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### THEY ARE AMONG SOME OF THE OLDEST WMAF MEMBERS!

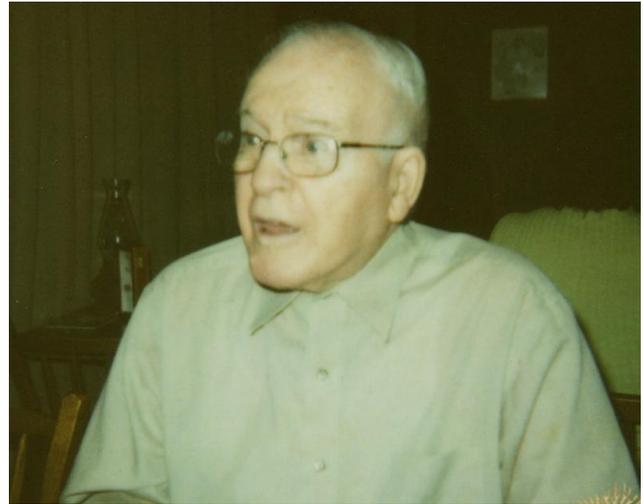


MEET THE CROSBYS

Bob Crosby was born in Franklinville, NY on September 12, 1914. Norva was born in Corning, NY on October 10, 1915. They met at Houghton College in the fall of 1934. They graduated together in 1938. They were married in the little Wesleyan Methodist country church in Shady Grove, near Corning, NY. On July 17, 2005 they celebrated their 65 wedding anniversary.

Following a brief pastorate in the Fyler Community Orthodox Church in Kirkville, NY, Bob then began pastoring a Wesleyan Methodist Church in September 1938 in the Rochester, NY Conference. In July, 1942 they left (with 6-month-old Priscilla) for their first missionary term in Colombia, South America. Bob was following in the footsteps of his Aunt Hattie Crosby, one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wesleyan Missionaries to Sierra Leone. Their sons Bobby and Stevie were born in Colombia. Following 8 years in Colombia they were asked to pioneer a work in Puerto Rico. After 5 years they returned to Colombia for another term and then it was back to Puerto Rico to complete 26 years of missionary service. They then taught at Houghton College for 14 years.

In 1983 they retired to Brooksville, FL. Following that time they have served on several Go-Net trips. Bob started the volunteer chaplaincy program in the Brooksville Regional Hospital. Bob and Norva served as hospital volunteers at the hospital until June, 2005. May God bless you, Bob & Norva.



MISSIONARY ARTHUR JENNINGS CALHOON

The ministry of Arthur J. Calhoon began officially in 1930 after he graduated from Marion College. He had been involved in pastoral ministry in Artesian and Mobridge, SD and was ordained by the Dakota Conference.

He was born in the Wesleyan Methodist parsonage in Africa, OH in 1906, the second of 8 children of George and Ina (Crosby) Calhoon. He married Alice White in 1931. They had 2 children Ruth (Faulkenberry) and John Paul Calhoon.

The family went to India in 1936 and served with the Hephzibah Mission Association near Calcutta. They were involved in medical work, evangelism and pastoral training. They were forced to leave in 1942 because of the war. They then went to Haiti in 1946 where they served for 20 years. In 1967 they were sent to Kingsley College in Australia as the interim administrator until 1970. They then retired to live in Brooksville, FL and became the manager of the missionary retirement homes there until 1991.

Following the death of his wife, Alice, he then married Sarah Failing Short in 1993. For the past 5 years he has lived with his daughter, Ruth and her husband, Paul Faulkenberry in Anderson, SC. On his next birthday he will be 100 years old! Thank you Rev. Calhoon for a life of service.

(Note: Bob Crosby and Arthur Calhoon are first cousins!)

## ROBERTA SWAUGER WEDS WILLIAM MCDOWELL

She has been called Miss Lois Roberta Swauger for 73 years, but as of June 14, 2005 she is Mrs. Lois R. McDowell.



