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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.



Special Note

Please note 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* magazine prayer calendar to guide your prayer time. Your missionary team is thankful for your faithful prayer support.

Africa

Ethiopia: VISA missionary Curt King (Cooks Hill FMC, Centralia, WA) is praising God for 28 working wells drilled in southern Ethiopian villages in less than a month. "God really smiled on us this time, [with] a minimum of breakdowns and problems," Curt writes. Pray as Solomon, Negussie and Demoze start installing hand pumps in the wells.

Kenya: While 80% of the population of Kenya say they are Christians, Debbie Hogeboom says many of that number attend church just one day a year - Christmas Day. Pray the message of hope and salvation that came when Jesus was born will be clearly communicated and received in Kenya's churches on Christmas Day. Debbie asks that we especially pray for the church plant at Leberio (near Eldoret) which has sent out 120 invitations into the community for people to attend Christmas Day services. Families are invited to share recitations, Bible verses, songs and drama and celebrate with two cakes - a birthday cake for Jesus and a one-year church anniversary cake.

Asia

Taiwan: Pray for the Christmas event at the Chung Lun FMC, Kaohsiung, which includes an all-church and family dinner. Tim and Lily Kinkead hope that many who attended recent church events will also attend this event. Pray hearts will be reached as the Kinkeads share the gospel. Also, pray for several health needs, including a man who had a slight stroke. His wife and children attend the church but Mr. Tsai is not yet a believer. Tim and Lily write, "We are praying that the stroke will turn him from a life of drinking, smoking and gambling into a new creation in Christ." Also continue to pray for Lily's left foot. It is not completely healed but she is able to walk short distances without pain. Tim's eyes are a

little better due to laser treatment that has relieved the pressure from behind his eye. Pray along with Tim and Lily for further improvement.

Missions Family

Michael and Carrie Hamley (Spain/Europe) praise God their visas are approved and ready to be picked up in Chicago. The Hamleys hope to return to Spain early spring 2010 and get started in the work to which God has called them. Thank you for your prayers through this visa approval process.

Europe

Romania: Paula Dunn has been invited to help teach Bible in a nearby Arad public school. Romanian schools provide religion classes to all students. Students can choose Orthodox, Baptist, or Pentecostal-led classes, or none at all. Paula is team-teaching with a local Baptist pastor. Pray as she teaches first through fourth grade classes each Friday. Paula is also teaching music and helping kids with homework one afternoon a week as a part of the new after-school program for community kids sponsored through Oaza Children's Homes. Pray for the opportunity to influence children for Jesus through these avenues.

Scott Dunn continues to teach/coach a new church in Arad called Adoram. Beginning in January, Scott will help implement cell groups as a primary way to reach and disciple people.

Latin America

Chile: "It is Catholic tradition to hold services for the nine nights leading up to Christmas," explain Ricardo and Beth Gomez. "This year, we are going to do 'Las Novenas' in the yard at Casa Grande and hope to use the event to reach the neighborhood for Christ. The overall theme for this year is 'Making Room' (Haciendo Espacio). Each night, after singing Christmas carols - some nights local choirs will perform a short concert - we will have a devotion/drama/video that focuses on how one character in the Christmas story made room for Christ. We will focus on Mary one night, Joseph another, the shepherds, the wise men, etc. until on December 24 when we focus on Jesus Himself, and celebrate His birth! After the last Novena, on December 24, we will hold a church-wide dinner. We hope that as people invite their friends and neighbors see what is going on, people will open their hearts to Christ this Christmas season." Pray for the services to be held Dec. 16 to 24 at Casa Grande.

Mexico: Ken and Letty Myers ask for prayer for Sonya and Raul, two new neighborhood contacts who recently gave their lives to Jesus but are having a hard time giving up some of their old habits. Praise God these two and many others were reached through the efforts of a mission team that traveled from Northern Mexico to the Casa de Paz church in Mexico City. The team ministered through clown and puppet ministries.

Middle East/North Africa

Pray for new outreach in a developing area of one of the Middle East's fastest growing cities. A FM leader has recently moved to this area with plans for planting a church. Pray for him and his wife as they plan a strategic outreach event during the Christmas season. Also pray for a young couple who have been searching for the Lord and have recently connected with our FM leader.

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.](#)

International Child Care Ministries

Responding to Orphans: ICCM is responding to an increasing number of orphans due to war, HIV/AIDS, genocide and other tragedies. In some countries, pastors and church people take in orphans which ICCM sponsor. In one African country, 13% of sponsored children in pastors' homes are orphans. But the HIV/AIDS epidemic has saturated this practice and ICCM is now supporting some group-based efforts. About 20% of the children who reside in FM hostels in India are orphans or semi-orphans. A semi-orphan is a child who has lost one parent and cannot be supported at home. ICCM's hostels become their home, with adult caregivers serving as a virtual mothers and fathers. God refers to himself as "Father to the fatherless" (Psalm 68:5). Through sponsors and supporters, ICCM is grateful to extend practical help and a human expression of such love.

VISA Ministries

VISA Teams:

A team of seven young adults from Michigan and Illinois travels to Peru, Dec. 18-31. They will conduct ministry to more than 300 children in Pisco and Tingo Maria. The team will deliver more than 500 pairs of Crocs (shoes) that have been donated by several churches from both North and East Michigan conferences.

VISA Assignments: Dr. Barbara Rose (12/31/09- 1/31/10) and Dr. Wayne and Darlene McCown (12/31/09-2/6/10) will teach January term courses at Hope Africa University, Burundi. Dr. Rose is from the Sandstone Congregational Church, MI. The McCowns are from Pearce Memorial, Rochester, NY.

Carol Barrett, Rochester FM, Beaver Falls, PA (1/6/10-2/12/10), and Paul Frazier, New Creations, New Castle, PA (1/6/10-3/14/10), will travel to Nigeria to work with Phyllis Sortor on building projects and to teach reading/writing of English to the Fulani Muslims.

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

The Free Methodist Church in Burundi, one of the poorest nations in the world, has been growing at a rate of 9% per year. Ministries include Hope Africa University (a FM liberal arts college), Mweya Theological Institute, Kibuye Hospital and the Busoma Factory, which produces a nutritious cereal that saves thousands of children from starvation. Pray that long-term partner churches can be found for the

Burundi FMC, so that ministries may be strengthened and expanded for greater kingdom impact. Interested in learning more about global partnerships? Visit go.fmwm.org and click on "partner" or call Dale Woods (810-836-6527).

Current Newsletters

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