



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.

Top News

Nigeria: Please pray for the Hope Academy of Ikot Ekpe in the south central region of Nigeria, an International Child Care Ministries sponsored school serving hundreds of children and their families. We've received word that a former and now expelled leader of the Free Methodist Church has seized the school property and claims to be the rightful leader of the church and school. He has dismissed all key school personnel, taken school and mission vehicles, and has caused the school to shut down. Our missionary Phyllis Sortor is currently in the northern part of the country and unable to return to Ikot Ekpe until early next week. While no one is in danger, the school will not be able to operate until the situation is resolved. This unlawful seizure of the school has created confusion in the church. Please pray for a resolution to this situation: that this man's efforts fail, the truth comes out, and the church is not harmed.

Mexico: Our missionary team in Mexico is thankful for the many prayers lifted on their behalf as Mexico has been hit hard during the H1N1 flu epidemic. Many public meetings have been cancelled over the last two weeks. "We are especially thankful for the prayers of our supporters," write Gary and Jann Allen, "as both the missionary families and the local church congregations have not experienced a case of this flu. We hope that May will bring relief from the epidemic and we will be able to return to church services, Bible studies, English classes and travel as usual."

Africa

Rwanda: Praise the Lord for the ministry of Kibogora Hospital. Recently an expectant mother was told her baby was dead, but because of medical help at Kibogora, she instead delivered triplets. The family is doing fine. Pray for the physical and spiritual healing ministries of Kibogora Hospital, started as a dispensary in 1942 and established as a hospital in the 1960s.

Asia

Thailand: Pray for spiritual fruit from the small storefront church which currently has a congregation of 11 people. The pastors, a husband and wife team, work during the week as a taxi driver and a used-clothing dealer. They're seeing fruit, but often families try to keep the new believers from returning to services. Ask God to help believers to be committed to meeting together as a body.

Missions Family

Europe: Michael and Carrie Hamley appreciate your continued prayers for health. Currently in Portugal, Carrie has been experiencing allergy symptoms and some additional health issues. Michael now has a cold, making it difficult to care for Carrie and delaying the short trip they had planned to Spain. They had hoped to assist with the Spain bike tour and plan for the Rivas summer children's program. Pray for strength, endurance and for God's hand in all of these concerns.

Bulgaria: Pray for the sale of Al and Diane Mellinger's home in Michigan. While there has been an offer, complications make the sale more difficult. Pray for God to work out the details. This concern weighs on the Mellingers while they are so far away.

New Missionaries: Pray for Tim and Jervaun Trier, along with their children, Juliette and Timmy, who arrived in Ethiopia, Mon., May 4, for meetings with national leaders and to consider future housing options. This is Juliette and Timmy's first visit to Africa. Pray they have positive experiences. The Triers also request prayer for good connections with ministry leaders and travel protection. Jervaun writes, "We will be scouting out places to potentially reside, getting to know the national leaders and visiting International Child Care Ministries sponsored schools. In addition, we will travel to the Udo Escarpment to visit Eden Reforestation Projects." The Triers will return to the U.S. Thurs., May 14.

Europe

Spain: Josh Fajardo's Bike Tour Blog - Saturday, May 2, 2009 - "Well, I made it across the Pyrenees Mountains, but did not complete the planned 71 km. stage for the day. I completed 30 km. But I would have to say it felt like 300 km.! My right knee could not take any more pounding. It was a long day. It rained most of the day and we experienced a temperature low of 5 degrees Celsius (41 Fahrenheit).

"After a light dinner, we met for an hour to discuss the first chapter of the book of James. Some of the men made comments of the importance of the trip's spiritual component. Some are not believers. Please pray for the Lord's presence in their lives.

"Today I took the day off in order to recuperate. I hope to jump back on the bike tomorrow (Sunday). I have been taking my share of Ibuprofen and recovery drinks. Tomorrow's stage is set for 110 km. Oh joy!!!

"Today's stage was 115 km. Carlos from Madrid (Rivas) was the leader of the second stage of the tour. Our missionary colleague, Mike Long, was second. Way to go Mike!"

To follow Josh's blog, copy this link to your browser: <http://www.thefajardos.com>

Latin America

Peru: Pray for several upcoming events in Peru. May 20-23, J.R. Crouse participates in a Community Health Evangelism training session. May 23, Becky directs a training workshop for Tarma area Sunday school teachers. Pray for J.R. and Becky's preparations. Looking ahead, a women's conference will be held June 5-7. Pray for God's purposes and plans in these events.

Mobilization

"All my forefathers have passed away into darkness without knowing anything of what was to befall them; how is it that your forefathers, knowing all these things, did not send word to my forefathers sooner?" - said by an African chief to missionary David Livingstone. It is imperative that we give our lives to Christ's Great Commission - souls are at stake! Will you go? Check out www.FMExpeditions.org for more information. To contact us, e-mail ExploreMissions@gmail.com.

VISA Ministries

VISA Team Report: Wenatchee FMC, WA to Nigeria - Team leader Mike Henry reports, "Saturday was amazing. We gave away 60 wheelchairs to people who have lived in the dirt and dust their whole lives. Most were adults, some in their 50s and 60s. To receive a wheelchair was beyond their furthest hope. Never before has Kogi State had so many chairs given freely to the disabled. We were interviewed by the local news which might also make it to the national news.

"Bishop Matthew (non-FM) who partnered with us says that this day will impact in many ways. We openly declared that we gave the chairs in the love of Jesus Christ, and the government has never done anything for these people, nor have Muslims. We pray that Jesus will be honored in all ways."

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Current Newsletters

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

Gary & Jann Allen, Mexico

J.R. & Becky Crouse, Peru

Dan & Hope Owsley, Brazil

Phyllis Sortor, Nigeria

Tim & Jervan Trier, appointed to Ethiopia

Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand

Julie Yerger, Rwanda

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