

## Free Methodist World Missions

### Missions Hotline

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Free Methodist World Missions is committed to making disciples among the peoples of the world through evangelism, leadership development and compassion ministries/community transformation. The Free Methodist Church has ministry in 77 world areas.

#### Africa

**Kenya:** Cathy Bushnell reports: "A peace accord was signed on February 28, and ratified by the Kenyan Parliament on March 18, but I still wouldn't say things are peaceful. Quiet and cautious is a better way to describe the mood in Nairobi and most of the country. With the creation of a prime minister position for the opposition leader, talks are underway between PNU (government group) and ODM (opposition group), and efforts are being made to resolve the issues that caused the violence of January and February. Talks are going slowly and disagreements continue; please keep praying!

"I continue to mourn the loss of life (over 1,000 deaths) and the great numbers of people who had to flee from their homes or risk losing their lives (nearly half a million people). Many are still not able to return to home, choosing instead to remain in IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camps or relocating to 'ancestral lands'. This has greatly impacted the FM Church in Kenya. The Light and Life school in Kericho has less than half of its students back; we believe those who haven't returned are living in Nakuru in IDP camps. Many feel that it is not safe to return home; this impacts families, especially children. We have not heard of any deaths of FM members, but many have lost property and possessions. Life is a struggle now for most of our members in rural areas as they are unable to buy seeds for planting. The rainy season has arrived, prime time for cultivation, but many are unable to plant due to lack of funds to purchase seed and fertilizer or because they are not able to return to their property for fear of renewed violence. Talk of famine is widespread as no one knows what this will do to the food supply for the next year. As I said, Kenya is not at peace right now ... things are just quiet and cautious as people attempt to restore some kind of order to their lives. The deep issues of hatred, resentment, jealousy and anger between tribal groups have yet to be addressed."

**Zimbabwe:** Pray for the nation of Zimbabwe following the recent presidential election. Results are delayed raising suspicion of a rigged election. There are 3,179 FM members and 31 churches. Pray believers will be examples of God's love and grace in this time.

#### Cambodia

During Jim and Margaret Nelson's recent visit to Cambodia, they learned that many of the older pastors and leaders have been facing numerous health issues, which hinder their ability to serve the Lord and lead their congregations. Pray for those who are unwell, and especially for Samuel, one of the first Christians in Prek Thei village.

As you remember Cambodia, pray also for the international mission team. Joel and Grace Margin will be on home assignment April through June; Rebecca Chung will leave in May for an extended home assignment in Hong Kong. Pray for the rest of the team carrying out their responsibilities. Heat, dust,

corruption, poverty, opportunities for ministry but lack of leaders all continue to be issues that exhaust the mission team.

## **Missions Family**

### **Health**

Deb Wilson's mother, Mary Whitteberry, is recovering from surgery but continues to face medical challenges. As of Sat., March 29, the Wilsons reported that Mary is on IV heart medications that can only be administered in ICU and her digestive system has refused to resume normal function, requiring the use of a nasal gastric tube. She has also not been getting much sleep. Heart surgery has been delayed until Mary fully recovers from the present operation. Pray for a physical touch to urge the digestive system along. Pray the family has wisdom to divide the care-giving chores while Mary still requires 24-hour care. Deb anticipates returning to the Philippines on Wed., April 2.

Praise the Lord that Michael Long's (Greece) kidney function has been restored to 99 percent. Michael believes the prayers for healing on Sun., Feb. 10, were the turning point that resulted in his remarkable recovery.

### **Peru**

The second annual Peru Pastors and Wives Retreat will be held in Lima, April 5 and 6. Pray for traveling mercies for the pastors and their wives as many of them will have to travel as long as 20 hours by bus to attend this retreat. Pray this will be a time of renewing fellowship, as well as a time of spiritual refreshing. FM missionary Ricardo Gomez (Chile) will be the main speaker. Pray the Lord will give him the words to speak that will stir each retreat attendee to have a greater passion for the lost.

### **Spain**

Michael and Carrie Hamley request prayer for the Tuesday night adult prayer meeting and children's Bible study. Pray for a volunteer to come forward to teach the children.

### **Holy Land and Beyond Exposure Trip**

On the Holy Land and Beyond exposure trip see Israel, Jordan and Egypt. Visit biblical sites, as well as be exposed to the ministries of FMWM in Jordan and Egypt. The dates are November 3-17, 2008, and the trip will be led by our area director for the region. For more information, contact [abuzeke@yahoo.com](mailto:abuzeke@yahoo.com) or phone 330-602-3033 (IME - Impact Middle East, Sugarcreek, OH).

### **VISA Ministries**

**Team Ministry:** A Men's Ministry team from the Pacific Northwest Conference travels to Costa Rica, April 3 to 13. The team will be involved in construction and repair work to meet building code safety issues. Jeff Yerger is the team leader.

#### **Missions Opportunities:**

Rwanda: A guest house manager/liaison for the Rwanda Mission is needed beginning January 2008. A couple or single individual will be able to fulfill specific responsibilities including running the Kigali mission house, clearing containers from customs, getting visas when necessary, and being the town liaison with Kibogora for purchases, meeting and taking care of visitors, etc. This is a one to two year assignment.

[VISA Ministries - PO Box 535002, Indianapolis, IN 46253-5002 - visa@fmcna.org - 800- 342-5531](mailto:visa@fmcna.org)

### **Mobilization**

So many people in Europe's cities have never heard that Jesus wants to save them! The FMC wants to tell them and to plant churches in the major cities. Pray for places where people have little means to

meet Jesus, that God will draw the hearts of people and send workers to show them Jesus' love. Is He calling you to be one of these special missionaries? Write us at [ExploreMissions@gmail.com](mailto:ExploreMissions@gmail.com) to learn more.

### **Funding Need**

Second quarter appropriations will be sent this week. Because several countries do not have 50 percent of their country shares committed they will not receive their full appropriations. Consequently, these countries will have to operate on less than what they had available for ministry in 2007. Please pray God will provide for the national church in countries that will be affected by the lack of funds -- such as Burundi, Kenya, India, the Philippines, Hungary, Greece, Mexico and Haiti.

To give toward these needs click here: <http://www.fmwm.org/give/>

### **Current Newsletters**

Check the FMWM Web site for recent newsletters from the following missionaries:

Ryan & Katie Bartlett (Malawi)

Ricardo & Beth Gomez (Latin America)

Marcie Huson (Europe)

Jim & Margaret Nelson (Asia/based in the U.S.)

Julie Yerger (Rwanda)

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