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Missions Hotline

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The Free Methodist Church has ministry in 82 world areas.



Haiti Update

Pray for team members currently ministering in Haiti:

Tomorrow, Wed., Feb. 3, Canadian Bishop Keith Elford, Dominican Republic Bishop Cecilio Osoria, U.S. Bishop David Roller, Dr. Art Brown and Grant Sigsworth (Canada) will meet with leaders in Haiti to coordinate leadership and relief between the four countries.

Rick Ireland, newly-approved missionary, is serving with Haitian pastor Jean Marc Zamor as the on-ground coordinator in Haiti. Larry and Alice Judy, Russ Cole and Jim Donnelson are providing support services. Sherry Cole will join the group next week.

A team of 14 from the Spring Arbor FMC (Spring Arbor MI) is working on construction of a road and retaining wall at the FOHO (Friends of Haiti Organization) site.

A medical team, led by Dr. Jerry Rusher, is based out of Dessalines Hospital. A second medical team from Yakima, WA, will leave for Haiti on Thurs., Feb. 4, to work at Terra Blanche with Pastor Dellamy. A third team of medical personnel is making plans to minister in Haiti over the course of the next month.

Vahan Sipantzi, Curt King and Kevin Kate are drilling wells.

Praise God for this report from Dr. Delia Nuesch-Oliver: FM pastors are distributing food and water to their members. Jean Marc Zamor and Rick Ireland are encouraging the pastors to share a portion of that aid with non-FM neighbors.

Help Haiti Heal

Give

Give online at: www.helphaitiheal.org

or send checks to:

Bishops Famine and Relief Fund

Free Methodist Church of North America
PO Box 535002
Indianapolis IN 46253-5002

Haiti Relief Donations Qualify for Immediate Tax Relief

People who give to charities providing earthquake relief in Haiti can claim these donations on the tax return they are completing this season, according to the Internal Revenue Service. Taxpayers who itemize deductions on their 2009 return qualify for this special tax relief provision, enacted Jan. 22. Only cash contributions made to these charities after Jan. 11, 2010, and before March 1, 2010, are eligible. This includes contributions made by text message, check, credit card or debit card.

[For more information, click here.](#)

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Click here <http://go.fmwm.org/go/haiti/haiti.php> to complete a response/registration form for volunteer service in Haiti.

Africa

Kenya: Bishop Nixon Dingili requests prayer for spirit-filled laborers; help with building and setting up the residential training school in Eldoret; and God to mightily use leaders chosen during the recent annual conference for village and urban church planting.

Asia

Thailand: Don and Kathy Williams request prayer for a specific need regarding the ongoing court case surrounding the Grace International School land dispute. Pray the change of venue request will be granted to move the case from Chiang Mai to Bangkok so there is a better chance of a fair verdict. Don is traveling this Wed., Feb. 3, to Bangkok to meet with the attorney. Kathy writes, "We have been waiting to hear on our appeal for several months so the case is stretching out even longer than we thought. We are thankful that God knows and has our very best in mind." The school plans to remain in their present facilities through all of the 2010-2011 school year, based on the rate at which the court case is progressing. The legal team is confident that the present appeal will extend through all of next school year, not including a second appeal that, if necessary, would go to the Supreme Court.

Missions Family

Brenda and Greg Hendrick (Ukraine) are thankful for the prayers and support they have felt. The osteoporosis is not as bad as the surgeon had anticipated and Brenda's surgery went well on Mon., Feb. 1. Brenda's full recovery will take four to six months. She will be required to wear a hard neck collar for at least two months and will not be able to travel for at least four months. Continue to pray for God's hand of healing.

Praise God that Gina Long, daughter of Michael and Maria, (Greece) has recovered from bone graft surgery in the U.S. Three weeks after the Jan. 5 surgery, Gina has returned to classes at Spring Arbor University.

FMWM grieves with the family of retired missionary Esther Clemens who passed away Tues., Jan. 26. Esther and her husband, Edwin, were involved in agricultural and education

ministries in Mozambique and Haiti for 33 years (1950-1975 and 1978-1983). Esther taught at the Evangelist's School in Inhamachafo, Mozambique, and served as mission treasurer in both Mozambique and Haiti. Esther is survived by several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Sat., Feb. 13, in Berrien Springs, MI.

FMWM grieves with the family of retired missionary Estelle Orcutt who passed away Mon., Feb. 1. Estelle and her husband, Paul, served in Burundi and Rwanda from 1948 to 1973 through education and evangelism ministries. At one time Estelle taught math and science at a newly-opened secondary school in Kibogora. A service celebrating Estelle's life will be held Wed., Feb. 3, at McPherson FMC, KS.

Europe

Bulgaria: Al and Diane Mellinger request prayer for Peggy, who plans to add Bulgarian subtitles in an instructional English video. The hope is to get the video in the hands of Bulgarian pastors prior to a training meeting in March. Pray the DVD arrives from the U.K. in a timely manner so Peggy can get started on her work. Pray the process goes well and that the video is well received by the pastors.

Hungary: Pray for Peter, Judit and Akos, members of the Budapest Church Fellowship who have accepted leadership responsibilities. Pray for their ministries to the community around the church and all those who come in contact with the Budapest Ministry Center.

Latin America

Nicaragua: Pray for Dr. Delia Nuesch-Oliver as she visits Nicaragua for important meetings this week that will affect the future of that Mission District. FM work in Nicaragua opened in 1995. There are currently seven churches with a membership of 803.

Mexico: Praise God for the opportunities to reach many during the Christmas season. Guy and Betsy Crawford write: "We praise God for the generosity of our Mexican churches, even in the midst of their own economic challenges. The women's groups in Sonora provided Christmas gifts to all of the pastoral families in the eastern district. The staff at Guy's office once again provided gifts for orphans in Hermosillo."

Chile: Pray for children attending vacation Bible school this week, Feb. 1-5, at Comunidad Cristiana Casa Grande in Santiago. Pray the teachers provide effective and creative lessons that teach truth about Christ.

VISA Ministries

IMPACT Team Opportunity - last chance:

This is your last chance to apply for one of three spaces on the Kenya 2010 IMPACT Team. This opportunity for high school to college-age students will take place June 26 to July 12. IMPACT Teams are focused on discovering God for life change, and the overseas experience is one mechanism to help expand young people's understanding of God's heart for the world. The fee is \$350 plus airfare, food, lodging and transportation. To receive an application e-mail AlisonN@fmcna.org.

Freedom Sunday



Twenty-seven million people still live in captivity in the world today. The church needs to lead the movement to set the captives free. Freedom Sunday will be held on Feb. 21. Freedom Sunday resources, a Web page, and networks have been developed to help faith communities worship, intercede and act with a clear focus on ending slavery in their communities and world. Resources are available at http://www.fmwm.org/resources/index/freedom_sunday.php.

Mobilization

What if ... missions were not just about giving, but about dynamic relationships that invigorate everyone involved? Churches with local and global outreach strategies generate a momentum that often results in their own growth as they work with international partners to share the good news abroad. Pray that mission partnerships will further the growth of the Free Methodist Church all over the world. Is your church ready to explore new ways of doing missions? Contact Dale Woods (810.836.6527 or dale4missions@gmail.com) to learn about some exciting possibilities.

Current Newsletters

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

Greg & Brenda Hendrick, Ukraine
John & Melinda Henry, Liberia
Phyllis Sortor, Nigeria
Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand
Julie Yerger, Rwanda

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