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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

FIVE COUPLES/CANDIDATES APPROVED BY THE WORLD MISSIONS MINISTRIES COUNCIL TO SERVE AS IPHC MISSIONARIES IN 2019:

We are humbled by the Lord's provision of 'Laborers'. In our WMM Council Meeting on October 8-10, 2019, the WMM Council unanimously approved four new missionary couples/candidates:

- **Russell & Sonya Schweighardt**, Uganda, Eastern/Sub-Saharan Africa Region. Sonya is credentialed with the Cornerstone Conference.
- **Jeff & Kimberly Oeder**, Costa Rica, Central America Region. Jeff and Kimberly are credentialed with the Heartland Conference.
- **Allison Jones**, The Awakening International Base, Santiago, Chile, South America Region. Allison is credentialed with the Heartland Conference.
- **Jason Bicket**, Peru, South America Region. Jason is credentialed with New Horizons Ministries.

In February of this year, the WMM Council unanimously approved **Janene Wooten**, as a Missionary. Janene is serving at The Awakening International Base, Budapest, Hungary, Europe and the Middle East Region. Janene is credentialed with the North Carolina Conference.

These Missionaries have proven themselves and will be an immediate asset to the work and ministry of the IPHC globally. We welcome them and thank you in advance for partnering with them. Your role as a 'SENDER' is as important as those being 'SENT'. The Great Commission necessitates our working together!

FOUNDATION BUILDERS: CARL & CAMILA STURKIE

In the Vision4Education Service at Holmes Bible College on October 17, 2019, Stephanie and I, along with WMM Council Members, Dean and Annette Morgan, Bishop Stan Reynolds, and Mr. David Roberson, presented Carl and Camila Sturkie with a Legacy Portrait commissioned by missionary artist, Rev. Linwood Berry. This Legacy Portrait was in recognition of the significant impact that the Sturkies have made on the ministry fabric of the IPHC globally as Career Missionaries from 1978 – 2012 [34 years].

Excerpts from Linwood's notes regarding this Legacy Portrait follow:

"This is a legacy portrait of 'retired' missionaries Carl and Camila Sturkie. It was commissioned by IPHC World Missions Ministries to honor the Sturkies' contribution to the Great Commission as missionaries in Africa and on special assignment to other parts of the world; and in recent years, at Holmes Bible College, in Greenville, SC.



Bishop Talmadge Gardner

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“Foundation Builders: Carl and Camila Sturkie”

According to the grace of God, which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. [1 Cor. 3:10a NKJV]

Carl is a master builder. He has built many structures that serve the Body of Christ around the world. Among those are buildings used by Bible Colleges and training institutes, missionary homes, churches, offices, and logistical support structures. In the mid-1990's they came on special assignment to Spain for two months to assist us in the remodel of the Mustard Seed Institute. They literally shaped the new campus of Holmes Bible College. Carl is a modern-day Nehemiah. Camila ministers at his side and built a home and family of reference.

Aside from his impressive construction skills, Carl is an anointed preacher, teacher of the bible, and disciple of Jesus Christ. Together with Camila, he has built a legacy of discipleship, testimony, and leadership. Truly they are foundation builders.

I tried to capture in this painting many of the characteristics and tools used in construction. I was especially interested in those that relate to laying strong foundations. There are several reddish lines, reminiscent of chalk lines used to lay out walls and prepare for large cuts. There is a plumb bob. There are many hard and straight edges juxtaposed to fuzzy less defined shapes.

Discipleship is about mentoring young leaders to be able to make good decisions. In that, it shares the wisdom of carpentry's first rule: 'measure twice, cut once.' It brings order out of chaos and reality from a dream or vision. The core of the Great Commission is make disciples. Going, baptizing, and teaching are the process. The vision of IPHC World Missions Ministries and Holmes Bible College is discipleship. Carl and Camila gave much to that cause and never stopped building the Kingdom.

It is interesting that the Lord Jesus Christ, himself a carpenter, spoke to his disciples and said, 'I am building my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.' He also spoke to them about the foundations; one man builds on a rock and another on the sand. Attention to detail matters in building and in discipleship. Foundations are important.

