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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Bishop Talmadge Gardner



WMM COUNCIL APPROVES THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES AS MISSIONARIES

In its regularly scheduled Council Meeting, November 8-10, 2021, the World Missions Ministries Council unanimously approved/commissioned Devin and Breanne Harden, Sean and Katie Etheridge, Melanie Ross, Jon and Erica Campbell, and Seth and Madeline Nix as new IPHC Missionaries.

A short profile of these newly commissioned Missionaries follows:



Jon & Erica Campbell - As co-laborers for the gospel, Jon, and Erica desire to train young leaders, explore innovative forms of ministry, teach God's Word, share the gospel, and seek justice for the oppressed. Using their passions for leadership, teaching, humanitarian efforts, and marketplace ministry, the Campbells long to turn the hearts of God's people toward a Great Commission lifestyle. Together, they are excited to plant The Awakening's

International Base in Los Angeles, California, where they will focus on building young leaders, providing missions opportunities, and networking with ministry organizations and IPHC churches.



Devin & Breanne Harden - Devin and Breanne Harden have heard the call and answered to go to Japan to plant churches in areas that are entirely unchurched. Their heart is specifically to gear their attention toward student ministry in Hiroshima and begin raising up a generation of individuals who will be reborn in Christ and rise to the call to preach the gospel themselves. Please pray for the Hardens as they prepare for their first missionary assignment together.

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Melanie Ross - Melanie Ross has recently answered the call to shift her ministry focus. While visiting various countries over the years, it has become evident that a need for training in special education is profound. Melanie holds both undergraduate and master's degrees in special education, and she desires to share her knowledge and training experience with the nations. This will provide an avenue for those who need special education

opportunities around the world to experience Christ in a fresh and clear way. She will be connecting with national leaders to expand their ministries to include those with disabilities.



Sean & Katie Etheridge - The Etheridges are answering God's call to bring hope and the gospel to Eastern Europe. Katie has worked in children's ministry, taught English as a Second Language (ESL), and is skilled in web and graphic design. Sean has experience in IT and enjoys teaching small groups, leading Bible studies, and building relationships that lead to one-on-one evangelism. This family has a heart for those suffering from human trafficking

and the Roma people. They want to develop a platform to teach the Bible, pray for people, and disciple local believers in Eastern Europe.



Seth & Madeline Nix - Seth and Madeline have served with World Missions Ministries for seven years. Their current assignment is with the Awakening, in which they help to equip and empower youth and young adults across the globe within the IPHC. To date, they have ministered in 19 different countries combined. As the Coordinators of Mobilization and Spiritual Formation, they oversee The Awakening's internship programs, lead multiple

mission trips each year, and minister through speaking and leading worship at both conferences and IPHC churches. The Nixes reside in Bethany, OK, where they also serve in their local church as the directors of the Tech and Media Team as well as the Kids Department.

We are humbled that the Lord of the Harvest continues to answer our prayers by entrusting us with these called and now commissioned laborers. They have said "YES" and made themselves available to GO. We now have the privilege of partnering with them as SENDERS as they go in obedience to Christ's command to "Go and make disciples of all the nations [ethne]" (Matthew 28: 19). Thank you for praying for these missionaries, as well as all of our missionaries, and for serving as a conduit of God's generosity in your life to become a SENDER!

HONORING REV. GAILYA LIST ON HER RETIREMENT AS AN IPHC CAREER MISSIONARY FOLLOWING 60 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE



On April 27, 2021, I received a letter from Rev. Gailya List, IPHC Career Missionary to Kenya, Africa, informing me that "*it is with* sadness that I write this letter advising you officially that I have decided to retire from Missionary service. It is so sad for me. It has been my joy, my life, and goal for living for so many years."

Rev. List will officially be retired as of December 31, 2021.

In discussing her retirement with her, she told me that she had not had the privilege of meeting with the World Missions Ministries Council since she and Philip, Sr. met with Rev. W. H. Turner and the Foreign Missions Board when they were first approved/commissioned as Career Missionaries.

