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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for your continued partnership with World Missions Ministries. I was recently reminded and challenged by a statement that pastor James D. Kennedy made. "What is uniquely ours to do while time remains is to be agents of reconciliation to God. Missions encompasses more than evangelism, but evangelism is the heart of missions". There are too many people on this planet that have never heard the name of Jesus. We must do everything we can to tell them! You will be hearing more about our strategies to do this in the months to come.



Bishop Talmadge Gardner

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our family members in North and South Carolina and Virginia, whose lives and churches have been devastated or severely impacted by Hurricane Florence. I am grateful for your generous support and care for them through DRUSA and the many charities that have positioned themselves to serve their needs.

In this issue of The Call, I would like to pay tribute to a dynamic church planter in addition to honoring special members of our World Missions Ministries team - the Conference Missions Directors:

George Loar went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. While I never had the privilege of meeting Rev. Loar, his legendary legacy as a church planter is indelibly stamped on the ministry fabric of the Ukraine. George pastored Bethel Holiness Church in Lonaconing, Maryland, for 27 years. 'George had a heart for missions and made 11 trips to the Ukraine planting 80 churches and two trips to Romania planting two churches. To this day, he is fondly remembered by the Ukrainian people.' Bob Cave, Regional Director for Eurasia and the Middle East, will complete a two-year project by year's end [2017-18], in which he has recruited pastors and sponsors to continue George's legacy by planting 50 churches in the Ukraine. We thank the Lord for the life and ministry of this man of faith and vision for the harvest.

World Missions Ministries 2018 Summit for Conference Missions Directors [CMDs] just concluded. Such a privilege to gather with like-minded people and talk about missions. CMDs are critical to our success as a missions ministry, as they serve as 'our representatives' and 'your missions point of contact' in your conferences. We could not do what we do without their partnership and we honor them as valued members of our World Missions Ministries team. You need to know who this important group of people are so that you can pray for them, encourage them in their ministry, and honor them for their service in your conference and to the Lord:

Samuel Ruiz – ACROSS

Garry Bryant – Acts2Day

Mike Gray – Alpha

Larry Meadors – Appalachian

Jackie Hersh – Arizona

Gordon McDonald – Canada

Keith Gilliam – Cornerstone

Gene Kennett – Ephesians 4 Network

Bill Kenedy – Golden West

Dennis Hartley – Great Plains

Terry Lowder – Heartland

In Kwon Ahn – Korean

Jeff Thomas – Lifepoint Ministries

Wesley Russ – Mid-Atlantic

Gordon Atwell – Mid South

Jane Moore – Mississippi

Jason & Catrina Bicket – New Horizons Ministries

Doug Bartlett – North Carolina

Jorge Estrada – NW Latin

Benjamin Waldrum – Pacific West

Gene & Any Garcia – Red de Ministerio Sonshine

Brian Sawyer – Redemption Ministries

Kent Bell – River of Life Ministries

Tyler Clark – Rocky Mountain

Barbara Kleffel – Sonshine Network Ministries

Dean Morgan – South Carolina

Terry Bailey – Spirit Life Ministries

Manuel Pate – Tennessee Valley

Miguel Casanova – Texas Latin


The Apostle Paul expressed my concluding sentiments well when he wrote:

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:4-6 NIV).

World Missions is indebted to you for your partnership!

“To Jesus Christ be all glory now and forever!”

**Bishop Talmadge Gardner
Executive Director**



**"BE FAITHFUL IN SMALL
THINGS BECAUSE IT IS
IN THEM THAT YOUR
STRENGTH LIES."**

Mother Teresa



MEET THE PRESLEYS

The Presleys are headquartered in London, where Harold serves as the regional director for Northwest Europe. Their focus is winning people to Christ, training leaders, and planting new churches.

Most of the ten countries of Northwest Europe have no more than two percent born-again Christians. The Presleys' focus is training more workers; they are doing this by directing the London School of Ministry in both London and Birmingham, England.

Harold and Kathleen train interns and mentor local church leaders as well. This missions work touches many different nationalities, launching outreach to many expatriate Asians and Africans.

