



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

Liberia: This month John and Melinda Henry began two more leadership training classes. The Monrovia area pastors have started the Homiletics class, while the Grand Bassa leaders are working through Introduction to Christian Doctrine. The class in Monrovia is held every Thursday in the Henrys' living room-classroom. These pastors are gathering the research necessary to create the sermon they will present to the class as their final exam at the end of this month. Every Saturday morning, John and Melinda travel to Nekreen in Grand Bassa County. (The 72 mile trip takes 2.5 hours each way.) "The class is always there waiting on us to arrive between 9 and 9:30 a.m.," write the Henrys. "The Christian Doctrine class usually ends around 11:30. Then those who are learning Bassa Script stay two more hours for their next lesson which is taught by Pastor Nathaniel Kaykai. Both of these groups appreciate your prayers as they balance family, classes and shepherding their flocks."

Asia

Thailand: Currently riots in the streets and violence are prevalent in Bangkok. Demonstrators are demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, saying his four-month-old government came to power illegally. Asia Area Director David Yardy requests prayer for members of our three FM churches located in Bangkok. Pray for peace in Thailand. Our current FM missionary team serving throughout Thailand includes the Don & Kathy Williams family, Carol Stickney (short-term VISA) and Seth Van Tifflin (short-term VISA).

A note of Easter thanksgiving (Taiwan): Easter morning Becca Doyle attended the baptism of a friend she has known since her VISA ministry term 20 years ago. After 20 years of prayer and encouragement, Mrs. Yang finally decided Jesus was the answer that her Buddhist faith could not give. Over these years Mrs. Yang has watched Jesus change the lives of her two sons, their wives and several of their friends. Now she is praying for her daughter and son-in-law. Join Mrs. Yang and Becca in prayer.

Cambodia: Pray for Pastor Samuel Sar, one of the first FM pastors in Cambodia. Pastor Samuel is unable to see because a brain tumor is pressing on his optical nerve. Please pray Pastor Samuel will be able to get further treatment in Vietnam.

Chris Wilkins was recently appointed as Cambodia field supervisor, relieving Philippine missionary Joel Margin and his wife, Grace, to concentrate their ministry on church planting. Pray for the entire multicultural missionary team appointed to Cambodia as they seek to bring others to Christ. Also pray for the funding situation for a Philippine couple who sense God's call to serve as missionaries in Cambodia.

Missions Family

Pray for George, Kathy Williams' brother, whose liver condition is deteriorating rapidly. He's waiting for a liver transplant but his weakening physical condition is very serious. The Williams family serves in Thailand.

The Josef and Lynette Sykora family are expecting "Baby Sykora" the beginning of June. Lynette and Baby are doing fine, but would appreciate your prayers for these last few weeks before the baby's arrival. Pray for the birth to go well and for their family, including big brother Simon (age 2), to adjust to the changes this little one will bring. Josef and Lynette have been seconded to work with the Slovakian Brethren Church in Bratislava. Lynette also serves FMWM by helping with member care for the missionaries in Europe, and Josef assists with biblical and theological education throughout the continent.

Marcie Huson's (Europe) last X-ray showed her arm bone is not healing as quickly as the doctor had hoped. She is not supposed to lift anything "heavier than a tea kettle" until June. She continues in physical therapy. Marcie says there is some inconvenience and a little pain, "Please pray for me to be 'good' and not do things I'm not supposed to! And continue to pray that I'll get full use of my arm back." Marcie broke her arm near the elbow in a fall nearly three months ago.

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 this week, 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

Belgium: Dick and Sheila Dickinson, new missionaries to Belgium, will leave Thurs., April 16, to begin their assignment. Pray for the transitions they will be making and for God's hand to be evident in their work. Dick and Sheila's ministries will encompass leadership development, church planting and children's ministry training.

Latin America

Chile: Comunidad Cristiana Casa Grande (Christian Community of the Big House) continues to grow. Recent attendance has been between 22 and 32, with new people coming regularly. Remember Pastor Luis and his wife, Daisy, in prayer as they lead this church with the support of missionaries Ricardo and Beth Gomez. Pray for the 15- week Alpha children's program which begins Sat., April 18. Kay (Stotts) Godoy and a retired teacher are developing the Alpha curriculum for children.

Mobilization

Before I was a missionary ... "I never knew how self- absorbed I was. After almost 20 years the Lord still keeps pulling me out of my shell and showing me how to care about a lost world" - Hope Owsley (Latin America). Will you allow the Lord to expand the boundaries of your love for others? Does that lead to the mission field? Find out more at www.FMExpeditions.org or get in touch with us - ExploreMissions@gmail.com.

VISA Ministries

Team Assignments: A team of 13 from the Davison FMC, MI, travels to Santiago, Dominican Republic, April 16 to 27. Martin and Cheryl Trepus, team leaders, will work alongside Pastors Pedro and Victoria Vandelindee in building projects and children's ministry.

A team of eight from the Wenatchee FMC, WA, will travel to Nigeria April 23 to May 9. The team, led by Mike Henry, will be involved in construction and English teaching ministries.

Individual Assignments: Matthew Ogden, Nashua, NH, travels to Kibuye, Burundi, April 17 to May 2. He will help with maintenance and construction needs.

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Current Newsletters

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

Garry & Pat Cruce, Peru
Dick & Sheila Dickinson, Belgium
Ricardo & Beth Gomez, Latin America
Michael & Carrie Hamley, Europe
Tim & Lily Kinkead, Taiwan
Jim & Margaret Nelson, serving Asia, based in the U.S.
Josef & Lynette Sykora, Europe
Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand
Ryan & Jen Willson, Malawi
Larry & Katie Winckles, Hungary
David & Sherrill Yardy, Asia

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