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Barry and Margaret Ross are in Mozambique.....



“Two weeks back, I had the joy of preaching at a church plant some 19 miles by car, but only 6.5 miles by foot. The pastor, Jo-ahn (John), a graduate of the Bible College last October, was a student in my classes in 2008 and 2009. Father of five, he and his family usually walk the 6.5 miles, following a beach path from his home near the mission house to the church, then the 6.5 miles back. He walks the same 13 miles for a Wednesday afternoon prayer and Bible study, and again on Saturday for home visitation. But, on the Sunday I preached we packed Jo-ahn, his family and a bunch of others, some 20 in all, into the Toyota Hi-Ace. It is a joy, a fulfillment, to witness

one saved from a life enslaved to Satan, reunited with wife and family, sticking it through Bible College, now leading others in a small, but growing church. God is good!”

Appointed in 1967 to serve under Wesleyan World Missions in India, Barry and Margaret Ross were reassigned to Japan when India visas could not be obtained. They served a full four-year term (1967-71), learning Japanese language and culture, Barry teaching in the Immanuel Bible College in Yokohama, and Margaret teaching women’s cooking and Bible study classes in their home. In God’s providence, before returning to America for home ministries in 1971, temporary India visas were obtained, allowing a five-month teaching stop-over at Union Biblical Seminary, Yavatmal.

Circumstances prevented Barry and Margaret’s return to Japan until 1983. During that 12-year stay in America, Barry completed his studies for the Ph.D. degree in Old Testament at Drew University, taught seven years at United Wesleyan College (PA) and four at Azusa Pacific University (CA). Margaret completed her studies for the M.Ed. in Special Education at Lehigh University, and taught in Pennsylvania and California public schools.

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Alice Mae Heavilin

Promoted to Heaven.

February 5, 1922 – May 31, 2010.



Alice Mae Heavilin was born on February 5, 1922 in Valton, Wisconsin to the late Charles and Coral (Goodman) Butcher. She married Reverend Ronald A. Heavilin on June 18, 1947 and he preceded her in death on May 15, 2005. She spent 19 years in Puerto Rico and Honduras where she and her husband worked as missionaries. She was on the staff at Skyline Church in San Diego, California for 20 years. She retired in Marion in 1991 and hosted several missionaries in the Heavilin Home that she and her husband restored.

Survivors include brothers, Orval C. Butcher, San Diego, CA and William Butcher Goodman, Yucipa, CA; 3 brothers-in-law; 3 sisters-in-law; daughter-in-law, Glaydo Cardona, Puerto Rico; 2 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 nieces and 4 nephews.

She was preceded in death by adopted son, Rafael and brothers, Claton Butcher and Merrill Butcher.

Funeral Services were held June 4, 2010 at College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, with Reverend Steve DeNeff officiating. Burial was in Marion National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wesleyan World Missions/Global Partners, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250 or to College Wesleyan Church, 200 E. 38th Street, Marion, Indiana 46953.

--by Jerry Brecheisen, Director of Communications, The Wesleyan Church

Florida Region GP Alums Meet

The annual WMAF Brooksville, FL. regional meeting was held March 25, 2010 in Brooksville. Phil and Elsie Myers and Robert Smith served as the planning committee, following some preliminary plans made by Paul Meeks before he gave up the position of coordinator.



Dr. John Connor presented the work of The Wesleyan Church in the Pacific area and the Jesus Film Project.



Dr. Jim Blackburn gave a very informative presentation on the earthquake in Haiti in the afternoon session.

Both men did a wonderful job of challenging and informing the group. Attendance increased this meeting, and some who came for the first time seemed to really enjoy the time of fellowship with fellow alumni.

--- by Rev. Robert Smith, WMAF President

WMAF Executive Committee



The WMAF ExCo met at the Wesleyan Church World Headquarters in the Indianapolis area on June 4, 2010. The meeting was postponed until 2:00 P.M. to allow members to attend the funeral of Mrs. Alice Mae Heavilin, which was held in the College Wesleyan Church in Marion, IN.

