: God is doing great things in eSwatini! We held our annual Ladies' Conference in the capital city of Mbabane. Pastor Michael and Michelle LaBrie from Beaumont, Texas, along with Regional Director Randy and Carolyn Adams, ministered. God moved in a mighty way as the ladies of the UPCE responded to the Word. After the last service, there were four baptized in Jesus' name! During the Ladies Conference, we held our very first Global Association of Theological Studies (G.A.T.S.) graduation. We are thankful for the eighteen students who completed their Certificate Level! God will richly bless those who dedicate time to study His Word.—**Jonathan and Monica Parker**

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Dominican national secretary, Juan Batista, and Missionary Steve Shirley were honored by an invitation to minister at the Trinidad national convention! The conference was hosted by missionaries Gary and Kristi Landaw. There was a great spirit of unity among the leadership, and the departments are working hard with plans for revival and growth! Nine received the Holy Ghost during the meetings!—**Steve and Kari Shirley**

ARGENTINA: Pastor and Sister Ricardo Moreira have been a part of the ministerial body in Argentina for many years. They have started churches, witnessed countless healings and have seen God raise a dead baby back to life. Recently, in his struggle with diabetes, he had to have a toe amputated, and the doctors were talking of taking an entire foot due to lack of blood flow. However, after prayer, the doctors were amazed to report that blood was flowing again in the foot and that there was no need to amputate. To God be the glory!—**Michael and Miriam Sponsler**

FIJI: Twenty students graduated from ACTS Fiji Bible College in Suva. God is doing great things through their lives. We are excited to announce we have started two new campuses this year for ACTS Fiji, one in Lautoka and one in Labasa, with plans to start two more.—**Troy and Jennette Wickett**



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Projects of the Month

ETHIOPIA APOSTOLIC TRAINING CENTER

One of the most important needs in Ethiopia is a place to train apostles to reach the country. A gift of \$10,000.00 would allow for the purchase of property to build this facility. **To donate to this project, please reference project number GMGP.1100.2105.**

AMERICAN SAMOA BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

There is a need for supplies in the Bible school in Samoa/American Samoa. These include office supplies, chairs, whiteboards, overhead projectors, screens, printers, dry erase markers, stationary items, etc. An offering of \$4,000.00 would help to purchase these much needed items. **To donate to this project, please reference project number GMGP.5005.2406.**

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