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EDUCATION

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our newly restructured *World Update*! What you hold in your hand represents months of planning, prayer, and teamwork. We feel that God has guided us as we have endeavored to make this publication one that is both relevant and challenging to you. And though

the look has changed, our purpose has not. The *World Update* is still designed to be a source of information, engagement, and encouragement for our readers as we share what God is doing around the world through FEA Ministries.



In this new edition, you can read exciting stories of how God is changing lives on our mission fields, listen to a conversation with an expert in TESOL, see current trends in world missions, connect with a foreign culture, and much more.

Our prayer is that God will use the *World Update* to inspire you to action as you fulfill your personal role in the Great Commission. We invite you to join with us on this journey of missions! ☛

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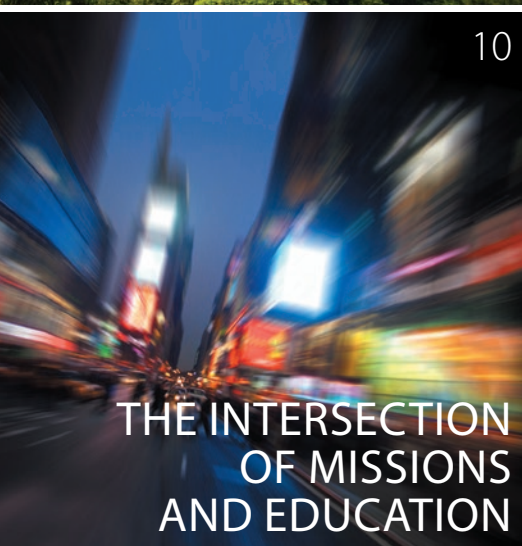


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THE INTERSECTION OF MISSIONS AND EDUCATION





from the PRESIDENT

SIDNEY GRANT



(left to right) Glen Reiff, Sidney Grant, Paul Pierpoint, and GR French praying with one of the first graduating classes of the Spanish Bible Institute.

Matthew 28:19 says, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...” Teaching is one of the most effective biblical methods of preserving the truth. It preserves people groups from being extinguished in changing times. From the dawn of creation to the church age, teaching is God’s method to expand the truth about His kingdom. The reformers used truth to liberate people from theological and spiritual bondage. God gave every patriarch a message to pass on through teaching. Unequivocally, education is God’s primary method to transmit truth from generation to generation.

Education ensures that God’s people understand success is not the result of quick growth, but rather of people who are committed to the process of deep spiritual growth. A number of years ago, one of our new church plants experienced a phenomenal period of growth. Many people invested their time, talents, and resources for its success. However, the leadership did not have a strong emphasis on systematic discipleship of the congregation, and it soon became evident that what was beautiful on the surface was without foundational substance. Sadly, that church did not survive. The secret of lasting success and expansion is deeply imbedded in the scriptural mechanism of discipleship.

God blessed the vision of FEA Ministries’ founding pioneers, H. Robb French, S. D. Herron, and others, who saw education as a crucial tool needed to build the Kingdom. The very first missions endeavor occurred in 1961 with a group of Hobe Sound Bible College students

who went on an exploratory trip to the Bahamas. Education played a crucial role in those early days of Hope International Missions (HIM). Since then God has helped us expand into 21 countries. Today, the possibilities for global expansion are endless!

HIM focuses on educating people from all walks of life. We do this through Christian day schools in South Africa, Haiti, and the Turks and Caicos Islands; systematic discipleship programs; and contextualized leadership training. We ultimately work to equip men and women with the knowledge needed to be firmly established in their walk with Christ and the necessary tools to go out and make faithful Christ followers. In addition, we diligently work with Bible college interns to help them form a career path to the mission field. Currently, several young people have completed their internships with us and are planning to join HIM’s growing team of missionaries.

We realize that if it were not for God’s blessing and our faithful supporters, FEA’s success would not have been possible. We are indebted to our ministry partners, Hobe Sound Bible College and Hobe Sound Bible Church, for their long standing partnership in assisting us to expand. With a 69 year legacy of ministry, we look forward with anticipation to the future God has in store for us. Our goal is to continue creating communities of believers who actively pioneer new works and produce generational disciple makers around the world. By God’s grace, we will continue to expand through education! 🙏

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EDUCATION

A Vehicle for Carrying the Gospel

CHRISTINA BLACK

Koahsuing, Taiwan



Matthew 28:19 says, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!”