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Ecuador - Men's Conference

By Jewel Nichols

In August, what a wonderful time we had at the first ever Ecuador Men's Conference. We had the privilege to host Pastor Ed Burns and his daughter Sarah, Pastor Stan Tuttle, Pastor Jeff Marshburn and Jacob Hall, all from the Cornerstone Conference. It was also an honor to have our new director, Max Barroso, as a part of this event and to minister to the men. There were approximately 80 men in attendance and eight churches represented. God is doing great things in Ecuador!



Group Photo in Ecuador

South Sudan - Children in Mines

For the past five years, civil war has been present in South Sudan. This war has been detrimental to the economy, causing desperation for money among its citizens. The poorest regions in this country have reverted to child labor; making children work day in and day out in the mines and digging for gold to sell on their families' behalfs, rather than attending school. Hunger has become exceedingly prevalent among families in this country.

IPHC World Missions Ministries partnering ministry, Hope4Sudan, is working to change the lives of these children. Hope4Sudan is a school supported by the IPHC that provides free schooling for children in South Sudan. This school gives children the opportunity to obtain an education, as well as provides a place to live for over 200 individuals. Please pray for Hope4Sudan as this ministry continues to make a strong impact in South Sudan.

**"GOD NEVER SAID THAT
THE JOURNEY WOULD BE
EASY, BUT HE DID SAY
THE ARRIVAL WOULD BE
WORTHWHILE."**

- MAX LUCADO



IPHC Missionary Gregory McClerkin
with Children in South Sudan



IPHC Europe's Leaders in Kiev, Ukraine

Kiev - Europe Leaders Meeting

In early September, Steve Cofer, director of Missionary Care, had the opportunity to travel to the Ukraine. Here, he attended a meeting with the leaders who serve in Europe. One primary emphasis of the meeting was church planting.

The Ukraine, and other parts of Eastern Europe, have seen numerous church plants over the past 25 years. In the early days, a church plant, which included purchasing property, paying the pastor's salary for one year, and other basic needs, could be done for 5,000 U.S. dollars. Over the years, this changed and increased as their economy grew. However, the past few years, due to an economic downturn, an open door for new church plants at 5,000 dollars each is back on the table. These recent circumstances, though negative in many ways for the country, have provided another open door for strategic church planting and advancement of God's kingdom in the Ukraine.

Also, during his stay in the Ukraine, Rev. Cofer had another significant opportunity to be part of the Arise 2033 emphasis for Europe and the Middle East. World Missions Ministries (WMM) missionaries and national leaders representing their countries met in Kiev for strategic planning to reach the lost and unreached in each of their areas. It was exciting to hear not only our missionaries carry the torch and light the fire, but the contagious spirit of national leadership who had come with hearts already stirred. There was no doubt the Holy Spirit inspired all our IPHC leaders, as they gathered to find God's word and direction for moving forward.

If you would like to be part of Arise 2033, please visit WMM's website for more information. There is room for more labors. We need to think globally and give emphases to all nations and all peoples for an overwhelming harvest. In fifteen years, we will celebrate two millenniums since Christ's ascension. Let's expect and look forward to an exceptional worldwide harvest!

"YOUR POTENTIAL IS THE SUM OF ALL THE POSSIBILITIES GOD HAS FOR YOUR LIFE."

- CHARLES STANLEY



Leaders in Europe Praying for Kingdom Advancement

FULFILLING JESUS' COMMAND TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

By Rev. Steve Cofer
Director of Missionary Care

Last December, I had the privilege of attending a significant meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was a gathering of denomination leaders with a mission to advance and renew the importance of Christian Churches Together (CCT). These leaders assembled for a few days of training and fellowship to focus on kingdom expansion and development of ministries working together to reach the lost.

The meeting began with a devotion, and the first session opened with a question that is heard too often in the American church today: "Are we at a place and time to not send American missionaries, or should we consider reducing our emphasis and focus on ministries in our home country?" Immediately, I began forming an answer, saying to myself, "NO! It's not a matter of choosing one or the other. It's all-inclusive. God's mandate is to reach all peoples in all nations by all available resources." At the time, this seemed, to me, like a reasonable, positive answer to continue sending American missionaries from local churches. Why stop doing a good thing, especially when God has commanded the Church to do it? Being a citizen of Heaven is under a higher authority than being a citizen of a country.

