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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

PASTOR JOHN RELEASED FROM PRISON on JANUARY 8, 2021

'More Christians are suffering for their faith than at any other time in history.' You may even be surprised to learn that 'Christian persecution around the world is one of the biggest human rights issues of this era.'

Tim and Beth Salley's December 2020 newsletter, *The Salley Chronicle*, reminded us again of this fact by making us aware that one of our IPHC pastors, Pastor John, was still imprisoned unjustly since his imprisonment began in March 2020.



Bishop Talmadge Gardner

On January 8, 2021, I received the following email from Tim and Beth:

"Dear Tal,

Pastor John has been released today!!! His plane just left Malaysia at 3pm local time (just 20 minutes ago). He went directly to the airport in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and has returned to Myanmar. His wife, Grace, was able to see him at the airport before he left. He will now seek paperwork for his family to join him in Myanmar. Please continue to pray for Pastor John and his family to be reunited. Thanks for all your prayers and support!!"



Pastor John, Grace, and Kids

Hallelujah! What a way to start off 2021. I am humbled by the goodness of God. Thank you to those who joined us in praying for Pastor John and his family.

Let us continue to intercede for the many believers who are being detained and persecuted because of their profession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of their lives.



Pastor John and Grace at Malaysia airport

May righteousness prevail!

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COVID-19 INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FUND UPDATE

In light of the continued needs presented around the world by COVID-19, we are delighted to announce that, to date, **WMM's COVID-19 International Relief Fund has dispersed \$687,986.78 to 63 countries.** We are grateful and humbled by every contribution that we have received. Many parts of the world are still locked down. In some parts of the world, the virus is spreading faster than ever before. The need is still great!

I cannot begin to tell you how impactful this financial support has been.

Let me reiterate our pledge to you that 100% of every contribution is being disbursed to the field to assist with the many requests.

Currently, many of our missionary personnel are still under international travel restrictions based on advisories issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. State Department.

World Missions is still requesting that all planned trips by mission teams and other short-term ministry trips be deferred until after the present crisis is resolved. The health and well-being of our missionaries, our global family members, and yours is our priority!

Be assured that World Missions Ministries continues to process contributions and make monthly disbursements to our missionaries around the world, thanks to the diligent and outstanding service of Debra Lybrand and Mandi Patterson. Also, I would like to express a special thank you to Brenda Phillips, our Global Ministries Center CFO, and her Accounting team for their support.

To contribute to this fund or learn more about the relief efforts that these funds are assisting, visit <https://iphc.org/missions/covid-19-international-relief-fund-report/>.

Good is coming from this pandemic. 'God wants to do something THROUGH it.' He has good purposes in ALL things. *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose"* (Romans 8:28).

LISTED BELOW YOU WILL FIND SEVERAL ITEMS THAT MAY BE BENEFICIAL OR OF INTEREST TO YOU:

1. 2021 *The Link*:

- Since its inception in the early 1980s, *The Link* has served as a daily prayer guide to familiarize our IPHC family with our missionaries and global ministry footprint. Today, this publication serves as the most recognizable print brand in the IPHC and has helped launch a global movement that is a powerful intercessory prayer force. *The Link* is available in print form and may be ordered and shipped free of charge by either your Conference Missions Director or our office directly by calling **1-888-474-2966** or by visiting <https://iphc.org/missions/promo/>. *The Link's* daily prayer directive is also available online at <https://iphc.org/missions/> to use as a daily prayer emphasis.

2. 2020 Giving Reports by Conference for the Global Outreach Offering; People to People; WMM Ministry Projects; WMM Missionary Support; and Overall Giving by Churches:

- South Carolina was the top partnering Conference to our annual Global Outreach Offering emphasis with \$396,647.38. Congratulations, Dean Morgan!
- The North Carolina Conference was the top partnering US Conference in People to People [\$153,409.31], Missionary Support [\$593,314.67], and Field Ministry Projects [\$449,247.32]. Big thanks to Doug Bartlett!
- The support of our non-IPHC partners continues to be invaluable - \$1,521,258.17.
- The Wing Kwong PHC in Hong Kong, China, was the leading partnering church in overall giving to World Missions in 2020 with \$467,857.72. Thank you, Pastor in Charge, Rev. Joanne Wong, for continuing the legacy of generosity that the Rev. Donovan Ng, Field Superintendent, Hong Kong, modeled to all of us.
- Please find the **4-Column** giving report at <https://iphc.org/missions/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/01/12-DEC-2020-4-Column-Giving-by-Conference-UPDATED-1.27.2021.pdf>
- Please find the **Overall Giving** report at <https://iphc.org/missions/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/01/Year-End-Master-2020-GTL-ALL.pdf>

3. 2021 Great Commission Meals [GCM]:

- WMM is scheduled to host its first Great Commission Meal of 2021 on February 22, 2021, at LifePoint Ministries Conference.
- GCMs are a great way to learn more about our global IPHC family, our phenomenal ministry presence globally, and the many doors of opportunity that are opening to us.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Go to <https://iphc.org/missions/2019-great-commission-meals/> for more information about finding a meal near you. You will be our honored guest.