Recently, I was reminiscing about the years we spent doing ministry in the Philippines. I chatted with a new friend about our time spent in the villages. What happened as we talked was unique. I told him and his daughter about the big basket of goodies I carried with me into the villages to draw the crowd. The basket was filled with spaghetti, soap, baby products, and other household necessities. To earn an item from the basket, all someone had to do was attend Bible study. It worked! Then he asked, “What will you do in Taiwan to motivate people to listen to the gospel?” The question gave me pause for thought. But in just a few seconds I said, “Education! That is the greatest motivator there.” Not every conversation is such a pivotal moment, but that particular conversation caused me to read and think.

Much has been recently said among missionary circles about vehicles for carrying the gospel. The gospel is free, but the vehicle is never free, and the correct vehicle is

an extremely important discovery. In many countries education is presently the best used vehicle. There was a time when the best methods were visiting hospitals or orphanages, and while those are still continual needs, globally, education is the loudest call of the people today.

So, what do we teach? It may be English as a second language in response to the call for a chance to have a future, or it may be music or other types of instruction, but always the real motivation is to eventually teach the Bible to newly opened minds. New Christians need to learn what Christianity means in every day living, and the unbeliever needs to learn from where he came and about a God who loves him and sent His Son. There is also discipleship, church leadership training, and other sets of training courses needed as each country’s culture may demand.

The details may vary, but one demand that is globally constant is a cry for education. Why not use it as a way to carry the gospel? 🙏



FRANK VAUGHN *Caribbean Regional Director*

Exciting Advances in the Caribbean Through Education

Exciting advances are taking place in the Caribbean as a result of education. In Port au Prince, Haiti, Scott Joseph recently graduated from the God's Missionary Bible School. He has completed a three year degree as well as a one year licensing degree that is required by the government. Scott is now officially recognized as a legal national pastor.

HIM operates an elementary school in Haiti that until recently has given classes through the sixth grade. However, the government is now requiring all schools to offer classes through the ninth grade. Because of Joseph's training, he is capable and qualified to oversee these new grades.

We are encouraged how other young men like Joseph have been making progress through their ongoing education. Our desire for many years has been to train

nationals to oversee the work we have in Haiti. God is helping us as we accomplish this goal.

In addition to the national leadership, we are proud of our orphans in Haiti. Out of the nine children living in the HIM orphanage, five are currently studying in secondary school. Sadly, the percentage of Haitian children that never progress beyond a sixth grade level education is very high. Praise God for helping our orphans to excel academically!

Finally, plans are underway to begin a new Christian elementary school in Grand Turk. For some time we have had a license granted by the government to pursue this opportunity, and we look forward to seeing how God makes this dream a reality. With His help we will continue to see great advances in the Caribbean region through the medium of education! 🙌



GLENN GAULT *Lesotho, Africa*

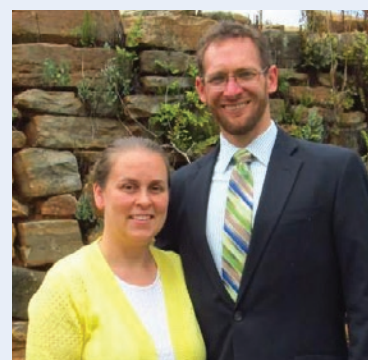
How Education has Transformed Lives in Africa

Anyone who knew Rev. Kali Nthabi fifteen years ago would almost certainly have described him as shy! His quiet voice and timid personality almost completely concealed the potential for leadership that God has given him. Though naturally intelligent, his lack of a high school education was seen by many as another limiting factor for this young preacher.

God looked beyond all this and saw a man of character who could be molded by education and empowered through the experience of a personal Pentecost. Pastor Kali enrolled in a weekend Bible school that was started by HIM missionaries in 2004. His thirst for knowledge and willingness to put into practice what he learned set him apart from the other students in his class. Following his graduation, he joined the teaching staff and has volunteered almost every Friday night since 2009 to train others for the ministry.

Over the past year, Rev. Kali has been mightily used of God to bring revival to Lesotho and even across the border into South Africa. A new church has been planted, two dead congregations have been revived, the demon-possessed have been set free, and the sick have been healed. He recently spent a weekend helping to plant a church in Lesotho that is only accessible by plane and horseback.

