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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

WMM COUNCIL APPROVES NEW MISSIONARIES

In a special WMM Council Meeting via Zoom on February 8, 2021, the WMM Council unanimously approved Rev. Joshua and Bethany Bridges and Rev. Whitney Browning as new IPHC Missionaries. These are remarkably gifted ministers who represent the very best of the IPHC.

Please join us in praying for these new missionaries, and thank you for supporting them as they step out in faith to begin itinerating. We desperately need to get them to the field so that they can begin fulfilling their life's calling and service to Christ and our church as field Missionaries.



Bishop Talmadge Gardner

JOSHUA AND BETHANY BRIDGES

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Joshua and Bethany feel called to reach the unreached with the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ and to equip laborers for the harvest fields of Europe. Their mission is to plant life-giving churches in Europe (especially among the Celtic nations), to encourage church planters and pastors, to equip leaders through schools of ministry, and to help expand the IPHC into new places in coordination with the Arise 2033 vision. For their first assignment, they will work alongside Todd

and Stephanie Presley in Wales as they plant a new church in Neath, evangelize, and equip leaders while learning the culture. They have three precious children: Isaac, Philip, and Lydia. Joshua and Bethany graduated from Emmanuel College and, for the past 12 years, have served in youth and children's ministries, outreach, discipleship, and pastored a local church. They led the church they pastored for nearly nine years through a rebirthing and replanting process. Both have served in various roles of conference leadership in Spirit Life Ministries (the Upper SC Conference, IPHC).

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHITNEY BROWNING

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At a young age, Whitney developed a desire to see hearts set ablaze for Christ and for the name of Jesus to reach the farthest parts of the earth. After serving as a Summer Intern in 2017, she joined The Awakening's global staff in 2018 as Coordinator of Public Relations and Communication. Since then, Whitney has played an active role in the equipping, resourcing, and mobilizing of a generation. Now, she is excited to continue to do just that as she serves at The Awakening's South Africa International Training Base. Whitney is dedicated to the discipleship of the youth and young adults across southern Africa and is expectant to see the fruit of the base team's labor produce ministers and missionaries out of the region.

IPHC OFFICIALLY REGISTERED IN NEPAL



Rev. Danny and Judith Williams, IPHC WMM's national director of Nepal, confirmed IPHC's official/legal registration with Nepal in writing on March 3, 2021: "We have everything we need to operate as a church; national legal status, church ordinances, ceremonies, holiday and festival special services, [and] financial help from outside of Nepal. [We are] working with other NGO's and all IPHC groups internationally; we can do social programs, medical teams, ministry teams in the name of the church, we can license and ordain, we can set up orphanages, community centers, disability centers, schools, seminaries, and training meetings."

This is nothing short of miraculous. "It is an immense agreement with a Communist Government in a Buddhist nation, with many Hindu radicals still in charge. We have a five-member National Board with Ashok Lama as chairman. We have set up a 42-member team nationwide, with seven (7) Province Directors, ten (10) Department heads, and the rest are pastoral advisory teams."

Nepal IPHC has 483 pastors and churches as of January 2021, with over 500 pastors registered in total, representing over 26,000 members nationwide.

Thank the Lord for this significant breakthrough. We take hold of the promise in God's word which declares that.... *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."* John 1:5 [NLT]

WMM COVID-19 INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FUND UPDATE

WMM's COVID-19 International Relief Fund has dispersed **\$724,945.58 to 65 countries to-date.** This financial support has been so impactful as many continue to be in desperate need. The IPHC has a ministry presence in 99 countries globally, not including the United States, Canada, and Brazil. Our relief resources have served two-thirds of our global church family – that is an extensive reach. World Missions reallocated 2020-2021 budgeted resources and has provided **\$311,742.07** of the relief aid to-date.

The need is still on-going as many countries continue to be affected by COVID restrictions, lockdowns, unemployment, and uncertainty. We still need your help as our available resources have almost been depleted.

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, our missionary personnel remain under international travel restrictions based on advisories issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. State Department, in addition to restrictions placed on them by the countries that they reside in.

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.

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.

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

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.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am praying that 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.**

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”** [Dr. Vinson Synan offers this testimony in the conclusion of his book, *“An Eyewitness Remembers The Century Of The Holy Spirit”*].

However, your partnership is critical to our accomplishing the vision of Arise 2033. We cannot do it alone. 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’!

Bishop Talmadge Gardner
Executive Director
IPHC World Missions Ministries

MEET RACHEL SCHWARTZ



Rachel Schwartz is a graduate of Southwestern Christian University with a bachelor's in psychology. Her love for missions comes from her childhood spent in Belgium as a missionary kid with the IPHC. Rachel has a heart for urban cities throughout Europe, especially those with no sole avenue for receiving the gospel. She also has a burden for mental health and plans to use a career in counseling as a means for ministry.

