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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was privileged to accompany Rev. Willard Wagner, regional director emeritus for West Africa, to Benin, Africa. The purpose of this trip was to attend the signing of an Agreement of Merger between the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. and the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote de Benin.

At the signing of this merger on Easter Sunday in Azove, Benin, the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote de Benin reported having 3,500 members in 53 churches. They are led by the president of their denomination, Rev. Agomai Pierre Koudakpo. Rev. Wagner and President Pierre have an established relationship that goes back 25 years. A scanned copy of the executed Agreement of Merger is listed on page 4-6.

The IPHC missionary legacy of Rev. Willard and Yvonne Wagner spans 44 years. The past 35 of those years have been in service to the Region of West Africa as regional directors. I have had the privilege of accompanying and ministering alongside the Wagners in Lagos, Nigeria, Lomé, Togo, and now Cotonou and Azove, Benin. The Wagners have left an indelible imprint on the ministry fabric of the IPHC in West Africa.

The IPHC currently has an active ministry presence in eight nations in the West Africa Region:

• Benin • Cote D'Ivoire • DRC Central • Ghana • Liberia • Nigeria • Sierra Leone • Togo

There are 13 nations in this Region that we do not have a ministry presence in:

• Burkina Faso • Cameroon • Central African Republic • Chad • Equatorial Guinea • Gabon • Gambia • Guinea • Guinea Bissau • Mali • Niger • Senegal • Western Sahara

There is a harvest, Jesus called it "a great harvest," waiting to be gathered, ripe for the picking. Pray for the Turners and Wagners as they work to establish an IPHC ministry presence in the 13 nations we do not have a ministry presence in, as identified above. Also, pray that the eight nations that we do have a ministry presence in will discern that this is a "Kairos," or opportune, moment in time to position themselves to become SENDING as opposed to RECEIVING nations.

"Then, He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest'" (Matthew 9:37-38).

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Bishop Talmadge Gardner
Executive Director



Bishop Talmadge Gardner

AGREEMENT OF MERGER

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Between

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church

And

REVEIL DE L'EGLISE DE PENTECOTE

1. This document will constitute an agreement of merger between the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, with headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK - U.S.A. and the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote, with headquarters in Azove, Republic of Benin, West Africa.
2. This "Agreement of Merger" dated April 21, 2019 takes precedence over and replaces any "Agreement of Affiliation" framed and signed previously.
3. The name and identity of the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote will remain the same. The Reveil de l'Eglise de Pentecote may use the name of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and its emblem as they wish and at their discretion. The Church in The Republic of Benin would be encouraged to place on their signboards, letterheads, etc. "Member of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church."
4. The presently installed officers will remain the same in the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote du Benin and the Beninese may maintain their usual manner of elections. The International Pentecostal Holiness Church will make itself available however to assist in their business meetings or annual conventions if so requested. The proposed missionary advisory would expect to attend the board meetings for a better understanding of the work and to give assistance if necessary.
5. The policies of the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote du Benin will remain the same as has been outlined in their

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own constitution and bylaws. Any amendment could be made as prescribed in the bylaws of the Benin Church.

