



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.
The Free Methodist Church has ministry in 82 world areas.



Haiti Update

A major earthquake struck the nation of Haiti on Tues., Jan. 12. The 7.0 quake centered on the Port-au-Prince area where 19 full FM churches and 12 church plants are located.

At the time, 17 North American FM missionaries were ministering in Port-au-Prince. Three of these individuals remain unaccounted for and are now presumed to have perished in the building that collapsed on them. Bishop David Roller conducted a memorial service at the building site on Sat., Jan. 16, for Rev. Jeanne Acheson-Munos, Merle West and Gene Dufour.

Two other missionaries, Jack Munos and Katie Zook, were med-evac'ed to a Florida hospital where they are recovering. *(Personal visits are discouraged so they will be able to have sufficient rest to heal as quickly as possible.)*

Cards may be sent to:

North Broward Medical Center
201 E Sample Road
Deerfield Beach, FL 33064

All other FM missionaries are safe and have been evacuated with the exception of one VISA Affiliate couple, Steve and Ruth Hersey.

Ongoing reports continue to be gathered from Haitian pastors regarding the welfare of FM members and sponsored ICCM children.

Response Team: A FM response team, led by Area Director for Latin American Ministries Dr. Delia Nuesch-Oliver, will arrive in Haiti this week. They will strategize with the Haitian church for future volunteer deployment and will assess standing buildings for structural safety. Pray for God's wisdom to surround them.

Day of Prayer and Fasting: The Free Methodist Church has declared Wed., Jan. 27, as a Worldwide Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Haitian Church.

Forum: To share your prayers or words of encouragement for the Haitian church, or to share reflections, go to the forum board at: www.HelpHaitiHeal.org.

Donations: Thank you for your generosity to your Haitian brothers and sisters. Two avenues to donate - Missions Connect and PayPal - are available at: http://www.fmwm.org/give/help_haiti_heal.php.

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering on a future response team to Haiti, please e-mail Connie Kratzer, VISA Team Coordinator, at ConnieK@fmcna.org.

Prayer Requests: All the people impacted by the earthquake need food, water, medical care and shelter. Pray for recovery efforts and peace on the streets. Pray for God's peace to reign in the midst of this desperate situation. Pray the many Haitian refugees who are leaving the Port-au-Prince area will receive the assistance they so desperately need.

International Child Care Ministries

Updates from Haiti

News continues to trickle in about ICCM staff, friends, facilities and conditions in the area of Haiti affected by last Tuesday's 7.0 earthquake. Here is a synopsis of news about ICCM concerns to date:

- ICCM Field Coordinator Mondale Perkins Oscar is alive and unharmed. However, he, like most, has lost everything and is living in temporary shelters.

- ICCM sponsors over 8,900 children in Haiti, 1,867 of which live in the Port-au-Prince area. Specific information about their safety is still not accessible.

- The ICCM office, Parc Chretien FM Church and ICCM school (HA500), all located together in Port-au-Prince, are damaged but standing. We do not know about ICCM's 52 other school buildings across the island.

- Bishop Roller delivered needed relief supplies at ICCM School HA500, which has been used as a relief shelter site. He spoke words of encouragement and solidarity to many Free Methodists and friends who gathered.

Africa

Liberia: John and Melinda Henry ask for God's guidance for those individuals who are moving towards ordination. The Henrys have welcomed Dr. Art and Sylvia Brown for their first visit to Liberia. The FMC in Liberia is made up of 300 members in 13 churches.

Asia

Malaysia: Pastor Henry Ng announces that nearly 180 people attended the special combined Christmas celebration of two FM congregations. Six individuals accepted Christ. Eighteen people were baptized on Dec. 24 - nine from the English congregation and nine from the Chinese church. Nearly 200 people attended the Christmas celebration at the church in Beluran, Sabah. Praise God for all these new believers and pray for their discipleship.

Missions Family

FMWM celebrates the engagement of *Dustin*, who serves through leadership development ministries, to Megan. An October wedding is being planned. Megan (Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, KY) left Sun., Jan.

17, for a short-term VISA assignment in the Middle East/North Africa. She will work on a pastoral counseling internship, language study and ministry exploration.

Brenda Hendrick (Ukraine) will undergo surgery Mon., Feb. 1, to fuse the #3 and #4 vertebrae, just below the location of past surgeries. She has been suffering for quite some time with constant back, neck and shoulder pain. Brenda expects to be in the U.S. for a few months of recuperation.

Don and Kathy Williams (Thailand) request specific prayer for two of their children, Katelyn and Seth, who are deciding what universities to attend next year. Katelyn, a high school senior, plans to pursue elementary education studies. Seth, who has been a teacher at Grace International School (Thailand), plans to work on a master's degree in education. Pray for Katelyn and Seth to have God's direction.

Europe

Bulgaria: Pray for more increased outreach opportunities and connections to bring people to the English classes and Bible studies at the Petrich ministry center.

Hungary: Some January mission and Budapest Ministry Center activities include: a sermon series on real love in a complicated world, the men's discipleship group, a children's study on the life of Jesus, English classes, Celebrate Recovery!, and music pre-school. Pray lives are changed and enriched through all these activities.

Latin America

Chile: The Alpha-in-English program continues to go well at the Casa de Grande Church, report Ricardo and Beth Gomez. Alpha-for-Couples, a seven-session marriage strengthening program, will be starting soon. Pray for God's blessing on this program that can reach new families.

VISA Ministries

VISA Assignments:

At this time all individual and team trips originally scheduled to go to Haiti are on hold until further notice.

Virginia and Lucy Morgan, Greenville FMC, IL, travel to India Jan. 21 to Feb. 1 for the Orissa Pastor's Conference.

Freedom Sunday

"There are an estimated 27 million slaves in the world today - real slaves, under the threat of violence, held captive, forced to work for their masters, denied dignity and life as God intends for us all. Slavery exists not just in places like India and Egypt, but also in the United States. An estimated 14,000 individuals, mostly women and children, are trafficked into the United States each year." - Kevin Austin

Participate in Freedom Sunday on February 21 to learn how you and your church can help lead the movement to set the captives free. Resources are available at http://www.fmwm.org/resources/index/freedom_sunday.php.

Resources

Missions Alive! curriculum for grades 1-6 is now available. Children will learn about FM ministry and missionaries in the Caribbean, Central America and Mexico through stories, facts and hands-on activities. Order a printed copy of this reproducible curriculum for \$15 by calling 800-342-5531, ext. 266, or the curriculum can be downloaded from www.fmwm.org at no cost. Pray children involved in this study will desire to impact their community today and be open to God's call on their lives for future cross-cultural service.

The 2010 missions resources have been sent to each Free Methodist Church in the U.S. To order additional materials, contact missions@fmcna.org or call 1-800-342-5531, ext. 236. The "Release" resource materials are also available on the web at www.fmwm.org under the Resources tab.

Mobilization

What if ... you could meet the recipients of your missions giving face-to-face and work alongside them in visioning for ministry? FMWM Mobilization is seeking to pair U.S. churches with high-potential overseas ministries. Pray God will bless these partnerships, that the benefits will bring growth to all of the churches involved and generate momentum to expand God's kingdom. Interested in learning more about partnerships? Visit go.fmwm.org and click on "partner" or contact Dale Woods (810.836.6527 or dale4missions@gmail.com).

Current Newsletters

[Go to the FMWM Web site](#) for recent newsletters from the following missionaries:

Garry & Pat Cruce, Peru
Ricardo & Beth Gomez, Chile
Michael & Carrie Hamley, Spain
Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand
David & Sherrill Yardy, Asia

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