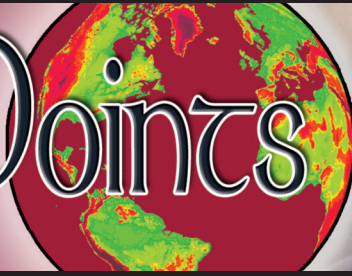


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GLOBAL GLIMPSES

UKRAINE - The Lord has opened a huge door for us in the country of Ukraine! I have been invited by the Dean of Ostroh Academy to teach Christianity to the students of that university. I have also been asked to teach Christianity and Christian Ethics to public school teachers throughout the nation. These teachers will then teach these things to their students. All of this is approved by the Minister of Education! In May, I will attend a conference at the university along with educators and scientists from other nations to speak on the subject of "Intelligent Design of the Universe." Please be in prayer with us about this open door.—**Ray and Judy Nicholls**, Poland

WEST AFRICA - Thank you, body of Christ, for your tremendous response to the vision that was cast for French speaking West Africa. You loved, you prayed and you partnered. We headed to Burkina Faso on May 13th, 2010, with one objective, to see a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the people in the sub-Sahara region. Now is the time for a great harvest of souls in the Muslim and voodoo world! Now is the time for the people to rejoice! Now is the appointed time for Africa! It is the will of God that every nation hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.—**Ken and Ginny Cantrell**, Burkina Faso

SOUTH AFRICA - Last year we were privileged to purchase our first building. After nearly seven years of renting facilities and being at the mercy of landlords, the Lord of the land opened a door. We purchased a property with two buildings on it in the heart of our city. The main building will seat about 150. We remodeled the garage area into our Community Life Center. Each Sunday nearly 80 children, ages 3-9, gather there for Sunday school. The sanctuary has been repainted, new trim work has been installed, carpets cleaned, projector and sound systems have been installed; and we have put in an alarm system in an attempt to keep the burglars out. We have thoroughly reworked the



yard as well as many other projects. When we purchased the property and buildings, we were able to pay about 80 percent of the purchase cost and finance the remainder. Our desire is to pay off the building or, at

least, reduce the debt in order to use the finances coming into the church for extensive outreach into the city. We are averaging nearly 200 each Sunday at this location and will be starting additional services soon in order to serve those who are sitting outside of the building.—**Dan and Sherry Davis**, South Africa

TRINIDAD - Prayer camp in Trinidad this year was held in a school. Young people gathered together for four days to have a time of prayer and a time of preaching. Thirteen people received the Holy Ghost during the camp. The annual Ladies Seminar was conducted March 11-14, in three locations in Trinidad and in Tobago. **Sister Sandra Rhoads**, missionary from Suriname, was the guest speaker. One lady received the Holy Ghost.—**Gary and Kristi Landaw**, Trinidad, Tobago and Spanish Caribbean

KENYA - On behalf of the church we greet you all from rainy, wet Kenya. We have two seasons here, dry and rainy. This being the rainy season, we are very thankful for the showers as water can be a very scarce commodity here. Moreover we are very thankful we can report that the Lord continues to pour out His Spirit on the hungry souls here in East Africa. The Lord filled thirty-five kids with the Holy Ghost in one service on Jan 2, 2010, and He has since continued to bless the work here greatly.—**Patrick and Jean Groves**, Sudan/Kenya

HOLLAND - In The Netherlands, many great services and activities have been happening in Dordrecht and Hoofddorp. There are weekend revivals, Bible school sessions, family Bible camps and the regular weekly church services with people being filled, refilled, renewed with the Holy Ghost and healed. In Germany, a great happening has finally taken place! Brother Wey and the church in Mannheim have purchased a beautiful building, and with some renovations they can start having services. They have been in a location where there wasn't a way to expand any more, yet they are constantly having people come to be baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost. Great rejoicing was heard when the final papers were signed for this building.—**Charles and Charlotte Stovall**, Germany/The Netherlands

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SURINAME - In February, Brother Rhoads traveled to Georgetown, Guyana, where he was involved in a leadership meeting and ministered at the central church. In March, Sister Rhoads visited Trinidad and Tobago, where she was the guest speaker at a ladies' seminar. Both of these fields have been a blessing to the work in Suriname, and it is good to try to be a blessing in return.

