

t is that joyful time of the year when we gather with family and friends to celebrate the holidays! At FEA Ministries our hearts are filled with thanks to God for helping us share His love and grace with so many lives in 2015.



In the last twelve months, God has chosen to take some of FEA's heroes home to heaven. November 18 marks the one year anniversary of the passing of former president G. R. French. Dr. Connie Palm and Dewey and Barbara Deckard, who all played key roles in the work of FEA, also went to be with the Lord. In this edition of the World Update, we take a moment to pause and reflect on the lives and legacies of these godly people.

While we celebrate the past with all its accomplishments, we look forward with great expectation to the future. In

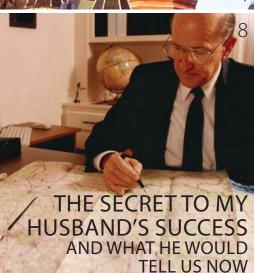
this issue read about the men and women who have helped shape FEA Ministries, rejoice in God's leading in the lives of young people, get a glimpse of Christmas in a foreign land, and discover how you can more effectively pray for missions. Most importantly keep your heart open to God's leading. Who knows? You may have a part to play as we embrace the future! \$

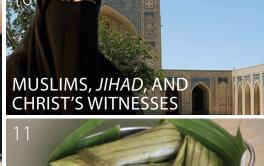
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SIDNEY GRANT







ooking back through almost sixty-nine years of FEA's history, we have much to celebrate! This organization has been blessed with godly, courageous leaders. Their hunger for God and desire to propagate the gospel have resulted in thousands of people around the globe being eternally changed. Their achievements are milestones which we celebrate and are invaluable in keeping us focused and engaged as we embrace the future.

In the early days H. Robb French envisioned a place for fellowship and strengthening of God's people. He tirelessly poured his life into carving out a safe haven from among the palmetto bushes and swampy grounds of Hobe Sound. The resulting Sea Breeze Camp and Community have since served as beautiful places of spiritual and emotional renewal.

G. R. French gave us a global view of what God can do through yielded disciples. He challenged us to "live conscious of Christ in all we do" and modeled a passion for evangelism and outreach. Under his excellent leadership, Hope International Missions had its greatest period of expansion.

Dr. James Keaton realized the importance of maintaining strong partnerships here in the United States. He diligently connected us with our stakeholders as he crisscrossed the country promoting what God was doing through FEA. The strong partnerships and

faithful support with which we are blessed today are results of Dr. Keaton's diligent work.

Paul Pierpoint continued to enhance FEA organizationally. Due to his many years of service in Hobe Sound, his deep understanding and wisdom proved invaluable in strengthening the relationships among the Hobe Sound Ministries: Hobe Sound Bible College, Hobe Sound Bible Church, and FEA Ministries.

The founders of FEA Ministries and our sister organizations were visionaries and pioneers. Their piety and sacrifice are virtues that stand as pillars upon which we unashamedly continue building and expanding into the future. Yes, we do celebrate our past. However, these men would never want us to forget that the world with all its cultural diversity and socioeconomic and political challenges is before us. We must passionately proclaim the gospel in a way that is relevant to every situation and generation. We must exalt Christ by continuing to expand His Kingdom around the globe.

As we embrace the future, we are strategically engaging our world with all the resources available to us. We remain firm in our commitment to serve the church at home and abroad by meeting needs and edifying believers. With the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we continue to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ! Great days are ahead for FEA Ministries!

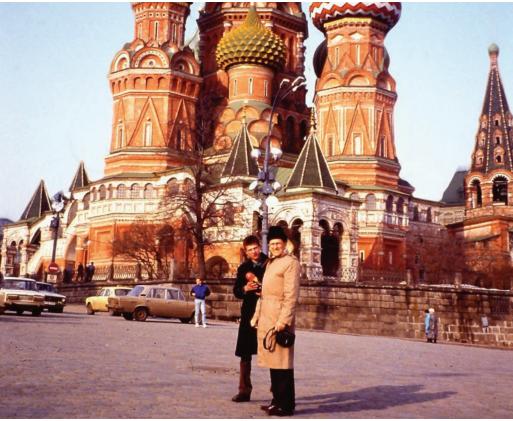
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Celebrating the Past









Celebrating the Legacy of G. R. French

At 4:30 a.m. on November 18, 2014, a few days after a severe stroke, God called G. R. French home. He lived a good and fruitful life. He was an attentive husband and father, a deep and biblical preacher, a theologian and scholar, and a missions pioneer statesman. But most of all he was God's servant. This beloved man is terribly missed. However, we celebrate his legacy of service and dedication to building the Kingdom of Christ!