4. Missions Fest

- On January 12, 2021, World Missions Ministries hosted a virtual Missions Fest. If you were unable to participate, I would encourage you to access the relevant messages and field videos. You will be blessed.
- Please, feel free to access the Dropbox link below to download the videos and share them with your churches, supporters, and anyone who you feel might be encouraged by these stories.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/sclssalq642afou/AACR2Tw4Pps0CSocei-WaBo7Ea?dl=0>

- You may also access the entire Missions Fest and individual videos on our World Missions YouTube channel at the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8CrAhaP9ch6Kz9VIKkOhUdi6im5iiLZ>

IN CONCLUSION

WMM has been challenged to have a **ministry presence in 150 nations and birth 5,000 new congregations** outside of the United States as we move forward with Arise 2033.

I am praying that in 2021 Pentecostal Holiness Churches around the world will:

- be awakened by our vision and **call to prayer**
- be awakened to the **urgency and need to reach the lost**
- be awakened to their **responsibility to disciple new believers**
- be awakened and understand the **importance and priority of planting new churches**

- be awakened and understand that we have been **commanded to Go and Make Disciples of all Nations and that, as believers of Christ Jesus, we are obligated to reach the unreached and unengaged**

- And, I am praying that nations will begin to understand that, with immigration demographics being what they are today, this is an **opportune moment in time to position our existing 99 nations to become SENDING as opposed to RECEIVING nations**

This is a Kairos time for action for World Missions Ministries. We have a strong missionary force or ‘troops on the ground’ committed to making disciples. We are partnering, in unprecedented ways, with our national leaders and churches in the 99 countries that we have a ministry presence in. The COVID pandemic has presented us with influence and opportunities like we have never known. Our time is now. We must move forward in 2021 with prophetic vision and anointing. That New Thing is bursting forth in every region of our world. We are committed as never before to keeping the “Pentecostal fires burning, the gifts of the Spirit in operation, and the evangelization of the world as our ultimate goal.” Your partnership, however, is critical to our accomplishing the vision of Arise 2033. We cannot do it alone. You have always had a vision that extended beyond the U.S. Eternity will reveal the true impact that you have made in our quest for souls through the ministry imprint of the IPHC.

Please know that I am honored to serve you and serve with you ‘for such a time as this’!

Thank you for positioning us to be People of Promise as we build Places of Hope.

Bishop Talmadge Gardner
Executive Director
IPHC World Missions Ministries

MEET THE HODGESSES



David and Cecilia Hodges have served as full-time missionaries to Peru for many 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 of the kingdom, challenging believers to leave their cultural box 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.

ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Darrel & Bonnie Clowers
Raeha Butler

Mitch & Jewel Nichols
Misael Lucano

Ernest & Cheryl Turner
Danny & Judith Williams

Janene Wooten

Mauricio & Lulu Salazar

Russell & Sonya Schweighardt

Christopher & Alicia Dunlap

Abigail Bishop

Al & Coli Argo

Their mission is to train every generation to represent the kingdom in a real and whole way, being a relevant influence within the culture and society they live.

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

Please join the World Missions family in prayer that the Hodges family will continue to experience fruitful ministry, safety, and good health as they continue to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost, hurting, and broken people of the world.

TO LEARN ABOUT HAVING
THESE MISSIONARIES COME
TO YOUR HOME CHURCH,
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A lack of
generosity
refuses to
acknowledge
that your
assets are not
really yours,
but God's.

TIM KELLER

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UPDATES

MINISTRY IN PERU

Recently, we went to Iquitos and stayed there for a week. While we were there, we were trusted to light the fire. Iquitos was the strongest hit city by the coronavirus in our area. They are forgotten by the government and forgotten by spiritual fathers. However, the doors were open to us, and we feel that the pouring of God's presence in Peru will start from Iquitos and extend to the rest of Peru.

We are looking forward to starting IPHC participation by establishing at least one church to join efforts with all the existing churches to reach all the Amazon region.

