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Free Methodist World Missions is committed to making disciples among the peoples of the world through evangelism, leadership development and compassion ministries/community transformation. The Free Methodist Church has ministry in 77 world areas.

Africa

Kenya: Superintendent Nixon Dingili thanks everyone for continued prayer as ongoing conflict takes place in Kenya. Some excerpts from his recent communications indicate that urgent prayer is still needed: "The architects of the ongoing political violence appear determined to push all the buttons they can to turn Kenya on its head. When they are not setting houses on fire or chopping up people from unwanted communities, they are subjecting their victims to rape and sexual harassment."

"The entire country is bleeding, there is a lot of hatred and bitterness in the hearts of people and you can see it in their eyes when you meet them. The only remedy for us is to fix our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ."

He describes Kericho as a ghost town and the Kericho FM church the worst hit of all FM churches in Kenya. Office buildings, factories, shops and houses have been burned, including many homes around our Kericho church. The people remaining in Kericho have been advised to avoid unnecessary movement, so are remaining indoors. The ICCM school there has been closed for over a week. Thankfully Rev. Patrick, pastor of the FM church, and his family have been moved up-country.

Thank the Lord, all FMWM long and short-term personnel serving in Kenya - Cathy Bushnell, Debbie Hogeboom, Ralph and Dorothy Bressler, and the Don and Rebecca Mercer family - are safe.

"It is our prayer that the Koffi Anan talks will bear fruits for our lovely country. There is a

Pray Cathy Bushnell can get her residency permit stamp in her passport on Wed., Feb. 13. She paid for it in December but has been refused the stamp twice. If she does not receive this permit stamp, she will have to buy a new tourist visa every time she returns to Kenya. Cathy has several upcoming scheduled ministry trips to Tanzania, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Earthquake: Superintendent Simeon reports that one Rwandan FM church collapsed and five are damaged as a result of last week's earthquake impacting several central African countries. Julie Yerger reports that life in Kibogora, about one and a half hours north of the epicenter, has pretty much returned to normal. There was not any structural damage reported in the Kibogora community. Two doctors and some supplies were sent to Bushenge, a hospital to the south, to assist with some of their serious cases.



Latin America

Ecuador: Garry and Pat Cruce request prayer for the Ecuador Mission District meeting Sat. through Sun., Feb. 16 and 17. Pray there will be a spirit of unity among the pastors and churches. Pray the Holy Spirit will come in a special way during these meetings and that times of refreshing will come to the FMC in Ecuador. Garry and Pat will be leaving Peru on Fri., Feb. 15, to lead the meetings and help guide the pastors. Pray for traveling mercies also.

Mexico: Janette Miller reports: "I am excited that we now have a women's club! This is a new ministry focused on discipleship for women in our church. It is still in the beginning stages as it has been going for only three weeks, but I am encouraged to see that 13 women are now attending! The Wednesday morning time is spent participating in a cooking lesson or craft, enjoying a teaching time from the Bible, setting personal goals for becoming more Christlike and sharing our prayer requests. And without any prodding we are seeing the women reaching out to their friends and family and inviting them to come along. Out of the 13 women attending, a third of the women do not attend our church nor do they profess to be Christians but have a desire to share, learn and fellowship. And as questions arise during our teaching time we are proud to see our church members learning to respond in love with truths from the Scripture. God is working in Mexico City! Please pray for our Wednesday morning women's club."

Also in Mexico, remember a father of five children who regularly attend the church. He recently visited and expressed an interest in returning to God.

Consider joining the Millers in prayer each Friday at 9:00 a.m. They have been conducting prayer walks weekly, claiming the neighborhood for Christ as they walk and pray.



Missions Family

Health

Although still in the hospital, Michael Long (Greece) was able to attend church Sun., Feb. 10, because his doctor accompanied him. The doctor who performed the shoulder surgery has been visiting Michael twice a day and is sympathetic regarding Michael's unexpected kidney failure.

Missions Family: Be in prayer for Laurie Yost's mom, Sharon Stillwell, who will undergo surgery Thurs., Feb. 14. She has broken a vertebrae in her back and is in tremendous pain. Pray the doctors have wisdom in treating her. Sharon has a history of back trouble and has previously undergone five back surgeries. The Yosts are currently in language study in Costa Rica and plan to return to Mexico in late summer.

Note from Missionary Team: "We continue to persevere in our work here in Budapest," write Larry and Katie Winckles (Hungary), "patiently and lovingly pouring ourselves into the lives of those God has put in our path." That includes "father-to-father" advice Larry recently gave a young father experiencing some difficulties with his 8-year-old son. Katie consistently ministers to women from a wide variety of backgrounds, patiently loving them and pointing them to Jesus Christ. The Winckles request, "Pray that we will continue to have the wisdom, grace and strength that we need in each and every situation that we face."

