

May 2011 **Focal Points**

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Global Glimpses

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Our special thanks goes to Ladies Ministries USA for the student support. Students such as these in the photo to the left are eager for teaching and resources. They represent many across the large nation of Papua



New Guinea who would like further training. This takes time and effort on the part of teachers, but also the necessary funds. For this we are very thankful to the ladies for their unflinching support in this area. Go to www.carveronline.com to read more about the Bible School and Fiji Evangelist/Bible school teacher Brother Paitadra as he travelled in PNG teaching, with Brother Nathan Henderson from Australia. - **Richard and Margaret Carver**

HUNGARY: The Hungarian church hosts an annual conference for their fellowship. Many visitors come to see but stay to worship. Brother Lassip, a Hungarian national, is gifted in starting churches. He has planted sixteen churches in northern Hungary where he lives. He works from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. He then travels by bus to the villages within a sixteen mile radius knocking on all of the doors in each village and witnessing. He began with house meetings and now the largest church today runs one hundred. - **George and Cheryl Craft**

INDIA: Ajinbou Chatmai is from Manipur. His family moved to the Kanpur area, North India. There, he was witnessed to and reached by Scism Christian University-Delhi graduate Tsathvu Thuvuri. He came



to SCU himself, and after he graduated, went to Varanasi, ground zero of Hinduism, where people worship the Ganga river and by the river. Today, he has six churches and preaching points and many, many testimonies of people coming from Hinduism to Jesus Christ by the power of healing in Jesus' name. - **Stanley Scism**

SCANDINAVIA: It has been our privilege for the last several months to oversee the nations of Scandinavia as well as continuing our work in the British Isles. We thank God for the dedicated pastors and saints in these nations where a great spiritual breakthrough is needed. We do have a witness in Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway. Iceland is yet to be opened for the United Pentecostal Church. The spiritual atmosphere of these countries is cold, just like the snow-covered ground, but we are happy to report that the SON is shining. Recently it was our privilege to visit beautiful Norway, and minister in the great church in Oslo. Despite many battles over the years, God is working greatly and the truth is being proclaimed boldly. - **Robert and Jerolyn Kelley**

Global Education Committee Meeting



Photo: GATS Regional Representatives with James Poitras (center), GATS Coordinator

Taking on the exciting project of a global education program is a monumental task and cannot be accomplished in a short period of time; however, the regional representatives, pictured above, have a passion for training laborers for the worldwide harvest! Coinciding with this passion is a deep conviction for excellence in apostolic ministry.

"A student who is fully trained will be like his teacher" (See Luke 6:40). It is our great privilege to serve as the GATS Representative for the Europe / Middle East Region.

The Global Education Committee met in January 2011, reviewing what has been accomplished thus far and setting new goals to be reached. The GATS Program is consistently improving in efforts to reach that high watermark!

What a privilege to be involved in something that will leave an indelible mark on the future! Not only is teaching and mentoring the next generation for apostolic ministry an imperative from Scripture, but an honor!

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PARAGUAY: The end of July and the first of August last year we held revival services at the Lambare church and 15 received the Holy Ghost and eleven were baptized. We had a special healing service at our central church. A lady was there that had three enlarged veins in her head causing severe pain for over twenty years. This affected her eyesight as well. In the service she re-ceived healing and began to shout and glorify God, declaring that after 20 years she had no pain in her head and that she could see clearly. The next Sunday she received the Holy Ghost. Since those revival services someone has been baptized and received the Holy Ghost every week! - **Joseph and Loretta Bir**

FINLAND: We arrived in Helsinki on December 30, 2010, just in time to celebrate the New Year of 2011 in our new home. Granted, our humanity began to immediately experience the cultural differences, feel the loss of a New Year's Eve service, and missing the celebration of New Year's Day with loved ones. However, our spirits were warm with the understanding that God had arranged events so that we could experience our new home—Finland—from the very beginning of a brand-new year.

We have already made new friends while meeting others with whom we have been communicating via email for many months. It was heart-warming to meet a lady who told us, "I have been waiting for this for over 30 years!" She had been an exchange student in the late 70's and wanted an extension of her American family to come to Finland. We are truly enjoying our new friendships and look for-

ward to meeting more people as the days go by. - **Mark and Glenda Alphin**

SURINAME: In December the whole family loaded up and headed out for Apoera, a village in the western region of Suriname. After the first hour the asphalt was left behind, and the rest of the trip was through the savannah and jungle of Suriname. The trip formerly took around twelve hours, but the road has been improved and this time we made it in less than seven hours.

Over the years we have made many contacts in Apoera and the nearby villages, and have seen several people from the area baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost. The purpose of this trip was to conduct three nights of short-term Bible school classes. The topic of study was Essentials of Holiness, based on Brother David Bernard's book of the same name. Seventeen students were present for at least one night of classes, and five were present every night.

In addition to the Bible school classes one person was baptized in the Correntyne River, and two children were dedicated. - **Philip and Sandra Rhoads**

SOUTH AMERICA: We were in Chile in January with missionaries Barkley and Hayes. They are doing a fine job and the progress in the work is obvious. We were able to minister in the National Youth Retreat along with Pastor Tony Suarez of Norfolk, Virginia. What a great meeting with healing and sixteen who received the Holy Ghost. - **Monte and Dianne Showalter, Missionary Evangelists**

Project of the Month:
**JAPAN
EARTHQUAKE
RELIEF**

On March 11, 2011, Japan was struck by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunam which has devastated the region. CSI is soliciting funds to help with the purchase of food, water, clothing, blankets and other basic necessities during this difficult time. Many people have been displaced from their homes and even more do not have a home left after the tsunami.

CSI has also set up a way to give \$10 via your mobile phone. Simply text the key-word "**JAPANQUAKE**" to 85944. A one-time donation of \$10 will be billed to your mobile phone bill. Messaging and data rates may apply. All charges are billed by and payable to your mobile service provider.

If you would like to send a check, please send your donations to the Foreign Missions Division, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood MO 63042. Please designate your offering to the **CSI-JAPAN** or to account number **103.FC.033325.91.9102._995.**



MASTHEAD PHOTO

MASTHEAD PHOTO: Devastation as a result of the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami in Japan. More than 10,000 people have lost their lives and more than 215,000 are in emergency refugee camps. CSI is raising funds to send to Japan in order to purchase basic necessities such as food, water and clothing.