I invited Rev. List to come to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as the guest of World Missions and to personally meet with the Council. On November 9, 2021, it was a privilege to officially welcome this heroine and her family members – Sharon and Ron Wooten, Janene Wooten, and Clara Raath [sister-in-law] to our Council session.

Following a few brief congratulatory remarks, I gave Mrs. List the opportunity to take the floor and speak to the WMM Council and other meeting attendees. I and others in attendance sat spellbound as we listened to her reminisce about her sixty-year journey and walk with the Lord as a Missionary. What a life and what a legacy.

Following Mrs. List's comments, the WMM Council adopted the following motion in her honor:

MOTION ADOPTED - "The World Missions Ministries Council expresses their gratitude and esteem to Rev. Gailya List on her retirement as a Career Missionary following 60 years of faithful service to Christ and World Missions Ministries/IPHC. Your love and passion for the Lord, for souls, your intercessory prayer efforts on behalf of those you were called to serve, your investment and mentorship in generations of people, your preaching/teaching giftings, and your mentorship and care for women will continue to bear fruit for years to come and only serve to enhance your legacy and that of your late husband's.

In advance, we say to you what we believe your Savior will say when you enter your heavenly home, 'WELL DONE MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT'" (Matthew 25:23 [NIV]).

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The Council also used this time to present Rev. List with congratulatory letters from the General Superintendent, Presiding Bishop Beacham and WMM Executive Director Bishop Gardner, a retired minister's pin, and gifts from World Missions Ministries. Following these presentations, a time of prayer was held for Rev. List.

Rev. List, on behalf of your missionary family and your International Pentecostal Holiness Church family, we thank you for your exemplary and sacrificial service to Christ and the IPHC as a Career Missionary. Your example and legacy will inspire generations for years to come.

On a personal note - Aunt Gailya told me in her letter that when her and Philip arrived in Johannesburg for the first time, that my father met them at the airport and took them to our mission's home on De Vet Street where they stayed with us for a few days.

WMM COVID-19 INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FUND UPDATE

Since the start of the pandemic, WMM's COVID-19 International Relief Fund has dispersed **\$921,914.13 to 69 countries to-date.**

With the resurgence of the COVID-19 Omicron Virus and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 Delta variant, the need is still ongoing.

I received the following field report from Presiding Bishop Michael John, General Superintendent, IPHC North India, following the receipt of COVID-19 International relief funds:



"Respected Bishop, kindly find the pictures of dry ration distribution [WMM International COVID Relief Fund] at Karandighi, West Bengal. These pastors of our Eastern Conference were in great difficulty. We are glad we could provide them this helps in time of great need. They were so grateful for you for standing alongside. Thanks for all you are doing for us. Regards, Michael"

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

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND MINISTRY LEGACY OF GERALEEN "GERRY" WOOD FREEMAN TALMAGE. SEPTEMBER 12, 1931 – DECEMBER 19, 2021



Geraleen 'Gerry' Wood Freeman Talmage, age 90, passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2021, in her home in Dublin, Virginia.

Geraleen attended Emmanuel Academy in Franklin Springs, GA, where she received the Pentecostal baptism in the Holy Spirit. She was ordained in the Virginia Conference (now Appalachian Conference).

Geraleen and her brother, the late Roy Wood, became the first brother and sister team in the Pentecostal Holiness Church to serve as missionaries.

Geraleen Wood married John Freeman in 1951. On September 21, 1952, John was killed in a car accident that Geraleen survived.

Despite being recently widowed, Geraleen Wood Freeman went to Africa in 1954 and was stationed at the Nzhele mission with Ann Lyon. Living conditions were primitive, even having to wash clothes on a washboard. Two years later, she was assigned to the Richmond Mission Station clinic in South Africa. Geraleen had the distinction of conducting the first Pentecostal Holiness Vacation Bible School on African soil.