Taiwan

Pray for Holy Light Theological Seminary students and lecturers as they begin second semester classes Mon., Feb. 18. Becca Doyle teaches Hebrew and Old Testament. The seminary was established in 1955.

Spain

Pray for the expanding children's and youth programs at the Madrid FMC. Michael and Carrie Hamley request prayer for Edwin, the new teen Sunday school teacher. This is his first time working with this age group. Pray he will be able to connect with each teen on a personal level and the teens will quickly learn to love and respect him. Pray for appropriate curriculum which will engage and challenge the youth.

Malawi

Join in prayer for the plans being made for a women's module in April. Desiring to be

Willson chose the theme "Kukhala ana a Kuunika" - Be Children of Light. Pray for funds to cover expenses of the two-week training where 68 women will learn Bible study methods and receive literacy, discipleship, spiritual gifts and HIV awareness training.

As you pray for Malawi, ask God to orchestrate the time Bishop David Kendall will have with Malawian pastors and our missionary team later this month.

The logo for VISA Ministries features a blue horizontal bar with a white square on the left side. The text "VISA Ministries" is written in a blue, sans-serif font to the right of the bar.

VISA Ministries

Team Ministry:

Peterborough, ON - Feb. 14-25 - Leon, Mexico - construction - Len Bruce, team leader

Olympia, WA/PNW Men's Ministries (20 people) - Feb. 15-24 - Leon, Mexico - construction - Jeff Yerger, team leader

Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, NY (8 students) - Feb. 15-24 - Panama - construction and VBS - Andy and Lindsay Grimm, team leaders

Oak Avenue FMC, CA (11 people) - Feb. 15-Mar. 2 - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Tres Brazos Church) - construction - Rev. Andy Webb, team leader

Wesley FMC, Anderson, IN (6 people) - Feb. 15-25- Hong Kong - ULS Retreat - Rev. John Lane - team leader. Feb. 25-Mar. 1 - Philippines - encourage the church - Rev. John Lane and Shane Kirkpatrick

Individual Assignments:

Rev. Eric Spangler - Lakeside Community Fellowship, Lake Stevens, WA - Feb. 11-26 - India and Thailand - connect with FM ministry

Rev. Mike Reynen, John Wesley FMC, Indianapolis, IN and David Reynen, Bethlehem FMC, Austin, MN - Feb. 13-20 - ordain pastors in Ghana

Rev. Steven and Emily Bell - Orange Grove FMC, Bradenton, FL - Feb. 13-18 - Nassau, Bahamas - conduct revival services

Superintendent David Harvey - MD/VA and NY Conference - Feb. 14-18 - preside over Venezuela Annual Conference

Earnie and Kathy Lewis - Deer Flat FMC, Caldwell, ID - Feb. 14- 25 - Dessalines Hospital, Haiti - construction and repair

David Schwedt - Gowanda, NY - Feb. 17-29 - Russia

Audrey Thorsen, Turlock FMC, CA and Doug, Karen, Andrew and Aaron Hamilton, First

FMC, Seattle, WA - Feb. 18-March 8 - Burundi

Missions Opportunities: Taiwan: Short-term workers are needed to assist the Fengshan church in outreach ministry and teaching English. Opportunities could also include discipleship classes and work with youth. The Fengshan church would like a couple or individuals to come for one to two years. For more information, contact visa@fmcna.org or call 800-342- 5531.

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Mobilization

Missionaries who serve in western Europe work against the hard reality that progress can be slow in post-Christian cultures. But no force is equal to the Spirit of God when He moves in the hearts of people! Pray God will work in a mighty way in western Europe, and ask Him to call missionaries to help with discipleship and Bible studies so that His church in Europe can reawaken to its spiritual heritage. Is God calling you to be part of this work? Let us know - ExploreMissions@gmail.com.

Funding Need

The Taiwan 2008 Country Shares channels funds for creative access ministries in other Asian countries. Commitments to these shares will allow FMWM to fund leadership training, education and related projects in these places that are challenging to reach. Pray for God's provision.

The six countries listed below did not receive their needed commitments to be given first quarter funds. Pray God provides for the FM ministries in these underfunded countries.

Burundi
Uganda
Egypt
Taiwan
Italy
Puerto Rico

Current Newsletters

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

Ricardo & Beth Gomez (Latin America)
Tim & Lily Kinkead (Taiwan)
Al & Diane Mellinger (Bulgaria)
Jim & Barb Stillman (Tanzania)

This link takes you directly to the [Missionary Web Pages](#) listing.

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