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Jesus Film Partnerships - to Entertain or Convict?

Amos Anteg, Philippines JFP Director, sent this report following his trip in May to the southern islands. You can see the value in kingdom building to support JFP Partnerships.

“Last year, of 11,186 viewers, 5,260 people said YES to Jesus, 129 cell groups formed, and 18 new churches were established. Lourdes, my wife, accompanied me to Mindanao to see the progress of ministry. Here are some of the places we stopped.

“In Lanao Del Norte, we met with pastor Reynante Noynay where they average 25. They purchased a lot and house for a place of worship. In North Cotabato, we visited the

new Wesleyan Church in Lebak. Their DS is negotiating to purchase a new property we claimed in prayer.

“In Sultan Kudarat, the people meet in a house church and are praying to complete the funds this month to purchase land and build a church.

“In South Cotabato, we reached Kalupingen WC planted by JFP. The people waited all day for our arrival. Mr. & Mrs. Cornelio Cabrido, faithful laymen and members from Kulaman WC – the mother church that sponsored the showing in the area, are now working full time in the new church.

“We met Mr. Dominador Noces, a former Civilian Armed Forces sniper who’s “god” was his gun. He pursued his targets without fear. Last year, a JFP team came to his village and he attended the crusade and received Christ as his Savior. He continues to grow in faith and gives his testimony of conversion without shame to his former comrades. As a gesture of his love for Christ and for the ministry, he donated the church lot where the church building now stands. I talked personally with him and thanked him for what he has done.”

-- by Amos Anteg, General Director of Evangelism and Church Growth, The Wesleyan Church of the Philippines.



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The International Board of The Wesleyan Church held its first full meeting recently on the campus of the Caribbean Wesleyan College in Savannah la mar, Jamaica. The meeting brought together some 25 board members from all seven world regions of our church for two days of prayer, fellowship, reporting and looking to the future trajectory of our church. The International Conference to be convened in Panama in 2012 was a major point of interaction as we continue to unpack our new model of internationalization for the world wide Wesleyan Church.



-- by Dr. H. C. Wilson, General Director GP

WMAF Executive meeting

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Fellowship met in Indianapolis on June 2, 2011 for its annual meeting. Plans were laid for a booth and meeting during the June 2012 General Conference in Lexington, KY. Bob Smith was reelected as WMAF chair and Paul Turner was reappointed LINK Editor. Phil Myers was appointed to update the mailing addresses for the LINK. Financial reports were given, and a budget for 2011-2012 was established.

Roberta Fair



Roberta was born April 28th, 1919 and grew up in Indiana, PA. Greatly affecting her life there was the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Indiana State Teachers College.

Roberta graduated from ISTC in 1943 and taught some years in nearby schools. In 1959, she graduated from ISTC with a Masters' Degree and taught briefly at Houghton College in New York. In 1960, she went to Puerto Rico to be Principal of Wesleyan Academy and continued there for over two decades. In 1981, she retired to part time teaching for another 15 years. In 1996, Roberta ended her overseas ministry and lived in Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, Florida. She was very active in Village life.

Roberta observed her 92nd birthday April 28th and passed away the next day. Her funeral was held in the Brooksville Wesleyan Church with burial in the Brooksville Cemetery adjacent to the church.

--by Phil Meyers, WMAF Committee

Randall & Linda Freeman in Japan as Asia Pastor to Missionaries

"We've been in Yokohama City a month and the learning curve is steep. The bus & train routes and Aobadai Station are amazing. We've visited Robin White and Andrea Swarhout at their places of ministry in Nagoya & Kyoto, and attended the Immanuel Wesleyan Federation biannual meeting. We met Stephen Kawamura, president of the Bible Training College, and visited Takatsu and Nakameguro IGM churches. In a few days, we begin visits across the Asia Area. Pray for our transition and travels."

-- by Randall Freeman, Pastor to Missionaries

Chuck & Ruth Pierson ----

in Kamakwie, Sierra Leone



Chuck making rounds in OB

In our first Bible Study last week, we studied about the Temptation of Adam and Eve. Ruth asked the question, "How are you tempted?" One lady said, "I have tried to find my joy in things and circumstances." Now she has victory over that by letting Jesus be her joy.



