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Missions Hotline

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Free Methodist World Missions is committed to serve Free Methodists as together we make disciples among the peoples of the world.

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Africa

Rwanda: Praise God for the surgeon's skill in wiring the skull of a 10-year-old boy, Moses, who was recently hit on the forehead by a falling avocado tree. A week after surgery Moses was up walking around Kibogora Hospital.

Asia

Nepal: God has answered our prayers for Sangte, the wife of Nepal's FM Superintendent Lura, in a miraculous way. What began as a serious bout of chronic asthma took an alarming turn for Sangte. Unable to catch her breath, her heart began to fail. She was hospitalized for nearly two weeks. She was put on oxygen and given a variety of medications, but her symptoms worsened. Sangte was flown to Kathmandu for surgery and rushed in for a consultation with the doctors. A new set of diagnostic tests were performed - which came back normal! At the same time, Sangte's condition dramatically improved. She was released and able to return home immediately. Superintendent Lura, Sangte, their houseful of "adopted" Tibetan children, and the 1,000-plus Free Methodists in the recently organized Nepal Mission District are praising God and extending their gratitude to brothers and sisters around the world who prayed for their situation.

Cambodia: Pastor Samuel Sar, Cambodia, went to be with his Lord December 23, 2009. Pastor Sar was the first Free Methodist in Cambodia. His wife and children also became followers of Jesus. The first FM house church was started in his house in 1992. After some years he studied in the Phnom Penh Bible School. Following graduation, he was assigned to oversee the House of Love, International Child Care Ministries' first center in Cambodia. Pastor Sar was ordained in March 2004. Pastor Sar had been sick for the past two years, and confined to bed in recent months. Please pray for his family.

Missions Family

Katie Winckles (Hungary/Europe) is recovering nicely from recent surgery. Thank you for your prayers and continue to pray as Larry and Katie remain in the U.S. for partnership building through March.

Europe

France: Pray as final editing is completed on Celebrate Recovery materials translated into French. This Christian 12-step program helps individuals overcome destructive, compulsive behaviors with the life-changing power of Christ. Also pray for the growing network of evangelicals who are partnering to develop Celebrate Recovery ministries in France.

Romania: Scott and Paula Dunn give this report on the united celebration of Jesus' birth in Arad: "Last year only two out of six churches participated. This year the pastors and leaders of all five (other) churches wanted to participate! ... we were allowed to use the city's beautiful 'Cultural Palace' for our gathering. ... during the fellowship time afterwards both pastors and people were saying, 'This was great. We should do this more often.' The whole evening was a great success ... and hopefully one more step towards more mutual appreciation and cooperation among churches for the cause of Christ. Rejoice and pray with us."

Latin America

Mexico: Pray for God's hand in the first missions event of 2010 in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, Sat., Jan. 9. Katie Bartlett, a missionary returning to Malawi, will share her vision and her heart for Africa. Betsy Crawford reports this is the first opportunity for some to hear from a missionary to Africa.

Pray for the pastoral team at four churches in the state of Sinaloa, an area especially impacted by the drug trade: Pastor Eliab Jaime and Berenice, Pastor Gustavo Dominguez and Luz, Pastor Faustino de Leon and Pastora Marta, and Pastora Eunice Alvarez. These families are working in difficult economic and spiritual environments. Pray God will encourage them and that each church will have an enlarged vision for reaching their town or city, and beyond.

Haiti: God has given Pastor Jean Marc Zamor a vision for a Providence Christian University outside of Port-au-Prince. "The land is devastated," writes Jeanne Acheson-Munos, "except through the eyes of God." Please pray as this vision develops.

VISA Ministries

VISA Teams:

A team from the Cornerstone Community Church, Pendleton, OR, left Mon., Jan. 4, for Haiti. They will be involved in well-drilling ministry until January 28. Pastor Arron Swenson is the team leader.

The Wenatchee FMC, WA, is sending a team of six to Nigeria from Jan. 10-28 with Steve Bishop as the team leader. This team will construct another block of four classrooms, a school office and staff room for the Hope for Little Shepherds school in Emi-woro, Kogi State. The school is bursting with new children and has had to put four classes in the assembly hall and one in a hut outside in addition to the eight classrooms already in use.

Emmanuel FMC, Alton, IL, will send a 23-person-team to Nicaragua Jan. 11. This team, under the leadership of Pastor Mark Scandrett, will be doing a construction project at a school, painting at another school, conducting a VBS, working with a women's group and assisting with worship services.

VISA Opportunities:

Middle East: An individual is needed to be involved in sports ministry coaching squash and building relationships with players and parents. Some players are highly ranked at youth level. This is a paid

position based on a one- year contract with a sports club. For more information contact visa@fmcna.org or call 800-342-5531.

Mobilization

What if ... your church could be part of an ongoing relationship with a church in another country that was already winning souls for Christ? Think of how many more could hear the gospel of Christ if ministries with great potential could be identified and resourced effectively as an extension of your church's outreach? This is already happening within the FMC, and it can happen in your own church! Pray that God will help churches catch a vision for a fresh way of engaging in mission. To learn more, visit go.fmwm.org and click on "partner" or call Dale Woods (810-836-6527).

Current Newsletters

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Julie Allman, Ukraine
Katie Bartlett, appointed to Malawi
Sheila Etherington, Rwanda
Josh & Susy Fajardo, Spain
Marvin & Lisa Klein, France
Jim & Margaret Nelson, Asia/Serving in the U.S.
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