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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

You know summer is just around the corner when you see The Awakening Summer Interns start rolling into Oklahoma City and the GMC building. This year's class seems exceptional. Stephanie and I were privileged to spend an afternoon and evening with them recently. It was very gratifying to hear students articulate their desire to serve God wherever He calls and directs them. I am always struck by the number of young ladies who are a part of each summer's class and The Awakening. In general. These ladies remind me of



Bishop Talmadge Gardner

many of our early pioneer female missionaries. Some, who I knew or met personally, others who I have only had the pleasure to read about. They know they are called, they have settled their calling, and they are courageous and fearless in walking it out!

With a mindset to help a generation change the world by providing opportunities to familiarize young people with missions, The Awakening connects students to proper channels, helps them find resources, and equips them to serve while creating opportunities to experience missions and deepen their own personal relationship with Christ.

These interns are in for the experience of a lifetime. Please join Stephanie and me in praying for them daily. We need their calling realized, gifts of ministry, service, and influence if we are going to exceed our Arise 2033 Goals.

In addition, The Awakening has a team of student leaders who have made themselves available at their own expense to serve IPHC youth camps by preaching, teaching, leading worship, cleaning, serving as camp counselors, running games, planning activities, speaking into teenagers' lives, and challenging teens to pursue God's call for their lives. Many of these conferences would not have camps if The Awakening were not able to partner with them and serve their needs!



The 2019 Awakening Summer Interns.

Finally, while these two groups are involved in ministry using the U.S. as its base, the Awakening's International Base in Hungary is hosting its second International Internship Program. In the near future, The Awakening will be opening its LAMCAR base in Santiago, Chile. These student missionaries have already started to raise their support, enabling them to be a part of this movement.

We thank the Lord that He is knitting nations and generations together through the ministry of The Awakening. The Lord of the Harvest is calling and preparing these young leaders to take our place in leading this and His Church.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you, Max, Jessica, Noah, Abigail, and Lucas for continuing to envision the future of The Awakening. This ministry will become the primary avenue for raising IPHC Missionaries should the Lord tarry.

World Missions Ministries is also indebted to the team of leaders that Max has poured himself into – they are trusted – proven – battle tested – wise beyond their years of experience – servant leaders: Seth and Madeline Nix, Betsabe Salazar Hope, Whitney Browning, and Javier Farias Vargas.

The Awakening is a faith-based ministry that relies on the generosity of ministry partners like you who are committed to seeing young leaders mentored and released into their calling and destiny. You may partner with them by giving online at https://give.iphc.org/missions/220371, or by sending a check to PO Box 270420, OKC, OK 73137 earmarked Project # 91400P. Please make your checks payable to World Missions Ministries.

2019 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PARTICIPANTS ARE:

U.S./Oklahoma City Base -



JUDAH WHITMAN: Judah, the only male intern, is from Columbus Grove, Ohio. He is a student at Southwestern Christian University and attends Passion Church Yukon, which is a part of the Heartland Conference.



LAUREN LAWRENCE: Lauren is from Stilwell, Oklahoma. Lauren graduated from Southwestern Christian University this past May.



ANNA TROTSENKO: Anna is from Maiden, North Carolina. She is a student at Emmanuel College and attends Living Word Church, which is a part of the Cornerstone Conference



LEXUS HOOKS: Lexus is from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She attends Harvest Church, which is a part of New Horizons Ministries.



HALEY JONES: Haley is from Mustang, Oklahoma. She is a student at Southwestern Christian University and attends Passion Church Yukon, which is a part of the Heartland Conference.



KATIE CONRAD:
Katie is from Chester, Virginia.
She is a member of Destiny
Church, which is a part of
Redemption Ministries.



HANNAH RAGLAND: Hannah is from Howardsville, Virginia. She is a student at Holmes Bible College and attends Holmes Memorial Church.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Type of motorcycle we want to buy for our Pakistani ministers.



Pastor Asher dedicating one of our new Pakistani churches.

I also need your help with a very special ministry project that I just read about in the June 2019 issue of The Salley Chronicle, the newsletter of Tim and Beth Salley, WMM Regional Directors for The Pacific.