So far, Rachel has experience in helping to lead IPHC The Awakening's mission trips, administrating various internships for students, organizing youth conferences, and working in local church planting. She is currently a part of the Awakening Hungarian Base and is pursuing her master's degree in missions and theology.

ITINERATING MISSIONARIES

Al & Coli Argo
Darrel & Bonnie Clowers
Mitch & Jewel Nichols
Ernest & Cheryl Turner
Danny & Judith Williams
Raeha Butler
Misaël Lucano
Mauricio & Lulu Salazar
Janene Wooten
Abigail Bishop
Joshua & Bethany Bridges
Whitney Browning
Christopher & Alicia Dunlap
Russell & Sonya Schweighardt

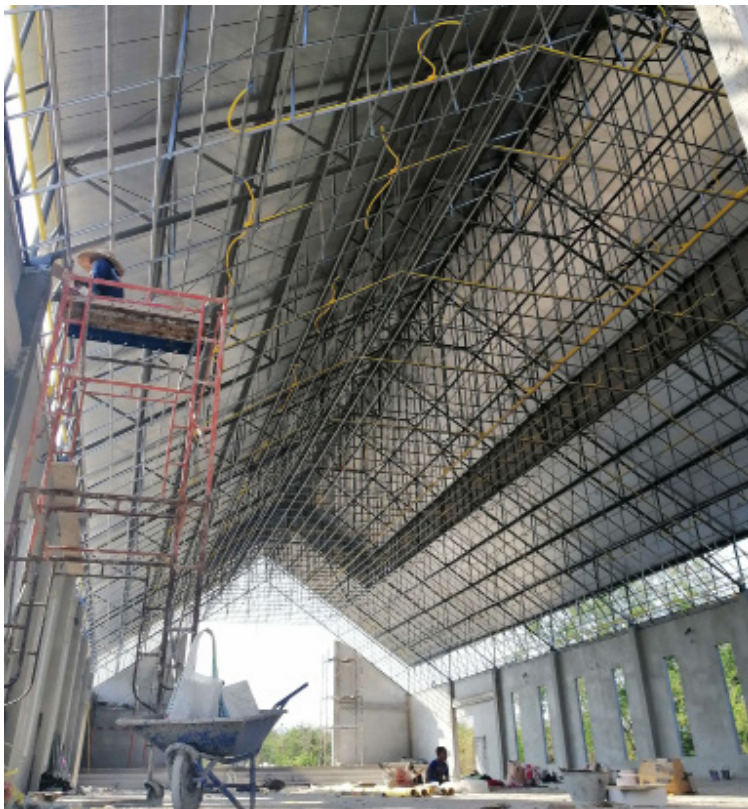
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TO YOUR HOME CHURCH,
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UPDATES

THAILAND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The on-going Thailand Theological Seminary Building Project is progressing, and we are so excited to see this project completed by August 2021. Thank God for all of our donors from the USA and here in Thailand. Whether great or small, any amount of contribution will always have a great impact in fulfilling the vision of making disciples in this predominantly Buddhist nation. We still need around \$62,000 to complete this building project. Anyone who is being led by the Lord to donate will always be highly appreciated. Please send your donation to IPHC-WMM Oklahoma City under [Project Account Number 74520](#).

By Albert & Jiep Gonzales



UPDATES FROM THE GULF COAST REGION

Slowly, Mexico is beginning to open. Our churches are now having services again. Berea will be housing Holmes Bible College. All work on the building came to a halt until the restrictions were lifted. Now, the walls are finally going up.

We are waiting on Belize to fully open. We had a report that there was a surge of COVID infections, sparking a new wave of shutdowns. We have already begun alternative plans to get into Belize as soon as possible. Guatemala is progressing even with the restrictions in place. The Guatemalan Conference purchased new property, put new projects on the books, and had a growth in membership by nearly 650 people over last year.

By Ron Roy



UPDATES

BREAKING NEWS IN JAPAN

As of February 7, Japan entered another state of emergency. All restaurants are supposed to close at 8 p.m., but our church has been able to continue to meet in person with social distancing and mask-wearing. Since the Japanese elementary, junior high, and high schools are all still open, with extra precautions in place, our English conversation classes have been able to continue to meet as long as we follow the same safety measures.

The cancellation of school and club activities has filled many of the children and their parents with anxiety. They are worried that they will fall behind in their studies. Pray with us as we share God's hope and love with them.