On the last Sunday of each month, we conduct a service at the central prison. Sunday, March 28 was a blessed day as eight prisoners were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. We also had the opportunity to present Bibles to some of the Dutch-speaking inmates.

Each year we conduct basic Bible school classes, which are open to anyone who wants to learn more of the Word of the Lord. This short-term program consists of Essentials of the New Birth, Essentials of Holiness and Essential Doctrines of the Bible.—**Phillip and Sandra Rhoads**, Suriname

Anticipation Makes the Days Sweeter

by Candace Alphin

Do you remember when you were a child, and your birthday was appearing fast on the calendar? You would begin planning and plotting months before your birthday even happened. You would run to your mother, "Mom! My birthday! What are we going to do?!" Or you'd dash to your father, "Dad! What are we doing for my birthday? It's almost here!" To which was the normal reply: "(Insert your own name here), your birthday is not for 6 more months. We have plenty of time to plan. You just need to be patient." Inwardly you'd be thinking: PATIENT! WHAT? My birthday is almost here and you're telling me to be PATIENT? But you'd reply, "Yes, sir (or ma'am)." And finally, after what seemed like years, and years, and years of waiting, your birthday would arrive! You'd have a party, and it'd be just as you imagined! You'd have your cake and themed décor, friends and family, and lots of presents. After the celebration would end and the day would be over, you'd lay in bed thinking, "That was an amazing birthday! But, wait! I have another birthday coming up next year! Yippee!" And so the planning and the anticipation would begin once again.

I can honestly tell you that I performed the exact process mentioned in the previous story. I would plan and wait, plan and wait, and then my birthday would finally come, and it would be great! Then, the next morning, I would be back to planning, waiting in excitement and anticipation. Well, to be frank, also with impatience. But, it was always worth the wait.

It's the same thing with Finland. I was called to missions when I was 5 years old. I've been waiting, planning, and plotting in anticipation for what is to come for the past 10 years. It's an exciting thing, anticipation. When my father told me that we were going to be interviewed for intermediate missionary status, I had just gotten up out of bed. If I was completely awake, I probably would have screamed. But I smiled a huge smile and said, "Yes! That's awesome!" When I heard that we were appointed, I jumped up and down like a little child, excitement and anticipation taking over. We started deputation and began the road to Finland. We are still currently traveling, but this phase is almost finished, and every day puts me closer to my calling. Yes, I'm impatient and want to be there right now. Yes, I get tired of having to pack and repack all my belongings, but I have to remember that every day takes me closer to home. This is what I was born to do, and it's definitely worth the wait. Every day, the anticipation mounts higher and higher. As we count the days, we plan and pray, waiting in excitement (and some impatience) for what is to come. Anticipation definitely makes the days sweeter. ■

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PROJECT OF THE MONTH:

RUSSIAN LITERATURE TRANSLATION

The work in Russia is in need of funds for the translation of literature. New books related to Apostolic doctrine can be printed in the Russian language for approximately \$2 per book. To get the best value, at least \$1,000 for each printing is needed to produce a minimum of 500 books. There are currently four books by United Pentecostal Church authors already translated, edited, and ready for production. In addition, some of the books already in print, such as *In Search of Holiness* by David Bernard, need a second printing.

All that is needed is funding. This material will assist in reaching 285 million Russian speaking people in the fifteen nations of the former Soviet Union. In addition, Bible school and training programs in at least eight locations need books based on solid Apostolic doctrine in order to train future generations of leaders in these nations.

If you would like to assist the work in Russia, please send your donations to the Foreign Missions Division, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood MO 63042. Designate your offering to the **Russian Translation Project** or to the following project account number **103.FA0710F.033215.23.2306_146**. Thank you for your donation.

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Thirty-five children receive the Holy Ghost in Kenya during a service in January 2010.

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