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Baptisms in Ecuador

Many of us GP Alumni remember January 1956 and the missionary advance into the interior of Ecuador. Nate Saint and Jim Elliott and three other companions gave their lives on the beaches of the Curaray River to reach the Waodani people in Operation Auca. Fast forward to this 21st century and rejoice in the growth of believers in Christ in this country where today God is at work. George Wuertz sends this report.

Rev. Tom Hines, missionary in Ecuador, participated in this historic baptism of Ariel and his sister Rosalia, and their parents, Jorge and Jenny. Two younger brothers, Jorge and Josue were dedicated.

Rosalia was invited to a youth group by a friend about 1 1/2 years ago. I met Rosalia and brother Ariel walking to a grocery store and invited Ariel to youth group as well. He was reticent but came 4 months later. He blossomed in growth, became outgoing, and organizes the teens in sports. A few months later, the entire family came to church and all have made personal commitments to Christ. They are involved in discipleship classes and Bible studies. They report a difference Christ has made in their lives: "We were on the verge of divorce, fighting each other, and had no peace among ourselves. We admit we have a lot of room to grow, and we all want to become more like Jesus in our home and outside."

I am a civil engineer and wife Sheree is a marriage and family therapist. From Westview Community Church in Manhattan, KS, we believe God called us to missions as lay-leaders. After language school, we arrived in Guayaquil, Ecuador in August 2005, and participated in three Wesleyan congregations.

In January 2007, we moved to Cuenca where we minister alongside Tom and Lydia Hines. We are involved in a church plant in the Racar community with a vision to launch a community-center YMCA-like building/area/program. We have two sons, Daniel and Nathan, both born in Ecuador.

-- by George and Sheree Wuertz, GP lay missionaries to Ecuador.

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World Hope Rebuilds Verge Wesleyan School

Progress continues on rebuilding Wesleyan institutions that were damaged or destroyed in the January, 2010, earthquake in Haiti. Thanks to the efforts of World Hope International, world relief partner with The Wesleyan Church, some students in Petit Goave, Haiti, will attend school in a brand new building.



Verge Wesleyan School will reopen in September after both it and Verge Wesleyan Church collapsed on January 12, 2010, in Petit Goave. Expected attendance is approximately 300.

World Hope International paid the total costs for the school rebuilding, and continues to be committed to come alongside the Wesleyan church in Haiti. 300 Hope Corps volunteers gave additional relief efforts to earthquake victims.

-- *World Hope International*

Leonette White

October 24, 1943 – March 11, 2011

Leonette White, age 67, of Marion, Ohio, died at her home. She was the second child and only daughter of the late Harold W. and Margaret L. (Doss) White.

After high school, she graduated from Riverside Nursing School in 1965. In 1968, she graduated from Kentucky Mountain Bible School with studies in missions.

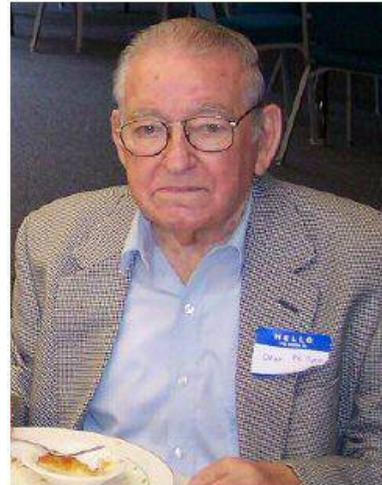
Leonette served 20 years in medical missions at the leprosy hospital in Rajnandgaon, Central India, as well as in a Katmandu, Nepal mission hospital.

She is survived by her brother Richard E. (Sandra) White; her niece Deborah (Robert) Clark; her great niece and great nephew, Dorothy Joy Clark and Michael Lee Clark.

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Dean H. Phillips Jr.

