



LINKING former Wesleyan missionaries to each other and to Global Partners

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New LINK Editor appointed...



January 16, 1971, Paul and Janet Turner landed in Manila and began their missionary odyssey that would extend across 28 years in the Philippines and 2 years in Japan. With their three children, Joy, Dan, & Lois, they set out to discover the warp and woof of the lives of the Filipinos.

Paul, born 1939 in Carthage, Indiana, grew up in a Wesleyan home with devout Christian parents. Janet M. Van Cleave was born in Lewistown, Montana, in 1940. They were married August 15, 1963 and the Lord gave them three children; Joy, Dan and Lois.

Paul graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion College) with an A.B. degree - religion major, in 1963 and a M.A. in Pastoral Theology in 1985. Later he earned a M.R.E. and Doctor of Ministry degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, MO. Janet attended IWU (Marion College) for two years and then received a Registered Nurse diploma at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis in 1963. She also completed a B.S. in Nursing from IWU in 1985.

In addition to their missionary work, they pastored churches in Indiana, South Dakota, Kansas and Montana. From earliest recollection Paul wanted to be a Christian and to be involved in the Lord's work.

Christian Education became their missions focus, especially ministerial training. Two scriptures tugged on their hearts: 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things you heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." A second verse was Colossians 1:28-29 "We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me." NIV

Turners taught most of their years in the Rosales Bible College where Janet also helped students and faculty as school nurse. They enjoyed many weekends teaching and preaching in local churches and learning customs and cultures among the people groups. Paul served as mission director several years and as a member of the national board of administration. In 1982, he helped organize the lay training ministry known as WESTEE, seeking to extend the bible college into the local churches. He also helped to open the graduate school offering a Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology in 1999 on the Rosales campus.

In 1999, Paul became Asia Area Director for Global Partners and supervised 14 national churches and mission units for 8 years.

Turners retired from missionary service in June 2007 and live in Rapid City, South Dakota.

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Global Partners Africa

In February 2009, Kamakwie Hospital in Sierra Leone, became a facility where children and newborns with AIDS can be treated. Prior to this time, only adults could be treated. Pray for the missionaries and staff as they seek to assist these people in Jesus' name. Pray for the spiritual growth of the hospital staff and for the faithfulness of Wesleyan pastors to proclaim the gospel in this area.

— reported by Chuck and Ruth Pierson, returned from Sierra Leone

Armiger Commissions New Well in Sierra Leone



Home from a May 14-17, 2009, visit to Sierra Leone, West Africa, General Supt. Thomas E. Armiger, says The Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone is "vibrant and growing in spite of the people's suffering."

There are 22 new Wesleyan churches and their membership has increased by nearly 5,000 since 2000.

Dr. Armiger chaired the Sierra Leone National Conference in Makeni, Sierra Leone, and said there was a sense of celebration and unity in the Spirit of Christ that permeated the conference.

Rev. J. Y. Konteh, who was honored for eight years of service as national superintendent, has been a catalyst for re-energizing the church following the war's atrocities.

On May 17, he commissioned and dedicated a new well for the amputee village of Mafokineay.

Swaziland, Suffering & Deliverance.

Nhlanhla, a Zimbabwean, is a graduate of the Emmanuel Wesleyan Bible College (EWBC) in Swaziland. Life is extremely difficult for him in Zimbabwe, and food is scarce. However, he stays in his homeland because he knows this is where God wants him. In the midst of great suffering, God is rewarding his labors and faithfulness. Nhlanhla recently wrote, "More than 50 people [during Easter] gave their lives to Jesus. . . . Three witch doctors gave their lives to Jesus and burnt the things they used for witchcraft. One lady had something like cancer and the leg was very swollen, but God healed her instantly."

—reported by missionary Dorcas Croft

Africa Update from the Bagleys



- Global Partners has two hospitals in Africa - Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital in Sierra Leone (above) and Zimba Mission Hospital in Zambia.
- Four missionary doctors are working at GP's mission hospitals, Drs. Tom & Karen Asher at Kamakwie, and Drs. Dan and Joan Jones at Zimba.
- 90% of all malaria cases are in sub-Saharan Africa.
- At least 25 million people in Africa are HIV-positive.
- Pray for Bob and Brenda as they relocate to South Carolina and finish team building for return to Africa.
- Lift Bob up as he carries the duties of Area Director for Africa.



Mafutseni Church, healthy and thriving



World Hope Appoints New CEO

The Board of Directors of World Hope Int. on April 3 2009, appointed Dr. Karl D. Eastlack as its new Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Eastlack brings a wealth of leadership experience from his 22-year tenure at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, Trusteeship of Houghton College, and prior service on the Board

of World Hope International (WHI). Site visits to WHI's work in Azerbaijan, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Honduras have also given Dr. Eastlack a deep appreciation and respect for the organization's work around the world. "I am humbled and deeply honored to accept this invitation," said Dr. Eastlack, "and to give leadership to an extraordinary team that is doing remarkable work around the world. This is God's calling on the next chapter of my life and I am thrilled to say 'yes!'"

WHI is currently active in 25 countries around the world. It has a staff of 31 working at the headquarters in Alexandria, VA and employs more than 350 staff overseas. WHI implements its world-wide efforts primarily through national leadership and staff in each of the places where it works.