Geraleen married D. E. John Talmage on June 9, 1962, while John was attending Holmes. They first met when John's family visited Richmond Station. The Foreign Missions Board accepted Talmage as a missionary in 1963, and they arrived in Durban on November 10, 1964. A week later, the two were assigned to the Western Cape. In 1965, the couple moved to Cape Town, where they served for 15 years until 1980, and pioneered the Cape Bible Training Centre.

Geraleen was the Women's Ministries Director for Africa. She also directed the Pentecostal Holiness Correspondence Studies, whose students were found in many areas of Southern Africa. Besides spending hours grading lessons and ministering in the Women's Conventions, she enjoyed teaching the ministerial training program in various countries, and she taught classes at the Cape Town Bible College.

Geraleen also served eight years as C.E. Director for Southern Africa. She served as secretary-treasurer for the Jurisdictional Women's Convention for 18 years and as president for 12 years. In 1990, she was appointed the Women's Ministries Director for Africa.

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Rev. Geraleen Talmage served 51 years in Africa. She retired in 2006. The Talmages' ministry encompassed seven different countries in Africa, and they wrote in a 2005 newsletter, "our ministry is indelibly imprinted in our mind, and although we may never return to those areas again, the African people will always be in our heart and in our thoughts and prayers. God promised us that our 'fruit would remain', and we thank Him for that which we have left behind. Leaders in many phases of the work, who we have had the opportunity to teach and help to train, are now productive workers in the vineyard. Others who sat in darkness now walk in the light of the Lord."

The Talmages' two children, Danny and Beatrice were born during the 15 years the Talmages lived in Cape Town.

[Excerpts taken from Simultaneous Principle and A Century of Sending – The IPHC Appalachian Conference and World Missions Ministry.]

John told me several months ago that he and his father were in South Africa when they received the news that John Freeman had been tragically killed in an automobile accident just before he and Geraleen were to set sail for South Africa and begin their service as IPHC missionaries. John said that he remembers asking his father who would take care of Geraleen now that John had died. His father replied that God would lay it on someone's heart and make provision. John said, *"I have been taking care of her ever since we were married, and it has been the greatest joy and honor of my life!"*

On behalf of the World Missions family of the IPHC, we honor and remember with gratitude the life and ministry legacy of Geraleen 'Gerry' Wood Freeman Talmage, and we give thanks to God for her service as a revered and cherished missionary and minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

John, Danny, and Beatrice, please accept our deepest condolences. Your wife and mother was an extraordinary missionary. Her legacy will forever be imprinted on the ministry tapestry of Africa. Know that you have been, and will continue to be, in the thoughts and prayers of your missionary family.

May the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit sustain John, Danny, and Beatrice as they walk through this "valley of the shadow of death".

IN CONCLUSION

2021 has been a favored year for Stephanie and me.

We celebrated the marriage of our eldest daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth Gardner, to Thomas Sullivan Reese in beautiful Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in July. We love having another son as a part of our family.

On October 14, we celebrated the arrival of Eliana Kate Gardner, our first grandchild. She is a beautiful and healthy baby girl. We are humbled by God's goodness.

I remain indebted to you for your "partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:5-6 [ESV]).

I am confident that the best is still to come. Our trajectory is rising. Our future will exceed our past. I do know and am witness to the fact that the gospel of Jesus Christ, wherever it is preached, still has the power to save and set people free.

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

Continued blessings in the great work which the Lord has required of you!

Bishop Talmadge Gardner Executive Director World Missions Ministries



MEET ALBERT & JIEP GONZALES



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Al & Coli Argo Ernest & Cheryl Turner Danny & Judith Williams Raeha Butler Janene Wooten Abigail Bishop Joshua & Bethany Bridges Christopher & Alicia Dunlap Russell & Sonya Schweighardt Tony & Anna Barbara Feagin Nathaniel & Chelsea Coleman Allison Jones Ron & Sharon Wooten Jon & Erica Campbell Melanie Ross Sean & Katie Etheridge Devin & Breanne Harden

Albert and Jiep have served with World Missions Ministries as IPHC missionaries to Thailand, one of the unreached nations in the world, since 2001. In partnership with their faithful supporters and closely working with the national director and leaders of IPHC Thailand, their ministry grows continuously.

