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## DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

In September, for the first time, our team in Brno, Czech Republic, hosted a training on how to share our faith naturally with friends, family, and co-workers. The training was not “an American thing.” It was completely created and led by Czechs! It was powerful for Czechs to hear from their own national brothers and sisters how sharing their faith is necessary and possible. Especially inspiring was hearing the trainers’ stories of showing value to a neighbor or friend, which led to a spiritual conversation, and, in turn, led to starting a small group Bible study.



The training gave simple and reproducible tools, like a 15-second testimony of what God has done in our life, a very basic image explaining God’s story, or a model of Bible study that doesn’t need a leader or extra material. These tools means the participants at the training have an easy time memorizing and practicing them while teaching others.

The disciples now have the tools to equip the disciples they will be influencing who will then have the tools for their own disciples. The prayer for our field and this nation is that the disciples of disciples of disciples would have no direct contact or training from us but would still take seriously the heart to share that God is at work in their lives.

An exciting result is the participants are starting mission groups that meet regularly to affirm, encourage, practice, hold accountable, and ask God what the next step is in the coming week. One participant came to her first mission group saying, “I made sure I prayed with a few of my friends and family members because I knew we would hold each other accountable during this time!”

We pray that God would use these tools to continue to equip Czech believers to start spiritual conversations.

*by Luke Paraventi, Global Partners missionary to the Czech Republic*

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## Condolences

### Vera Ruth Klatt

Vera Ruth Stair Klatt, 96, passed away Dec. 9, 2019 in Bluffton, Indiana. She was born to Harry and Lillie Beyler Stair on Oct. 8, 1923, in Plymouth.

Vera was married to Robert Wesley Klatt by the Rev. C. C. Decker. Bob and Vera served as Wesleyan missionaries in the Philippines briefly in the late 1970's, teaching in the Rosales Wesleyan Bible College.

Klatts are best loved pastoring churches in the Wesleyan Church – serving in Indiana, New York, Illinois, and Michigan from the mid 1940's through 2007, when Bob assisted as calling pastor with Senior Pastor Ollie Dongell at the Plymouth Church.

A Celebration of Vera's life took place December 15, 2019 in Plymouth with Pastor Ed Friberg officiating. Burial followed in the Hepton Union Cemetery in Nappanee on Dec. 16, 2019.



### Dr. Earle L. Wilson

Dr. Earle L. Wilson of Brooksville, Florida, 85, walked through the pearly gates of heaven at 11:24 p.m. on November 24, 2020.

He was an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church and was president and professor of theology at Allentown Bible College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was one of three General Superintendents of The Wesleyan Church for sixteen years. He is best known for his ability to communicate God's Word in an understandable and inspiring manner.

Surviving Dr. Wilson are his wife Sylvia, their three children - Debarah, Stephen, and Colleen, and numerous grandchildren.

A family obituary will be published when available.

::: Complete obituaries are posted on our website: [HERE](#).

## Field and Friends . . .

### Dave and Dina Horne

They recently stood at the front of the church with heads bowed and felt the hands laid on their shoulders of dear friends from Iran, Afghanistan, Austria, Germany and Mexico. The pastor prayed: "God, we know Dave and Dina were sent to Europe to share the love of Christ. The American church sent them to us, and now we are sending them back!" After eight years as Area Director in Europe, Dave will now serve as the director of Partner Development with Global Partners. Dina will continue to lead NEXT, Global Partners' mentored cross-cultural internship experience for young adults. Dina writes: "I need to use the same cross-cultural skills I used when adjusting to life in Europe now as I reenter an America that is different than when I left. I need to listen well before rushing to judgment. I need to look for Jesus in the margins and among the oppressed. He likes to hang out there. I need to seek to serve instead of clinging to my own privilege and power."



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## Update Great Scholars Academy, Zambia

by Robert and Rebecca Miller, Alumni

- Students returned to school September 28 and grade seven students took their exams in December .
- Mr. Bulongo leads GSA using his many talents as a teacher, preacher and musician.
- Praise the Lord for Ms. Niza Sichlongo who gives faithful leadership to Dream Kids Zambia.
- Progress made on the Dining Hall Project with dream to have a boarding facility for girls and an inside dining area.

