



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.

Africa

Malawi: Ryan and Jen Willson write, "Our home and Bible school campus have been protected, though crime seemed to be prevalent during days leading up to the elections. We are thankful that the presidential election was very peaceful with only a few disturbances in different areas of the city. The Malawians re-elected Bingu Wa Mutharika to serve as President of Malawi for another five years. Thank you for your prayers."

Asia

Thailand: This Wed., June 3, the court verdict will be rendered for Grace International School. Don and Kathy Williams write, "Please pray for the school, the two other defense parties and for the plaintiffs. In all of this we would ask for God to be glorified and that Grace would be light and salt in Chiang Mai and throughout Thailand."

Cambodia: Chris Wilkins was recently named Cambodia field supervisor. As part of these responsibilities, he will travel to all the churches and participate on every committee. Chris believes in empowering local leaders. Pray for Chris' leadership and for those learning from him.

Philippines: Pray for Oceans of Life Ministries (an urban church planting initiative), that each day pastors will experience "fresh wind and fresh fire" from the Word of God. Pray for the daily renewing of their minds to reflect the heart and mind of God to the world around them. Pray for their passion to seek and to save the lost. Pray for these pastors: Ruben and Ging Doninia (Legaspi City), Tito and Norma Clemente (Manila), Johnny and Tata Campos (Bucana, Davao City), and Ed Tan, Dhrey Bontuyan and Mae Navaro (Faith Academy, Davao City).

Missions Family

Celebrating: Josef Sykora (Slovakia) was recently ordained a minister in the Cirkev Bratska Church. He was also accepted to pursue post-graduate studies at Durham University, England. This will be a six-

year process of studying part-time, from a distance, while working full-time and juggling family responsibilities. The Sykoras are expecting their second child this summer. Pray for Josef's ability to schedule time for study.

Europe

Spain: "Our trip covered a little over 800 km in nine days," writes Josh Fajardo following the April 30 to May 9 Spain bike trip. "We were impressed by the beautiful cities and sites along the way. We met many pilgrims on the same journey. One of our goals was to take time to reflect on our lives, spiritually. We ended every evening with a Bible study on the book of James. I would have to say this was an incredible journey - both physically and spiritually." Currently, \$2,000 has been pledged for church planting initiatives, inner-city ministries, and national leadership development.

Josh and Susy also reported that as of Fri., May 29, the process of registering the FMC in Spain is now complete. "We have been accepted by the Federation of Evangelical Religious Entities of Spain. Josh picked up the letter stating this historical accomplishment today, along with his credentials." Praise God for this government recognition. Pray for continued blessings on the Spain ministries.

Europe: Jerry and Jan Coleman sent a number of requests representing Europe: The gospel came to North America from Europe. Pray there would be a reformation, revival and renewal in Europe.

Churches of stone and brick are in every city, town and village, but many are empty. Pray that people with hearts of stone would see the need for the Lord in their lives and their need for hearts of flesh.

People are "inoculated" against the gospel - they have a small experience that they think is enough. Please pray people would hunger for the Living Word and thirst for Living Water.

Jerry and Jan say they always "have their antennae up" for those in whom the Spirit is at work. Pray for people to be receptive to the Holy Spirit. Pray Jerry and Jan would be attentive to the prompting of the Spirit.

Latin America

The Free Methodist Church ministers in 24 Latin American countries. Pray for the work in the following countries which represent hundreds of churches and thousands of lives: Antigua, Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, a creative access country, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Mobilization

Before I was a missionary ... "I had never seen people pray to idols, worship with incense, set out tables of food for wandering ghosts, or burn temple 'money' so their dead ancestors can buy things in the spirit world" - Angela Peterson (Asia). The world is indeed mired in darkness where the light of Christ has not penetrated! Will you give your life to help change that? Contact us at ExploreMissions@gmail.com for more info.

VISA Ministries

Short-term Assignments: *Darin and Jill Land* will soon begin a two-year ministry assignment to the Philippines. Darin and Jill have been heavily involved in the New Life Christian Church, Glendale, CA, for the past several years helping with evangelism endeavors in their community, as well as in Africa and Mexico. While in the Philippines, Darin will teach at the Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological

Seminary in Manila. Jill, a registered nurse and bone marrow stem-cell transport coordinator, will use her administrative and organizational skills in other areas and is interested in working in local Free Methodist ministries. Pray for the Lands as they travel, settle in and become engaged in ministry.

Elizabeth Fink, Greenville FMC, IL, and *Betsye Reid*, Greenville First UMC, IL, travel to Kenya June 1 to July 26. They will work in schools and develop a program to help widows support the orphans they are raising.

Steven and Pat Wilkins, Pearce Memorial FMC, North Chili, NY, travel to Haiti June 2 to 13 to help with bookkeeping.

Jonathan Horton, Yorkshire FMC, NY, travels to Malawi and Burundi June 6 to July 6. He will teach a module at the Great Commission Bible School.

VISA Teams: The Greenville FMC, IL, is sending a team to Bolivia June 6 to 21. The team will continue to assist the Free Methodist Church in Bolivia in constructing a parsonage and Bible school training facility in Santa Cruz. Brent Shaw is the team leader.

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Current Newsletters

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

John & Melinda Henry, Liberia
Mike & Vickie Reynen, Africa
Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand
Julie Yerger, Rwanda

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