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Wesleyans Respond to Ebola

The dreaded disease of Ebola continues to spread in West Africa. We are deeply grateful for the efforts that The Wesleyan Church and associated faith-based relief and development organizations and individuals have made to assist the peoples of Sierra Leone and Liberia.

The Wesleyan Church has made an appeal to Wesleyans to give to the Wesleyan Emergency Relief Fund as a means of helping in this dire situation.



World Hope International is providing supplies to Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital (KWH) and clinics, education through group training with villages, churches and community health workers, and educational posters and radio broadcasts.

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One individual with a deep connection and heart for Sierra Leone carried out a mission that brought great hope and appreciation from the local people. They said of her, "True friends come when there is trouble and don't run away from us." Carrie Jo Cain, a nurse from Minnesota, took supplies to KWH and was there for two weeks to train staff and help out. Carrie Jo is the daughter of Don and Joan Kinde, former missionaries to SL. She speaks the local language and understands the local culture. As you can well understand, this is huge! She and her husband, Geoff, and daughter, Rebecca, have recently been appointed as GP missionaries to KWH.

The humanitarian organization of the Liberian Wesleyan Church, CHOPE (Community Hope), has been very active in educating the people of Liberia in safer practices during this crisis.

Both the Liberian and Sierra Leonean Wesleyan Churches have risen to the occasion to help out their communities in this desperate reality.

--- by **Dr. Bob Bagley, Africa Area Director, GP**

CONDOLENCES.....

Rev. Edward Eddy, age 94, died July 19, 2014, in Oro Valley, Arizona. Born of missionary parents in Sierra Leone, he later returned there as a missionary with his wife, Arlene, from 1947 to 1960. She preceded him in death. An ordained minister in the Pacific Southwest District, he also served as a pastor and ministered with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Margaret Ann Gearhart, age 87, died June 26, 2014, in Fern Park, Florida. She served alongside her husband, Rev. Forrest J. Gearhart, who was district superintendent of the Northern Illinois District from 1968 to 1976, was founding pastor of the Sturgis, Michigan, Wesleyan church and the Wheaton, Illinois, Wesleyan church. They served as associate missionaries with Global Partners in Puerto Rico from 1976 to 1987. She is survived by her husband, two sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

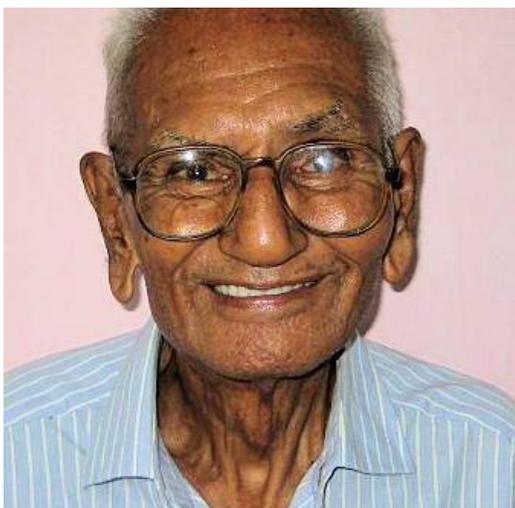
--- Ron McClung, Siftings, Communication Department The Wesleyan Church

Dorothy Ruth Carpenter, age 87, died November 4, 2014, in Brooksville, Florida. She was born April 7, 1927, in Zafarabad, India to missionary parents, Ellis A. Meeks and Chloie M. (Neeley) Meeks. She graduated from Frankfort Bible College in Frankfort, Indiana, with a bachelor's degree. She worked in various full-time Christian service positions, including teaching at Frankfort Bible College and leading the Women's Missionary Society for The Wesleyan Church World Headquarters. She enjoyed numerous trips to mission fields. In addition, she served as both a pastor's and evangelist's wife after her marriage to P. O. Carpenter on September 1, 1973. A highlight of Ruth's life following the death of her husband in 1988 was an extended trip through India with her brother, Paul, and his wife, Darlene. They journeyed back to her and Paul's birthplace, as well as riding an elephant to go on safari to view tigers in the jungle. She is survived by one sister, Virginia (Wayne) Wright, of Marion, Indiana, and one brother, Paul Meeks, of Brooksville, Florida, and nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date at The Brooksville Wesleyan Church.



--- Rev. Robert Smith, GP Alumnus

Courageous Wesleyan founder passes in India



Dr. Samuel Justin, the emeritus national leader and founder of the Gujarat Regional Conference of The Wesleyan Church in India, was ushered into the presence of the Lord on Sunday, September 28. He was 90+ years old.

