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### *God at Work In Africa*

The Wesleyan Church of Ghana has just launched mission work in Burkina Faso. They are sending Pastor Issah Osman as their missionary (pictured here with Joe Ocran, Ghana District Superintendent). Issah has been serving as a church planter in north east Ghana among the Wa people for the past two years, having planted three churches in that time.



In April, we hosted Pastors Doug Dennis (Asheboro, NC), Brian Matherlee (McAdenville, NC), and Phil Harrington (Dallas, NC) as they led a seminar at Wesleyan Evangelical Seminary for around 40 Wesleyan pastors in the Johannesburg area. Following the seminar and speaking in Sunday services in local churches, we traveled with them to the annual Africa Area Missionary Retreat. Along the way we spent a day in Kruger National Park where we almost got trampled by elephants. We like our guests to have an unforgettable experience!

The missionary retreat met in White River, South Africa, for a time of reflection and renewal. The NC pastors (left photo) ministered effectively around the theme of "*Maintaining your Spiritual Passion in the Midst of Ministry.*"

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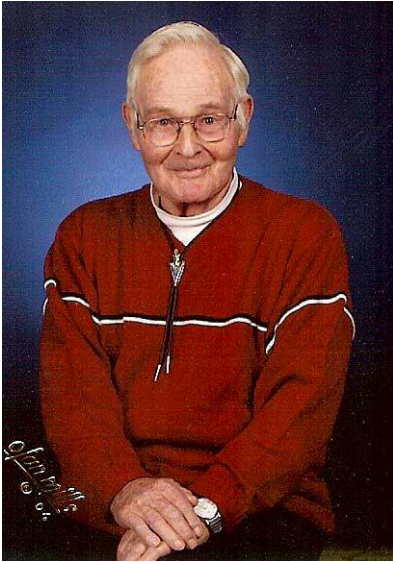
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*--by Dr. Bob Bagley, Africa Area Director, Global Partners*

## **Clarence Jean Knupp**

May 24, 1918 – May 22, 2012



Clarence Jean was born to Monroe and Myrtle (Wood) Knupp, their eighth child, in Warren, PA. As a teen, he met Mildred Marcella Beck (Milly) and during courtship, they found Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. They married on June 22, 1938.

CJ studied for the ministry and he and Milly pastored in Clymer, PA, Ogdensburg, NY, West Newton, PA, and Lisbon, OH. CJ was ordained a minister on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1947.

In 1954, Milly and Clarence obeyed God's call to missions and with their four young children, Robert Clarence, Marcella May, Walter Leonard, and Stephen Monroe, served in Georgetown, British Guiana (now Guyana), and later in Dutch Guiana (now Suriname), and various islands in the Caribbean.

Clarence was a talented artist, often illustrating his sermons. He loved fishing and hunting and often brought home wild orchids from the jungle for his collection on display. A gifted carpenter, he led the construction of churches and buildings in Guyana, Suriname and the Caribbean. He started the Bible School in Guyana, and lived to see the facility completed. Many people have attested to their lives being changed because of the teaching and love of CJ. In 1961, their fifth child, Timothy James was born in Guyana, SA.

In retirement, Clarence and Milly lived in Phoenix, Arizona, where three of their five children reside. They were married 65 years and took great pride in their 13 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren (two of which have preceded CJ in death), and 3 great, great grandchildren. Milly went to her reward in November, 2003.

CJ will be greatly missed by family and friends, but leaves a tremendous legacy behind. Memorial gifts may be sent to Global Partners labeled "Memorial to CJ Knupp for Wesleyana Camp – Guyana". (Global Partners, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN, 46250)

--- by *Sonya Stubbs, granddaughter*

## **Brazil and the Enszes**

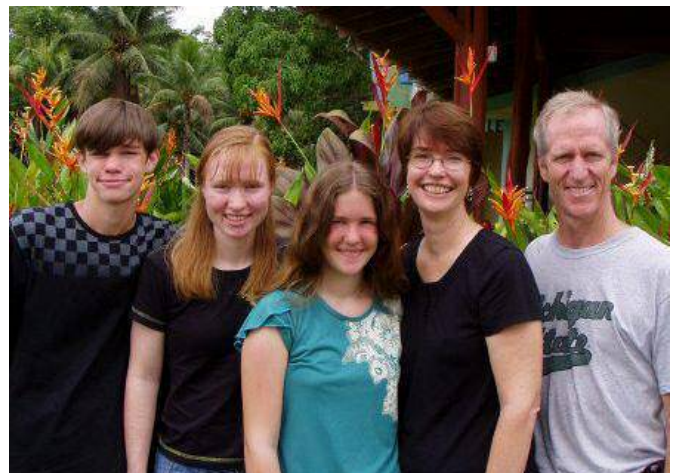
The first ever "Harvest Camp" was held in November 2011. It was a purely evangelistic camp and brought people together who knew neither church nor Jesus. Three days of intense spiritual battle was waged to reach sin-hardened hearts. A team of 20 spent every night awake praying for the Lord to work with His power. Others prayed during the day. On the second day, God's presence invaded the camp and more than 70 people went forward to accept Jesus as their savior and to be liberated from a life of slavery to sin.