They are involved in pastoring a thriving church, evangelizing to and discipling their community, church planting, establishing Bible schools, and they participate in World Missions Ministry's People to People Ministries.

Please pray for the Lord's protection over Albert and Jiep as they continue to follow His call on their lives. Pray for guidance as they continue to reach the unreached, a great harvest of souls to be saved, and continuous ministry expansion in Thailand and the other unreached places in Continental Asia.

IPHC World Missions Ministries thanks the Lord for obedient missionaries like Albert and Jiep, and we invite you to pray with us for a fruitful coming season of ministry.

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UPDATES

REACHING CHILDREN IN MALAWI

God recently opened an incredible door for missionaries in Africa to reach more tribes in Malawi through ministry opportunities at the Cure International Orthopedic Children's Hospital.

Kids come from all over Malawi to receive corrective surgery at this hospital. These kids are now called in weekly in groups of 40, and they stay connected with the hospital for follow-up. Being a Christian hospital, the focus is to impact the kids spiritually. This is an exciting opportunity to reach not only children who have yet to hear the good news of Jesus, but also their families

PROVISION IN THAILAND

Blessed be the wonderful name of the Lord! Finally, after five months of prohibition to physically gather in the church, the number of Covid-19 infections and deaths in Thailand started to decline, and the government began to ease the rules and restrictions by the middle of October.

We are now allowed to gather up to 50 people in the church, and we expect even better news soon. On October 31, during our worship service, 22 people came to the altar for prayer for various needs in response to the message I delivered at Don Muang Church. Many are suffering because of the negative effect brought by the pandemic.

By Althea Meyer



By Albert & Jiep Gonzales



UPDATES

PROVISION IN NEPAL

The Nepal church network has currently reached 564 churches. The Nepal People To People Child Sponsorship Program is also growing, and we are grateful to each sponsor for the blessing you are to our pastors' families.

With this growth in Nepal, we are now proposing a headquarters project. This is a \$390,000 project for a training center, coffee house, guest facility, and housing for the chairman. After launching the project, we currently have \$370,000 raised. To the Lord be the glory, great things He has done and is doing!

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION IN INDIA

Imagine the joy of holding your own Bible for the first time in your life. Many around the world, including in India, are too poor to have the opportunity to have access or purchase a Bible on their own.

As we distribute Bibles to those who have never had access to the Word, we continually notice the evident joy on their faces, as they light up with gratitude. We have a goal to distribute 1,000 Bibles this year, and we are almost there. For \$5.00 each, you can help make this vision a reality by giving to project <u>#98045P</u>.



By Danny & Judith Williams

By Van & Jane Bloss



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

ONE THOUSAND **BEAMS** OF LIGHT



GLOBAL OUTREACH

BY DR. TERRY TRAMEL

WHAT DOES ONE THOUSAND BEAMS OF LIGHT LOOK LIKE?

Picture 1,000 flashlights shining in unison across the air in a darkened room. Or imagine multiple searchlights illuminating the sky as far as can be seen in every direction. By itself, one of these lights could only spread so far. However, combined with other beams, the light becomes so much stronger, reaching further than one beam could ever do alone!

Another way to think of this is to imagine 1,000 IPHC congregations in America giving to the Global Outreach (GO) Offering. This annual collection provides ministry assistance to missionaries and national leaders around the globe. This year, it also provides relief to hurting people ravished by the pandemic in dozens of needy countries.

Some churches may shine brighter than others in giving, yet even those whose lights are dim may still join in to help penetrate the darkness. Our IPHC family in several other nations also participates in the GO Offering. However, with over 1,600 congregations in the United States alone, we believe at least 1,000 Pentecostal Holiness churches could make a great difference in the lives of countless people by participating in this Offering in 2021.