Pastor Kali's leadership ability has grown immensely since we first met him in 2000. Mentors, seminars, retreats, and on-the-job training have helped to deepen his walk with the Lord, build his confidence, and sharpen his skills. Today he serves as Hope International Missions' national leader in Lesotho. Missionaries and nationals alike seek him out for his wisdom and God-given intuition. 🙌



**“What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the soul.”
– Addison**



GLEN REIFF *HIM Spanish Educator*

The Value of Education

A perfect example of the value of education is the life experience of one of our Spanish pastors in Florida. Rigoberto Vasquez was a young, political refugee from Guatemala who was trying to escape the civil war in his country. He ended up in Indiantown, Florida, and began to attend the religious services in our mobile chapel. Though he had been a Christian beforehand, upon hearing the message of holiness at the chapel, God transformed his spiritual life, and he was stabilized in his walk with Christ. Feeling the call of God to be a minister of the Gospel, Rigoberto enrolled in our Spanish

Bible Institute. After graduation from the Institute, he moved to Ft. Myers to preach to the Spanish residents of the Ft. Myers Rescue Mission. What began as a small congregation is now a growing Spanish church of over 150 people. He also started a Bible Institute as an extension of our main Institute. More Spanish pastors are being trained to follow his example in the ministry.

God has given us talents and abilities but without education, we cannot use them to the fullest advantage. 🙏



ED DURHAM *Budapest, Hungary*

Education Is In My Toolkit

Tools. I like to have the right ones for every job.

Education is one of the most valuable tools in a missionary's toolkit. I love it because it is a versatile, multipurpose tool, kind of like my trusty Leatherman. By using educational methods, we have been able to reach many people with the Gospel here in Hungary.

Teaching English is one way of using education to evangelize. We have been involved in various English/Bible camps and have seen many conversions because of this method of reaching people with the Gospel. Young people here in Eastern Europe really want to learn English because they see it as a means of getting into a university and advancing their future careers. This summer we participated in two camps that resulted in about 30 young people turning their lives over to Christ!

The second way to use education is through leadership mentoring. About a year ago, Attila asked me to mentor him in the area of leadership. We have been meeting weekly, and I naturally encouraged him to get

right with God and begin attending church. One week he came to our meeting and told me he had gone into the hills of Budapest to get alone with God and pray. He also began attending church. Using education as a way to have spiritual conversations with people has been a huge encouragement to me.

The third way I have used education is perhaps the closest to my heart. Over the past three years, Heather and I have welcomed four interns to spend six weeks with us learning what missionary life is like on the field. I love being involved in hands-on education. It is important to help the interns find their passion in missions and then teach them how to develop a plan to get from Bible college to the mission field and fulfill that passion. In my opinion, getting more missionaries on the field is the best way to expand the reach of the Gospel around the world.

I love how education can be used to expand the work of missions in so many ways. What an immensely effective tool! 🙏

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. Many of the TLC trips are to HIM mission fields. In "Youth Perspectives" you will hear from young people who have experienced one of these trips and had their lives impacted greatly as a result. Today the director of TLC, Doug Wiseman, shares his vision for this ministry.

This year TLC sent fifty-eight team members on short-term mission trips around the world. We visited seven different fields

There is a group of people who are automatically categorized as heroes in my life. These people have given up what could have been a comfortable life and have given themselves wholly to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. They are missionaries. But how does a missionary become a missionary? What inspires the call? Where did they start? What caused them to choose to give up comfort and ease of life? People are not born with the inspiration to become a missionary. At some point, a call is received, a decision is made, a consecration occurs, and a burden is picked up.

That is where I feel an organization like Touching Lives for Christ (TLC) has great value. TLC is an organization whose goal and purpose is to inspire young people to promote and propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Living Lord. We work as an extension of Hobe Sound Bible Church and in conjunction with Hope International Missions (HIM) as their short-term missions branch. TLC's motto is: "a heart to give; a heart to go." We at TLC want to expose young people to situations that are going to change their lives and their hearts. We want them to get beyond the comfort and ease of the American dream lifestyle and see a world in desperate need of the Gospel. The goal is that young people would come back from their trips with a heart that desires to go or a heart that desires to give to support the work of the Kingdom.

— Africa, Alaska, the Amazon, Hungary & Romania, Ireland, New York City, and Peru. These teams were involved in a great variety of activities while they were on location, but more important than what they did is what was done to them. For many, they will never be quite the same.

At Boot Camp this year, our pre-trip training time, there was a serious-minded group of young people. Some of them had been praying, before they ever came, that God would use it as a time to change their lives. They were already open to hearing God's voice. It was evident as they responded during Boot Camp and prepared themselves for the ministry ahead of them, that many of them were primed for God to do something big.

There were wonderful reports from the teams as they came back from the different fields. Excitement abounded about ministry accomplished, new friends made, and lives touched. I believe that because of what happened this year, the lives of some young people have been changed. If they will keep their hearts open, I believe HIM will be able to commission some of them as missionaries, and most importantly, there will be long-term harvest for the Kingdom from the ministry efforts made during the summer of 2015. ☺



THE PLACE OF TESOL IN MISSIONS

AN INTERVIEW WITH IGNACIO PALACIOS

We all enjoy talking with those who are close to us. Meaningful communication is an integral aspect of good relationships. In "Conversations" we let you listen to discussions we have with friends of FEA. In this edition Dr. Ignacio Palacios, Chairperson for the Hobe Sound Bible College TESOL department, shares about the importance of TESOL in missions.