Carl and Camila love Africa. It is central to the narrative of their lives and ministry. It seemed right to represent it in the painting. I would also like to make an observation about the color. I chose my color palette to coordinate with the sun-tanned face of Carl. There is a lot of character in that face. The other colors are secondary, enhancing and harmonizing the earthy reds and ochres of the two faces.

Carl and Camila are officially retired. Much of their foundational work and travel has been completed. Their legacy continues to unfold as the graduates of Holmes and the disciples they mentored around the word continue 'the build.'"

Carl and Camila's ministry legacy is an inspiration to those of us who succeed them and will serve as an inspiration to those who will follow us in doing the work and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ until He returns!

HISTORIC 'ALL-AFRICA' GREAT COMMISSION EQUIPPING CONFERENCE [GCEC]

A historic GCEC was held in Randfontein, South Africa, on October 10-12, 2019. I am grateful to Bishop Joel Dibetsoe, national overseer of the PHC in South Africa, and chairman of the All-Africa Commission, and WMM regional director for Southern Africa, Joe Delport, for the opportunity.

Bishop Dibetsoe stated:

"I wanted to thank you for your support of our All Africa IPHC meeting we held. It was very successful and highly spirit-charged. One hundred seventeen [117] delegates arrived from other Africa countries. (Botswana-15; Burundi- 1; DR Congo-3; Kenya-9; Swaziland-2; Madagascar-1; Malawi-9; Mozambique-7; Tanzania-4; Uganda-2; Zambia-10; Zimbabwe-6; and South Africa-48). The region that was not represented was the Western Region.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am very grateful for the **GREAT COMMISSION EQUIPPING CONFERENCE** training offered by Drs. Tramel and Eby!!! So powerful! Thank you for releasing them! Some leaders have already started to train their subordinates in different conferences.

We bless the Lord and I believe this is a good first step towards achieving Arise 2033."

Joe Delpont reported:

- "We had 117 registered leaders from 14 countries in Africa [ministry presence in 30 of the 48 countries identified in our statistical data basis for the continent of Africa - so almost half.
- Quite a number of the leaders could not attend because of visa issues. The resurgence of racism and xenophobia in South Africa [dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries] was the primary cause of visas being denied.
- I believe there was a paradigm shift which took place. Good reports will be coming back. Thank you so much for making this event happen. I really believe it will bear great fruit."

Jim Eby sent me a note saying:

"Tal, thanks for the opportunity to participate in such an historic meeting as we have had here in Randfontein. These people (from 14 countries, I think) are absolutely amazing! I told them that, in many ways, this was the best training session I have ever had over the past 17 years. Wish you could have been here. I think we will all be amazed at what happens across Africa. Blessings in every way, my friend, and thanks again for this wonderful opportunity. Now I am on to Nepal to train the IPHC pastors there."

That 'New Thing' that Isaiah prophesies about in Isaiah 43:18-19 is beginning to break-out. You can see and discern it as you travel globally. The Arise 2033 vision and strategies of WMM are taking root and will begin to bear precious fruit.

Honored to serve with you for such a time as this.

Believing that 'the best is still to come'.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Bishop Talmadge Gardner
Executive Director

MEET THE HELLANDS

The Hellands work in Brazil with Project Amazon (PAZ) and are extensively involved in one-on-one personal discipleship, house churches, ministry to slum children, and training in power evangelism (including healing and prophetic ministry).

Their local PAZ church in the city of Fortaleza distributes about four tons of food every month to the poor. PAZ is an IPHC partner and has the largest social outreach ministry of any evangelical movement in Brazil, with a fleet of over 100 boats that travel up and down the Amazon River. They do medical and dental ministry along with church planting.

PAZ has planted almost 1,000 churches in Brazil and is discipling over 150,000 new believers who have been won to Christ.

Please join WMM in our ongoing prayers that the Hellands will continue to experience fruitful ministry, safety, and good health.



ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Dan & Brenda Clowers

Ron & Phyllis Roy

Bonnie Clowers

Mauricio & Lulu Salazar

Jason & Catrina Bicket

David & Michelle Riley

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THESE MISSIONARIES COME
TO YOUR HOME CHURCH,
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EXCITING SUMMER - ECUADOR

BY THE NICHOLS

It has been a busy summer in Ecuador! We have had the privilege of hosting many teams and have seen great things happen. We have seen building projects start, salvations, healings, and hearts being united as one. Our training for pastors, LTI, is up and running and there is a new excitement among our pastors. We believe the best is still yet to come for the work here in Ecuador!

It was an honor to have had the Emmanuel Singers with us over the summer! Led by Rev. Tres and Rachael Ward, we had our first-ever Music and Youth Conference. There were over 100 in attendance. This group left such an impact on the youth of the IPHC in Ecuador and formed relationships that will last through eternity.



UPDATES

2019 WMM FAMILY GATHERING

In September, World Missions Ministries hosted the 2019 Missionary Family Gathering in Sunny Beach, Bulgaria. During this time together, the World Missions staff and IPHC missionaries were able to meet for much needed fellowship and connection.

Throughout each day, we were privileged to worship together, encourage each other, pray together, and laugh together. This week of quality time among the various members of World Missions Ministries allowed for a deeper connection to each other, and impactful encouragement for those who are serving on the field. We thank the Lord for our World Missions Ministries family, and pray for continued connection as we work together to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ across the earth.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE - BAHAMAS

As you may be aware, Hurricane Dorian has devastated various portions of the Bahamas. Records confirm that at least 30 people have died and many buildings have been completely destroyed.

People to People is now working with ministry partners on the ground in the Bahamas to send food and various supplies to aid the victims of this natural disaster. We believe the Church has an incredible opportunity to be a place of hope during this devastating time for all who have been affected.

Please consider partnering with us through your prayers and financial support!

You can give by visiting:
give.iphc.org/missions/220975

UPDATES



NEW CHURCH BUILDING - SAO PAULO

BY AARON HELLAND

A piece of fantastic news is that we finally found a building for our church here in Sao Paulo! We have been renting out a restaurant on Sundays and running four services with close to 1,000 people. It has been difficult not having our own building but, after two and half years of looking, we were finally able to lease a nice building that will seat about 600-700 people.

What a relief! We are starting this month on remodeling and building a children's ministry area. We plan to move in by February 2020 and then launch the church officially in March. Please pray with us for the continued funds needed for the building project and that we will be able to inaugurate on schedule.

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John Stott





MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

FAITH COMMITMENT

Seeing the Fruit of Faith Commitment

Faith and World Missions have to go hand-in-hand. If you think of one of these, you will, before long, think of the other.

As a fourth-generation PH member (from both my dad and mom's side), I've heard and seen my grandparents and parents giving to and caring for missionaries when they came to our church. Serving now, as a local church and district missions director, I am so excited about World Missions as I see the increased generosity of our people in their financial giving and the increase of missionaries supported by our church. It is clear to see that the congregation IS still stirred by the words and presentations of our missionaries.

A missions-minded church teaches about consistently supporting missions. It's not a call to just adults, but also to teens and children. When a missionary comes to our church, Ebenezer PHC, we ask the missionary to share with our teens and children. It is important (even necessary) for them to learn about Faith Commitment. The fruit from Faith Commitment, a monthly financial seed, is seen in the number of older missionaries who want to stay on the field and also the number of young families and single missionaries now going. This fruit will continue to grow when it is taken care of and not neglected.

For over 100 years, the IPHC has sent missionaries to foreign countries who went completely by faith and were funded by people of faith. They believed the finances would be there when needed. Over the last century, the face of missions has certainly changed. As we go through the WMM Link Prayer Guide each day, we are so blessed to see the pictures of all our missionaries: men, women, and families of all ages. And, today, hundreds of PH church members have the opportunity to join TEAMS each year and enjoy the excitement of participating in ministry with a missionary.

SEEING THE FRUIT OF FAITH COMMITMENT



There are multiple ways to share the joy and necessity of supporting missions. Pastor Hugh Ward of East Columbia PHC was so happy to share how his daughter and other kids in Vacation Bible School went home and gave their own money for missions, even emptying their piggy banks.