As the beloved hymn writer, Charles Gabriel, wrote over a century ago:

"There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave, 'Send the light! Send the light!' There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save, 'Send the light, Send the light!'... Send the light! the blessed gospel light, Let it shine, from shore to shore; Send the light! The blessed gospel light, Let it shine forevermore."

There is still time in 2021 for your church to become one of the **One Thousand Beams of Light**.

To learn more, please:

- · Visit the **One Thousand Beams** webpage at <u>iphc.org/missions/light/</u>
- Mail your GO contribution to PO Box 270420, Oklahoma City, OK 73137
- · Or, call our WMM office at **1.888.474.2966**



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 1994 from the World Missions Archives, highlighting the impactful roots planted in India.



Pastor Jaipal plant a church among this

Either tribe.

Our suitcase, boiled drinking water

and bedding were carried into a thatched-roof mud house. In a few min-

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66 SOME WISH TO IIVF WITHIN THE SOUND OF CHURCH AND CHAPEL BELL. I WANT TO RUN A RESCUE SHOP WITHIN A YARD OF HELL.

C.T. STUDD

STORY FROM THE FIELD

JAPAN

BY THE BAMBA FAMILY

The number of suicides in Japan has risen over the past two years. The time everyone has been forced to stay at home, unable to attend school or go to work, has taken a toll on many families. Japanese houses are very small; most children do not have their own bedroom, and sometimes the whole family shares a bedroom. It is difficult for the children to study while the father is working all in the same room. We have been trying to give practical advice to the families in our Sunday school as well as our English conversation classes to help them learn to navigate this new lifestyle.

One of the mothers whose children attend our Sunday school commented on how she was encouraged by seeing how our family navigates working from home while homeschooling all the time, not just during the state of emergency. Instead of viewing having the children and her husband at home as a negative situation, she saw it as an opportunity to build family relationships through the extra time everyone was at home. She also used the extra time the children were at home as a chance to teach her children life skills that she hadn't had time to do before because the children were never at home. We are thankful for the chance we have had to be an encouragement to these families, and we pray God will continue to give us opportunities to encourage and support these children and their families.

We have been able to continue our English conversation classes for children. Everyone must still wear masks, and we continue to sanitize the facility. However, we are so thankful we have been able to give the children and their families the chance to continue with their routine and improvement of their English skills. We are also so thankful there have been no COVID cases in our school this entire time! We have been reading a children's Bible in English in our classes.



We read the creation story, which was the first time any of the children had ever heard the story. We asked why God created man last, and they said because we came from monkeys, so the monkeys had to be created first. We were able to share with the children that each one of us was created in God's image with a special purpose, and the world He created was for each one of us to enjoy and to learn about God through His creation. Please pray with us that the seeds we are planting in the hearts of the children will grow and bring fruit that their families and friends will be able to see.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support. You are a blessing and encouragement to us. Without you, we wouldn't be able to share the love of Jesus with the Japanese people. Your unwavering commitment is making a difference in the country of Japan!



MONTHLY PRAYER EMPHASIS



Dear Lord,

You are our provider and our friend. You know the desires of our hearts and You can do all things. You are for us, not against us, and we know You can do more than we can even ask or imagine. Lord, we are sorry for the times when we do not honor You and Your Holy Word. Forgive us for overlooking Your work on our behalf: Your work to protect us, provide for us, and give us strength in our lives daily.

God, thank You for always listening when we come to You with requests. We are so grateful to be able to pour our hearts out to You.

Lord, today we come to You and ask for Your provision for the Global Outreach Offering. Please help the IPHC family and friends to have an increased spirit of generosity towards Global Outreach. Empower pastors with boldness to share with their congregations and communities about Your heart for missions and allow an abundance of funds to flow through this offering and out to the world so that many more people may come to know You. Lord, allow the Global Outreach Offering to spread far and to make a greater impact this year than ever before.

Lord, we trust You and pray in the name of Your Holy Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

66 AND HOW SHALL THEY PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT? AS IT IS WRITTEN: 'HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE...'

ROMANS 10:15