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Focal Points



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Global Glimpses



UKRAINE: Despite a major conflict raging just three hours east of Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine, the church continues to grow! In August, there were five baptisms not far from the war zone. While many people are reluctant to visit this nation, God is still at work and many great things are happening that will never be broadcast in the news! God continues to grow His church!

In July, **Pastor Paul Bennett** from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, traveled with **AIMer Daniel Patterson** and us to Kiev, Ukraine, for special youth meetings. The Lord used Pastor Bennett greatly to encourage, lift up and bless the church there. Through street evangelism and special services, new people have started to attend the church in Kiev. The Kiev church is on the move!—**Ray and Judi Nicholls**

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: We have been honored to pastor a church in the capital city at our headquarters facility for the past several years. During this time, we have built a new sanctuary, as well as remodeled our headquarters building and Bible school property. On June 15 there was a special service to dedicate the new building! In the same service, we turned the pastorate of the church over to our assistant pastor, **Brother Samuel**

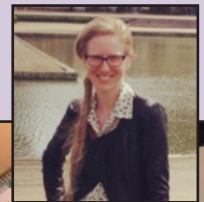
Lugo, and his wife, **Johely**. We were thrilled to pass the mantle to this wonderful couple who have great excitement and vision to continue the work! The service was blessed by God's presence and a record attendance of 166!—**Steve and Kari Shirley**

HUNGARY: Budapest was the site of a wonderful conference where many were healed and nine received the gift of the Holy Ghost. The Apostolic Youth Corps was instrumental in prayer walks and street evangelism. The missionaries and saints of Eastern Europe joined together in worship and fellowship for a week of various activities that impacted not only us but this capital city of 1.5 million. We also appreciate the **Kyle Ashworth** family who, as AIMers, based in Budapest for a year.—**Michael and Jill Patterson**

THAILAND: A new church has been started in Pattaya, Thailand. Pattaya is a beach resort located on the east coast of the Gulf of Thailand, about 125 kilometers south of Bangkok. It has a population exceeding one hundred thousand. Pattaya is also the center of the Pattaya-Chonburi metropolitan area in Chonburi Province, with a total population exceeding one million. We are thankful for the funds raised at the 2013 General Conference in St. Louis that are being used to help us start this new work. Pattaya is home to millions of tourists visiting Thailand, drug cartels, Russian mafia, much immoral activity and many lost souls. But it is now also home of a Thai apostolic church, a light in the darkness.—**Ed and Mary Simmons**

AIM REPORT

Since this past summer I have been privileged to be a part of the great work here in France. I was based out of the church in Melun, under the oversight of **Missionaries John and Anne Nowacki**. My first few weeks were spent working in the office with the church secretary doing administrative work, as well as putting together over 300 textbooks to be used during the fall semester of their Bible college. While I was based out of Melun, the majority of the trip was spent aiding the smaller, home missions churches. I spent a little over a month in the city of Toulouse and while there was able to witness one man being baptized and see several visitors experience the presence of God for the first time in their lives! The pastor and his wife in Toulouse found and procured a building to rent during my time there. We immediately got to work painting and decorating! Now they have a building in which to regularly hold services and a place they can invite people! Let the street evangelism begin!—**Abigail Thompson**



GLOBAL MISSIONS MIRACLE OFFERING!

I AM GLOBAL

Thank you to the United Pentecostal Church International for the **\$4.3 million miracle offering** of pledges, cash, and personal effects! As funds are received, missionaries will be sent back to the field of their calling.

The following missionaries have already had their budget completed and are returning to their field of labor:

- Gary and Sharon Abernathy
- Ken and Kay Burgess
- Henry and Sharon Ritchie
- Ron and Terry Brian
- Scott and Linda Guinn
- Jonathan and Maria Strickland

As funding is received, Global Missions will publish the names of missionaries sent back to the field.

Please continue to support missionaries that are on deputation through PIM giving.

The I AM GLOBAL offering is a parallel paradigm giving opportunity that does not replace PIM support but accelerates the ability to return.

MASTHEAD PHOTO: The crowd at an August, 2014 children's crusade held at the Jerusalem Conference Center, in Brazil. Brazilian AIM missionaries, **Ken and Isabel Cooper**, ministered and 342 kids received the Holy Ghost.—**Bennie and Theresa DeMerchant**