Q What does the acronym TESOL stand for? | TESOL stands for Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages. (ESOL stands for English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Q Why is TESOL important? | The English language is widely used around the world for business and commerce. Because of this, many people want and need to learn English in order to get a job and have good careers. By helping them learn the language, a TESOL teacher is helping them meet a need.

Q What role should TESOL have in World Missions? | TESOL is a mission. That is, it can open doors to go around the world. Because of people's desire to learn English, missionaries can teach English in elementary schools, secondary schools, higher education, private schools, etc. They can use TESOL as an open door to restricted or closed countries that do not allow regular missionaries to enter.

Q What is "tent making" in missions and how can TESOL be used as a tent making method in countries not open to regular missionaries? | "Tent maker" missionaries do not necessarily raise their support through a missions organization or by conventional fundraising methods, but rather use their vocation to provide financially for their needs. They find as many creative ways as possible to minister and share the gospel through their profession. As I mentioned a moment ago, sometimes a person cannot go to another country as a preacher or missionary per se. Many areas, such as the Islamic countries or even some of the communist countries, are completely closed to foreign missionaries. However, China, though closed to traditional missionaries, is constantly seeking Americans to go and work as teachers. China opens the doors widely to many Christians to come teach because they know they are often people of excellent caliber and training. So, TESOL, as a tent making profession, is a key to countries like China and Saudi Arabia, etc.

Q What current opportunities are there to use TESOL? | TESOL is being used all over the world. It is very much needed here in the United States because of the many immigrants who are entering the country. ESOL teachers are needed for both children and young adults in elementary and secondary schooling. There is also the need for TESOL in higher education for immigrants and refugees. Again, it is being used around the world since many people are seeing English as a means to an end as they look for a job and career.

Q What are the best preparation steps to take if one wants to use TESOL in missions? | To begin with a person should get a good foundation in the English language, especially in the linguistic realm. The best way to prepare is to get a degree in TESOL, something

like what we are offering here at Hobe Sound Bible College. If all you want is a better understanding of TESOL and how it works, TESOL.org, the organization TESOL, offers a course or two online.

Q Why is a degree important? Because when you have a degree in TESOL, you are more valuable than one of the others who took just a course. It shows you went through the educational preparation. Some people think that just because they know the English language they can teach it, but they do not really have the preparation or knowledge to do so properly. People who have the preparation know the methodology, know the ins and outs of the language, and will have many more doors opened to them both here and in other countries.

Q What is your vision for the TESOL program of HSBC? | To continue training TESOL professionals who end up ministering around the world. We currently have people who have been working in Africa, Asia, and in Latin America. It is my vision that others will go out and use their training to become "tent maker missionaries" or missionaries providing a professional service for the people and pointing them to Christ with their lives.

Q How can TESOL help HIM as we endeavor to expand through education? | HIM is a world mission ministry and as it continues to expand, it should think about sending out missionaries who become TESOL professionals in other countries. As these individuals provide English teaching to those countries or nations, many other doors of ministry opportunities will be opened.

Q Do you have any concluding thoughts about TESOL and HIM? | First of all, through Gospel Publishing Mission (HIM's literature development and distribution department), you have many excellent resources in simplified "international" English which can be very helpful to those who are trying to learn the language. For instance, I personally have used materials like *More than a Carpenter* in my classes in Texas as devotional material for my ESOL students. I have also used stories from Dr. Connie Palm's book, *Is God Really My Father*, to open up my classes. And finally, one thing I remind my students is that if they are going as a professional somewhere, their first job is to be the professional. Because a person is a true professional and delivers quality work, the students will be more open to listening to him/her. One has to first earn students' trust and confidence. Then, as they begin to ask other questions, the opportunities for one to share the gospel story will present themselves. I think a person should not use a job anywhere only as a pulpit, but rather use his/her life as a means to win people to oneself and allow God to open doors for sharing the gospel. 🙏

The Intersection of Missions and Education



REX MCDOWELL I

Though the Great Commission mandate Christ gave to all believers has remained the same from the beginning, the methods used to most effectively accomplish that Commission have changed over time. "Trends in World Missions" gives you insight into some of these changes and explains how the missionaries of this generation should approach their task all from a Wesleyan/Holiness point of view. You will read from a variety of missions experts including the men and women who are training missionaries at our Bible Colleges. Today Rex McDowell, former missionary to Costa Rica and current Missions Chairperson at Penn View Bible Institute, gives his perspective of education's role in missions.

