



Missions Hotline

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

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.



Special Note

Look for your next edition of Missions Hotline on Tues., Dec. 15; however, the Hotline will take a two-week break over the holidays (Dec. 22 and 29). The first 2010 issue will be Tues., Jan. 5. Any breaking news over the holiday period will be shared through The Free Methodist World Missions Facebook group. Use the *World Mission People* prayer calendar to guide your prayer time. Your missionary team is thankful for your faithful prayer support.

Africa

Please keep an African church leader in prayer. His life has been threatened. Pray God keeps him and his family safe.

Malawi: A pastor in northern Malawi wrote, "We have been affected by several earthquakes. We have been told not to sleep in our house. More earthquakes occurred today several times. Many houses have fallen." Ryan Willson reported this earthquake impacted a community more than 250 miles north of Lilongwe, Malawi, on Sun., Dec. 6. The church building in Karonga has sustained some damage.

Missions Family

Brenda Hendrick (Ukraine) has been experiencing intensifying back and shoulder pain. Her doctor suspects she may have one or more ruptured or compressed discs. Upon her doctor's recommendation, Brenda returned to the U.S., arriving in Wenatchee, WA, on Sat., Dec. 5. Greg and Brenda ask for your prayers that the necessary exams, scans, etc., can be scheduled quickly and that doctors will have wisdom in deciding further treatment.

Pray for *Katie Winckles* (Hungary) who will undergo surgery Mon., Dec. 14, in Maumee, OH. Katie and her husband, *Larry*, will be involved in several months of partnership building in the U.S. through March 22. Pray God will guide the doctors and Katie will experience a full and speedy recovery. As you remember the Winckles in prayer, lift up Akos and Peter, who have agreed to serve in leadership positions for the Budapest church while Larry and Katie are in the U.S.

FMWM grieves with *Marvin Klein* (France) at the passing of his sister, Lisa Surdyk, on Sun., Dec. 6,

after battling cancer. Pray for Lisa's family, including her husband, Tim, and their four children, ages 5 to 14.

Linda Stryker gives God praise for how He is directing her treatment at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Linda appreciates your prayers for her continued successful treatment and recovery.

Europe

Bulgaria: Al and Diane Mellinger are currently gathering, sorting and preparing gifts for around 300 kids through the Virtual Christmas Gift Box program. "For all the churches and individuals who gave to this, thanks. You are making Christmas special for many children," write Al and Diane. "Everyone will get a Bible and a Nativity coloring book in Bulgarian telling the real story of Christmas. Our prayer is that as the children read, they will be drawn to the Christ of Christmas. Also pray that these seeds of the gospel will reap a harvest in due time!"

Latin America

Dominican Republic: A new bishop has recently been elected to serve the FMC in the Dominican Republic - Rev. Cecilio Inocencio Osoria Urena. A pastor who has served in various conference ministries, including superintendent of the Northwest Annual Conference, Bishop Osoria has degrees in clinical psychology and family therapy. He and his wife, Marina Santana, have two children. Bishop Osoria is filling the role recently held by Rev. Elias Samuel Pena Dominguez. The FMC in the Dominican Republic opened in 1889. Today, there are 23,500 members and 58 churches. Pray for Bishop Osoria and the work of the FMC in the Dominican Republic.

Middle East/North Africa

A national leader in a sensitive North African country was recently visited in his home by investigators from the National Police Service (similar to the FBI). This leader was then called into the National Police headquarters for further questioning. We praise God he was released without detention. Please pray for his security and perseverance in ministering the gospel. Pray for the many pastors ministering privately in this area.

Christmas Gift Catalog

"Pray during this Christmas season the gospel of Jesus Christ would find fertile ground in many parts of the world and that Jesus Christ would be glorified," requests Dr. Art Brown. The FMWM online Christmas Gift Catalog offers a unique opportunity to be involved in the spread of the gospel. Seventeen projects, representing five world areas, as well as general missions, have been selected as 2009's most vital end-of-the-year needs. Pray many will choose to give through this avenue to bless those around the world. [Go to the FMWM Christmas Catalog.](#)

VISA Ministries

VISA Assignments:

Devin and Bridget Myers and their family, Wenatchee FMC, WA, leave Fri., Dec. 11, for a 2-year assignment in Nigeria. Devin will oversee building projects and assist with International Child Care Ministries fund distribution. Bridget will oversee Hope ICCM schools, work as school treasurer, visit school classes and occasionally speak in chapel.

VISA Teams:

Rick Stetner and Anthony Lutz, both from Quincy FMC, WA, are currently in Haiti through Tues., Dec. 15. They are helping install metal roofing, as well as doing construction work at the school in Praville.

VISA Opportunities:

Middle East: An individual is needed to be involved in sports ministry coaching squash and building relationships with players and parents. Some players are highly ranked at youth level. This is a paid position based on a one- year contract with a sports club. For more information contact visa@fmcna.org or call 800-342-5531.

Mobilization

What if ... a church VISA team could be a starting point for meaningful long-term relationships with Christians of other cultures? Team trips can be about more than just the project at hand - forming a multi-year partnership can maximize the ministry of both the sending and receiving churches. Pray more VISA teams can form lasting relationships that will blossom into great efforts for God's kingdom. Want to learn more about how this can happen for your church? Have a story to share about an exciting connection your church has made through a team? Write to us at ExploreMissions@gmail.com or call Director of Mobilization Dale Woods (810-836-6527).

Current Newsletters

[Go to the FMWM Web site](#) for recent newsletters from the following missionaries:

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