In 1969 Bob and Ann French moved to Hobe Sound. At first Bob had no title, no office, no real authority, and no salary. He began teaching at Hobe Sound Bible College and serving as FEA Business Manager. He became president of FEA in 1979, and as he faithfully watered the seed his Uncle Robb had planted, God gave the increase. Under his visionary leadership FEA expanded, and Sea Breeze Community was developed and organized.

Brother French continued the planting of mission works that ultimately extended around the globe. During his tenure Hope International Missions

extended its endeavors into the heart of Eastern Europe and Russia, mainland China, Latin America, and Africa. HIM now ministers in twenty-one countries on four continents and is continuing to grow.

G. R. French was a man of character, commitment, and courage. He lived an impeccable and intimate life with his Savior, family, and friends. He shared his heart with those close to him and was a mentor and friend of students, scholars, peers, and successors.

Those who worried about who would follow H. Robb French as leader of FEA worried in vain. A curbside view of all the Hobe Sound Ministries today does not do justice to the long days, months, and years of toiling given by Bob and Ann French. Even those of us who work and live here have a limited understanding of their work and sacrifice. But God has seen it all and has recorded it in the Book of Life. Thank you, G. R. French, for your life and unending labors of love, not only to Hobe Sound Ministries, but to those who have been touched by your labors around the world!

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—G.R. French

Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Connie Palm

egacy is not something you hold on to. It is something that follows you—like footprints in the sand. It does not belong to the one leaving it, but to those who come behind. Dr. Connie Palm's legacy is one of love; she loved everyone.

Dr. Connie Palm peacefully went to be with her Savior January 3, 2015. In reminiscing over her life the following observations characterize her:

She was a holiness lady—she served people from all walks of life with dignity and poise without compromising who she was in Christ. She was unwavering in her doctrine and disposition.

She displayed the character of Christ on all fronts.

She was a humble lady—even though she was highly

educated, she did not let her education stop her from being a servant to others in need. She could have had a prestigious position in the world of academia, but she chose to serve in humble settings.

She was a helping lady—she helped many by investing her time, talents, and trust in people. She believed that everyone had a chance to become the best.

She was a harvest lady—they tell us that the two great powers of the American Revolution were the power of the pen and the tongue—knowing how to communicate to impact and persuade others to action. Dr. Connie Palm's power with the pen will reap a great harvest for eternity on many linguistic fronts. Her books are translated into various prime languages, published through Gospel Publishing Mission, and distributed in nearly every country of the world.

Dr. Palm's legacy lives on and her influence will impact generations to come. How thankful we are to have been blessed with this loving lady!





Celebrating the Legacy of Dewey and Barbara Deckard

A "match made in heaven" perfectly describes Dewey and Barbara Deckard. From the time Dewey met Barbara at her father's service station and repair shop, he was convinced she was the sweetest and cutest girl in the whole world. They were married on August 14, 1949, and lived a full life working together until the Lord called Barbara home on December 25, 2014. At her funeral Mr. Deckard shared in his soft voice, "Hand in hand I walked with the sweetest girl in the whole wide world for sixty-five years." Shortly after his wife's passing from this world, Mr. Deckard joined her in heaven on May 17, 2015.

Mr. and Mrs. Deckard learned about the ministries of Hobe Sound through friendship with H. Robb French. They attended their first Sea Breeze Camp in February of 1967, and in August of the same year, they moved from Indiana to Hobe Sound and enrolled their five children in Hobe Sound Bible Academy. Because of Mr. Deckard's previous experience in the printing industry, he was able to start a printing operation for Hobe Sound Bible College. This was the beginning of a campus

printing career of over forty years. In the early years he worked closely with H. Robb French promoting and printing various publications such as gospel tracts and other types of Christian literature. As time moved on, the *Torch*, *The Island Beacon*, and the *World Update* all became regular printing projects on campus.

Along with being a meticulous editor and printer, Mr. Deckard was a faithful and quiet servant who worked long hours doing whatever needed to be done to help others. Alongside him in all of his endeavors was his faithful wife. Mrs. Deckard was a hardworking lady who helped her husband in the print shop and also labored for many years in the business department of FEA Ministries. Both of them had a caring spirit and loved missions. They not only invested time in their own children, but many of the college students from other countries were recipients of their unselfish love.

Only eternity will reveal the fruits of the Deckard's sacrificial giving. Thank you, Dewey and Barbara Deckard, for leaving a legacy of service to God's Kingdom.







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PRESIDENT SIDNEY GRANT



Several years ago I stood in the living room of a family who attended the church I pastored. They were discouraged with some setbacks we were facing. At that moment things looked bleak, to the point where one of the ladies worried our church would not survive. In faith I responded, "This church will not die. God is going to do amazing things in and through her." Praise God, circumstances changed and the church grew and was strengthened. From its ministries five new churches were started and mission work was expanded into four new countries.