The wedding was celebrated at the lovely sanctuary of Christ Community Church (C&MA) in Deland, Florida. Her younger sister, Martha McGraw, was matron of honor. When pastor Austin, of Orlando, asked who gives this person to be married, her brother, Paul, said, "Her two sisters and I do." Mrs. Nancy Swauger ably coordinated the decorations and pageantry.

Lois and Bill reside in Deland in the retirement community of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Bill is an ordained minister in the C&MA and was awarded an honorary D.Litt. Bill was a presentation writer and editor for Lockheed Martin Corporation for 40 years, and then spent 12 years as a college professor. He served as the English editor for the New King James Bible at the request of Thomas Nelson Publishers.



Lois Roberta served for 2 years as a technical writer for GE. She served more than 12 years at Wesleyan Methodist Headquarters in Syracuse, NY as assistant

to Dr. O.G. Wilson, editor of the Wesleyan Methodist magazine, then as writer and editor of SS literature. She was a teacher for Wesleyan World Missions at Kamabai School for Girls in Sierra Leone, and retired after 25 years as professor of English at Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa, GA.

Her older sister, Mrs. Virginia Dongell, of Central, SC regrettably was unable to attend. Her brother, J. Wesley, had deceased 2 months before the wedding. We all join the well-wishers for a future of happiness.

## MEET REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM FRENCH



William French was born on Sept. 15, 1932 in Topeka, KS. On Dec. 31, 1959 he and Mary Emily Smalley were married. Mary went home to be with her Lord on July 15, 1990.

Bill graduated from Central Wesleyan College (SWU) in 1952; BS from Marion College (IWU) in 1954; BD from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1957; and earned a Master of Education degree from the University of SC in 1974. The South Carolina district of The Wesleyan Church ordained Bill in 1958. He served as an Army Chaplain in active duty from 1958 to 1963. Following 34 years of serving successfully as pastor and evangelist in several churches in South Carolina, Rev. French retired from the pastoral ministry and then fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a missionary. He served for 4 years in Russia. Two of these years he was involved with the CoMission team in Ryazan. The other 2 years he taught in the Wesleyan Bible College in Vladimir. Following this he served for 1-1/2 years in Swaziland and South Africa teaching in the Bible Colleges.

In November 24, 2000 he and Marilyn Miller were married in Hobe Sound, FL. Since that time they have made several short term missions trips. They are presently pastoring the Tsoying Bible Holiness Church in Taiwan.

### WMAF CANADA MEMBERS MEET

On July 9, 2005 the Canada WMAF chapter met at the Grand Bay Wesleyan Church with 23 persons present. Rev. Jon Steppe and the Allisons served as resource personnel. The session was very informative and interesting. Following their remarks there was a Question and Answer period. There was also time for a brief business meeting. Some of the actions taken during the meeting were:

1. An executive committee was appointed comprised of: Bill Morgan, Gary Churchill, and Karl Gorman.
2. Membership dues set at \$2.00 per year.
3. Agreed to have the meeting during Beulah Camp.
4. Broaden the base to include work team members.

## NOTES FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES.

**Bob and Susie Gray (Mexico) write:** We had a nice summer here in Mexico after graduating two more students in June. School has started again. Bob is teaching Theology II, Beginner Greek, and a directed study course on Church Planting. Susie is home schooling Elisabeth (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Aaron (Kindergarten), and Sarah (preschool).

Speaking of Church Planting, we as a Bible School have decided to plant at least one or possibly 2 new churches this school year. Not only is it crucial to be planting churches here in Mexico, but we also felt the need to give our students more hands-on experience. We don't want to graduate just pastors and leaders, but also church planters with experience.

On October 31-Nov. 5 the Mexico National Church will be hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Latin American and Caribbean Missions Congress here in Puebla. This is about churches in Latin America and the Caribbean joining together to DO missions.