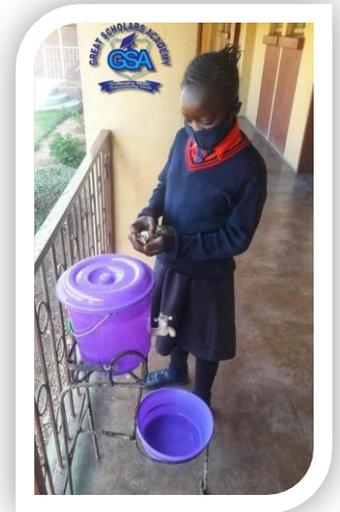


Our core mission is to help as many vulnerable children as possible to accept Jesus as their personal Savior, to realize God's dream for their life, and to impact society. We seek to:

- Give quality education to young people in Zambia at GSA .
- Support orphans and vulnerable children in Malala village .
- Empower young people with a spiritual and academic foundation to support themselves and spread the Gospel.

Please pray for us that:

- Students will remain healthy as they return to school.
- Teachers will be able to provide quality lessons.
- Water and electricity will be sufficient to meet the needs of the school.
- Young hearts will be saved through the teaching of the Word.
- Grade 7 students will successfully pass their National exams.
- Friends of this ministry will join us in completing the work started. Thank you for partnering with us.



## Explosion in Mission Discipleship

Every two years, the Ibero-America Conference gathers for the biannual JIBACAM\* Congress. This congress and the mission coordinators' meeting are key opportunities to teach and disciple people in missions. Our goal has been to have 200 people attend one of these events.

This last year, we were hopeful about reaching this goal until two countries had political upheaval, and there were visa issues with others. Still, we had one of the best events ever with a key focus in ministry to the Muslim world.

Then came COVID-19 and more restrictions on movement. However, it didn't stop the JIBACAM Missions Board from developing an entirely new approach to discipling people in missions. It is called Conversations Live on Facebook with key guests to talk about missions. The people reached with the first one was almost 3,000. The last one reached almost 6,000 people. People are learning about missions and getting involved.

*\*JIBACAM is the Ibero-America Missions Board*

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## **Pioneer Missionary Bios**

### **Charles & Elizabeth Carter**

Charles Webb Carter was born May 14, 1905, in Southport, Indiana. His family moved to Iowa when he was six. One evening after the preaching, he told his sister Hazel that he intended to become a preacher. At the age of 16, he was saved and again heard distinctly the Master's call. He enrolled in Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota to prepare for the ministry. He was licensed to preach in the Wesleyan Church and went through Dakota and Iowa holding revival services.

He completed a three year course in God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio and there met Elizabeth Hutchinson. She was born April 29, 1902 in Startle, Ohio. A lasting impression of her childhood was to dress her dolls as Indian, Chinese, and other nations as the audience. Her life work acted out her child's play as a "Missionary." Another memory was of a friend who came to her after praying at the altar to say, "Elizabeth, if you don't get saved you'll go to Hell." She flew to the altar but held on to the desire to do what was right for peace with God. She studied for a business degree and then went to God's Bible School. She and Charles were married on June 7, 1928.

After a few months pastorate at Winchester, Ohio, they visited family members and sailed on the "West Kedron" from New York City in 1928. They completed three terms with Wesleyan Missions in Africa. In Bendembu, the people were unresponsive until a noted sorcerer, Pa Sugo, was converted. Rev. Carter won the heart of the chief in Bendembu when he helped lay out the streets and plan for the complete rebuilding of the town. They also served in the capital of Freetown. They were happy to see the conversion of Chief Dura at the annual conference in 1943.

## **20th Century Archives**



He was born in New York City and she in Miles City, Montana. They met in East St. Louis as camp counselors for inner city children. He became a Christian at a Methodist youth meeting and she came to Christ as a young child. He did a stint in the military and became an instructor before completing ministerial studies at Bartlesville Wesleyan College. The two boys were born there and they moved to Carmel, Indiana to be on staff as Youth Pastor. They departed in August 1982 for Zimbabwe, Africa where they were involved in church planting and Theological Education by Extension training.

..... Last issue we featured Phil and Becky Davis currently teaching at Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in Manila. Phil teaches theology and Becky teaches worship and music. Their sons: Matthew, Jeremy, Ryan, and Jonathan.

Following missionary service, Dr. Carter taught 45 years in two universities in the U.S.A. and five universities overseas. He authored numerous theological texts and was the general editor of the 6 volume Wesleyan Bible Commentary and writer of six of the Biblical books in the set first published in 1964. He wrote of their experiences in Africa in his book Transformed Africans (Wesleyan Methodist Publishing Association, 1938).

*by Margaret Carter Hughes, in Who Will Go?, a collection of missionary biographies compiled by Alton J. Shea (Houghton, NY: The Young Missionary Worker's Band of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1945), p. 16-18.*