It is easy to become discouraged looking at the difficulties that face our country and world today. However, God is in control of everything now the same as He was when circumstances were bleak at that church. Regardless of the uncertainty of the future, it is filled with amazing opportunities. Hope International Missions stands on the threshold of a triumphant tomorrow, and we embrace the ministry opportunities God is giving us. After fifty-four years of mission work, we are eager to continue expanding beyond the twenty-one countries where we currently are working. Ultimately we want to help people prepare for eternity before Christ returns.

In order to properly engage the following opportunities, we need you to help us pray that God will continue calling mission laborers.

- In Africa we are preparing future leaders in the small kingdom of Lesotho to train national people for cross-cultural ministries. As we do so, we need church planters and leadership developers.
- 2. In Asia we are defining a new ministry paradigm and developing a strong hub in

- Taiwan and China with the intent of reaching the Southern Pacific Asian countries. We are expecting the ministries to greatly expand beyond what presently exists.
- 3. In the Caribbean there is a strong focus on strengthening our existing churches and continuing expansion in the area of education. Pray that God will help as we train church leaders and that He will call nationals to pioneer new works on other islands in the area.
- 4. Eastern Europe is being flooded with needy people from the Middle East and with a local humanitarian crisis. God is helping us respond to these complex problems, but we need pioneer missionaries to help develop national leaders in strategic areas such as Albania and Slovakia. We want to build the stage for new European outreach.
- HIM is strategically exploring two new Hispanic countries, Chile and Panama. We are praying for younger and older missionaries to pioneer ministries in these areas.
- 6. Gospel Publishing Mission has over 2.6 million books in print world-wide! This is just the beginning, however, as we are planning to distribute 2.5 million books during the Rio Olympics next year. Pray that necessary funding will come in for this and other projects underway.

The future is bright for Hope International Missions as we continue to build on the legacy of the past. Thank you for joining us on this journey!

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YOUTH perspective



TOUCHING LIVES FOR CHRIST (TLC), a ministry of Hobe Sound Bible Church, works in conjunction with Hope International Missions (HIM) as our short-term missions program. In this article Jordan Wiford, currently enrolled as a freshman at Hobe Sound Bible College, shares how God challenged him through his recent trip to the Amazon.

JORDAN WIFORD

In Focus

What's in it for me? That was the question that swirled around in my mind during the month of March 2015. I was trying to decide whether or not I should go on a Touching Lives for Christ (TLC) mission trip. While praying about it for many days and diligently seeking God's will for my summer plans, I often repeated that initial question. Honestly, I did not know if mission work was a fit for me. With TLC's boot camp scheduled to start in early June, I had absolutely no time to waste making this big decision! To travel with TLC, I had to quit my job. I also had to consider how I would cover the trip's large expense. But thankfully, my church background had consistently taught me about trusting God.

I grew up in a conservative holiness Christian family and attended a church where I would frequently hear about missions. It amazed me time and time again as a missionary would tell about needing money or prayer support for a situation and how God came through to meet each need. Sometimes the stories and situations sounded impossible. Through the years as I listened, I learned that God makes the totally impossible completely possible. Based on nothing but my faith, I decided I was indeed going to the mission field with TLC. I knew it was what God wanted me to do. With less than four weeks remaining to find the money for my trip, I started praying and fundraising, and God definitely came through! I collected almost the full amount before going on the trip!

Looking back, I can unquestionably see why God paved the way for me to go to the Amazon. The trip was life changing! I will always remember the experiences I had teaching and preaching in the villages and helping with the kid's ministries. It was the trip of a lifetime. God absolutely used this event to begin my missionary career. Through my TLC journey, He gave me a glimpse of what is involved in mission work.

My perspective on mission work changed tremendously while on the trip to the Amazon. Not only did I receive a personal call to the mission field, I also enrolled in the Intercultural Studies program at Hobe Sound Bible College. On the trip I saw firsthand the true value of each missionary, and it made me want to volunteer.

I realize missionary work in a foreign country is not for everyone. However, we are all called to be an active part of missions. Whether our part is talking to the next-door neighbor, sharing the love of Christ in a different state, or sharing Jesus in a completely new place, we will all be held responsible to help fulfill God's mission.

I admit that I started thinking about a TLC trip last spring asking what might be in it for me, but I left my Amazon experience asking what should be in it for God.

What could TLC do for YOU?