**Tom & Lydia Hines write: "Giant Leap for Ecuador"** August was a landmark month for Ecuador. Pastor Paul James led a 3-day leadership school attended by 25 people. New missionaries, George & Sheree Wuertz, arrived in Guayaquil to begin their first term. Pastor Hugo Correa of the Cuenca church was appointed as ministry coordinator. Geovanni and Christine Saltos joined the Wesleyan team and are planting a church in Racar where 480 new homes are under construction – what an opportunity! **"Soccer vs. Salvation in El Salvador."** Are they compatible? Pastor Giovanni Lopes of El Salvador sure believes they are. His church is holding a huge soccer tournament with a goal of winning at least 20% of the players to Christ by the end of the season in January. Giovanni and his wife, Elizabeth, work in an area of violent gang activity. One of the tournament organizers, Rony, is a converted gang member and living proof that God can transform lives.

**Becky Higgins (Russia) writes:** The annual Youth Bible Festival went really well. 50 youth attended the camp, half of whom were non-believers. At the end of week 10 youth came forward to indicate that they are ready to make a commitment to the Lord. September 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of the new school year in Russian schools. It also marks the beginning of the fall semester for the CEWC (Christian Evangelical Wesleyan College). Pray for Brenda Wahl as she serves as the director.

**Dorcas Croft (Swaziland) reports:** Forty campers from the children's Saturday Good News Club attended the second annual Kid's Camp. God worked in the hearts of our children as many of them made commitments to allow God to use them however he would choose. Many also gave their hearts to Christ...According to parents; camp is talked about all year long by the children. Pray for them to be witnesses of God's goodness and grace to unsaved family and friends.

**The Ministry Team in Kosovo** reports that God has answered prayer and provided a beautiful place for worship.

**Paul Turner, Asia Area Director writes from East India:** Ethnic conflicts continue with many suffering losses of property and homes. Many children are denied normal school facilities with schools unable to provide teachers pay. The missionary work in Tripura is making new advances with a district residence under construction and payment of back salaries for the missionaries. Financial struggles have been corrected and Director Remy Neingate reported new contacts among the Reang and Chakma people groups. Hope for Children ministries touches 65+ children and the liaison director requested an additional 135 sponsors. Rev. Paul Lalsiemlien, regional superintendent, looks positively to the future for the growth of the church in East India.

**Again from Nepal Rev. Turner writes:** During the five days in Nepal I met Tricia perched on a ladder in her home, while her mother worked in the carpet factory next door to the home of Dr. Romy & Linda Caringal. Children are the ones who suffer from the intensive labor and hand work in the carpet industry. Children at Risk is one of the ministries Dr. Romy works with, and he dreams of better days for the country by helping the kids live and learn. Sitting at breakfast on my last day there, Dr. Romy answered his phone to learn one of the babies had died in the night at the hospital. Tears dropped from his eyes as he thought of what to tell the parents. Wesleyan pastor Baburam, took me to see the school where he completed an M.Div. degree. I spoke briefly to a new class of ministers. Political and social problems exist with tough times for everybody. Babu is excited preparing materials for a second Jesus Film team to begin training for ministry in the rural areas outside Kathmandu, the capitol. Pray for the believers who pay a great price to be known as Christians.

**Jim Eckhardt writes:** Today Lizzie and I are on our way to assist a youth trip to **Nicaragua**. We will be sharing the love of Christ in a practical way by fitting shoes on the feet of needy children. The Wisconsin district has provided 2000 pairs of shoes and the 22 teens for this ministry trip. In addition, there will be puppets and other ministry opportunities. Pray that the children who receive shoes would be open spiritually to the message of Christ.

**Keith Norris (Indonesia) writes:** A project manager was chosen to lead the building of a Christian school on an Indonesian island which was hit by both the tsunami and a massive earthquake in March. Pray that God will give wisdom to this man as he selects his team members both for the construction and operation of the school. The Indonesian Jesus Film team continues to win people to Christ and establish new evangelistic posts. To date 1,957 people have accepted Christ and 12 preaching points have been opened. Pray that these will develop into strong churches. In the past 2 years 289 new members have been received.

