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Focal Points



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GLOBAL GLIMPSES

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - In March, we were able to make our first visit to the Central African Republic. The Central Africans received the apostolic teaching with great joy! We are so excited to see how the Lord is opening the door and making a way for the apostolic doctrine of Jesus Christ to be taught in the Central African Republic. The hunger in the Central Africans for understanding the Word of God was incredible. They absorbed each day of teaching with great anticipation! **Missionary Randy Adams** has established a very strong foundation and working relationship with the pastors and churches in the "CAR." Many of these pastors are independent and desire to study the Bible with us. There were approximately fifteen pastors attending the Bible school training each night.—**Michael and Danan Benson**, Central African Republic

UGANDA - During our 2011 General Conference, there were sixty-eight people filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-two baptized in Jesus' name, including nine pastors. There were six pastors who were restored to the United Apostolic Church of Uganda (UACU) and 502 registered pastors and elders in attendance.

The move of God was powerful as God's truth was taught. Many were moved to be restored and healed. Pastors came from all corners of Uganda. It was a moving spiritual time of unity and maturity for the church. Truly it was a "celebration" of mighty worship in the Lord! I am thankful that nine new pastors were baptized in Jesus' name.

The UACU is continuing to grow and experience a great move of God! There are now 598 churches and branches, and over 11,000 received the Holy Ghost in 2010 and 9,860 were baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ.—**Phil and Twyla Tolstad**, Uganda

SPAIN - **Sister Vonda Smith and Sister Tanya Harrod**



(Director and Secretary of the Sunday School Department) have worked diligently this year with all the churches of Spain. Over one hundred teachers, assistants and workers

attended a workshop and seminar in Barcelona and Madrid. Printed materials, CDs, training, and workshops have enabled our churches to experience revival within our Sunday school department throughout the nation. We are thrilled with the number of children who have received the Holy Ghost. Sister Vonda certainly believes as the scriptures says, "Train up a child." Examples, along with life experience, have proven this biblical verse true. The hope of this nation and the world can be found as our children grow in the Lord and His Word.—**Howard and Vonda Smith**, Spain

PAPUA NEW GUINEA - This wonderful message of Acts 2:38 and the oneness of God was first preached in the highlands province of Chimbu. There has been no permanent church in the capital of this province until now! We were honored to officially open the church on the right.—**Peter and Robyn Gratton**, Vanuatu



GUATEMALA - There were 230 Sunday school teachers that traveled from seven nations to be present at this year's training seminar. During the seminar, Sis. Sarahí from Honduras (pictured with me), shared her amazing testimony.

She came to our seminar a few years ago where we taught on kid's prayer. She resigned in her heart to train up the children in her church to pray. Little did she know that this would literally save her own life. She became very ill and was given an injection of the wrong medication. This caused bleeding in her brain and the complete loss of her memory. The doctors did not expect her to live another hour. A 10 year old girl in her Sunday school class came to the hospital to pray for her. She laid her hands on Sister Sarahí's head and called on the Lord to heal her teacher. Her prayers were heard and answered. The bleeding stopped and over time, her memory was restored. Miracles happen when we teach our children to pray!—**Lynne Jewett**, Guatemala



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URUGUAY - It was a privilege to participate in two ministerial seminars in the nation of Uruguay. **Missionary Michael Walmer** planned other ministry activities during our three-month visit to the nation. The first seminar was held in the national headquarters in Montevideo and was well attended by all the local pastors. Another was held the following weekend for the northern region. With nearly every pastor present, a great move of God was felt by all. God blessed in such a special way that not all the sessions could be given. God still answers from heaven when He is sought after by sincere people.

Even to the children, the Word of God and the plan of salvation is taught. It is so important that they know the Word, and essentials of a daily Christian walk. Some would say that teaching is no longer needed; giving emphasis to the emotions of singing and dancing, forgetting that all need the bread of life that comes by the Word. We know that teaching the truth of God's Word is the only way to have a Holy Ghost-filled church until the coming of the Lord. We appreciate all you do to help us reach the children of this nation. Tomorrow's church is today's children.—**Philip and Linda Walmer**, Brazil

GEORGIA - This month we are working on a number of things to get ready for revival in Tbilisi. The first thing we are doing is preparing for the influx of souls. The only meeting place we have is a small office that I like to call the upper room. Pictured are (right) youth **Pastor James Simpkins** from Living Hope Church in Maryland and (left) **Pastor Kote Rizhamadze** in the upper room. We may not have much but the Bible tells us to be good stewards with what we have. We are going to tear down some walls to repair the damage the 2000 earthquake. We have also purchased music equipment for the church to use. I want to say a special thanks to all of our field account supporters. It is your support that has made this possible. Keep us in your prayers as we are in desperate need of a larger facility but cannot afford anything right now.—**Jared and Kim Staten**, Georgia



PROJECT OF THE MONTH:

PROPERTY IN COLOMBIA: "CAMPO JIREH"

For several years, the church in the country of Colombia has been trying to raise funds for a centrally located property which would benefit the entire work. They have plans to host various events including youth camps, ladies retreats, Sunday school retreats, and national conferences, as well as a building complex for pastors in their retired years. The project is called "Campo Jireh," and they need funds to finalize the purchase of the property and to begin the building process. Helping the Colombians accomplish a project such as this will greatly impact future generations of UPCI saints in that country.

If you would like to assist the work in Colombia, please send your donations to the Foreign Missions Division, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood MO 63042. Designate your offering to **Campo Jireh** or to the following project account number **103.FA0711F.033215.21.2107_6030**. Thank you for your donation.

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Early in 2011, missionary Michael Benson visited the Central African Republic. Over the course of multiple days apostolic doctrine, prayer and baptism were taught along with two evangelistic services. During that time, eight people were baptized in Jesus' name.



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