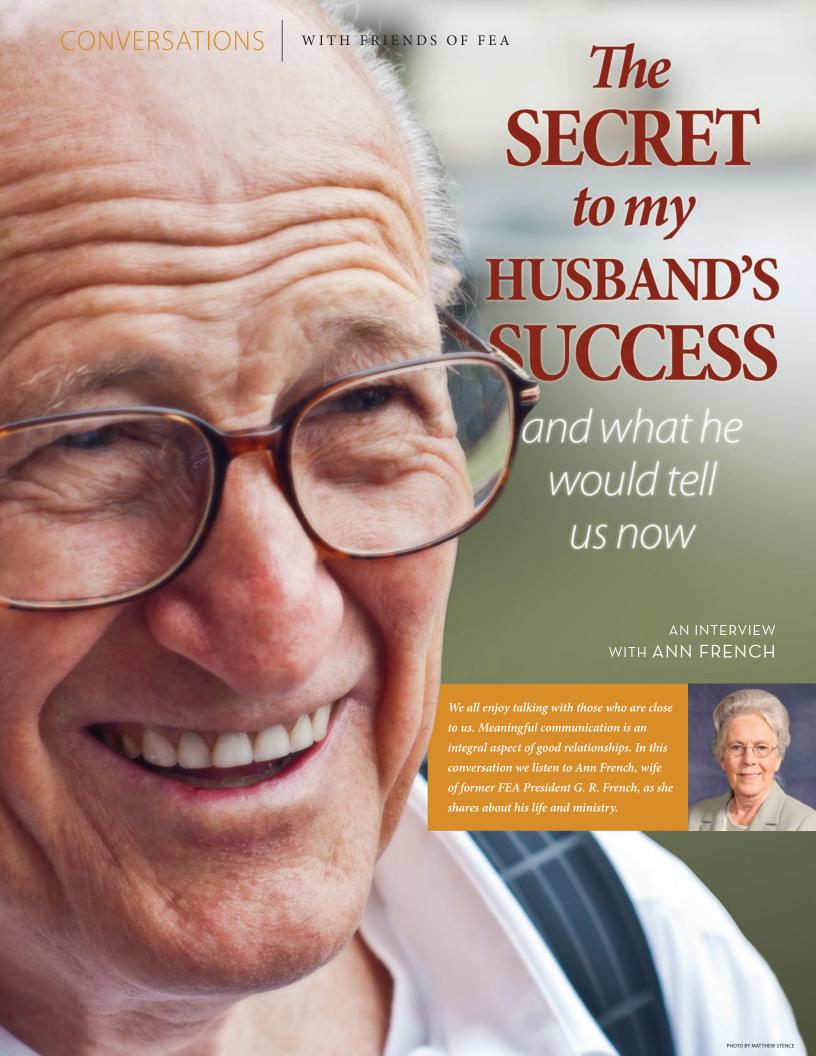












Your husband so capably led FEA Ministries for twenty years. What drove him? What was his passion? What made him get up and face another day? Bob was a Kingdom man who saw the "big picture." He was very passionate about fulfilling the great commission in Mark 16:15.

A passion for ministry and God's work, a compassion for others, and wisdom and insight based on experience and study were some of the attributes that drove him. He lived with such a sense of priority and was consumed with knowing and sharing Jesus. He sent a million Bibles to the Soviet Union just after the fall of the Iron Curtain and taught theology to generations of students at HSBC, always admonishing them to a transformed life so they could fulfill the call of God first and foremost. He loved and cared about people of all ages. He took several teams of young people on mission trips, hoping that God would inspire them to the call of missions.

What principles guided your husband in his **leadership?** He was never satisfied with the status quo. His ever-active mind was always thinking creatively about ideas and solutions to difficult situations. His leadership was outside the typical paradigm. While he was a man of stimulating intelligence, he was also a man of sterling integrity. Bob impressed upon his students and co-workers the importance of Christ-centeredness in theology, worship, and witness. He was always available to discuss and resolve issues and problems, but never willing to discuss individuals. He was constantly reading, researching, and looking into opportunities where FEA could become involved. He was a progressive innovator who attempted to be on the cutting edge of missions. If a traditional approach was not working on a particular field, he launched into the creative mode of thinking how to improve FEA's effectiveness. For example, in Russia he thought that the new openness of the 1990s might not last. So rather than start a church in Vyborg, he laid the groundwork for a Christian center which is still thriving today. He strove to do everything in a Christ-like manner — reconciliation, honesty, humility, Christian work ethic, etc.