May 23, 1921 – January 18, 2011



Dean H. Phillips Jr., was born and raised in Millville, N.J., and spent his life as a missionary traveling throughout the world. He married Elizabeth Clark March 10, 1945 and after ordination, they pastored Wesleyan Churches in Maryland. They then began their 40 year missionary career on the American Virgin Island of St. Croix. A succession of churches and places included the Eastern Caribbean Islands, Trinidad, Tobago, Jamaica, and Guyana, South America. These years of service were marked by a lasting love for the local people who in turn reciprocated with repeated acts of genuine affection, which the Phillips cherished.

The Phillips retired to Brooksville, FL, and Dean served another 20 years as chaplain in both the Brooksville and Oak Hill hospitals. He also served as a pastoral care minister of the Brooksville Wesleyan Church. They returned home in 2006 to Millville.

Dean died January 18th and is survived by his wife of 65 years, Elizabeth Clark Phillips; son John Howard Phillips and wife, Jonny; 2 daughters: Joyce and Doris Phillips; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren all of Millville.

Burial was January 24th in Greenwood Memorial Park, Millville.

Charles C. Day

May 26, 1923 – February 8, 2011

Rev. Charles C. Day died in Marion, Indiana. A graduate of Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University), Charles pastored in Indiana and Ohio for ten years and was a missionary with The Wesleyan Church, serving in Columbia, South America and Puerto Rico, 1946-'64. He also served 22 years as marketing manager for the Wesleyan Publishing House. His funeral was held February 12th in Marion, IN with burial in Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Edna Mae Taylor

June 9, 1923 - January 17, 2011



Edna was the first born child of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor in Dayton Ohio. Converted to the Lord at age eight, Edna was later sanctified at the age of sixteen during a revival meeting.

She finished high school at God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and completed the Christian Worker's Course. She became an effective evangelist winning people to Christ through door to door visitation and prayer meetings. Answering God's call to Christian service, she attended Indiana Wesleyan and Southern Wesleyan Universities. During those days, she responded positively to God's urge to be a missionary, thinking it to be to India.

Following college, she served Wesleyan Churches in Kentucky and New York. Her missions call drew her back to school for a registered nurse degree. Edna was appointed to Haiti where she served the Wesleyan Church from 1950 to 1971. After a brief hiatus to assist her ailing mother, she returned to Haiti for short mission trips from 1983 to 2003.

A faithful member of the Brooksville Wesleyan Church, Edna finished her course, a good and faithful servant

-- by Rev. Marlin Mull, Pastor Brooksville Wesleyan Church

Bernice Quarles Nyberg

April 11, 1936 - January 25, 2011

Bernice was born in Walhalla, SC, to Joe Wesley and Julia Nicholson Quarles. She graduated from Southern Wesleyan University in 1959, and earned a Masters in Education from Clemson University in 1972.

She taught missionary children for several years in Sierra Leone, W. Africa and elementary

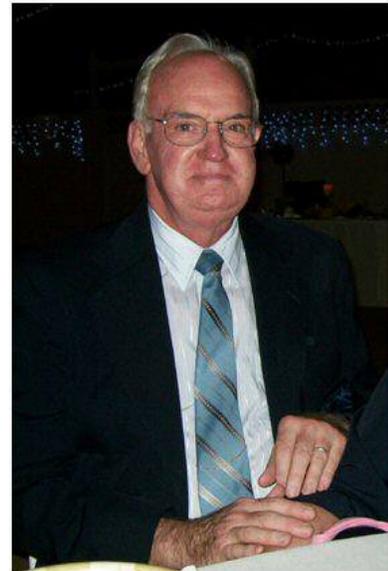
3 students in Pickens County and Easley, S.C.

Eugene E. Vanhuss

May 20, 1947 - January 8, 2011

Eugene E. Vanhuss was born to Elmer and Bonnie (Lindsey) Vanhuss in Clinton, Tennessee, the oldest of four children. When his father died, Gene helped care for the family while his mother worked. He converted to Christ at age 18 and felt God's call to cross-cultural missionary service.

