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# Focal Points



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## GLOBAL GLIMPSES

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** We were able to give Campus Ministry Seminars to over 125 students in two locations in the Dominican. There was a great response and excitement about reaching fellow students on the six universities that we represented. Campus Ministry is a powerful way to reach nations right from your own back door!—**Monte and Dianne Showalter**, Global Campus Ministries

**ARGENTINA:** We were blessed to be invited to the country of Paraguay to minister at the national conference. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, of worship and the wonderful presence of God. Paraguay is a great work and God is blessing them greatly. It was wonderful to be with **Brother and Sister Joey Bir**, President of the UPC of Paraguay, and **Brother and Sister Joe Bir**, long-time missionaries to the country.—**Michael and Miriam Sponsler**

**GUATEMALA:** San Pedro Sula, Honduras is where we held this year's International Sunday School Teacher's Seminar. We had 214 teachers with six countries represented in the day sessions, with a capacity crowd of 750 in the night service. We received so many great reports. Some of children's prayers being answered, and in Honduras a children's crusade that opened the doors for thirty-four home Bible studies. In the countries of both El Salvador and Guatemala, we heard of the success of Kid's Cell Group Ministries, having 70-120 in attendance each week.—**Lynne Jewett**

**FRANCE:** We just had our Pentecost Convention in Bordeaux, France. This is one of our big annual conferences, and we always look forward to it. Several hundred from all over France gathered to celebrate the birth date of the church. **Brother Monte Showalter** was our special guest, and he ministered to believers and seekers alike during the services. At least ten received their personal Pentecost during our meetings.—**Marcus and Renee Brainos**

**GEORGIA:** May was a very emotional month here in Tbilisi. We have had a mix of everything from growth to persecution. Our international church continues to grow, with record attendances of thirty-two on Sundays. This is amazing considering just one month ago this church did not exist. We have also been told by our neighbors that we are not

welcome to meet in the facility that we have. They are threatening to call the police. There are two main reasons for this. One is that we are not Georgian Orthodox, and the second is that most of our church is black. We are looking for space but no one will rent to us because we aren't Orthodox. We would appreciate your prayers and financial support.—**Jared and Kim Staten**

**BOLIVIA:** Upon returning to Bolivia we returned to the prisons of Cochabamba to continue the children's church services on Mondays. Close to 120 children are learning that there is hope for their families and futures even though they live in prison. We started these services in 2006 and have watched them grow and now see many that were children are part of the youth group in our church.—**Robert and Lisbeth Dame**

**PACIFIC:** Twenty-eight vibrant, young North Americans converged upon Manila for a week of heart-expanding experiences! It certainly was our pleasure to have them, too! Hats off to Pennsylvania District Youth President, **Reverend and Mrs. Michael Wright**, for chaperoning done well! From historic Corregidor Island to Saturday's children's church in Montalban, from youth fellowships to a jeepney ride, from American Military Cemetery to National Children's Hospital, from Tagaytay on horseback to Taal Volcano, and one of the group's member's father being refilled with the Holy Ghost, this time was a lifechanger in every way for everyone. The Great Go-Mission! Will you?—**David and Kelley Dibble**

**GREECE:** Momentum has been building and July seems to have been the time for the fruit to come forth. As though on cue, in a two week span, an unprecedented number of Greek people have begun to visit various churches and groups. Two entire congregations are now having our ministers teaching them on a regular basis. Eight have been baptized as well as some having received the Holy Ghost. In two of our international churches nine have been baptized and five have received the Holy Ghost. Attendance has packed the churches and home group meeting places. Enthusiasm is high! —**Sim and Judy Strickland**

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**TURKEY:** Since we have returned we have met a lot of people in the city of Antioch, where we were first called Christians (Antakya). We thank God that He has given us divine favor with these people. We have also been quite busy settling into our new home. In the months of April and May we were very privileged to attend conferences in the city of Istanbul. Many people from different ethnicities, backgrounds and tongues gathered together to worship God. There was not a more beautiful moment. We all were renewed and refreshed! Many were Spirit-filled as well as taken to the water! We rejoice and praise God for this wonderful Harvest of souls in this country! Please continue to pray for us and the work in Turkey.—**Shawn and Tammy Turner**

## Project of the Month

### Sound System in New Caledonia

We are in need of a sound system for the work in New Caledonia. When we have evangelism outreach, we either have to borrow or rent a sound system. Purchasing a sound system would allow us to do outreach easier.

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of this equipment, please send your offering to Global Missions, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO. 63042. Please designate your offering to **New Caledonia Equipment** or to account number 103.FA1012F.033215.24.2401.1.49.



**MASTHEAD PHOTO:** During their deputation, Ken and Ginny Cantrell collected prayer requests to be taken back to Burkina Faso for prayer. Pictured are the pastors in Burkina Faso praying over the requests of the North American church.

**SPAIN:** It was our goal to start another church in the Northern District of Spain in 2012. Through prayer, planning and the help of AIMers **David and Andrea Nutt**, we were able to start a new church in the city of Manressa (an hour outside of Barcelona). The Lord has blessed us in this endeavor, and this new work is now averaging over 22 in attendance in only seven short months. We give God all the glory for what He is doing.

In July we had a great youth convention in the city of Zaragoza. This was our second national youth convention in the nation of Spain. Over 500 young people from all across Spain came together to worship the Lord. There was a great move of God in every service with many receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost for the first time.—**Nathan and Tanya Harrod**

**RUSSIA:** A group of thirty-one from all over North America descended on Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, in June 2012. Brother Moses was able to be on location and host the group while they were in Moscow. What a blessing this group was! They arrived to make a difference. We had special services and prayer walks where God's presence was felt in a powerful way. During one of our services at **Pastor Alexsey's** home, a very strong presence of God moved in as we had focused prayer for that particular region of Moscow. Prayer for the sick was made and the Lord healed a man who was close to death! It was reported that three people received the Holy Ghost in St. Petersburg. Only time and eternity will tell all that God did for us through the prayers and sacrifice of the AYC group. Thank you **Brother and Sister Ensey, Brother and Sister Price** and to all of the AYC group.—**Robert and Sheri Moses**

**BURKINA FASO:** During our deputation in 2009-2010 we began to collect prayer requests that the North American saints may have. As promised, we have prayed for you and have placed the prayer cards in the foundation of one of our first newly constructed churches. Prayer changes situations! A prayer meeting was called with all of our pastors, their wives and our Bible school students. Over 400 prayer request cards were laid out in the sanctuary as Burkina Faso began to pray for the needs of the North American members.—**Ken and Ginny Cantrell**

**FRANCE:** The UPC of France held its National Convention over Pentecost weekend in the city of Bordeaux. There were about 30 people who were filled with the Holy Ghost for the very first time. To our great joy, two of them were from the work in Châtellerault.—**Paul and Darla Brochu**

**MEXICO:** A pastor of a local denominational church was taught about baptism in Jesus' name. He then had a dream confirming to him that it was of God. He and twenty-five members of his congregation have been baptized in Jesus' name! —**Scott and Linda Guinn**