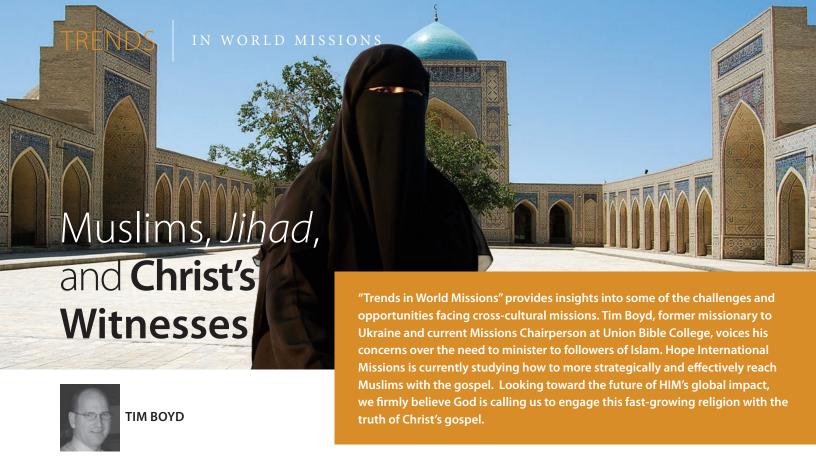
What was one of his fondest memories during his time as president? Bob loved being with the people in the many countries where FEA served. Probably his fondest memory was when he had the privilege of going to Russia in the early '90s with a team of young people including our son John. The Berlin Wall had just come down and Lenin's statue had been toppled. Money was raised to send Bibles, and he and John had the privilege of handing out thousands of Bibles to eager Russian hands. He also had the opportunity to preach the Gospel to many Russians in the very place that Lenin's statue had formerly stood.



What was the secret to your husband's success? In one of Bob's classes he asked a student the question, "Why are you pursuing the ministry?" The student answered, "To help people." He immediately replied that the student should pursue the ministry to do the will of God. We did not come to Hobe Sound in 1969 for any other reason than to do just that. If it meant Bob becoming FEA president, then he wanted to obey God and allow God to work through him to develop mission fields and cultivate the Word of God anywhere there was an open door. Bob was so good with people of every walk of life and culture. If he saw the smallest potential in someone, he strove to cultivate it to the fullest until they were ready to serve. He could communicate with anyone, regardless of his/her culture, profession, degree of intellect or age. He would find some basis on which to build and develop that potential. It was never about him, but about building the Kingdom. He was a relevant leader untainted by materialism and other insidious cultural influences. He was a man who never compromised his integrity nor short-changed his call to ministry.

If he were alive today, how would he admonish FEA as we embrace the future? Two quotes in my husband's own words reflect his visionary thinking. He would say, "A vision must be frequently renewed or it will die. Satisfaction with the past and the attitude of 'holding the fort' will result in stagnation." He would also say, "One of the greatest challenges to the church is the training of workers for the harvest. God's program has always centered on people — not money, buildings or organizations."

I think he would definitely want FEA to keep moving forward and engage people (especially the young) with the means of technology and social media available to us. He was an optimistic up-to-date person who made use of every means to communicate and keep people informed. He would whole-heartedly encourage FEA to continue advancing the gospel using whatever means necessary with the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ!



A hmad, a fictitious Muslim friend, wishes to hear about my experience as a Christian and the truth about God, Jesus, church, and spirituality. But he cannot hear me beyond the rattle of so much hypocrisy in the West. Though America has historically been known as a "Christian society," he points to the immorality pouring from Hollywood, the rampant substance abuse, homosexuality, and confused gender roles, and wonders why the Christians are doing so little to influence their culture. Ahmad is perplexed as to why Christians pray so little and why all too often they are hardly different than the unsaved around them. He wants to know why becoming a Christian would require him to change his name and lose his Muslim cultural identity. In essence he notes that losing his identity, vocation, and family to become a Christian like what he has witnessed in the West would never be worth the sacrifice.

How do we respond to such questions and criticisms from Ahmad? Is there any hope to advance Christian witnessing to Islamic peoples?

In the past several decades we have become accustomed to the newly contextualized terms *tolerance*, *relativism*, and even *karma* in socio-religious discussion. But a very ancient term which is rocketing to the socio-political and religious forefront is *jihad*, which essentially means to strive or struggle. In the Islamic fundamentalist context, it additionally takes on militant and violent connotations. In respect to Ahmad's statements, what would motivate him to commit to jihad instead of choosing the peace proposed by Jesus? This is an important question for Christians anywhere, especially those of us in the West seeking to be Jesus' witnesses.

Trends in contemporary missions are forcing Christians to assess what it will take to influence Muslims away from the fundamentalist perspective of jihad and accept a relationship with a loving Christ. It is important to remember there is hope for influencing them with the Gospel. Muslims want to see Christians who are transparent, authentic, and empowered in their witness by the Holy Spirit. They want to see that Christianity as a religion actually affects radical change in people's lives.