Rev. Peter Moore, director of GP Operations, presented a very challenging report of the Haiti earthquake disaster and the resultant actions taken by GP to rebuild destroyed churches. Nineteen churches beyond repair now meet in tents or under the trees. A plan is developing to provide these churches with a temporary (or semi-permanent pole type building). In time, they can either build a new concrete structure or complete a building with walls. Many churches and districts are raising funds to provide these buildings.

The committee continued hearing reports and elected WMAF officers and leaders for the coming year. A stirring report was given by Dr. Jim Vermilya regarding the work of our Barnabas Connection.

Jim needs more alumni to partner with new missionaries as they prepare for departure to the field. If you would be available, please contact Jim.

Plans were drawn up for WMAF representation at our next General Conference, scheduled to be held in Lexington, KY in June 2012. We are requesting all of you GP alumni to please send us pictures of your past involvement in Global Partners ministries. We will assemble these photos for a DVD presentation at General Conference.

Officers elected during the meeting are: Bob Smith- Chair; Elsie Myers- Secretary; Jim Vermilya- Treasurer; Phil Myers-Directory Manager; Members-at-large: Paul Meeks, Dr. Marilyn Hunter, Dr. Bill Peed and Julia Smith. Rev. Mrs. Fran Lane continues to serve as our Ex-officio representative from Global Partners. Dr. Paul Turner was reappointed **LINK** Editor and Dr. Jim Vermilya was reappointed Barnabas Connection Director.

-- by Rev. Robert E. Smith, WMAF President

Ross ----Mozambique (continued)

Returning to Japan in 1983, Barry again took up teaching at the Immanuel Bible College, and two other seminaries in the Tokyo area. Margaret again taught women cooking skills and home Bible studies. From 1988 until 1999 they served as Theological Educators at Large to Asia, teaching in Bible Colleges and seminaries in several Asian countries for periods of time ranging from two weeks to full semesters, using their home in Japan as their base.

From 1994 Barry added the role of Asia Area Director for Wesleyan World Missions to his teaching responsibilities. In 1997, Barry and Margaret obtained visas that allowed them to move to India to teach at Union Biblical Seminary for two years. In 1999, after some two decades of full-time service with Wesleyan World Missions/Global Partners, Barry and Margaret, with the full blessing of Global Partners leadership, resigned from full-time missionary service for Barry to accept the post of Professor of Old Testament at Anderson University School of Theology, Anderson, IN, where he has taught since then.

But, with hearts still for the work of missions, Barry and Margaret have continued to give up to two months of Barry's summer break to teaching outside of the USA, in India from 2000–2002, and in Zambia (Pilgrim Wesleyan Bible College) and Mozambique (Xai Xai Wesleyan Bible College) from 2003–2010. Barry teaches Old Testament courses, while Margaret sets up sewing centers for women students and wives of students, and teaches these women hands on skills.

Barry will retire from teaching at Anderson University in May 2011, and together with Margaret will relocate "back home" in California where two of their three children reside with their spouses and children.

---by Dr. Barry R. Ross, GP Alumnus

Dorothy Mae Marville

Dorothy was born the 2nd of March, 1920 in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. She was the second of seven children born to Theodore & Violet Marville. The family moved to Camden, New Jersey, where she grew up. At the age of ten, she was saved and sanctified, and grew in these life changing experiences throughout her life.

In 1941, Dorothy graduated from nurses' training at West Jersey Hospital in Camden, N.J., and worked in general duty nursing. In 1952, she received the Public Health Certificate from the Univ. of Pennsylvania Department of Nursing Education.

Camp meetings attracted Dorothy in her teens and she became interested in missions work. In 1951, she wrote, "The Lord spoke to my heart one Sunday evening. I went for prayer and prayed through. The Lord called me to work in Haiti for Him"

In 1954, Dorothy arrived in Haiti and worked at Fauche Mission near Port Margot. Later, she transferred to

La Gonave and the Wesleyan Hospital. Dorothy became a teacher in the Haitian nurses' training school and served there the rest of her career. She retired in 1986 after nearly 32 years on the field.

With many happy years behind her, Dorothy passed into the presence of Jesus April 28, 2009.



-- reported by Philip Myers & Bob Marville, brother.