



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

Liberia: Saturday, June 27, John and Melinda Henry made their final trip until dry season returns later this year to Nekreen in Grand Bassa County. The leaders have completed Inductive Bible Study part 1. The 72 mile trip now takes three hours each way. The last 37 miles take 2.25 hours. The road conditions are "not easy" as Liberians say.

The pastors of the church administration class are thankful for one Ohio church who provided them with FM Pastors and Church Leaders Manuals. The Henrys explain the pastors say these manuals are like having an entire library in their grasp.

International Child Care Ministries Ethiopia Report: ICCM Director Linda Adams reports: "Ancient land, crossroads of Africa and Middle East, Ethiopia is rich in culture and tradition. ICCM is only eight years old here, but already nearly a thousand sponsored children attend our four schools and one AIDS-affected children's study center. In May I visited four of the five projects.

"Persevering through some severe hardships over the past few years, our ICCM leaders in Ethiopia have come through with flying colors. Their schools are prized by their communities, academically successful, centered on Christ with all Christian teachers, and bursting in enrollment. In every place, they told me their two biggest needs-more space to add a grade each year and more of the children sponsored. I came away convinced we must do more!

"The contrast between the ICCM school children and the other kids in the villages and rural areas was striking! Joy, discipline, improved cleanliness, and bright eyes met us in all the school yards. Unschooled children in every place flocked around to get a look at the foreigners and, I believe, to look with envy on the children who get to attend school.

"Driving up into the mountains, we passed several small towns with a mosque but no church. When we

arrived at our destination we met a pastor who has overseen the planting of nine churches in 10 years! He believes God has called him to shine the light of the gospel in a place where Islam is advancing.

"The local administration in Arbe Gona donated land to build the two current campuses and has offered land to build a secondary school. The school already enrolls 800 students up through seventh grade. "Degreed teachers" (a phrase spoken with great pride) share their headmaster's big vision for excellent Christian education in that place of isolation and poverty.

"Ethiopia is a wonderful investment of ICCM sponsor support! Many more children await our help for the life- changing privilege of a Christian education in this strategic crossroads culture."

Asia

Thailand/Area Director: David and Sherrill Yardy travel to minister at a family camp in Thailand next week and to minister in four other Asian countries over the next six weeks. Pray for effective ministry and safe travel.

Creative Access Country M: Thank you for your prayers for the health of one of our current superintendents, Rev. T.F. In spite of the long distance and difficult journey, Rev. T.F. was able to travel to the capital city where good medical care is available and where he is currently hospitalized. He will need kidney dialysis eight to 10 times a month. Doctors suggest this is the only hope for extending this pastor's life. Pray for God's healing touch on Rev. T.F., one of the first FM pastors in this country. Also pray for God to provide the financial resources for his treatment.

Missions Family

"I wish you could have been at the Pacific Northwest Leadership Summit, Fri., June 19, for the planned/spontaneous offering," writes Dr. Art Brown. "They celebrate with this kind of offering each year. This year the offering -- \$36,302 -- goes to Country Support Accounts (CSAs). Praise the Lord for His people in PNW and His provision through them." In addition, five CSAs have reached 75 percent commitment levels within the last week. Pray for God to supply the needs for the remaining 34 CSAs that are in jeopardy of not receiving their third-quarter appropriation funds due to lack of commitments. As a result, area directors and national leaders will have to make decisions about which crucial ministries will not receive funding. Pray for wisdom for our leaders.

Europe

Slovakia: Pray for Josef Sykora as he takes several youth to a conference this week where he will also lead some of the seminars. Pray for God to work mightily in these young lives. As the Cirkev Bratska church hosts family camp in late July, pray for witnessing opportunities. Josef and Pastor Daniel are camp co-speakers. Also pray for Lynette's physical recovery following Luke's birth and for Luke to be healthy and strong. Pray for Luke's citizenship paperwork for the U.S. and Czech Republic to be processed swiftly.

Belgium: Jackie and Lawrence are two of the church leaders in the Oostende, Belgium, church. Pray as Dick Dickinson trains and mentors them.

Dick and his wife, Sheila, see God working through prayer, no matter the language. "Lucien (a church attendee) speaks only Flemish and I only speak English," writes Dick. "I don't understand a word he says and he doesn't understand a word I say. We do a lot of smiling, posing for silly pictures and prayer. After every Bible study, we break up into groups of three or four and pray for one another and for the

first time, Lucien is praying out loud!" Pray for God to continue to be at work in the lives of these prayer groups.

Latin America

Mexico: Pray for God's continued direction as the Mexico Annual Conference is scheduled to meet July 9 to 11. Pray for God's direction as the leadership selects a new superintendent. Current superintendent Hector Perez has been appointed a missionary to Mexico City. In addition to the Mexico Annual Conference, the Mexico FMC includes the Northwest Mexico Provisional Annual Conference and the Central Mexico Mission District.

Mobilization

What is FMWM looking for in potential missionaries? We are interested in Spirit-filled Jesus lovers. Love for Jesus is not only contagious, but it is also the foundation for any effective ministry. Though missionaries are not perfect people, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, they are on a growing path. Pray for those God is raising up to be missionaries that they would never stray from the desire to grow in their faith. Is a compelling love for other nations taking root in your own heart? Contact us at ExploreMissions@gmail.com.

VISA Ministries

VISA Teams: A team of eight from the Free Methodist Church in Southern California travel to Ethiopia, June 28 to July 9. Superintendent Steve Fitch is serving at the leader for this team that will conduct pastoral training at the Ethiopian annual conference and work with the Eden/ICCM Water and Reforestation projects.

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Current Newsletters

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

Dick & Sheila Dickinson, Belgium

John & Melinda Henry, Liberia

Phyllis Sortor, Nigeria

Josef & Lynette Sykora, Slovakia

Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand

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