Sadly, many Christians find it difficult to react toward Muslims in a Christlike way. They point to the recent migration crises in Europe as a less militant ploy by Muslims to spread their religion. It is true that Islamic fundamentalist groups have openly outlined strategic plans to reduce Europe's Christian influence by migration and exploding birth rates among their people. This is readily evident by a visit to just about any city in Europe. How then are Christian mission works evaluating this situation? What response should we take?

It seems our first response is fear. Perhaps we also respond with anger or repulsion. Both of these responses invoked the Crusades of the late Middle Ages, for which the Muslim community remains embittered at Christians. Trends in ministry to Muslims must continue to follow the Lord's directive to be neighbors, demonstrate an empowered witness, and be a transparent friend of these people in truth. Muslims who are going to be influenced are not looking for a deep apology against their beliefs, but for Christ's witnesses who are holy and real. May God help us all to love as He loves and change the Islamic community with truth of the Gospel.



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS (Iristmas in Handuras

he malls are decorated with lights, balls, and twenty-foot Christmas trees. Santa sits in his little house taking pictures with children. For being such a poor country, the hustle and bustle of the people and the materialism would rival that of the United States. Traditions here are different depending on your social status. The middle to upper class buy many presents for their families and loved ones, but the poor buy one set of new clothes and a pair of new shoes for their children if they can afford it. The poor children are just as happy with their new clothes and shoes as any other child would be receiving a PlayStation or Xbox.

Christmas is not complete in Honduras without tamales. They are made of corn dough filled with either chicken or pork along with potatoes in the center, wrapped in banana leaves and then steamed over a fire. They are usually given out to neighbors and friends as gifts. Many families travel to relatives' homes during the week of Christmas to spend a few days or even a few weeks. On Christmas Eve family and friends gather together to celebrate, usually eating a large supper of pork leg, tamales, rice, and other goodies around ten o'clock at night. Then at midnight they "ring in" Christmas Day with firecrackers and gunshots that continue to be heard long into the early morning hours. Christmas Day is usually low key as people sleep in late from a long night of celebrating.

Culture is fascinating! Much can be learned by observing how different people groups behave, believe, and interact with each other as they pass down traditions from one generation to another. In this "Cultural Connections" you will discover new facts about Christmas in Honduras. You will also be able to experience for yourself the tastes and smells of a special Honduran dish. We know you will enjoy it. ¡Feliz Navidad!



Tamales

A traditional Honduran recipe provided by Hannah Kuhns

Tamales date back to the ancient Maya civilization and have become an integral part of Latin culture, especially in Central America. Extremely popular at Christmas time, they are made with different fillings and meats, the most common being either pork or chicken.



TAMALE INGREDIENTS

12 cups of maseca (corn flour) 1 large onion 1 large tomato 1 large green bell pepper 1 cup fresh cilantro 1/4 cup of cumin 2 cubes of chicken bouillon 1 small can of tomato paste 1 cup of oil 1 1/2 cups of cooked rice

3 or 4 medium potatoes

Tip: Maseca can be found in most Hispanic/Latino food sections of your local grocery store.

banana leaves or aluminum foil 3 lbs. of cooked cubed pork

Makes 10-12 servings.

HOW TO MAKE TAMALES

- 1. Pour the maseca into a large pot and add water until it has the consistency of a thick batter.
- 2. Blend the onion, tomato, green pepper, cilantro, cumin, and bouillon in a blender. Add this to the batter and mix well. Salt to your liking.
- 3. Pour 3 cups of the batter into a smaller pot and add the tomato paste. Stir until the mixture is an even red color.
- 4. While bringing the separate mixtures to a boil, add 1/2 cup of oil to the larger pot and 1/4 cup of oil to the smaller pot. Stir continuously to keep from burning. After both mixtures have come to a boil, cook a few minutes longer and remove from heat.
- 5. To cook the tamales in banana leaves, wash and heat the leaves. To cook using aluminum foil, make sure the foil is heavy duty. Tip: It is easier to form the tamales in foil but doing so does not give the flavor

- of the leaves. However, it is recommended that those making tamales for the first time use foil.
- 6. To assemble each tamale, cut 12 to 15 inch squares of either the leaves or foil. Spread 1 cup of the maseca mixture beginning at the top center of each square leaving at least 8 inches of free space at the bottom. Then spread 1/4 cup of the red masa over the first mixture. Add portions of rice, pork, and potatoes.
- 7. Fold over several times from the top down then fold both sides in. Set assembled tamales aside.
- 8. After using all of the mixture, clean both pots and place the tamales in them. Add water to the half way point, cover and cook for about an hour. At 1 hour, remove a tamale and let it cool for 5 minutes before unrolling to check its consistency. If it is not firm, continue cooking for 20-30 minutes longer.