By David Hodges

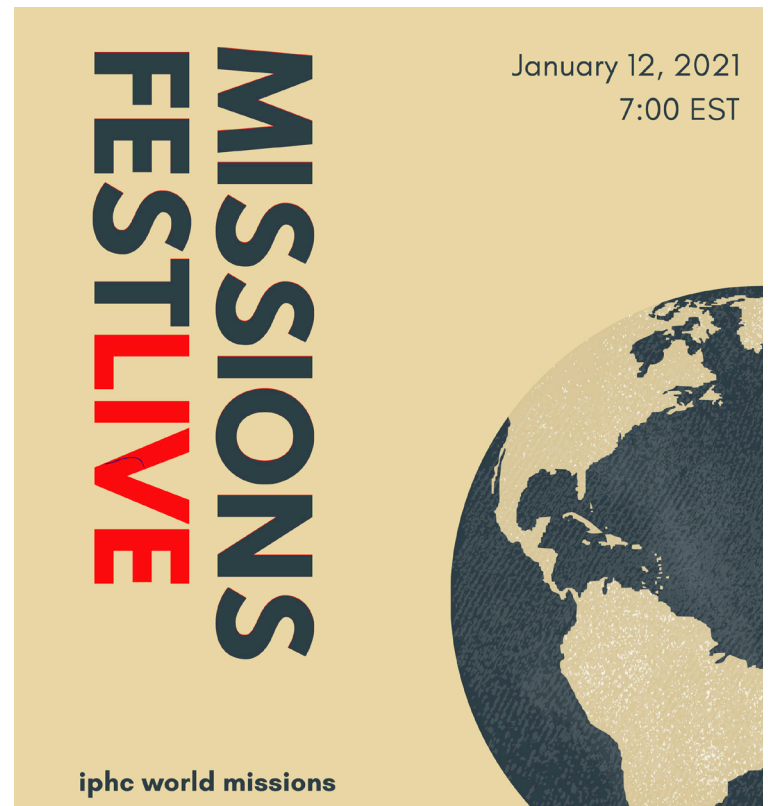


MISSIONS FEST LIVE 2021

Missions Fest 2021 went live on January 12. During this virtual event, we had the opportunity to hear the vision of seeing the gospel step into every nation. We were also able to spend time together encouraging each other while hearing about what God is already doing around the world.

Bishop Gardner ended the evening by relaying what the Lord is saying for the next season in World Missions. If you were unable to attend this incredible event, you can find the videos on the World Missions YouTube channel [here](#).

By Madeline Raglin



UPDATES

MISSIONS TO KIDS IN BRAZIL

God is still **THE SPECIALIST**, turning into good what the enemy meant for evil. For example, the new **PAZ KIDS** video outreach. Due to COVID-19, children were no longer allowed to come to church. We were faced with a challenge. Our church asked us to start an online weekly video production for kids, but they did not have the finances for such a project. God then miraculously provided through generous supporters.

After nine months, we have improved our productions, and God is allowing us to reach children across Brazil! To see some of our work, you can visit:

<https://paz.church/kids/aventura-biblica/>

By Aaron Helland



JUMPING FOR JESUS

I met a young man, slightly handicapped, while stuck in traffic, where he was polishing car windshields for tips. After he finished, and I had given him a bit of cash and a New Testament, he excitedly told me that he, too, was a Christian. We shared a few brief moments of friendly fellowship, and then the light turned green and traffic began to rumble on.

As I drove away, I glanced back in my rear-view mirror, only to see him with hands raised to the sky, pumping his fists, jumping up and down for joy! Why was he so happy? He loved Jesus and, in spite of his tough situation, was excited to meet someone who shared his love for the Lord.

By Ben West



A PIECE FROM THE ARCHIVES

The World Missions family is incredibly grateful to those who went before us and developed the roots of the fruitful ministry we see today. This month, we bring to you a piece from the World Missions Archives, highlighting the impactful roots planted in Mexico.

Visit to Mission Field Stirring Experience

by A. M. Cribb

On September 21, my wife and I landed in El Paso, Texas and met Rev. Elvio Canavesio, for our first visit to the missions field. At service time we crossed the Mexican border and found a wonderful group of people worshipping at the church in Juarez during the annual convention of the Northeast Mexico Conference.

I was impressed in the very first service with the manner in which these people worship our dear Lord. Even though we could not understand the words, we could feel the Spirit. From the smallest child to the elderly they let God have His way with them. The ministers sang, prayed and testified in the Spirit. The superintendent had everything well-arranged to make the conference run very smoothly.

