



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

Thank you for lifting Haiti in prayer this past weekend during the national elections. Jeanne Acheson-Munos reports the weekend was very quiet. Voter turnout was low. She adds, "We don't know the results, but are grateful for prayer for safety. Everyone is fine." FM schools were closed Friday and Monday. Our FM missionary team in Haiti includes Jack and Jeanne Munos and Dan and Dee Ann Snyder, along with their son, James. Your prayers make a difference daily.

Africa

Nigeria: Phyllis Sortor writes: "A quick note to you all about a major 'thank you' to the Lord. Last night (April 17) we had a prayer meeting here and one man had a vision that one of our church leaders was going to be buried because of snake bites. So we prayed and prayed against that happening. Well, this morning when I was shifting some boxes around, a big black snake came out from one of the boxes and I was able to kill it, take it out and throw it away. I truly believe that God was the one who gave that vision to give us a chance to pray against that snake." Be in prayer for the safety of your FM missionary team.

Asia

Thailand: Don and Kathy Williams report that all the evidence has been submitted related to Grace International School's property dispute court case. The school's lawyer has until Thurs., May 7, to submit the closing statement. The reading of the verdict is tentatively scheduled for June. After the verdict is read, the Williamses anticipate that an appeal will be filed. "We feel confident that we've presented a strong case. Our research and documentation have been thorough. Our testimony was clear and consistent. Does that mean we'll win? We don't know. What we do know is that we don't need to panic, but we do need to be thoughtful and deliberate about what might lie ahead even if we're granted unlimited right to determine how this property will be used." Join in prayer for Grace International

School, 1) that God will be glorified and that because of Grace's court case, He will be better known and understood through the school community; 2) that barriers keeping people from seeing and hearing the good news will be removed as a result of the court case; 3) and the school's attorney would be insightful and wise about preparing the closing statements and that he would come to know Christ as a result of his work on this case.

Missions Family

FMWM grieves with Delia Nuesch-Olver, Area Director for Latin American Ministries, at the passing of her father-in-law, Herbert Olver. He died Fri., April 17 at the age of 92. A memorial service will be held in the Gerry, NY, community. Specific details were not known at press time. Pray for the Olver family.

Europe

Portugal: Praise God that four children recently asked Jesus into their hearts after a month-long Sunday school series on the passion of Christ. Michael and Carrie Hamley request prayer for the church members, many Brazilian nationals, who have seasonal or part time jobs. These are the jobs in danger of being cut during these tough economic times. Some families are moving back to Brazil in hopes of making ends meet. Pray for God's provision for these families and the Church in Portugal.

Romania: Paula Dunn has been involved in a Christian "food bank" since March, distributing boxes of food to needy families. Twice the police have had to be called out to help bring order to the crowds of people who come to receive this help. Pray for those hurt by the economic crisis in this country.

Latin America

Mexico: Pray for the upcoming pastors' wives retreat, Fri., April 24, through Sun., April 26, taking place in San Carlos. Laurie Yost and Betsy Crawford have been assisting the planning team. Pray for God's presence to be powerfully at work in these women's lives.

As you pray for Mexico, remember Laurie's Saturday English as a Second Language class of 10 students. Pray the students continue to be excited about learning English and that this would be a positive outreach for the church in Hermosillo. Brian has been asked to put together a missions team from the seven churches in Hermosillo. The team will begin ministering in the city with the indigenous tribes and with church plants.

Chile: This weekend, April 24 through 25, is Chile's third annual Teacher Training Conference. Fifty-plus teachers are expected to gather from FM churches around the country to participate in activities designed to encourage and equip children's workers. Please pray for travel safety, for insight for the workshop presenters, and that all participants leave with renewed calling, fresh ideas, energy and passion for reaching children and youth.

Middle East

Be in prayer for the FMC in both Iraq and Jordan as they work toward registration with the government. The FMC in Jordan has worked under the cover of another holiness denomination for some time and has been in the process of becoming their own legal entity. Pray the FMC will find favor in the eyes of the government and will receive legal registration.

Mobilization

"Foreign missions is not just something we do so the lost will learn of Christ; it is something we do so we Christians can learn new things about what it means to follow Christ" - Michael Jaffarian. Missionaries have a high responsibility to conduct themselves as God's representatives. Pray He will

mold new missionaries more and more into His image. Are you willing to consider going yourself? Visit www.FMExpeditions.org.

Current Newsletters

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

Jerry & Jan Coleman, Europe
Dick & Sheila Dickinson, Belgium
Josh & Susy Fajardo, Spain (a blog newsletter)
Greg & Brenda Hendrick, Ukraine
Jack & Jeanne Munos, Haiti
Phyllis Sortor, Nigeria
Roger & Vangie Stone, Philippines
Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand
Brian & Laurie Yost, Mexico

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