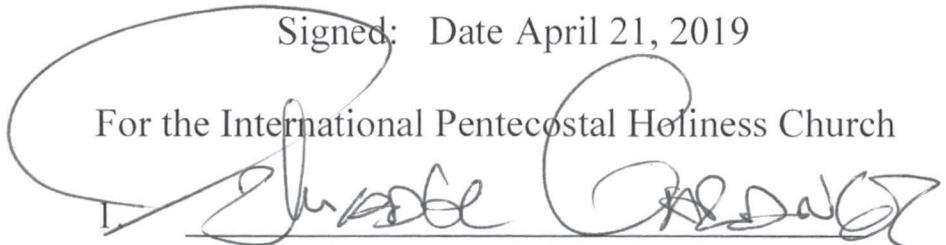
6. The appropriate officers of the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote du Benin will control all finances acquired by the Beninese. Any funds raised through the efforts of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church will be used for specific projects and needs that have previously come to the attention of the missionary advisor.
7. All pastors of the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote du Benin will be under the supervision of the Beninese officers and will be appointed or approved by the existing board (as prescribed in the present constitution and bylaws.)
8. The International Pentecostal Holiness will endeavor to offer the Leadership, Pastors, and Christian Workers of Reveil de L'eglise Eglise de Pentecote Benin further administrative and pastoral training through: seminars, the facilities of West Africa Bible College, or private instructions as the opportunity would avail itself.
9. Should the Reveil de L'Eglise du Pentecote du Benin ever radically depart from the Article Premier Les Dogmes as stated in their constitution and bylaws, this merger would be terminated. Should the International Pentecostal Holiness Church ever radically depart from the Articles of Faith as stated in their constitution and bylaws, this merger would likewise be terminated.
10. The International Pentecostal Holiness Church would kindly expect the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote du Benin to furnish statistics of their churches annually.

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11. Both Churches agree to participate in a mutual exchange of the on-line IPHC publications and other on-line literature and periodicals.
12. Invitations would be mutually exchanged to conventions, conferences, seminars, etc. to enhance a closer bond and working relationship between these two Churches.

Signed: Date April 21, 2019

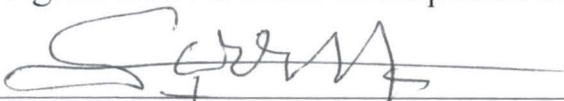
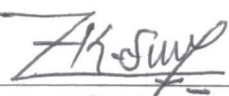
For the International Pentecostal Holiness Church



Bishop Talmadge Gardner, Executive Director,
International Pentecostal Holiness Church World Missions
Ministries and Corporate Secretary.

2. 
Dr. Willard K. Wagner, Regional Director Emeritus for
West Africa, International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

For the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote du Republic of Benin

1. 
National Superintendent and the Executive President for
the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote du Republic of Benin.
2. 
National Secretary for the Reveil de L'Eglise de Pentecote
du Republic of Benin

MEET JANENE WOOTEN

Janene is a graduate of Emmanuel College with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in Biblical Studies. She grew up in Kenya, East Africa as a missionary kid, which instilled in her heart a passion to serve people, experience new cultures, and see the nations know and worship the Lord.

She is a worship leader and lives to see music break through cultural barriers to touch people from all over the world.

Janene is humbled and honored to be a part of reaching the global community for the Kingdom of God.

Janene serves at The Awakening's International Training Base in Szigetszentmiklós, Hungary.

Please join WMM in prayer that Janene will continue to experience fruitful ministry, good health, and a supernatural anointing as she continues to serve the Kingdom.



ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Dan & Brenda Clowers
Althea Meyer
Ron & Phyllis Roy
Bonnie Clowers
Mauricio & Lulu Salazar
Jonathan & Corrie Shirey
Jason & Catrina Bicket
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**“THE PERFECTION
OF CHRISTIAN
CHARACTER
DEPENDS
WHOLLY UPON
THE GRACE &
STRENGTH FOUND
ALONE IN GOD.”**

Ellen G. White



PERSECUTION - INDIA

Michael John recently shared that there have been some incidences of persecution in India lately. One of our village churches in Komay Village, near Ranchi, is facing persecution because of their faith. All believers have been barred from taking drinking water from the water well that the village people use. Another incident of believers not being allowed to gather water is currently taking place in Paharpur Village. As new believers are accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they are being excluded from their village wells. However, even this has not deterred these believers, and they told the village leaders that, whatever may come, they will never leave Jesus. The reason for their faith is the amazing miracles that God has done among them. Continue with WMM in prayer for believers like these, that they will experience favor and blessings from God as they sacrifice life necessities in the name of Jesus Christ.