I recently heard of a young girl in my church who took her M&M tube to a local restaurant after service one Sunday. The server asked her about the tube and then offered to take it around to collect money for her.

Missions is exciting, and the Great Commission is just as important today as it was when Jesus spoke the words in Matthew 28:18-20 over 2,000 years ago.

Pray and ask God to increase the heart for missions in your congregation.

Speak regularly about missions in your church. Bring in world flags; even give out small ones on special occasions for everyone to take home. Periodically, put out World Missions Ministries info, brochures, notepads, and pens on tables and the pews. Regularly show videos and missionary pictures on your screens, listing your missionaries and reminding the people to pray for them.

Why do we continue to do Faith Commitment?

1. We know the Father wants us to do this.
2. The missionaries must have this support to stay on the field.
3. I love giving to missions; it makes me very happy!

"He tells us to seek His kingdom first and all these things. He tells us to go into all the world and preach the gospel, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. Therefore, we must go and send." - Susan Jones

By Rhonda Bauer

Columbia district missions director, South Carolina

Conference and local missions director at Ebenezer PHC

**“ I USED TO
THINK YOU
HAD TO BE
SPECIAL FOR
GOD TO USE
YOU, BUT NOW
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SIMPLY NEED
TO SAY YES.”**

Hudson Taylor



STORIES FROM THE FIELD

THE DUNNINGS




According to the National Drought Management Authority, 2.5 million people in Kenya are at risk of starvation due to drought and insufficient rains this year, which has led to poor food harvests. There isn't a sufficient amount of food, and the cost of what is available has risen by 10-40% in recent months. The majority of these people live in arid and semi-arid lands. The communities that we partner with in Tana River County are among those being affected.

In September, we were able to conduct a relief food distribution for five communities, numbering around 800 families and approximately 5,500 people. We were able to procure a U.N. approved, fortified food blend from a local company called Soy Afric. The food blend is packed with vitamins, minerals, and meets all daily nutritional needs. It is the type of food we want to be providing. However, the distance from Nairobi to Tana River County is quite far, so transportation costs are high. Fortunately, a friend from Convoy of Hope allowed us to rent their delivery truck and driver to make the delivery. This was a huge blessing, and we were very excited to get this higher quality food option to these communities.

Each family received enough food to last between 1-2 weeks. We celebrate this, but, at the same time, we were sobered because of the awareness that the current needs are massive, and these needs are only expected to increase. In early August, it was estimated that 1.1 million people were at risk of starvation, so that number more than doubled in a month's time.

Our desire is to be able to respond to such needs more efficiently and readily. Of course, this requires more funding. We would love a transportation option that is consistent and financially viable, and we would also prefer to have a stock of relief food waiting and ready for distribution. These are both options that we are looking into. For the time being, if you are interested in contributing towards our fund that made this distribution and future distributions possible, it would be greatly appreciated. You can do so at give.iphc.org/dunning-jamie.



