

June 2011 Focal Points



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COSTA RICA NEWS BRIEFS

as reported by Paul and Stephanie Rivero.

- At the beginning of February, we had the privilege of having Reverend David Bounds from West Virginia preach a youth camp here in Costa Rica. The youth had a wonderful time and were truly blessed!
- Fifteen Sunday school teachers from different churches were able to attend a Sunday school seminar held in Nicaragua in February. They were tremendously blessed and returned to their churches with useful ideas and a zeal to help their children live for God!
- Sister Maria, one of our precious ladies, had been praying diligently for her family. During a men's fellowship meeting, her husband was delivered from an addiction to cigarettes. Two weeks later, he was filled with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost.
- The first week of March, we were privileged to preach a three night revival in Guadarin, an area where a new work has been started. During the three nights, at least six people received the Holy Ghost and four were baptized. Also in March, we baptized a Trinitarian pastor in the wonderful name of Jesus.

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GLOBAL GLIMPSES

ECUADOR: The first prayer congress convened in January with 1,000 present on the national campgrounds. What better way to inaugurate these grounds and dedicate them to the Lord! Each of the 310 churches in Ecuador has set apart a day of prayer at the camp to cover the 365 days of 2011. The purpose of these prayers is for a spiritual awakening and growth to permeate Ecuador and the world.—**Darry and Kathy Crossley**, South America Regional Director

GHANA: Our annual faculty education program was held in Togo with twenty-four in attendance representing five West African nations. Instruction was enjoyed from various educators including **Reverend Theron Smith** from South Carolina.

We are encouraged with what has been taking place in Ghana. The churches are moving ahead with vision. We were pleased to be able to attend the first service of Vision Chapel in a brand new location. Nine received the Holy Ghost and one was baptized.—**Nick and Pam Sisco**, Ghana



SINGAPORE: On December 12, 2010, the Singapore Bible school graduated four with a bachelors degree and seventeen with an associates degree pictured above! Many feel

a call into missions. Believe with us in prayer that they will start multiple churches in Asia and the Pacific! —**Steve Willoughby**, Singapore

ESTONIA: In preparation for an evangelism blitz this summer, we are having monthly services in a rented hall, in addition to youth services, Bible studies, outreach and prayer meetings. Last month there were five first-time visitors in the youth meetings! The Lord is helping us connect with new people. Our Christmas party had 20 attending, mostly neighbors. At our New Year's Eve dinner seven young Estonians celebrated with us.—**Nate and Ingunn Turner**, Estonia

CONGO: In our recent national board meetings, great reports came from every province in the DRC. The church has grown to over 11,500 members! There are many financial miracles taking place in churches and in the homes of the pastors. Though the country is poverty-stricken and war-torn, God's blessings continue to prove that He can prosper His people when they give themselves to the work of the ministry.—**Ted and Patricia Grosbach**, Democratic Republic of Congo

THAILAND: At the 2011 Thai Conference, more than 140 were filled with the Spirit, seventeen were baptized in the name of Jesus and over 100 were touched by God's healing power. All glory and honor to the Lord Jesus!—**Ed and Mary Simmons**, Thailand

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HAITI: On January 12, 2011, (exactly one year after the Earthquake) the Bible school officially reopened. It was a symbol of renewed hope and continued rebuilding. Twenty-nine students are again applying themselves to the study of God's Word and preparing themselves to evangelize, teach, and fulfill their ministry and calling. CSI has helped **Pastor Chery** and the congregation of the Lilavois United Pentecostal Church to rebuild. The church and school are excited to be worshipping under a new roof surrounded by strong walls.—**Ron and Terry Brian**, Haiti



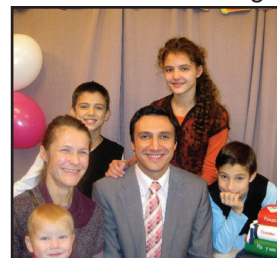
Grand re-opening of the Bible school in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake.

GUYANA: This past January marked our 10th year anniversary of our missionary service in Guyana, South America. It was on January 30, 2011, that we left the United States for our first year on the AIM program to serve in Guyana. The years have flown by. Our children have spent either half or most of their lives in Guyana. We have seen many great and mighty things from the hand of the Lord. We consider it a privilege and honor to serve in such a beautiful country surrounded with precious people! We are truly blessed!—**Steve and Cheri Smith**, Guyana

SUDAN: In October, Sister Jean and Mary-Elizabeth were involved with hosting and teaching a group of Sudanese ladies at the Life Tabernacle Church in Nairobi. They along with Sister Clerice did an outstanding job ministering to these Sudanese refugees. The meeting closed with a service where seventeen ladies were filled with the Holy Ghost and several requesting baptism in Jesus' name.

Last November, my wife and I traveled to Uganda to minister at the Lira conference. One highlight for us was seeing one of our recent Bible school graduates, Brother Robert. He is now a presbyter in his area near the South Sudan border. In one year they have started over fifteen churches in his area. During the conference we had over twenty baptized in Jesus' name and over thirty filled with the Holy Ghost, including the lady "Chief" of the area. We also thank God for the efforts of Brother and Sister Tolstad and the Ugandan Church.—**Patrick and Jean Groves**, Sudan/Kenya

RUSSIA: The United Pentecostal Church in St. Petersburg, Russia, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, complete with a Sunday homecoming service, and a birthday party. **Pastor Eduard Puskov** and family are pictured below--left to right: Kir (Cyrus), Sister Lena Pushkova,



Stephan, Pastor Eduard, Avia (Abigail), and Zaharia (Zakariah). All the children, except Kir, have the Holy Ghost and have been baptized in Jesus' name. In 2010, the St. Petersburg church had someone baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost every month of the

year! As we finish deputation and return to the field in April, we are looking forward to visiting St. Petersburg and many other wonderful Apostolic churches in Russia and the former Soviet Union.—**William and Elizabeth Turner**, Russia

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MASTHEAD PHOTO: A building in Haiti, rebuilt by CSI following the January 12, 2010, earthquake.

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