In February, the church held a district Family Camp up north of the Amazon in Boa Vista. As we shared about the needs of family, healing and reflection took place. The families face huge challenges since most people won to the Lord in our churches come from broken home situations.

David Downey, son of Paul and Lois Downey Traugh, visited Brazil for two

months to bless and serve. Thanks for coming, David.

Grace started teaching English as a second language at the Bible school. Pray for her as there are unbelievers who need to hear the Word of God as well as learn English. She continues to teach Bible classes as well.



*Hudson, Gwendolyn, Anna, Grace and Tom*

--- by *Tom Ensz, GP Career Missionary to Brazil*

## ***El Salvador Growth***

In El Salvador, Bob Gray recently visited two new Wesleyan churches and the original downtown Wesleyan Tabernacle pastored by the National Director, Rene Melendez. Pictured below is Pastor Franklin, lay leader Fernando, and Bob at the Gaviota, Jiquilisco church, launched December 18, 2011. They are reaching 80 in morning worship, including some 50 kids! The second new church is in Rosario de la Paz, an established independent church seeking affiliation this year.



Just 18 months ago in El Salvador, there were two established churches and four preaching points. Average attendance ran 200 on weekends. Today, there are six established churches, some new preaching points, and total attendance running over 500! God is doing a great work there with fruit from years of planning, evangelism, making contacts, and doing leadership preparation. Tom and Lydia Hines began the work in 2002 in partnerships with Indiana North and Shenandoah Districts. The Lord is giving Rev. Rene and Rev. Zoila Melendez success in raising up leaders in their church and sending them out to plant new churches in and around the San Salvador capital.

Pray for the ministry in El Salvador, for the growth brings trials and difficulties. Poverty and joblessness plague the country along with gang activity and violence. Some churches even face extortion and threats. Pastors who experience this problem live in danger as they resist and trust God for protection. God is answering your prayers and Christ is honored in El Salvador today.

***-----by Bob Gray, Regional Director in Mexico and El Salvador, Global Partners***

## ***Cheryl Elizabeth Hudson***

March 18, 1939 – March 18, 2012



When Cheryl was five years old, she prayed to receive Christ as her personal Savior. During her teens, she felt God's call on her life to serve Him as a missionary. After completing high school and some Bible training at Bethany Bible College (now Kingswood University), she took the nursing program at Victoria Public Hospital in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

It was at Bethany that she met Gene and they were married December 28, 1960. Cheryl and Gene have five children: Kevin Hudson, Ron Hudson, Gillian James, Susan Benson, and Ruth Boulter.

In 1962, the Hudsons became missionaries under the Reformed Baptist Church and were assigned to Bethesda Mission Station in South Rhodesia. (Zimbabwe). Gene became principal of the school and Cheryl worked in the hospital alongside Dr. Storer Emmett.

After the war for independence, Bethesda was deemed unsafe. The Hudsons ministered in Bulawayo from 1973 to 1974, in Durban, South Africa from 1974 to 1976, and in Queensburg, Natal from 1976 to 1978. They returned to Canada to pastor. For a brief time in 1986 they served as associate missionaries in Yeppoon, Australia, where they had the privilege of attending their son Kevin's ordination.

When they retired, Cheryl and Gene made their home in Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, Canada, a community near their last pastorate. Cheryl went to be home with her Lord on March 18, her 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

A funeral service was held for Cheryl at the Belvedere Funeral Home in Charlottetown, PEI Canada, March 21st.

***-- by Marilee Peed, Editor, Kingswood University Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada***

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### ***Lois Sheridan Ellis, ED.D***

October 23, 1923 - June 6, 2012

Lois Ellis, 88, died at her home in Pickens, SC. Born in Allendale, MI, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Fannie Stevens Sheridan. Dr. Ellis was a retired professor emeritus of Nursing Education at Indiana Wesleyan University where she taught for 23 years. With her husband Malcolm, she served as a missionary from 1953 to 1970 in The Sierra Leone Wesleyan Church.

She held degrees from Michigan State University, Indiana Wesleyan University, University of Michigan and Ball State University. She served for many years along with Malcolm in pastorates in IN, KS and SC.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children, Mrs. Deborah J Perkins (Russell) of Pickens, SC and Dr. David M. Ellis of Champaign, IL; four grandchildren, Graham and Taylor Ellis of Champaign, IL; Tessa Ellis and Javan Perkins of Pickens, SC; a brother, Dr. Alton Sheridan of Grand Rapids, MI; a sister, Sharon Conely of Grand Rapids, MI; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 9th at Trinity Wesleyan Church in Central, SC with entombment in Memory Gardens, Clemson, SC. Memorials may be made to The Malcolm & Lois Ellis Scholarship Fund, Southern Wesleyan University, 907 Wesleyan Dr., Central, SC 29630.

### ***General Conference 2012***



June 4<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Dennis Jackson was elected Executive Director of Global Partners. Dennis and his wife, Gwen, have served since 2009 as the Europe area director. Prior to their work with Global Partners, they served in pastoral ministry for 25+ years, and Dennis

also served as the assistant district superintendent in West Michigan.

The WMAF Executive Committee met June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Rev. Robert Smith was elected to continue as WMAF President. Forty one alumni attended the fellowship meeting on Saturday afternoon, the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