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TO FULFILL IT.”**

Lisa Bevere

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

WINSTON & MARIE HOLLINGSWORTH



THE HOLLINGSWORTHS

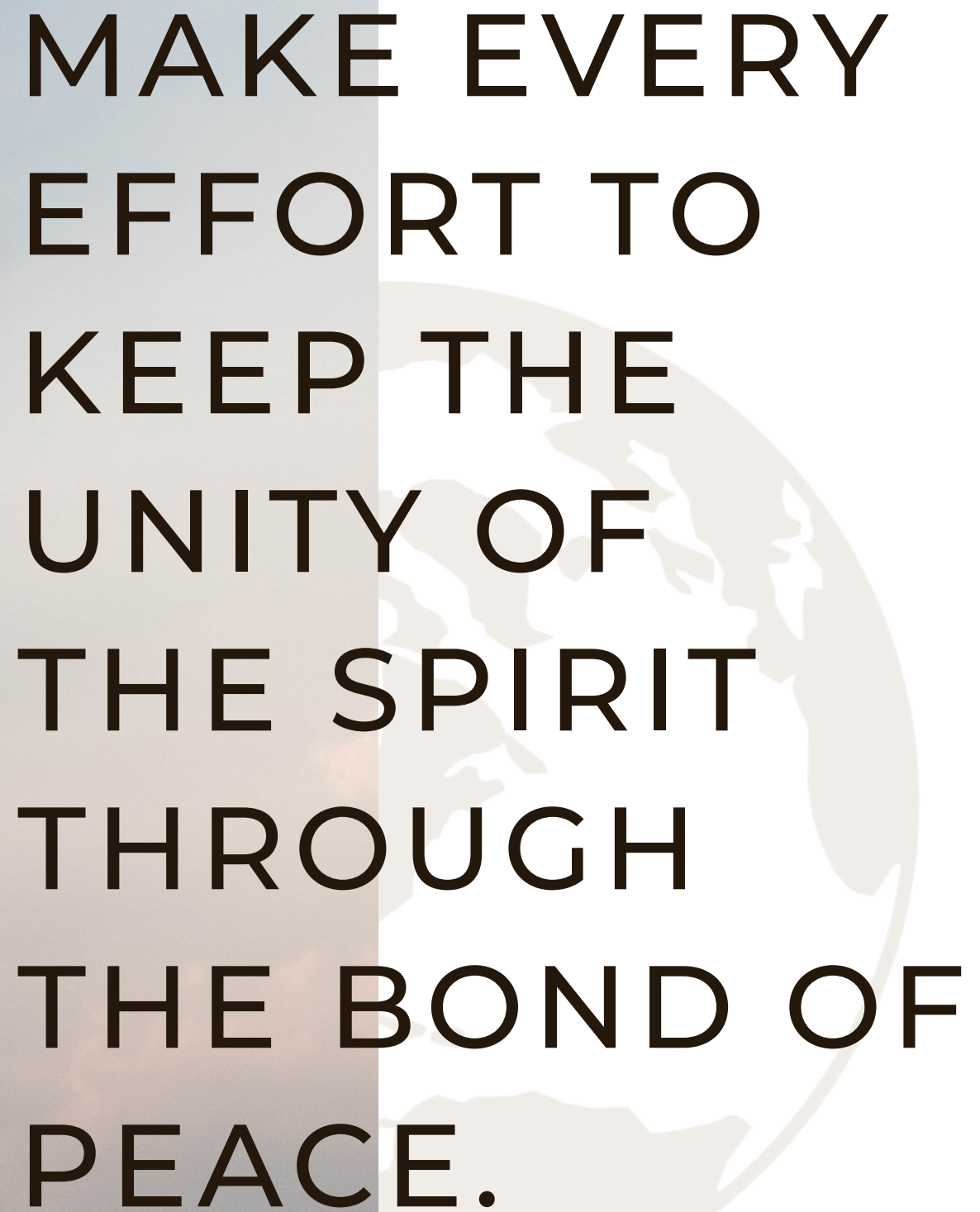
Winston and Marie Hollingsworth met at Faith Chapel Church in Huntsville, Alabama. While married to his first wife, Winston spent time on the mission field in Africa. She fell ill with cancer, and the two moved back to the U.S. in 1992, where they would attend Faith Chapel Church.

After his wife's passing, in 1996, Winston obtained a new desire to return to Africa. He spoke to his pastor and told him that, while he wanted to go back, the Lord had told him not to go alone. Following this statement, the pastor mentioned to Winston that Marie was interested in going to Africa as well and that Winston should talk to her.

Shortly after, Winston approached Marie and asked her to go to Africa with him. She responded, "Well, you will have to marry me if I am going to do that." In 1998 the two married and began pursuing a move to Africa as missionaries.

Upon this pursuit, Winston began experiencing heart troubles, which required various surgeries. Finally, in 2001, the two were able to leave for Eldoret, Kenya, to work with the Bible school that Winston had helped build and lead when he first served in Africa.

The two retired in 2012, and now live in Minette, Alabama, where they attend a local IPHC church. Marie stated recently that the Kenyan people are lovely, and that she and Winston still consider them family. Some have even visited the Hollingsworths over the years. Please help WMM in our prayers over the Hollingsworths as they continue to pursue the Lord and intercede for those who are now serving on the field.



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EPHESIANS 4:3