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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.

Homegoing of FM International Leader

Democratic Republic of Congo: Bishop Emeritus Jason Bya'Ene Akulu Ilangyi went to be with his Lord, Fri., June 19, at the age of 79, after an extended period of deteriorating health. He is survived by his wife, Mauwa Bettina, and their three children.

Bishop Bya'Ene provided visionary leadership to the Free Methodist Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) from its beginning in 1964 until 2003. During those years the Free Methodist Church in the DRC grew to be the largest body of Free Methodists in the world. Under his leadership, the church opened Bible institutes, many primary and secondary schools, a hospital, nursing school and health centers, providing important services to tens of thousands of church and unchurched people.

The funeral service will take place Tues., June 23, at Mshimbakye, headquarters of the FMC in the DRC.

Africa

Nigeria: The situation in Nigeria has not changed, reports Phyllis Sortor. "Our FM leadership is safe," Phyllis writes. "We continue to pursue justice and protection by means of the court system. Hope Academy continues to function though in a 'state of emergency.' All is well at our other schools, and the church continues to worship and trust God in good times and bad!"

Kenya: Pray for God to use Vickie Reynen as she speaks at a seminar for pastors' wives this Thurs. and Fri., June 25 and 26. Pray for God's protection over Africa Area Director Mike Reynen as he travels to Ethiopia and Cameroon June 26 through July 7.

Asia

Creative Access Country M: We've received word that one of our current superintendents, Rev. T.F., is in very poor health. At this point, all we know is that his kidneys are not working at capacity. His condition is poor enough that he will not be able to make the intended trip to a large city for medical treatment. He lives in a mountainous region of the country and many days travel away from good medical care. Pray for God's hand of healing on this pastor's life. Rev. T.F. was one of the first FM pastors in this country.

India: Hasimara, a small town at the India-Bhutan border, could be described as four countries in one location. As the locals say, "You could have your morning bath at home, go to Bhutan for breakfast, take lunch in Nepal, then dinner in Bangladesh and return home for the night's rest." The FMC is ministering to seven ethnic groups in this region. Pray for Birendra Basumata, the superintendent, who works in this multi-cultural, multi-lingual and multi-racial border area.

Missions Family

Leo and Kay (Stotts) Godoy (Latin America) announce the birth of their daughter, Sofia Pascale, born on Wed., June 17. She was 7 pounds, 3 ounces, 19 and 1/4 inches long. Both Sofia and mom are doing well. Pray for God's continued blessing on this family.

Lift Hope Owsley (Brazil), who recently injured her left foot, in prayer.

Third-quarter Country Support appropriations will be sent July 1. However, 39 Country Support Accounts will not receive their funds due to lack of commitments. As a result, area directors and national leaders now have to make decisions about which crucial ministries will not receive funding. Pray for God to supply for these ministries. Pray for wisdom for our leaders.

Europe

Ukraine: A children's English camp was recently held in Rivne. Students met for English lessons, songs, games, snacks and crafts. On the last day they put on a program for parents. Julie Allman explains: "The family members who attended seemed to enjoy it, and appreciate the time we spent with their children. After the program, Greg Hendrick told the parents about our mission and we gave each a copy of 'A Light for our Path.' All were invited to bring their kids to a weekly English Bible school that Sveta and Lena started. Praise the Lord for new relationships and opportunities to share."

Latin America

Pray for Ricardo Gomez who travels from Chile to teach in Costa Rica, June 24 to 28. Ricardo and Beth also ask for lives to be changed through the practical application of theological truths. Ricardo and Beth, while living in Chile, work in all of Latin America to coordinate theological and pastoral training through teaching, facilitating or coordinating classes.

Mobilization

The mission field abounds with children eager to hear more about Jesus and His ways - in fact, many churches are being planted through children's ministries. Teachers and Christian educators are needed to train volunteers in sharing the gospel with children and shaping their young faith. Pray God will be generous in equipping the church of the future that lives now in these children. Will you invest in young lives with your teaching skills? Contact us at ExploreMissions@gmail.com for more info.

VISA Ministries

Appreciation: Ralph and Dorothy Bressler just retired after 48 years of ministry, serving in six different countries as educators for missionary children. Twenty-six of those years the Bresslers served under

VISA Ministries in Taiwan, Haiti and Kenya. FMWM appreciates their commitment to God's mission around the globe.

VISA Teams: A VISA team from the Los Encinos FMC, Mexico, will go to Madrid, Spain, June 25 to July 6. The team will work with Josh and Susy Fajardo reaching youth in plazas and outside the city with evangelism through sports activities and giving out free water bottles.

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Current Newsletters

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

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Dick & Sheila Dickinson, Belgium

Marcie Huson, Europe

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