TRAINING - VIETNAM

BY RUSSELL BOARD

Vietnam is among the top 20 countries in the world where Christians suffer the worst persecution. Yet, the church continues to grow and multiply even in this hostile climate. Joined by Thailand IPHC National Director Dr. Wallapa, I recently traveled to the outskirts of Hanoi to hold two days of training for 50 pastors, leaders, and church planters. Some journeyed as far as 400 miles to attend the training. At this training, we spent time in prayer and planning, through partnerships, to train hundreds of church planters and send them to evangelize thousands of tribal areas with the gospel of Christ. Please pray that these efforts are effective in reaching the ends of the earth.

UPDATES

WATER WELL- INDIA

God has answered prayers for fellow believers in Dholapur. The believers in this area expressed a need for water sources closer to home. Two of these individuals have polio, and are unable to walk without crutches. This made the mile trek from their house impossible without the help from their son and daughter.

Even then, the trek was only possible on days that were weather permitting. On rainy days, the slick path often caused them to fall. Finally, they have a new water source near their home. They have testified about the faithfulness of God and told all people who come to see their new well that their God has heard their prayers, and now they have accessible clean drinking water. Water well ministry provides such powerful opportunities for the love of God to be shared. Join WMM in praying that this ministry will continue to expand throughout the world.



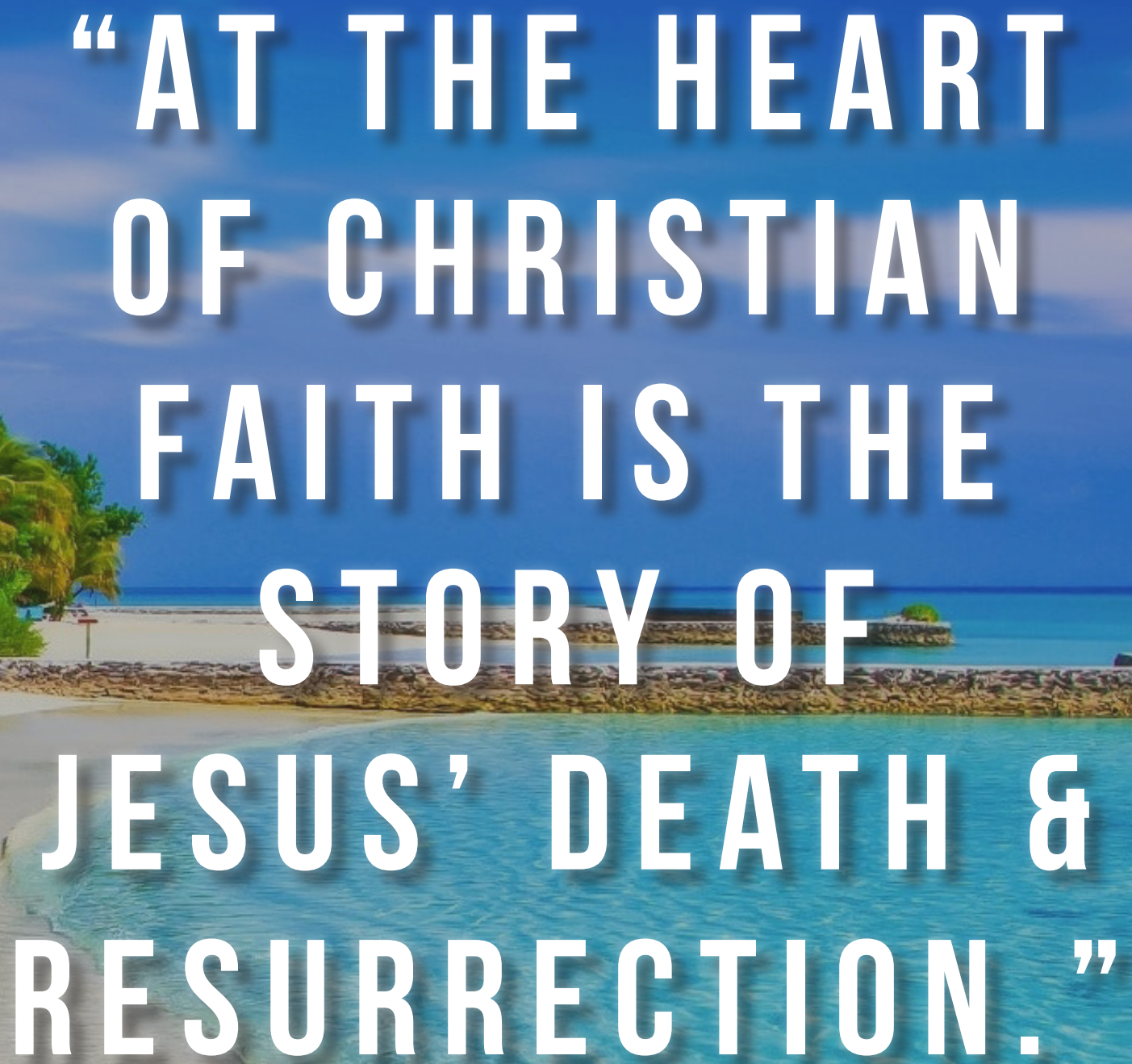
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GOOD FRIDAY - SOUTH AFRICA