Before I could open my mouth, a young leader spoke regarding the question. Before I share his response, allow me to highlight the fact that, in every generation, there are always those who know God's heart and are in tune with his voice. This young man's reply was short, simple, and powerful. "If God is calling people from our local churches to become missionaries and go to distant nations, who are we to question who they are and where God calls them from?"

Approximately 330 million of the world's population lives in the United States. The world's population has increased to over 7.3 billion. We must evangelize and increase our efforts to win the lost globally. Yes, we understand that it's not up to the church in America to win the whole world, but the church in America still has a vital and significant role in the assignment. Never buy into the mindset that the American church has done its part. Check your Bibles and see that the command was not to the nation of America, but to the Church. The Church will only be finished with its task when Jesus returns for His followers and establishes His Father's kingdom.

In the IPHC family, this process of “calling and sending” usually begins in local churches, where God continues to speak to His people and calls them out to various ministry services in His kingdom work. For some, it is probably very similar to Acts 13:2. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” There is no doubt that God calls individuals to have their personal experience unique to them; however, it is the responsibility of the Church, the body of Christ, to fulfill the Great Commission in sending those who God calls and tells the Church to set apart for his work.

The IPHC has been sending missionaries for over 100 years. Why continue? Just as Romans 10:14-15 shares, “How can they hear unless someone tells them?” The explanation for why IPHC’s World Missions Ministries (WMM) continues to send American missionaries has a simple answer: men and women continue to answer God’s call to go to the nations.

Pastor, please provide an opportunity for each member of your congregation to participate and enjoy the blessings of making a faith commitment to send missionaries abroad. By doing so, each person may enter into a fruitful partnership with missionaries and ministries to the nations, and together, with all Christians, we stay firmly engaged with Jesus in building his Church worldwide.

In Exodus 25:1-2, Moses received contributions to build the tabernacle from men of Israel whose hearts were moved or willing to give. In fact, later Moses had to tell them to stop bringing materials because they had received enough. We have not reached that point in building the global body of Christ, but we believe that as God’s people have the opportunity to hear, their hearts will be moved and will respond. Join with WMM as God provides, through IPHC congregations, a portion of the materials needed to build His church in all nations.

- Faith Commitment is between the giver and the Lord. It’s in obedience to God, not a man’s pledge according to one’s means.
- The Faith Commitment does not depend on our ability to give, but on our faith in God to provide the means to give. We become the channel of blessing (2 Corinthians 8:3).
- Our Faith Commitment is motivated by our love for the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:8).
- God not only encourages us to give generously, but He will also supply the gift (2 Corinthians 9:8-10).



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THE GREATEST REVIVAL
had the worst evangelist

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Elvio & June Canavesio and Charlene West



Elvio & June Canavesio

Elvio and June Canavesio, both born in 1931, were married on May 14, 1988. Both Elvio and June had been dedicated to World Missions before their marriage. Once they married, the two continued to carry the baton together. Before retiring, Elvio gave 49 years, and June, 45 years of service to IPHC World Missions Ministries. June is credited for developing much of the CURSUM teaching program. This program is still being used today to train future national leaders for ministry among Spanish speaking nations. The Canavesios are now retired and living in Oklahoma City. They enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren, who are all actively involved in serving the Lord and advancing His Kingdom.

If you would like to send a card in honor of the Canavesios, you may direct all mail to PO Box 12609, Oklahoma City, OK 73157.




Charlene West

Rev. Charlene West was born on October 13, 1930. She served with World Missions Ministries on the mission field for 22 years before retiring. She now lives in Oklahoma City. Charlene still speaks among Hispanic congregations and is intentional in her expectations that the Lord will do something in every single service. She does not speak to a congregation without giving a call for salvation in expectancy that the Lord will save and heal lives.

Rev. West also has a passion for writing books. This has become a significant part of her ministry since her retirement.

She recently mentioned that the Lord has given her the gift and ability to write, so she will take a little time out of every day to do so. Charlene passes her legacy to her daughter, Kathy, and son in-law, Gary Petty, who now serve as missionaries with World Missions Ministries.

If you would like to send a card in honor of Charlene, you may direct all mail to 6909 Fawn Canyon Dr., OKC, OK 73162. Rev. West also welcomes prayer requests.



"Accept one another, then,
just as Christ accepted you, in
order to bring praise to God."

Romans 15:7