Dr. Justin was an outstanding servant leader. He pioneered and took the Gujarat Conference from its humble beginnings to where it is right now—a strong, independent, self-sustaining conference led by committed pastors among one of the least-reached ethnic groups in the world. The Gujarat Wesleyan churches are reaching out to their Gujarati communities and beyond.

In recent years, the churches in this area of India have faced significant opposition. Dr. Justin lived openly, courageously, winsomely representing Christ to all. His example in the forefront of all the Wesleyan pastors and lay people of the Gujarat Conference will be greatly missed.

Pray for Mrs. Samuel Justin, Rev. Joel and Rita Justin, Rev. Linus and Seema Justin, the rest of his family circle, and all those left behind. Pray for comfort and peace during this sorrowful time.

--- By Dr. Kerry Kind -- Communications Department The Wesleyan Church

All-India Pastor's Conference



A Wesleyan All-India Pastor's Conference was held October 11 to 15 for the three regional conferences with eighty-six delegates attending. Dr. Dennis Jackson, Rev. Ben Ward, and Dr. Romy Caringal represented Global Partners to lead the seminars. Everyone enjoyed the warm fellowship, good food, nice accommodations, seminars and presentations. Learning from and getting to know each other and praying together gave us a new sense of unity. Convinced that we should hold such a conference on a regular basis, several proposed that we should meet every two or three years to further strengthen our ties. This has been a dream for many of us serving in India, as uniting our leaders fosters stronger relationships and binds the diverse groups of people under the Wesleyan banner. Each delegate had a traveling story to tell as the majority came from afar, some by plane, others by train, some by bus or by foot, and some on the road for almost 48 hours before arriving. "Best Practices" were shared from each conference so that we could learn from each other. Primary and secondary schools are significant platforms of ministries in two of our regions, with local communities benefitting from the high quality of our educational institutions. We worshiped on Sunday in a local Wesleyan church that uses a rented facility that may soon lose their lease. They have purchased a new property and hope to begin the foundation for a new building in January 2015. They have a strong faith and trust in the Lord to supply their needs. More than 200 attended the closing rally that included observance of the Lord's Supper. Though many of us met each other only for the first time, the bond of love in Christ simply overwhelmed all of us. We were so blessed to be in the house of the Lord that day!

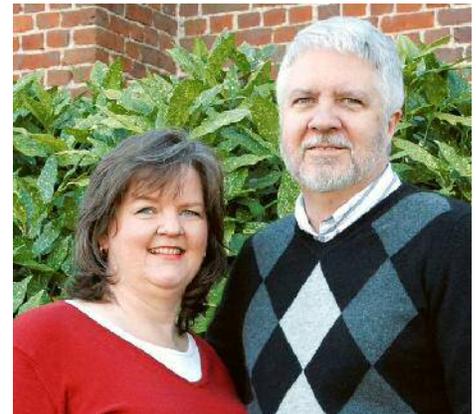
--- Dr. Romy Caringal, GP Asia Area Director

Congratulations to Phil & Becky Davis

Seven years ago, Global Partners sent us to Belgium to conduct research in postmodern thought. In Leuven we ministered to young, future leaders from more than forty different countries - a fruitful time in our lives.

Since I completed a Ph.D. in Theology, Global Partners is now asking us to **work in the Philippines**, specifically to **teach at Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary** in Manila. Recently we visited the campus and were impressed. They offer a masters level education with very high academic standards. By having a Wesleyan missionary teach at the seminary, Wesleyan students receive a direct benefit. Five Wesleyan students from the Asia-Pacific area will receive full tuition. We were also assured that I will have ample time for writing. We believe part of our stewardship is to help pastors and missionaries minister more effectively in our postmodern cultures.

We believe God is leading us to serve in Asia. Becky and I would not have predicted this move. But perhaps that's precisely because we serve a God of surprises. Of course we hope that you will continue to partner with us, as we glorify God by making disciples, through theological education and music ministries.



--- by Dr. Phil & Becky Davis, GP career missionaries in theological education

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Remember This Prayer Letter from April 1985?

“The other day a neighbor’s son died. For a 7-year-old, it was sudden and a surprise. The following day, the family wrapped his little body in a cloth and buried him without a funeral or prayer. There was the usual wailing that goes with such an occasion. But did anyone care? It meant one less mouth to feed for the family, but do we care whether or not he knew Jesus?”

“Dora, a bright girl in the choir, had been very sick. She had developed severe headaches and became very thin and unable to go about her daily activities. I was so happy to see her back in church last week. We believe she is suffering from malnutrition and lack of proper diet. She has unusual spiritual perception and very often talks to us about the spiritual concerns in her life. Please pray for her.”



Who were the missionaries and what field did they serve on?