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Special Events

SPANISH CAMP Thursday 4 - Sunday 7 HSBC SCHOOL SERVICE Friday 5, 7:00 pm **MISSIONS DAY** Tuesday 9 PATRIOTIC SERVICE Sunday 14, 2:30 pm ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR Monday 8 and Wednesday 10, 9:00 am **YOUTH ACTIVITIES** both Saturdays

February 4-14, 2016

Schedule of Services

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 pm Rollin Mitchell

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30 am Larry Smith 10:40 am Darrell Stetler 10:45 am Youth Service 7:00 pm HSBC School Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 am Larry Smith 10:40 am Rollin Mitchell 10:40 am HSBC Alumni Service 7:00 pm Darrell Stetler

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 am Larry Smith 9:00 am Youth Service 9 & 10 am Children's Services 10:00 am Darrell Stetler 2:30 pm Spanish English Rally 7:00 pm Rollin Mitchell

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:30 am Larry Smith 10:30 am Children's Service 10:40 am Rollin Mitchell 10:45 am Youth Service 7:00 pm Darrell Stetler

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, **MISSIONS DAY**

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Mission

7:00 pm Rollin Mitchell

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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Hope International Missions Introduces Engage!

issions truly is for everyone! When Jesus gave the Great Commission, it was not an option, it was a mandate. There are important roles for every child of God to fulfill. However, it is often difficult for people who do not have a definite call to go as a missionary to know what their role is, or how to be effective in sending. Additionally, while many churches earnestly desire to motivate their people toward active engagement in missions, they do not always know how to accomplish this goal.

It is with these struggles in mind that Hope International Missions (HIM) presents *Engage: Your Church and the Great Commission*. Our driving motivation behind this program is to provide you and your

church with meaningful, quality materials that will inspire and engage your local congregation. On a monthly basis, we want to serve your church and make it as easy as possible for you to present the cause of missions in an ongoing manner. To learn how your church can participate in this exciting program, contact the HIM office.





Engage Kids: Touched Hearts, Helping Hands

Children have an important part to play in missions. We believe it is important for them to develop a passion for missions at an early age. Engage Kids is a six-page activity booklet which corresponds with the main Engage service materials. Each month children will join Alex, Emma, and Louie the monkey on an exciting missions journey of their own. The booklet contains activities and stories which help children learn more about missions. They are also given opportunities to connect with missionary kids their own age. Engage Kids is a fun, interactive program — intentionally geared toward a child's level.



Hope Christian Academy in

Ladybrand, South Africa, has faced many challenges. The biggest challenges have revolved around having adequate staff and the finances to operate the school. Mrs. Hessie Van Der Merwe has sacrificially and expertly directed the school for the past several years. A few months back she informed us that she was physi-

cally and emotionally spent and would have to resign from directing the school. After much prayer and consideration the field council in South Africa decided that it would be nearly impossible to open for the January 2016 school year. It was decided that the team there would focus on youth and children's ministries, church planting, and training programs for this coming year. We will do our best to keep our status with the government in place so that, building on a proper foundation, we may be able to reopen at a later date. Jim Howard will be traveling to meet with the missionaries from December 1-9. Please pray for the entire team during this transition.



Each year HIM likes to purchase special Christmas gifts for orphans. In order to fund this, we offer people the opportunity of sponsoring an orphan's gift for a suggested price of \$20. If you would like to be a part of making Christ-



mas even more special for our orphan children, scan the QR code to donate or contact the home office. A representative will be happy to assist you. Thank you for the role you play in caring for the orphans!



JON TOFTE SBC Director

Missionary Aviation Room

Beautiful Newly-Renovated Room Dedicated in Friendship Hall

On the first Saturday afternoon of this past winter's camp meeting, FEA Ministries was honored to dedicate a beautifully remodeled room to Phil and Betty Newton and their fellow pioneers in missionary aviation. The room features aviation pictures and island décor and was made possible by a generous donation from Paul and Jenatte Kaufman. The Kaufmans wanted to especially honor Phil and Betty for their years of leadership and sacrifice with FEA Ministries as they spread the holiness message to the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands, and beyond.

FEA Ministries turned to our resident artist, Don Meredith, to help give this vision a special touch. Based on a photo, Don created an almost life-size portrait of Phil Newton flashing his trademark ear-to-ear grin as he landed on one of the islands. To add to the effect, Don extended the painting to a full-length wall mural featuring the entire Cessna plane! Guests can now almost feel the island breeze as the entire wall ushers in the exciting, but always challenging, world of our missionary pioneers.