Pastor Asher Mansha was appointed as IPHC's national leader of Pakistan in 2011. On Dec 31, 2018, the IPHC in Pakistan reported 87 churches and 11,000 members (this includes affiliates).

Pakistan has a population of over 200 million people and is the 5th most populous country on earth and the 3rd most populous Muslim country in the world. According to Open Doors Ministries, Pakistan ranks as the 5th highest country where Christians face the most persecution.

Pastor Asher is a vibrant and visionary leader who has a heart and vision for planting churches throughout Pakistan. He lives in Karachi, a city of over 20 million people and the site of our flagship church and national headquarters.

According to Pastor Asher, "Motorcycles may not mean much in the Western World, but in developing countries like Pakistan, owning a motorcycle is like owning a car. In fact, many nationals

use motorcycles as the family car and transport two adults and two children at a time. Many of our pastors have been using public transportation, which is unpredictable, slow, or non-existent in the bush. Motorized vehicles enable pastors to travel faster and cover more areas, allowing them to touch more lives."

The cost of one motorcycle is \$1,200 USD. Will you please prayerfully consider helping us purchase 100 motorcycles for our Pakistani pastors/ministers? To give to this project, please visit https://give.iphc.org/missions/312622 or send a check to PO Box 270420, OKC, OK 73137 earmarked #17011P. Please make your check payable to World Missions Ministries.

Please pray with us that the Lord will continue to grant Pastor Asher and all our Pakistani ministers the favor, grace, and safety to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in this predominately Muslim country.

Thank you for your continued partnership with World Missions Ministries in pursuit of our collective Great Commission mandate. I can tell you that we are making a difference in the lives of so many people globally.

I am honored to serve you in this capacity. Thank you for enabling us to be a 'People of Promise' in so many places that need Hope!

'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.'

Bishop Talmadge Gardner Executive Director

MEET THE HODGES FAMILY

David and Cecilia Hodges have served as full-time missionaries to Peru for 18 years. In 2007, they planted a flourishing church and a missions compound in Jicamarca, a mountainous desert region on the outskirts of Lima, Peru.

They are reaching Peru through teaching about the Kingdom, challenging believers to leave their cultural boxes and empowering them to be ambassadors in the marketplace. They are also working to establish leadership training in local churches through the Andes Mountains and the Amazon.

Their vision raises up men and women who dynamically, creatively, properly, and powerfully live-out and represent the Kingdom of God.



ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Althea Meyer
Dan and Brenda Clowers
Bonnie Clowers
Ron and Phyllis Roy
Mauricio and Lulu Salazar
The Shireys
Jason and Catrina Bicket
David and Michelle Riley
Paul and Aguste Street
James and Jessica Dunning
Yasinta Mrema

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THE AWAKENING

This month kicked off the start of The Awakening's OKC-based Summer Internship. They are running to Jesus full force this summer and are asking Him to raise their expectations of what He's going to do in and through this group. To Him who can do exceedingly and abundantly more, The Awakening team is ready whenever, to go wherever, and do it however He asks in order to see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Please join World Missions Ministries in prayer this month that The Awakening Summer Internship team members will experience fruitful ministry, continued good health, and safety as they seek to serve King Jesus and build His Kingdom on earth. For more information about The Awakening and how you can get involved, please follow them on Facebook: @awakening.wmm or online at http://www.goawakening.org/.



MYANMAR

BY RUSSELL BOARD

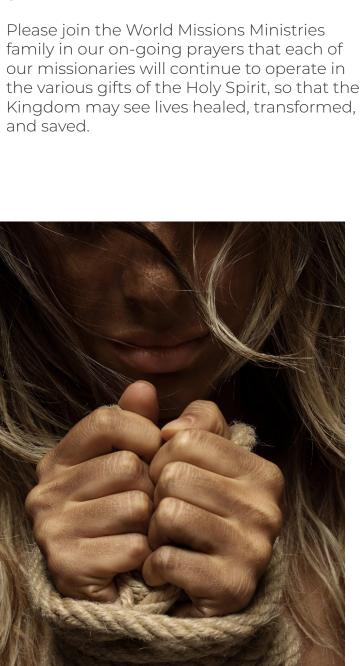
Last month, I joined a ministry team in Myanmar to hold medical clinics and do outreach among children. The veterans on the team welcomed a special contingent of students from Emmanuel College, eager to get a taste of missions in Asia.

