



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.

Africa

Kenya: On Tues., March 31, Rev. Nixon Dingili was elected as the nominee for Bishop of the Kenya Provisional General Conference. This election will be ratified Tues., May 19, by the Board of Administration of the Burundi General Conference of which Kenya has been an Annual Conference until it gained Provisional General Conference status.

Rev. Dingili earned a bachelor's degree in Christian education at Kenya Highlands Bible College and is currently working on a master's in Christian Ministry at Burundi's Hope Africa University. He has served the Kenya FMC the past four years as national superintendent and previously as Director of Youth, Director of Christian education, South Rift Valley District Superintendent and currently as Central District Superintendent. Join Bishop-elect Rev. Nixon Dingili in prayer for transformation of hearts and lives across Kenya.

Rwanda: Pray for the people of Rwanda - April is the 15th anniversary of the start of the 1994 genocide.

Asia

Philippines: Fred and Barb Adams report God is using retreat weekends to bring personal revival, inspire passion for the lost and renew a commitment for making disciples throughout the Philippines FM churches. Please pray for the next Encountering God Weekend (EGW) April 9 to 11 in Davao City.

Myanmar: A team of seven from Taiwan is ministering in Myanmar through April 10. Five are working with Chinese in Yangon, the capital city, and two are meeting with mountain pastors at their annual meeting. Pray the team is a source of encouragement to the FMC in Myanmar.

Taiwan: Tim and Lily Kinkead are excited to report a new believer will be baptized on Easter Sunday, April 12. Praise God that after some church members visited the family, they gave their son permission to be baptized. Pray this new believer's example of obedience to God will bring others to faith.

Missions Family

Missions Executive Meetings: Pray as the Missions Executive Leadership Team and FM Board of Administration meet next week. Pray for God's direction in all discussion and decisions.

Global: Persist in praying for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, India, Iraq, Zimbabwe and the Democratic Republic of Congo who continue to face great hardship.

Bereavement: FMWM grieves with the family of Lola Baker at the passing of her husband, John, on Mon., March 30. John served FMWM as director of church relations from July 1987 to January 1990. His ministry to the FM Church spanned 47 years. A memorial service will be held, Sat., April 18, at the Deer Valley Light & Life FMC, Phoenix, AZ. Please be in prayer for the family.

Day of Fasting and Prayer: Executive Director Dr. Art Brown encourages you to join missions organizations who are spending one day a month in prayer and fasting. The third Wednesday of each month has been suggested, making Wed., April 15, the next proposed day to fast and pray as a proactive response to the challenging financial environment. Consider encouraging your church to participate in this focused time of prayer.

Europe

Ukraine: Julie Allman praises the Lord for the young women who have been meeting at her flat each Friday as a small group. The last few weeks, the leader, Wveta, has encouraged the women to dream big and entrust their dreams to God. Pray with them on Fridays.

Latin America

Brazil: The few days leading up to Lent are called "Carnaval" (Mardi Gras). Dan and Hope Owsley write "'Carne' means 'flesh' and the idea is to enjoy carnal/worldly pleasures as much as possible before the 'lean' days of Lent. Huge parades take place and groups that have trained all year will sing their special song while dancing down the middle of the street. Usually they are followed by a colorful float. This all sounds very nice until you watch it on TV and see that the 'muses' on each float are wearing next to nothing and that the crowds are mostly drunk. To avoid the debauchery, many churches opt to hold out-of-town retreats. But occasionally, a church will brave the crowds and stay in the city to minister to the revelers.

"Tatiane, a young woman from our church, was a part of an evangelistic team that stayed behind this year. All the members of her group wore red T-shirts that clearly defined them as Christians. They wrote their own song proclaiming Jesus as the best reason for dancing and celebrating. They were even allowed by city officials to march in the parade, winning the 'best group' award!

"Tatiane said that never in her wildest dreams did she think she'd be part of a Mardi Gras parade, but that it was exciting to be in the middle of such an opportunity to share the gospel. She and her friends talked to many people about the Lord. More than 100 responded to the invitation to believe in Jesus. Praise the Lord for the courage and enthusiasm of these young people to reach the lost." Also pray for these 100 new believers to grow in their faith through discipleship training.

Mobilization

"We can condemn the world and hope God gets us out of here before it burns, or we can take the more dangerous route and stick it out here and learn to love sinners - seeing them in our own forgiveability and loving them unconditionally, the way we are loved by God through Christ" - John Fischer.

Do you have a special love in your heart for the unreached in other countries? If you hear His call to go and tell them about Christ, contact us at ExploreMissions@gmail.com or read all about it at www.FMExpeditions.org.

VISA Ministries

Individual Assignments: Myrtle Moller, Shoreline FMC, WA, travels to Burundi April 8 to May 18. She will work in medical missions at Kibuye Hospital.

Seth Van Tiffin, Bad Axe FMC, MI, travels to Thailand and Myanmar April 9 to June 23. He will teach English as a second language and help in churches and orphanages.

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Current Newsletters

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

Gary & Jann Allen, Mexico

Julie Allman, Ukraine

David & Sarah Clemente, Taiwan

Al & Diane Mellinger, Bulgaria

Tim & Jervaun Trier, appointed to Ethiopia

Julie Yerger, Rwanda

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