We were truly blessed to have both Phil and Betty attend the dedication and share times with old friends, as well as meet Don for the first time. They really enjoyed his painting! The informal dedication event included an inspiring "mini-sermon" by Brother Newton. His admonition to us that day has been inscribed above the airplane wall mural:

May this room inspire a new generation to forsake all and answer God's call.

We all felt the Lord's presence that afternoon. This room will be known as the "Missionary Aviation Room." It is our

hope that it will be an inspiration and a place of renewal for our many guests, especially those from the mission field. As Phil said several times, "To God be all the glory!" May His work continue until the time of His return.

It's Not Too Late for YOU to Participate!

Eleven of the sixteen rooms in Friendship Hall now have monetary donors who are helping give this facility a wonderful new look and feel. Guests have been commenting about the pleasant atmosphere and individually unique and comfortable rooms. This past summer we were able to install attractive hurricane resistant windows. This was done in conjunction with the removal of the old, noisy window air-conditioning units. In their place, quiet new split-units have been installed throughout the building. The new system includes individually controllable air and heat in each room and allows the entire window to let in the Florida sunshine!

There is still time for you to participate! You can help FEA Ministries see this project through to completion as we are working toward constructing a greatly enlarged front porch, repainting the building, and installing native Florida landscaping. Your support could include helping with these projects or even with purchasing one of the high-back rocking chairs we look forward to putting on the new porch for our guests to enjoy. Please prayerfully consider helping us, perhaps by dedicating a room in honor of a loved one, group, or organization.

If you would like to learn more, contact Jon Tofte, Business Manager at (772) 546-1113 or jontofte@feaministries.org









"We often focus our missionary efforts on raising funds to do the work, when prayer is a far more vital component of reaching the world.... The greatest need in missions is for intercessors: our world needs praying missionaries, and our missionaries need praying churches to send them." ~ E. M. Bounds

As FEA Ministries looks to the new year and beyond, we believe God is wanting us to continue pioneering new works among people who desperately need the gospel. Listed on this prayer page are countries we anticipate entering in the near future. Join with us in praying that God will open doors for ministry in these areas. Your prayers can play a large role in helping send missionaries and ultimately helping lost people find a relationship with Christ. You or someone you know may be the individual God is calling!

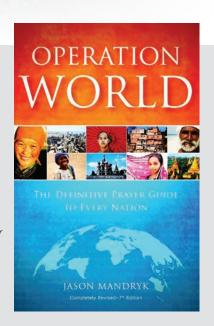
Prayercast.com has produced quality prayer videos of over 200 countries. These videos will help you catch a glimpse of the people and culture of the countries as you pray. Scan the code to watch the prayer video of Albania.



OPERATION WORLD

JASON MANDRYK

This book is a powerful tool for Christians to use as they pray for the needs of the world. In a user-friendly manner it provides insights, statistics, and specific prayer requests for every nation on earth. It is available at your local Christian bookstore or from many online retailers.



ALBANIA Albania is a country of over 3.6 million people with 70% being Muslim. Over 15% of the population is considered unreached. There is a great need for leadership training among the several thousand evangelical Christians. Because of the country's history, Albanians are widely accepted in Islamic countries. This clarifies even more the importance of winning these people to Christ. Pray for God to send missionaries to Albania who can train nationals to effectively share the gospel in their country and beyond.

SLOVAKIA Slovakia, similar to other countries in Eastern Europe, is characterized by a spirit of hopelessness and depression. Suicide rates are high and social tragedies such as human trafficking are rampant. HIM's vision is to reach out to the hurting and displaced with the love of Christ. We plan to begin working with orphans who have no place to go once they outgrow the government orphanages, as well as doing whatever possible to rescue those enslaved in the sex trade. **Pray for us as we seek to begin working with these abused and hurting people.**

PANAMA Panama is the natural land bridge between North and South America. Because of this location and the Panama Canal, multitudes of people and nationalities pass through it on a yearly basis. This diverse melting pot of races has the great potential of spreading the gospel around the world. **Pray for HIM as we strategically work to take advantage of this opportunity.**

ARGENTINA Argentina is the second largest country in South America and full of great spiritual needs. Sadly there are thousands of people who are homeless or live in the slums, and many orphaned street children have little hope for a productive future. The vast majority of these individuals have no meaningful interaction with the gospel. **Pray that God opens doors for ministry in this land.**

With many natural resources. The prospect of becoming wealthy attracts people from many parts of the world. By establishing Christian communities in Chile, there would be opportunities to reach into Spain, Germany, France, etc. Pray that God would help HIM send missionaries to take the message of holiness to the people. We also want to reach the many isolated indigenous groups scattered across the islands in the southwestern part of the country.



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