By Hiro & Eryn Bamba



SEND WEEK AT EMMANUEL COLLEGE

What an incredible time we recently had at Emmanuel College for Send Week 2021! Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to hear from multiple missionaries, worship with us, and spend time in the Lord's presence. Here we are Lord, send us.

We want to extend a special thank you to IPHC missionaries, Harold Presley, Linwood Berry, and Janene Wooten for taking their time to speak into this generation, as well as to Emmalee Bell for capturing such beautiful moments.

By The Awakening



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YOU CAN GIVE
WITHOUT
LOVING, BUT
YOU CANNOT
LOVE WITHOUT
GIVING.

ASSORTED AUTHORS

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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 1969 from the World Missions Archives, highlighting the impactful roots planted in India.

Evangelism In India

by Nellie Faye Fowler

Pioneer evangelism in the surrounding villages has been the main task of the missionaries. They are ably assisted now by the Indian co-workers who have been trained to conduct services themselves.

Together with teaching, by example and demonstration, systematic teaching is given by the missionaries in study classes held for the workers every week.

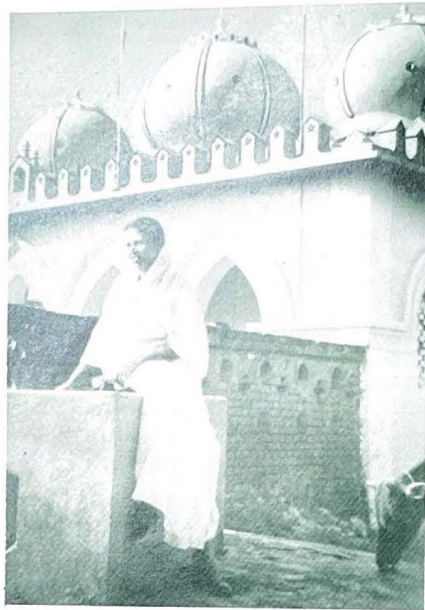
Regular church visitation is carried out, at which times special teaching is given to the church congregations, and a gospel meeting conducted for the surrounding Hindus.

Evangelistic work is carried on in connection with our Madhupur Girls' Orphanage and school. Mrs. Mary Subba, wife of our Madhupur Pastor, Mrs. Jhumi Hansda and I have Sunday Schools, preach and distribute literature in the surrounding villages. This work is very rewarding.

Working among people who know very little or nothing of the Christian message is very interesting. One has varied experiences. One time while sitting on our front steps, I very earnestly explained to a woman the way of salvation and how to reach Heaven. She show-



The hands say "hello."



Mrs. Mary Subba. Moslem mosque in the background.

ed great interest, and at the end of the discussion asked, "Will we know each other in Heaven?" Thinking to give her great consolation and make her have a greater desire to go to this place, Heaven, I assured her we would surely know each other in Heaven. Imagine my surprise when she told me that if Heaven meant seeing and being with her husband who had already died, she did not care to go there.

When we enter a village for our evangelistic work, it is wonderful to see the children dance with joy, or run to meet us and then follow us when we are leaving. Often on the road, in the Bazaar or in the train, we meet fine young college students or young fathers who have been known to us and received Christian teaching since the time when they were little dirty-faced village children. They still ask for our Christian books.

Our opportunities are great and we expect God to work.



Mrs. Subba, Indian national, presents gospel story to her own people.



Miss Frances Carter uses visuals to tell the story of Christ to girls at orphanage at Madhupur.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

GLOBAL OUTREACH

BY DR. TERRY TRAMEL

WHEN THE PLOWMAN OVERTAKES THE REAPER

The prophet Amos said there would come a day when the “plowman would overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed” (Amos 9:13). This will become a glorious reality during a prosperous future millennial kingdom on earth. However, there is a sense that this vivid description is fulfilled every year in IPHC World Missions Ministries. The annual Global Outreach Offering is gathered throughout the year, all the way to the final day of each year. Then, as soon as a new year begins, the seed begins to be sown for the offering in the new year. Here, we celebrate the reapers for the harvest of the GO Offering in 2020, and then we challenge the sowers who are already planning for the same in this new year of 2021.

The Reapers in 2020 –

2020 was the most challenging year imaginable in charitable giving in America and around the world. The global pandemic adversely affected every economy on the planet. It produced shutdowns, lockdowns, and meltdowns in multitudes of places. However, when the books were closed on 2020, 628 IPHC churches had given over \$1,449,000 dollars to the Global Outreach Offering. (**Note:** Several other IPHC conferences from other nations also gave to this offering.) Many of these congregations were not even able to assemble together as they always have, yet still they gave generously to this offering that is so vital to IPHC World Missions Ministries.