## NEWS AND REPORTS

Please send any news/report to Bob Smith, 22275 Woodlawn Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601-2702 or E-mail: bobsmith2004@earthlink.net

## **JESUS FILM TESTIMONIES-Sept. 2005**

### **Sierra Leone:**

Because of the ministry of the JESUS film, 8 youths from an unreached peoples group have been won to Christ in the Freetown area. They are presently being prepared for baptism. They are among the 14 converts who came to the Lord in June. These youth have the potential of being the means to reach more young people in their community. Their community is predominately Muslim. They are also a part of a major tribe in neighboring Guinea.

### **Mozambique Maputo:**

Demon possession is very common here. Many times it is seen as an asset to a family because it gives the family or clan perceived power or authority. Sometimes a specific demon (spirit) will be named. A woman 37 years of age had been separated from her parents for a long time because her family used her as a repository for the demon Mandamira. This demon gave her to two men, a father and son. She had a child, but she doesn't know by which one. She has now received Christ as her Savior, and she is living for God. She has left her life of sin.

### **Nepal:**

A woman had been blind in both eyes for many years. She had an opportunity to attend the JESUS film after she heard that if people accept Jesus they can be redeemed from their illnesses. Even though she could not see the film and could only listen, she came. At first she just acted like she had received Christ, but later she came to a true place of believing. Eventually she was cured, and now she can see. When we visited her again she took us to her house and fed us with many thanks. She is now preparing to be baptized with her family.

There were some people who were suffering from fever. After showing the JESUS film, they were cured. These people had spent a lot of money and made great sacrifices to a shaman (witch doctor) for many years before they met Christ.

At one place some people came against us. They did not want us to show the JESUS film, but some others requested us to show the film. When we were finished showing the film the ones who were against us came to us and begged us forgiveness because this film was not like other films. They said, "This film gives us life; God saves us."

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## **GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED**

On Sept. 6 the General Board elected Dr. Jerry Pence to finish out the remainder of Dr. David Holdren's term as General Superintendent. He will take office on October 1, 2005. Dr. Pence has a wealth of experience as pastor, District Superintendent, and for the past 7 years General Director of Evangelism & Church Growth. One of his responsibilities will be to give supervision and guidance to Global Partners.

## **GENERAL DIRECTOR OF E & CG ELECTED**

The General Board elected Rev. Phillip Stevenson as the new General Director of Evangelism and Church Growth. Rev. Stevenson will assume responsibility for the department on October 1, 2005. He has served as pastor, church planter, DS, and in various district positions.

### **FYI (For Your Information)!**

**Global Partners has representatives on all of our Wesleyan College campuses. They are:**

1. Bethany Bible College –Dr. William Peed (Zambia)
2. Houghton College –Brian & Wendy Sheets (Russia)
3. Indiana Wesleyan Univ.–Bill & Daphne Foster (Aust.)
4. Oklahoma Wesleyan Univ.–Dr. Mike Fullingim (PNG)
5. Southern Wesleyan Univ.–Dave & Donna Tolan (Zambia)

**Other WMAF persons serving in other educational institutions:**

1. Dr. Robert Bagley (Swaziland)–Vennard College
2. Dr. Phil & Dr. Kathy Bence – Seattle Pacific
3. Dr. Gary Cockerill –Wesley Biblical Seminary
4. Dr. John Newby (So Africa)– Spring Arbor Free Meth.
5. Dr. Barry Ross (Japan) –Anderson College, IN
6. Dr. David Wright (Haiti, British Isles)  
–Azusa Pacific in Los Angeles

**WMAF persons entering their eternal reward:**

1. Dr. Marilyn Birch (Sierra Leone)–Aug. 5, 2005
2. Ms. Emeline Berg (Suriname)–Mar. 5, 2005
3. Ms. Betty Gilmore (St. Croix, So. Africa, Zambia)  
–Aug. 17, 2005
4. Julie Bonner –Aug. 17, 2005. She was the daughter of Bob and Linda Bonner (S. Africa)
5. Rev. Orai I. Lehman, (Sr) (So. Africa) June 17, 2005

**Still needing our prayers:**

Don Kinde (Sierra Leone) has been having MANY tests. He feels very poorly, sleeps irregularly, and appears to be getting weaker. On Aug. 16 he began a course of 6 chemo treatments. Please keep Don in your prayers.

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