BY JOE DELPORT & JOEL DIBETSOE

Last month, at a Good Friday service, one of our IPHC buildings experienced a wall collapse due to a storm. As a result, 13 of our people reportedly died and 29 were placed in the hospital. An estimation of about 3,000 people were in attendance at the memorial service for these 13 individuals, and our leaders did an excellent job hosting the event. Some government officials also spoke at the service. Joel Dibetsoe was able to visit the hospitalized victims and stated, "We thank God for giving us the opportunity to visit some of the victims of this disaster in the hospital. We believe God is healing them. The devil is a liar." Please help WMM continue to pray for all who have been affected by this tragedy, that the love and comfort of Christ will be ever-present.



**“AT THE HEART
OF CHRISTIAN
FAITH IS THE
STORY OF
JESUS’ DEATH &
RESURRECTION.”**

John Ortberg

“THE BIBLE
IS ALIVE AND
WELL, AND
GOD IS STILL
TRANSFORMING
LIVES
THROUGH IT!”

Brian Russell



STORIES FROM THE FIELD

BY MICHAEL JOHN

Ramgarh PHC- Dedication

Pastor Somay planted Ramgarh PHC in Ramgarh, Dumka in 1995, among people who had never heard the gospel before. Their first worship services were held in a small hut that measured six feet by eight feet. Only ten people could sit in the little hut. Slowly, the church began to grow and there was no place for people to sit. Later, in 2003, a piece of land with a half-built building was purchased. There was no roof, but the villagers would use bamboo and leaves as a temporary roof structure so that they could worship there. Though it was difficult during the long rainy seasons and extremely hot summers, they continued to worship here for 14 years.

In 2017, we began praying for resources to come so we could work on constructing the walls and the roof of the building. We encouraged the church to give whatever they could towards the completion of this project. It was a great surprise for us when the church members were able to raise \$2,300.

During that time, Bishop Gardner arranged for me to speak at the GO Rally for the North Carolina Conference. I am incredibly grateful to the Conference Superintendent, Bishop Danny Nelson, and the Assistant Superintendent, Rev. Doug Bartlett, as they graciously allowed me to present the need. During the rally, they took a special offering for church buildings in North India. These people of God gave generously towards building His kingdom in India. From the funds we received at this rally, we were able to give \$3,000 to Ramgarh PHC for the roof to be completed. The newly built church building at Ramgarh, Dumka was officially dedicated for the glory of God on May 12, 2019. Somay Murmu is the current pastor of this church and has raised many leaders who are serving the Lord in the Eastern Conference.

When we went there to inaugurate the building, we saw joy in the people who had finally received a permanent building where they could worship Jesus without worrying about the disruption of bad weather.