The first stop was a children's home in Yangon, where we held a clinic for kids and also did activities outdoors in 100+ degree heat. Many children had lost parents to tragedy. Next, we took a short flight to a remote area in the north. We held clinics in churches, offering medical care to church members and neighborhood families. It was a blessing to see the smiles on the faces of elderly patients who received reading glasses. Such a small and inexpensive item made a remarkable difference in their lives. A whole new world of clear vision was opened up to them!

PSYCHIC FAIR

BY MATT HELLAND

"This past month, I was able to attend a Psychic Fair. People are searching for healing and guidance that will fill their heart's desire for direction, satisfaction, and purpose. Many people go to psychics and other 'spiritual' sources to find these answers. That is why I love to go to Psychic Fairs to share the source of all healing, love, and power: Jesus Christ. Using the gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as prophecy, words of knowledge, healing, etc., we share the power and love of Jesus Christ in a tangible way so people can get to know that He is the ultimate source of healing, satisfaction, guidance, and life."





DAY OF THE CHRISTIAN MARTYR - JUNE 29

BY VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

June 29 is the day church historians mark the execution of the Apostle Paul, beheaded on the Appian Way in Rome. Beginning this year, it will also be a day for Christians around the world to honor believers, like Paul, who sacrificed their lives for the gospel message and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

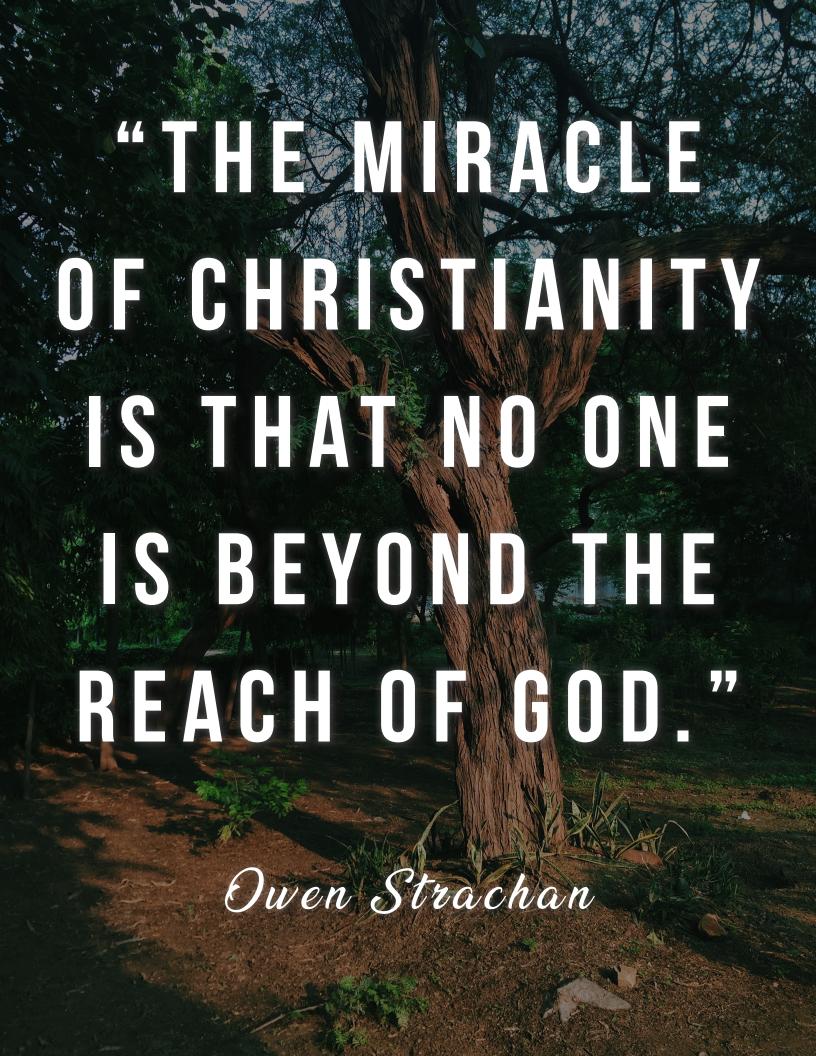
The Voice of the Martyrs has created powerful resources to help you and your church be a part of this special day, including a Facebook Live event and video download of the induction of Werner, Jean-Pierre, and Rodé Groenewald — martyred in Afghanistan — into The Martyrs Memorial.

