



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.

Mexico

"We are thankful for the Lord's protection," write Ken and Letty Myers from Mexico. "Although there have recently been more cases of swine flu, and even more deaths, we are well and all of our church people are also well. Following the government's suggestion, we canceled our Sunday services for both congregations. Please pray for continued protection from this virus and for wisdom in the medical community so that a solution can be found quickly."

Africa

Phyllis Sortor reports it's currently very dry in Nigeria. The rivers and streams have dried up. There is little water except in major rivers, such as the Niger and Benue. People must dig deep in river beds to find any water at all. "How I thank God," Phyllis writes, "for the boreholes we have from Clear Blue which are supplying the community at Emi-woro." Give praise for Clear Blue's well drilling ministry and pray for rain in Africa.

Asia

India: Praise God that a pastor from a "slum" church in India has been given an opportunity to minister in another state. Although this state fines Christians for being baptized, the pastor reports he has recently baptized 34 new believers and 60 more are ready for baptism soon. Pray for God's blessing on these believers in the midst of persecution and for discipleship opportunities.

Missions Family

FMWM grieves with the family of former missionary Gordon Bell whose wife, Lola, passed away Wed., April 22. Lola and Gordon were missionaries in India for 26 years (between 1951 and 1986). In the midst of their evangelism work, Lola also assisted with technical services in the Union Biblical Seminary library. A memorial service is being planned for early June in Stanwood, WA.

Kathy Williams' brother, George, passed away over the weekend after an eight-year battle with liver disease. Kathy's last conversation with George included leading him to put his trust in Jesus. A service to celebrate George's life will be held in July. The Williams family writes, "Thank you for all your prayers for George. We trust that God gave him a new liver and a new heart all on the same day." Kathy and her husband, Don, minister in Thailand.

Latin America: Ricardo and Beth Gomez report that while their son Jonathan's allergies continue to be a reality, the reactions are less frequent because he knows what foods to avoid. They are also thankful for God's help in Spanish language acquisition. Jonathan is fluent. Beth, while not quite fluent, recently preached her first Spanish sermon and was understood! Juliana still needs Spanish practice but is able to communicate. Both Juliana and Jonathan are enjoying their school, and the Gomez family has been granted permanent residency in Chile, making it possible to open bank accounts and do other ordinary tasks in their new home country. Continue to lift up the Gomez family in prayer.

Europe: Michael and Carrie Hamley, currently in Portugal, would appreciate your prayers for health. Carrie has been experiencing allergic symptoms for about six weeks, without knowing what she is allergic to, in addition to other health concerns. Pray for strength and endurance. The Hamleys had planned to return to Spain for several weeks to assist with the bike tour across Spain's northern tier and also to work on coordinating the summer children's program in Rivas. At this time, the Hamleys' plans to travel to Spain are on hold. Pray for God's hand in all of these concerns.

Europe

Spain: Join in prayer for the 11 cyclists representing four countries who will complete the Way of St. James pilgrimage route in Santiago de Compostele, Spain, April 30 to May 9. This 826-kilometer cycling tour will help raise funds for church planting initiatives, inner-city ministries, national leadership development and Spain country support. Josh and Susy Fajardo explain this route is somewhat challenging with several major climbs. Cyclists will need to cover an average of 100 kilometers per day. Pray for safety and for the Holy Spirit's revelation to the men participating. Josh writes some of the cyclists are not Christians, while others are in ministry and desiring spiritual renewal on this trip. Josh will be teaching on the book of James. If you are interested in sponsoring these cyclists, go to <http://www.fmwm.org/countries/europe/spain-projects.php>.

Hungary: Larry and Katie Winckles anticipate being in the United States for several weeks this summer. Pray individuals would step into leadership at the Budapest fellowship for the time Larry and Katie are away. In addition, the Winckles will be in the states for about eight months beginning January 2010. They ask for prayer for someone who would sense God's call to minister in Hungary during those months.

Latin America

Jack and Jeanne Munos (Haiti) write that hurricane season will soon be upon the people of the Caribbean nations, including Haiti. Join in praying for God's mercy and prevention of damage. "We are working on a project to provide necessities for our people who may need them during this time," write the Munoses. Also pray as Jack begins a new leadership training course in May for young people in the West District.

Middle East

Continue to pray for the needed resources (\$105,000) to finalize the purchase of a building to be used as the Iraq Ministry Center in the northern Iraqi city of Dohuk.

Mobilization

Missionaries are needed who can equip national pastors and leaders with ministry skills to further the church in their country. This is done via teaching, mentoring and discipling - through a ministry of holy presence that inspires and compels others to further the gospel. Imagine how many people might come to Christ through a ministry of multiplication! Pray God will call godly, competent leaders to use their skills abroad. Will you go? To discuss the possibilities, e-mail us at ExploreMissions@gmail.com or get more information at www.FMExpeditions.org.

VISA Ministries

Team Assignments: Rex and LaWanda Bullock, Cornerstone FMC, St. Petersburg, FL, lead a team from their church to Haiti, April 29 to May 6. Team members will conduct a WMI Women's Conference and assist the missionary team.

Individual Assignments: Terry Lee Eisele and Roger G. Billings, Santa Barbara FMC, CA, travel to Egypt May 1 to 24. They will teach ESL and encourage believers.

Dan Weaver, Marion, IN, travels to Greece to work with the FM missionary team May 11 to July 28.

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Current Newsletters

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

John & Melinda Henry, Liberia

Marcie Huson, Europe

Phyllis Sortor, Nigeria

Chris & Yuko Wilkins, Cambodia

Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand

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