The believers were filled with extreme happiness and they cooked lunch for everyone. The dedication day served as a day of great joy for the people of God in Ramgarh.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

WMM MISSIONARY COLLABORATION



Free Camp is a church camp under the umbrella of Mission M25 that is free to children and designed to break community barriers. This camp was established in Amarillo, TX, and has recently made its way all the way to Nairobi, Kenya where IPHC Missionaries, Michael and Tammy McRae serve.

Below, is a story shared by Chris Bouroughs from the Great Plains Conference regarding his experience at Free Camp in Nairobi, Kenya.

"When I was 14 years old, I had a dream to see Free Camp go international.

In the summer of 2016, I found out about Water for Nations and wanted to be a part of it. I reached out to Michael and Tammy McRae and planned on going to Nairobi and doing what I could to help. However, I heard God tell me not to go; something bigger was coming. I had no idea what He meant at the time.

When I learned that Free Camp was going to make its way to Kenya in August of 2018, I knew that He had been developing this plan all along. This felt like a plan God had been working on since I was 14 years old and probably long before that.

I did a lot of praying while preparing for the trip, and the one thing that kept coming to me was the word, "hope." I was not sure what it meant, I am still not

sure if I completely do, but I am learning about this word more and more every day.

On our first day in Kenya, we went and set up "The Red Beast," a mammoth of a machine that is used to drill water wells. This, of course, drew much attention, especially when we arrived at the place where the drilling would be done. As we began drilling, there was a group of about 20 kids who sat and watched consistently for nearly two hours. There was "hope" that there would soon be enough clean water for everyone. I felt this but did not feel like God was done showing me what He meant yet.

As the week went on, we began Free Camp. It was very muddy, and some of the kids were having to walk up to five miles one way carrying their younger siblings the whole way to get there. I knew that the camp was going to be special, but nothing could have prepared me for what happened. I had the opportunity to speak to the kids, and God put the story of Gideon on my heart. As I was closing, I shared with them that if God is with them, no matter what is going on in their lives, they are mighty warriors (Judges 6:12). I proceeded by giving a salvation call, and about 30 of the kids raised their hands. I called those kids to come up and pray with a leader. All of a sudden, those 30 turned to one. Only one kid decided to get out of his seat and come forward.

I believe that every kid who was at this Free Camp and every person who is now going to get water from the well will find hope. Then, they will share hope.

So the challenge I left with was: how am I sharing hope? I get new hope every single day from God, but I am passing hopeless people and not saying a word.

Where are you finding your hope? How are you sharing your hope?"

By Chris Bouroughs
Great Plains Conference

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

RICK & LATRISSIA BLACK



THE BLACKS

Rick and LaTrissia Black entered the WMM family in November 2001, with an assignment to serve in Costa Rica. While in Costa Rica, the two hosted multiple teams from America, worked with People to People Ministries, and built relationships with many of the Costa Rican people.

The Blacks, after various changes in their ministry endeavors, officially retired as WMM missionaries in 2012. However, the two still continue to make periodic trips to and from Costa Rica with other missionaries and their conference.

Through the difficult times serving on the field, LaTrissia said knowing that they were right where God wanted them kept them in place and helped them persevere.

Currently, the Blacks are involved in a ministry called Run for the Wall with M25 Ministries. This is a branch of IPHC Evangelism USA with a mission to serve “the least of these.” To learn more about this ministry, please visit <http://missionm25.org/>.

When asked what word of wisdom they had for the young generations of missionaries and the up and coming missionaries, LaTrissia stated, “It is the hardest work you will ever love, and it is sure to change your perspective.”

Please join WMM in our prayers that the Blacks will continue to experience fruitful ministry in all of their endeavors, and that the two will remain healthy as they continue to spread the love of Jesus Christ everywhere they go.



“ABOVE ALL,
CLOTHE
YOURSELVES
WITH LOVE,
WHICH
BINDS US ALL
TOGETHER.”

COLOSSIANS 3:14