The Plowmen in 2021 –

There is no time for a lengthy celebration of last year’s harvest. The sowers have already been dispatched to scatter the seeds of giving to Global Outreach in 2021. Faithful pastors are functioning as plowmen, preparing the hearts of their members to be ready to give to GO when the offering is called for. Churches are adding the GO Offering to their budgets, fund raisers are being planned, dollars and coins are being saved, and members are being reminded early and often about the joy of giving faithfully to missions.

Many thanks to all who gave in 2020 and those who are overtaking the reapers by scattering the seeds of preparation and expectation in 2021.

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THE WORLD ASKS,
'WHAT DOES
A MAN OWN?'
CHRIST ASKS,
'HOW DOES HE
USE IT?'

C.S. LEWIS

STORY FROM THE FIELD

THE AWAKENING CAMPUS - PERU

BY WHITNEY BROWNING



Equipping, resourcing, and mobilizing a generation into the harvest isn't just the idea, but the heart behind what The Awakening does daily in every location and through every ministry program it hosts. In 2020, that vision expanded from existing programs such as Mission Trips, Internships, On My Way, and Bases, to include the School of Missions and a partnership with missionaries to Peru, David and Cecilia Hodges, to become the first of what it looks like to be a campus for The Awakening.

In July 2020, The Awakening hosted the first School of Missions in Hungary where young leaders who feel the Lord's call on their lives all gathered at the International Training Base in Szigetszentmiklos to spend two weeks in intensive training. Within the same year, the Hodges, who have faithfully served in Peru with a mission to train every generation to represent the kingdom in a real and whole way, had a similar vision for the young people of their country. Later that year, conversations began and, together, not only was a School of Missions held by the Hodges, but now they are hosting The Awakening Campus in Peru.

According to Madeline Nix, The Awakening's Coordinator of Spiritual Formation and Development, a shared vision sparked the partnership, as well as a realized need for more on-ramps to be provided to individuals all around the world who feel called to missions and who desire to be equipped and sent out to wherever God is calling them to go.

"We are limited locationally," Nix said of The Awakening. "If someone can't get to one of our bases, then the hope is that we can serve them locationally where they can get to."



The Awakening realizes that it's not always feasible and possible for emerging leaders to travel to one of our bases to receive training, but if something is offered to them at a closer distance within their own country, it becomes more possible. For that purpose, the idea was suggested for an Awakening Campus to be created, and it took off from there. Now, young people are gathering with the Hodges for on-going discipleship, training, and practical ministry experience, and it has been incredible.

"Campuses are an extension of a base. It's what we would be doing at a base, but not as intense," Nix said. "If there's a missionary or national leader who catches the vision and wants to do what we are doing in their country, instead of becoming an Awakening staff member or missionary, they continue what they are doing, but receive some consultation from us and take on some of our model."

For the Hodges, this means they are now hosting a year-long internship where they come together roughly once a month, with the exception of a few, to spend a weekend together complete with a family night, an intensive training day, and an opportunity to minister. Twice a year, the Hodges pull their interns together for a week of empowerment and equipping through their School of Missions.

"It's a great honor and deep joy to come alongside David and Ceci Hodges as we partner together in this venture. God is doing amazing things," The Awakening's Director Max Barroso said. "In like fashion, we are looking forward to more opportunities to serve many more members of our missionary family as well as IPHC national leaders."

You can find more about the ministry in Peru by joining them on their Instagram: [@theawakening_escuelademisiones](https://www.instagram.com/theawakening_escuelademisiones). To learn more about The Awakening, visit www.goawakening.org.

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but the heart behind what The
Awakening does...**

- Whitney Browning

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MONTHLY PRAYER EMPHASIS



Dear Lord,

You are the best provider. When you call your children, you always make a way. Your faithfulness stretches beyond the earth. We ask that you forgive us when we forget to trust in your mighty plan.

Thank you for calling many laborers to the field of World Missions across the world. Thank you for blessing each ministry and using your people to reach the hopeless and lost each year.

We pray that you continue adding souls to your kingdom. Continue blessing, leading, and providing for the IPHC missionaries around the world and their families. As they have sacrificed so much to follow you, we ask for continued favor on their ministries. Lord, please do not let any laborer's work be in vain. Help each of your children when they fall, and reflect off of them even in their shortcomings.

Bless those who send your faithful laborers to the field. Continue to increase in them so that their generosity and faithfulness can increase in return. Use your Church to provide a way for the lost to hear the name of Jesus this year.

In Jesus' mighty name we pray,

Amen

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EVERYONE WHO
CALLS ON THE
NAME OF THE
LORD WILL BE
SAVED!

ROMANS 10:13