In 2005 a medical team from World Hope Canada came to Kamakwie. They were moved by the malnutrition of some of the children on the peds ward. They set up a mission called the **Alpha Project** for these malnourished children. Today the program is going strong under the leadership of *Mrs. Kadiatu Bangura*, pictured above left.

Chuck and Ruth Pierson were privileged to serve at Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital for many years. In May, 2011, they returned to briefly take the place of Drs. Tom and Karen Asher, who were in the USA for a short time. Piersons were blessed to find the leadership of the Ashers and Mr. Brimah Samura, Director of Health Care Ministries for the Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone. The facility has transitioned to a referral and teaching center.

Presently over a dozen student nurses, midwives, and community health officers are visiting and working at the hospital. A new pediatric ward has expanded both pediatrics and obstetrics. The new hospital Jesus Film ministry has brought a large increase in new believers. Ruth continues her ministry to youth and Ladies Bible study on the back veranda. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness in answering so many prayers for the church in its various ministries, and for a break in Ruth's chemotherapy that has allowed this return visit.



New Pediatric Ward



Bethany Morse in Peds Ward

Czech Republic – *The Influence of Communism*



The mantra of communism - “There is no God” - invariably took its toll on this nation that once was a part of a profound spiritual revival in Europe (John Huss). “The Czech Republic, along with Estonia, the Nordic countries, France and the Netherlands, has one of the least religious populations in the world. Historically, the Czech people have been characterized as tolerant and even indifferent towards religion” states author, Richard Felix Staar, in *Communist Regimes in Eastern Europe* (Issue 269, p. 90). The majority of Czechs are agnostic or atheist; with less than 1% as engaged Christ followers. *THIS* is why we are here.

More than half our staff serves in Brno and ministers through English classes and English Conversation Clubs, supporting our local church, and hosting community events at the Majak Ministry Center. In addition to building personal relationships within our community setting, we have opportunities to share Christ at yearly summer EuroCamps (photo), and by giving leadership to an international church body. Currently church plant preparations are underway in Prague (the capital city) and also in the smaller nearby town of Podebrady. Lives are being touched and changed for Christ! We are thrilled to see more church leaders emerging in Brno and anticipate wonderful things with the new plants.

---by Dennis Jackson, European Area Director, GP

General Conference 2012 Alumni

The 12th General Conference of the Wesleyan Church will convene in Lexington, KY (June 2-6). The WMAF plans to have an informative display table at the Conference to highlight its diverse activities.

A video display will portray missionaries when in active service and as they are today. Please send your pictures and info to: Philip Myers, 8056 Luke Court, Brooksville, FL 34601. Send digital photos to wmyers113@tampabay.rr.com (after tampabay it is rr as in road runner). Include a note about where you served and the years you were active on the field.

You may contact Phil or Elsie Myers at (352) 397-3049. Thank you for your attention to this big undertaking.

-- by W. Philip Myers, WMAF Committee

Larry Frank Bogart

Larry was born in 1938 and passed into eternity March 28th. He served in Sierra Leone, Africa, from 1966 to 1970 with Global Partners as a missionary doctor. Becky, his daughter, remembers him as one of the most focused-on-something-else, sacrificial, faithful to Jesus, counter-cultural persons she has ever known. In Africa, he served hospital wards, veterans, patients in prison, and the mentally ill. He blessed many, often at personal expense to himself. His testimony inspired faith in Jesus among many people and his light will be missed.

--- by Bogart Family Members

Caleb Austin

Caleb Austin, son of Rev. Kevin and Cindy Austin, died in a car accident in June. He and his wife Lindsey were driving home to NC after attending a wedding in Ohio. Lindsey sustained only minor injuries. Caleb was a Marine, and a military funeral was held June 12th in Long Lake, NC.

Kevin is a minister and basketball coach at Houghton College and Cindy is GP campus rep. The WMAF family extends its sympathy and prayers for the Austin family at this time of bereavement.

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