For more information, please visit https://www.persecution.com/martyr/?_source_code=EM19E3.

WE MUST ALLOW THE WORD OF GOD TO CORRECT US THE SAME WAY WE ALLOW IT TO ENCOURAGE US.

A.W. Tozer





STORIES FROM THE FIELD

THE JANSSENS

Many a time, in the course of our life in missions, I thought about the words of Hudson Taylor, who said: "There are three stages in every great work of God; first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done!"

This really describes the project we all tackled 12 years ago in Romania. At that time, we were visiting the main pastor of the small village church and his helper, John. The Lord had put a big plan in their hearts; they were going to build a large three-story building that would hold the church and would house ex-prisoners and ex-drug addicts. Their ministry would reach the poor and lost, and the building was going to be a training center for all the pastors and leaders in the area.



Their excitement and faith really jumped on me, but as they unrolled the architect's papers, my heart sank. The building looked beautiful but huge. How would the Lord provide the finances? It seemed impossible, especially after we inquired about the church's savings. They proudly revealed that they had \$256.25. As they looked at us expectantly, I was barely able to hide my doubts. I managed to tell them that it would be difficult, but not impossible. Together we prayed and asked God to do a miracle.

The road was hard and long. In the first year, the pastor left the church, and brother John doggedly continued the project. The Lord provided the resources for the foundation. Tirelessly, John and some of the pensioners in the church worked day after day in the hot summer sun. Then, the next year, the Lord provided the finances for the walls and, within four years, the lowest floor was finished and the church moved into the basement. It was a happy year because it was also the year that brother John got married in that same basement. He was still putting the tiles down the evening before his wedding. How we admired his tireless effort and tenacity, all the while trusting God for the next step.

Now, the roof is on and the work is done. Among the rolling hills in this tiny village lies a beautiful three-story building; shining like a jewel. The gypsy children are already taught to read and write there in the after-school hours, and the ministry to the prisoners started two years ago. In June, we will begin to use the building as a CICM modular Bible school. We pray that the first module that Ben teaches will be the first of many and that, by the teaching of God's word, many leaders and pastors will grow mightily in the knowledge of the Lord.

The work is done, with much difficulty for John and his helpers, but the impossible became possible because we have an amazing God!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

RON & LINDA FRITCH



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Ron and Linda Fritch were first called to the Native American community in the U.S. in 1964, immediately after they were married. The two built a church for this community near Little Axe, OK. Once they completed their assignment among the Oklahoma Native Americans, Ron and Linda transitioned into foreign missions.

In 1990, the Fritches moved to South Africa with an assignment to build a Bible college and train workers for the harvest. At first, finding the property for this assignment posed a struggle. Ron and Linda even questioned whether God had actually told them to move to South Africa.

After taking a short furlough back to the U.S. to pray and seek the Lord, the two made their way back to South Africa. Shortly after their return, the property became available, and World Harvest Theological College was up and running in 1992.

In 2007, after Ron experienced a stroke, the two retried. Since retirement, Ron and Linda have pursued various ministry opportunities and currently preach when called upon. However, as Ron's health becomes more complicated, Linda has revealed that they spend much of their time praying and studying the Word. They also make it a priority to spend time enjoying their three children and eight grandchildren.

Linda has also written college courses, as well as published three books which can be found on Amazon: <u>Barefoot Before God</u>, <u>Pigtails and Penny Loafers and False Teeth</u>, and <u>Fixodent and a Funny Husband</u>. When asked if she had any advice for the up and coming generation of missionaries and people pursuing ministry, Linda said, "Make sure of the call and stick with it. Do not give up. Make a commitment and stay the course. God will see you through."

If you would like to send a card in honor of Ron and Linda Fritch, you may address it to 1006 Overland Ct., Shawnee, OK 74801.

"NOW FAITH IS THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN." HFBRFWS 11:1