Rosales Wesleyan Bible College – Philippines

School opened for a new year in June with 75 students, 33 men and 42 ladies. Four came from Mindanao in the southern islands – two of them from the B'laan people, a resistant group so many years. Ask the Lord to call these youth to ministry among their own people for greater advance in evangelism by their own pastors.

Eight came from Resources for the Blind, partners in Manila. The Manila District, sent their largest group yet – 16! Central Luzon sent 30 and Northern Luzon and the Mountains 15. Bicol area south of Manila sent one. Thirty are new students – what a crop of first years to discover God's call on their lives. Significantly, 14 are pastor's children and 10 of the parents are currently serving in church ministries.

Five Bible College programs in the Philippines are equipping Filipino youth to serve the Lord. The national church influences not only their own country, but the rest of us around the world.

--- enrollment sent by Rev. Bong Wag-e,

Rosales President

Alert re: Emergency Money to Wire

In one of their June newsletters, Matt & Caryl Aukerman referred to the problem of email requests for "emergency money by wire." E-mail address and contact lists are being hijacked by scammers, who then write with a story about an emergency need for cash to be wired to them. Always be suspicious of e-mails involving wire transfers of money, and know that our missionaries will never ask supporters to wire them money. If you receive such an email, please contact Fran Lane at Global Partners. <lanef@wesleyan.org> (317-774.7950).

Jeff & Beth Fussner Ministry Change

July 31, 2009 we will be exiting Global Partners. I have received an appointment as senior pastor of United Wesleyan Church in Alexandria, Virginia. This church nurtures six congregations representing all four hemispheres of the globe!

The Holy Spirit confirmed to me a calling to pastoral ministry in a multi-cultural setting. Beth and I have engaged in much prayer for direction and discernment of God's new path for us.

--- Dr. Jeff Fussner, Pacific Area Director, GP

GP IBERO-AMERICA Area

Spain: Praise God for the seven young Wesleyan congregations.

- **Pray** for Pastor Daniel Ortega as he leads this growing ministry in the face of a deep economic recession. Many in these congregations are unemployed.
- **Pray** for the women's ministry event Show Me Your Glory held on June 20.
- **Pray** for the major youth event Standing on the Promises: Vision, Holiness, and Service that took place on June 26-28.
- **Pray** for GO-Net Volunteer missionary and IWU student Lindy Waite as she serves short-term in Alicante, Spain.

---reported by missionary Rick West, Ibero-America Wesleyan Fellowship coordinator

YES! How exciting to see your missionary fruit sending missionaries to Spain! You obeyed God's call and invested your energies in people, and now they do the same. The Lord honors His Word and your service and causes evangelism in places we didn't even dream of. Let's keep on praying for the missions work of our church and for the seeds planted in Jesus' name in the hearts of men and women overseas.

JESUS Film Partnership

2008 statistics show the 25 Jesus Film teams planted 69 new churches overseas as a result of the ministry. Teams train workers for follow-up and discipling of new believers that results in the new church plants. Pray that the Lord will help the teams where travel is difficult, and break down resistance in some areas to the growth of the churches.

Testimony from Indonesia... "I am a man who grew up in a family that followed the local ancestral religion. My older brother and father-in-law were leaders in this religion. There were no Christians in my village. We believed that Christians live in darkness and we lived in the light because, to us, our lifestyles were better than many Christians. However, after watching the *JESUS* film and receiving an explanation of why people need a Savior, my wife and I decided to accept Christ. Now I have a better understanding of Christianity, repentance, trusting in Jesus, and living in holiness. I am now studying the Bible and serve God in a Wesleyan house church. My hope for 2009 is that we can build a church in my village."

--reported by Dr. John Connor, JFP Director

Czech Republic Report



We recently held our big Kids' Day at Maják. There were around 70 children from the community at the ministry center, and about 130 altogether! We

dedicated our new playground set and sand-boxes and had lots of games! What an amazing day to love our community and let them know about our other ministries and church services. May God bring fruit from this time and help us continue to build relationships with these new families.

-- reported by Phil Boardman

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Barry & Margaret Ross Update

Barry and Margaret Ross, career missionaries with GP now on staff at Anderson School of Theology in Anderson, IN, completed six weeks teaching in June/July at Emmanuel Wesleyan Bible College in Xai Xai, Mozambique. Barry was asked: "What color were the people before Noah's Flood? Black? White?" His response: "Yes." He had fun dealing with ethnocentric views of the world around us. Barry enjoyed a fundraising done much like an auction. After totals were announced, groups danced forward to raise their bid, er - offering! A significant amount was raised. We might learn something there. Margaret wrote that when she heard the "C" word in February, she doubted she could travel again. But God enabled her strength, and she enjoyed every minute teaching the 26 student wives with two 2-hour classes daily.

The Barnabas Connection

Insights and wisdom accumulate across the years of a missionary's life work, and this knowledge can in turn bless a new missionary. One of the ministries of WMAF is called The Barnabas Connection, and attempts to connect career missionaries with newly appointed recruits. Adjustments go smoother and ministry focus comes easier when this mentoring time takes place. Dr. Jim Vermilya at Global Partners, leads the cultural learning practices and would like to bring new missionaries and senior missionaries together for mentoring. Why not contact Jim and sign up to bless a new missionary with your experience. His email address: jv@wesleyana.org or phone: 1-317-219-3115.

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