At Kernersville Wesleyan College, he graduated with a teaching degree. After teaching in North Carolina, he was appointed to Zambia, Africa to teach in the secondary school. During home ministries, he earned a Master's Degree and returned to Zambia to serve as Principal in the Pilgrim Wesleyan Seminary for several years.



In 1984, he married Naomi Swan, a missionary colleague and they returned to the USA in 1986 to pastor churches in Alliance and Hay Springs, Nebraska. In 2000, Gene worked at Pioneer Nursing Home as spiritual advisor and was loved by all.

Surviving are his wife, Naomi (Swan) Vanhuss, his mother, Bonnie Vanhuss; brothers James and Leroy; sister Della (Vanhuss) Marshall; two nieces and one great nephew. His body was laid to rest in the Swan Family area of the Community Cemetery in Arthur, Nebraska.

-- by Phil Myers, WMAF Executive Committee

Bernice was preceded in death by her first husband, Eugene W. Nyberg. She is survived by her mother, Julia; her husband, Gerald Galloway; a son, Ethan W. Nyberg; two brothers, Robert "Bobby" Quarles and Reverend James Marvin Quarles; and a sister, Frances Q. Williams. Her memorial service was held January 29th in Pickens, S.C., with burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park and Gardens in Pickens.

Jesus Film Story --

Witchcraft's Failure in Nepal



In one place our team went, there lived a man who had worked in witchcraft more than 20 years. He had become ill, was bedridden, and his witchcraft could not heal him. Chickens and goats were sacrificed to no avail.

We went to show the *JESUS* film, and this man's daughter came. In the film she saw Jesus healing a woman and raised her up from her bed. She thought maybe her father could be healed. She requested us to pray for him. We went to her house and we told her father his disease could only be healed by Christ. We asked his permission to pray for him and we started to pray. After a long prayer we heard a voice coming from him which said, "We will leave him but don't destroy us." It was an evil spirit's voice. We continued to pray and after an hour, the evil spirit left his body and he was delivered. The man declared, "**Your God is the only true God. I will accept Him and leave witchcraft from now onwards. I will accept Jesus only.**" He was very thankful and grateful for what Jesus has done. His life was changed in the precious name of God. We are also really thankful to our heavenly Father.

---by Dr. John Connor, Jesus Film Director

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When God Tells You To Pray

Rev. David Kajila was one of the students who attended the Leadership Matters Course held recently in Cameroon. He came from the newly formed "Wesleyan Church" in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to Pilgrim Wesleyan Bible College to learn more about Wesleyan Doctrine. About 5 years ago he moved his family to Cameroon as Wesleyan missionaries from the DRC. He is a pastor, goes to school, and has a vision to plant more churches in Cameroon. The attendance in the Wesleyan Church there is around 90. I visited for worship in his church the first Sunday I was in Cameroon.

Pastor David told me how his wife became very sick a few years ago, lost weight and came close to dying and was diagnosed with AIDS. One day God told David to pray for his wife again and he did. From that time forward, she started getting better and put on weight. He and his wife were tested again, and this time they were told neither of them had the disease. He said he had both documents, the first test that shows she had AIDS and the second that shows she didn't! I met her and she is very healthy today. That Sunday, she stood with her hands raised in worship to God during much of the preaching!

---by Rev. Fred Cromer, GP Missionary in Swaziland, Africa

Levi E. Troyer

July 19, 1916 – December 12, 2010

Rev. Levi E. Troyer, of Cochranon, PA, died at his home. He was born in Kansas, the son of Emmanuel E. and Catherine (Beiler) Troyer. He married Lydia H. Layman on Aug. 22, 1937.

From 1949 to 1962 and 1967 to 1975, Levi served as a missionary in Haiti. He was pastor at Holiness Chapel in Pierrepont Manor, New York, from 1963 to 1967.

He is survived by his wife Lydia; daughters Arlene Troyer and Faith McHugh; sons Harold and Merle; sisters Edna Kramer and Martha Troyer; brothers David, Paul, and Emmanuel Troyer Jr.; eleven grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

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