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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses

PARAGUAY: In July we had two graduates who received their three year accredited theology degrees from the Ministry of Education. Our new Bible school president missionary, **Vladimir Goodrum**, reported that we have fifty new students in five different locations. We want to thank **Stuart Lassetter** for coming to teach a leadership seminar and speak at the graduation.—**Joseph and Loretta Bir**, Paraguay

SCOTLAND: Over the past year we have been training two men and their wives for the ministry. We are very pleased to announce that in June these men met the Board for their license. They were both approved and now there are two more national (Scottish) preachers. It is our desire to train, and see more national preachers in the future.

One of these men has attended Bible school for a year and graduated in June. He is the first Bible school student to receive his ministerial license while still in Bible school.

This is also the first time a father and son have received their license at the same time.—**John and Susan Beek**, Scotland

PHILIPPINES: Another quarter has passed and another school year has begun at the Apostolic Institute of Ministries, Davao City, Philippines! We are excited! This year we had 58 enrolments! In the first year class we have 20 young men and 12 ladies and in the second year and graduate class we have 19 men and 7 ladies, for a grand total of 58 students! We are excited about our new class of students in the first year class.

They are attentive, enthusiastic and exciting to teach. They ask questions, clap their hands and shout 'amen' in class, just as if they were in service! It's a joy just to teach them!—**John and Nory Cogan**, Philippines

SPAIN: Lucia is baptized in Jesus' name! A few days after receiving the precious gift of the Holy Ghost, Lucia, a Spaniard, was baptized in the lovely name of Jesus in the Rio Tormes during a church "friends day" picnic!



Upon coming out of the water, Lucia said, "I felt something!" Jesus Christ is changing lives in Spain!—**John and Vonda Guidry**, Spain

HUNGARY: Without a resident missionary, the coming together of the national church for worship, for teaching, for ministry, for fellowship, and for business is vital for it's stability and growth. This very important national gathering took place on July 23-25. Following the cancellation of two scheduled speakers, God placed His hand upon members of the Eastern Europe missionary team, under divine direction and unction of the Holy Ghost, in meeting the exact needs of the hour. **Missionary Michael Patterson (Romania)**, **Missionary George Craft (Evangelist/Teacher)**, and **Missionary Roger Buckland (Area Coordinator)** so ably ministered to the more than 150 which were able to attend this conference held in the beautiful, southern city of Pecs, Hungary.—**Roger and Becky Buckland**, Eastern Europe

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Missions Briefs

FRANCE: Some incredible things have happened in France just in the past few months:

- 28 people, namely children, were filled with the Holy Ghost in March during a Sunday School crusade in Melun!
- 6 young people received the Holy Ghost at a youth retreat in Eastern France in the month of April!
- 20 people received the baptism of the Holy Ghost over Pentecost Weekend in our National Convention! - **Paul and Darla Brochu**, France

MADAGASCAR:

• **North Region Conference:** We were blessed by the ministry of **Evangelist Tim Greene** and **Pastor David Clary** and special guests **Tim and Christine Chapel**. A total of 239 were filled with the Holy Ghost.

• **South and West Region Conferences:** 154 were filled with the Holy Ghost.

• **PK Camp:** What a wonderful time with 150 of our precious preachers' kids. We were greatly blessed by the ministry of **Brother Gentry Mangun** and **Sister Mickey Mangun**. We were also blessed to have two young men sponsored by the AYC program: **Brother Christopher Chappell** and **Brother Gavin White**.

• **Youth Conference:** 3,000 young people gathered for an awesome time of Word and worship! - **Chris and Paula Richardson**, Madagascar

GHANA: Special reports from northern Ghana!

- Recently, 29 were baptized in Jesus' name and 22 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost!
- The saints of Dosabligo no longer have to walk seven kilometers to church in Zua. Thanks to those who gave to the church roofing project! • There are 12 students in the extension Bible school and were taught Acts and Bible Doctrine.—**Colleen Carter**, Ghana

CHILE: We arrived in Chile in January 2010, settling in the city of Concepción. Right after our arrival in Concepción, we were awakened by an 8.9 earthquake. I have never felt something so terrifying in my life. We literally couldn't walk or run to our children's rooms, so we crawled. We watched the walls and floor twist and turn. Everything was crashing around us, the shaking was so bad, it threw our Sheaves For Christ Jeep around like a Matchbox car and it **CRACKED THE BATTERY!** But God had us in His hands!



Collapsed apartment building.

Our fellow missionary, **Dan Barkley**, was a Godsend as he made two trips from Santiago with provisions. His first trip was such a blessing as we were down to our last liter of drinking water and had no food as we had just moved into our house the week of the earthquake. Tragically, we lost one sister in our local church.

The greatest feeling after the quake was walking into the house of God! From the opening song "Eres Mi Esperanza" (English lyrics: You are my hope, my castle, my God in whom I'll trust), the power of God moved in such a mighty way.



These people who have lost so much, some of them lost everything, houses, jobs, even family members, but yet they came to the house of God to worship. I was taken back by their worship. No one was worshipping to make themselves feel better, they were worshipping because God is good!

Since the quake, we have been greatly blessed by the visit of **Apostolic Youth Corps**, led by **Brother and Sister Stan O'Donnell**. During their visit four people received the gift of the Holy Ghost! It was great working with such a dynamic group of young people who wanted to "get their feet wet" in Foreign Missions. They were a tremendous blessing to Chile. Thank you, **General Youth Division!**

We have also been blessed in the month of July to have **Brother Kelsey Griffin** visit us to teach seminars, the Bible school and to strengthen the church in Chile! His visit has left a lasting impact! We are so excited about what God is going to do in Chile. Please keep us in your prayers as we endeavor to do a work for Him!—**Shane and Dena Hayes**, Chile



Handing out food to those in need.

Masthead Photo:

Revival continues in Uganda. Ninety-one people received the Holy Ghost and many notable miracles took place in the crusade pictured.



Project of the Month:
Pakistan Book Translation

Pakistan is in the process of transitioning to the Global Association of Theological Studies (GATS) global Bible college associate degree program. This entails the translation of many textbooks into Urdu. This language is spoken by at least 150,000,000 people. Translating a book of one hundred pages into Urdu costs about \$40.00 USD; to prepare or finalize the book for printing is about \$115.00 USD; and to print 500 to 1,000 copies will cost about \$115.00 USD. That is an exciting opportunity allowing students to read and to be taught using their mother tongue, which is their heart language.

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