The missionaries — Rev. and Mrs. Tom Powell, Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Belcher and Judy Atkinson — helped us to understand what was going on. We had great fellowship with them, and after the convention enjoyed several days with the Belchers in the missionary home in Chihuahua, Mexico. They are making a tremendous sacrifice, living in an environment with the poor people who live in one-room adobe houses.

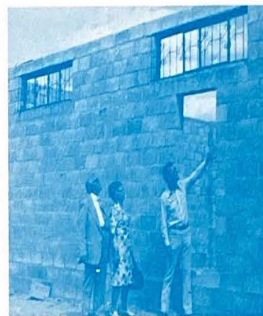
There were many customs that were different than here in America. There was so much poverty and so much begging.

On the closing night of the convention I was given the opportunity to preach. I did not know what to expect. Brother Canavesio advised me on speaking with an interpreter which was a new and interesting experience for me. Brother Mario Gutierrez interpreted for me as I read my text from Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." I soon became aware of the presence of the Holy Ghost in our midst, and never in my life have I been anointed to preach as I was that night. When the Spirit would fall on me, He would also fall on Brother Gutierrez. Several times during the message I had to stop and let the people rejoice. I closed with my testimony of how God brought me through

the Valley of Death and healed me after a recent car accident.

I have never seen such a response to an altar call in my 40 years of ministry. They came rushing to the altar and fell on their faces in prayer. Also, in Chihuahua, hearts were moved, eight were saved and one sanctified and one received the Holy Spirit. Three ladies came in from outside where they had stood in the muddy street and listened and gave their hearts to the Lord.

When I returned home, I felt led to help raise money for the flooring of the new church in Chihuahua so that they would not have to worship on a dirt floor. We praise God that the Saints Delight Church (where I pastor) and the Santee District of the South Carolina Conference have raised this money. I am proud that we had a little part in helping. I am now more concerned about missions than ever before and the only regret that I have is that I am 66 years old and will soon be retiring from the pastorate, but I plan to continue working for missions and praying for the people everyday that God may continue to bless them.



Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Cribb viewing the church in Chihuahua, Mexico with Delbert Belcher.



Mario Gutierrez interprets for Brother Cribb.



Elvio Canavesio joins enthusiastic group attending the Annual Conference.

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I do not believe
one can settle how
much we ought to
give. I am afraid
the only safe rule is
to give more than
we can spare.

C.S. LEWIS

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

COFFEE HOUSE

BY JASMINE KIRK

Something New in Bridgend, South Wales



Something new is happening down on Nolton Street in Bridgend town centre. The windows on the old Solid Rock Youth Centre have been covered up. The sound of drilling, sawing, sanding, and builders' mumbles can be heard out on the street. People passing by are popping their heads in and asking, "What's going on?!" They remember coming here as youth, and they love the anticipation – they won't be disappointed!

Between 2007 and 2009, an astonishing 26 young adults committed suicide. They were all from the same county town, Bridgend in Wales. Out of this tragedy, a group started an outreach to those affected in a café on Nolton Street, called Solid Rock Youth Centre. They provided a safe place for young people to get counseling and hang out. This history is important because, alongside the new renovations, there is a new focus on youth work and community presence.

It's going to be called '**The Link**'. And it will once again link young people to people who care. But it doesn't stop there. The mission is to link people to Jesus through relationship, the gospel, and Compassion Church. The Link will be a place for the whole community.

The Link will also be in place for toddler groups and respite for young care givers, for social groups concerning people with additional needs, and for workshops addressing local needs. Eventually, the venue will be available to hire for gatherings, council meetings, and for church groups to meet.

The Link will be a place to buy great coffee and meet some great people who love Jesus. Lemuel and Tobey Turner and Jonathan and Jasmine Kirk have teamed up to see the old youth centre revitalized and opened once again. They are excited to see this vision realized.

The first stage of funding received has enabled the space to get a makeover. A fresh coat of paint is on the walls, faux brick pillars warm the space, and chipboard boards will be mounted to the back wall, behind the counter.



Friends have offered to make tables from pews and scaffolding boards, and others have sponsored some of the industrial lighting. The work on the three toilets will begin at the beginning of February, thanks to some generous donors.

Café equipment is what the next stage of funding will provide. A coffee machine, drink fridges, a TV screen, chairs, and a pizza oven are all on the prayer list. There is a great sense that God is driving this project forward, and it's a privilege to be a part of it.

One day very soon, we will hear it said, **“If you need someone, you’ll find them down at The Link on Nolton Street.”**

If you would like to hear more about this project or make a donation, please see the coffee house ministries link below.

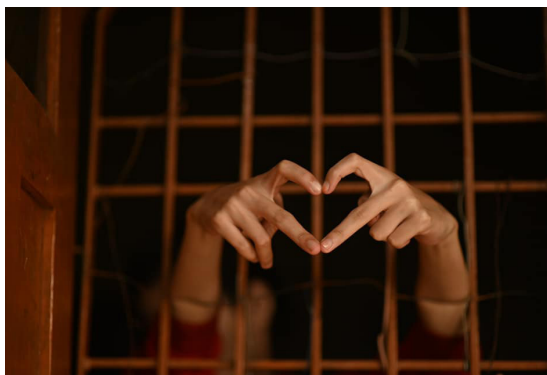
<https://give.iphc.org/project/wales-compassion-coffee-house>

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STORY FROM THE FIELD

LIVES CHANGED IN AMSTERDAM'S RED LIGHT DISTRICT

BY MATTHEW AND FEMKE HELLAND



"I am so thankful to God and to you for everything that has happened this past year...now there is peace and stability in so many areas of my life."
-Angela

God takes what the world sees as 'of no use' or 'worthless' and transforms it. Every life has worth. Every person is loved. God's love becomes tangible when we walk alongside people in their messy circumstances. God's love becomes tangible for people through **YOU** and **ME**.

Angela was thrown out on the streets of her home city in Latin America as a young teenager. She was not accepted by her parents. This was the start of a vulnerable life of survival and prostitution. She worked on the streets of Europe and, through a marriage to a Dutch man, ended up in Amsterdam's sex industry. She is now in her mid-fifties.

She walked into our office in January of 2020 with an eviction notice. She was so behind on her rent and so over her head in debts because she could hardly make any more money in prostitution. She was ready to quit sex work, but she did not know how.

We began helping her and were able to prevent her eviction. We were able to get her government assistance and make arrangements with her debtors. We were able to help her get the medical treatment she needed and stop working in prostitution. We found her work volunteering at an elderly home. Together, we fixed up her house, helped her begin language courses, and found a gym where she could work out. It has been such a pleasure to see her come to life and be at peace in her home.

What an honor it is to be a pastor and social worker for people who work in or have a background in prostitution. Would you continue to pray with us that God would transform Amsterdam's Red Light District, one woman at a time? In 2020, we saw more women than ever before wanting to take steps to leave sex work behind and find a new future. In 2020, we also saw God give an increase in impact in other cities (besides Amsterdam), in not just window prostitution but also sex clubs and escort prostitution.

The corona crisis in 2020 served as an opportunity for us to feed 50 women weekly and to bless 100 people with Christmas groceries. We also have seen more women who work in prostitution come to our church than ever before.

In 2021, we are looking forward to helping more people in the sex industry find a new way to make a living. We are partnering together with Scarlet Cord to discover more ways to help these people. To read more about what we are doing, you can go to www.scarletcord.work

Another amazing opportunity that we have seen develop is our Bible School, RUAH School of Prophecy, continue to grow literally across the world. On February 9, we had the first English language school with 50 students from across Europe and the USA. If you would like to learn more about our school and possibly become a student, you can visit www.ruahnetwork.com

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- Matthew & Femke Helland
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MONTHLY PRAYER EMPHASIS



Dear Lord,

You are so good. You are perfect in every way, never changing. We are sorry for when we fall short of your desires for our life, and ask that you will forgive us for our shortcomings.

Thank you for bringing us into a new year. Your faithfulness, even in the most difficult of days, is so evident. We thank you for the everpresent peace and joy that you provide. Thank you for the unending and unconditional love that you bring to your children.

As we move forward into a new year and, perhaps, a new season, we ask that you be with us, Father. Throughout the year of 2021, speak to us, give us new dreams and visions, and lead us with your peace as we take new steps each day. We ask that you will grow us in a way that shows the world who you are. Help us to reach the unreached, love the unloved, and reflect you to blind eyes. Let your grace overflow in us and through us as we make it our mission to spread your name to the ends of the earth.

If anyone is weary in this season, we pray for refreshed motivation. Please be the peace and reset that they need. Come alongside them to shoulder their burdens, and fill them with your love.

We thank you for your promises and rest in the hope you bring, today and every day.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

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NOW TO HIM WHO
IS ABLE TO DO
IMMEASURABLY MORE
THAN ALL WE ASK OR
IMAGINE, ACCORDING
TO HIS POWER THAT
IS AT WORK WITHIN
US, TO HIM BE THE
GLORY...

EPHESIANS 3:20-21a