I am currently enrolled in an advanced program in education because of my long-standing interest in the intersection of missions and education. Actually, I see four such crucial intersections.

At the foundation lies the education of missionaries. Long ago I heard it said, "A call to serve is a call to prepare" and "You will cut more wood if you take time to sharpen the saw." While we must never lose sight of God's ability to use anyone fully yielded to Him, no matter what one's educational level, neither must we disparage education or specific missions training. I never remember hearing a missionary complain of being overprepared. The trend among the world's nations today tends toward requiring foreigners who would work in their country to have advanced academic credentials. As missionaries, "give of your best to the Master" entails obtaining the best preparation we can: spiritually, missiologically, practically, and academically.

Education by missionaries builds on that foundation as missionaries focus on their responsibility to train national workers. A thriving national church depends on well-prepared national leaders. Through both formal education (in a Bible institute, by extension, or online) and less formal discipleship—the two are by no means mutually exclusive—missionaries must provide national leaders the opportunity to do their best to present themselves to God as ones approved, workers having no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15; see also 2 Timothy 2:2). Neglecting this charge is a great recipe for long-term missions ineffectiveness.

Missions and education also intersect at education by missionary educators. Here I refer to highly skilled teachers who teach in cross-cultural contexts. Although they may train national Christian

workers, I am thinking more specifically of teachers in cross-cultural Christian day schools or even in another country's own educational system. Both constitute powerful options for spreading the gospel. Christian children around the world need Christian education for the same reasons our children do. Teaching in a nation's public schools or universities may furnish the ideal inroad to a creative-access country. If God has called you to serve as a professional educator, raise your sights! He may want to use you anywhere in the world!

An equally important but often overlooked intersection of missions and education is education about missions. Across the church world in general and the holiness movement in particular, I see a disturbing under-awareness of what God is doing right now around the globe and, worse, what the Great Commission means to me individually. Can you answer the question, "What is my role in the Great Commission?" Is "What will it take to complete the Commission" on your radar? Every believer should be well informed about the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic bases for missions; and most importantly, about where he or she best fits in God's global purposes. The fact that too few of us understand our roll in missions calls for education about missions across our movement. This new column in the *World Update* will contribute to meeting that need.

My emphasis on the intersection of missions and education in no way constitutes a new trend. Across the centuries, education has played a central role in missions—sometimes stronger, sometimes weaker, but always there. In this day, without doubt, all four intersections of education and missions merit our renewed commitment and passion. 3



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Hungary

With its tumultuous 1000 year history, beautiful architecture, mouthwatering cuisine, and fascinating culture, Hungary is a country quite unlike any other. Located in central Europe and filled with many surprises, it is easy to fall in love with this enchanting country. The romantic Danube River runs through the heart of the capital city, Budapest, with bridges connecting the two sides: Buda and Pest.

Hungary is located in Central Europe and borders seven other countries. The Hungarian language is so completely different from the languages in neighboring countries that few, if any, shared words exist. With just under 10 million people, it does not have a large population. Nevertheless, the country's culture is rich and varied, and many traditions are tied to their folk heritage. Classical music and Gypsy music are both popular. The people are extremely talented, particularly in the fields of literature, poetry, and science.

Because of its strategic location as the "crossroads of Eastern Europe," HIM prayerfully sent Ed and Heather Durham to pioneer a new work in Budapest, Hungary. Due to decades of oppression and subjugation, many Hungarian people have lost hope and their bleak outlook on life leads to deep depression. Sadly, Hungary has one of the highest suicide rates in the world. The Durham's goal is to bring hope and healing to the people by introducing them to Jesus Christ. ☝



The traditional cuisine of Hungary focuses on meats such as chicken, beef, and pork. Paprika is the most commonly used spice in Hungarian cooking; onion and garlic are also widely used. Vegetables, breads, and white cheeses accompany most meals.

This simple, yet delicious dish, Chicken Paprikash, comes straight from the kitchens of Hungary and combines many of the flavors mentioned above. I recommend serving it with Hungarian Noodle Dumplings. As you enjoy this cultural meal, remember to pray for the needy people of Hungary.



Chicken Paprikash

A Traditional Hungarian Recipe provided by Heather Durham

CHICKEN PAPRIKASH INGREDIENTS

1 green pepper, finely chopped
1 onion, finely chopped
2-3 Tablespoons vegetable oil
1-2 teaspoons salt
2 Tablespoons Hungarian paprika
(Regular paprika will work)
1 teaspoon black pepper
4-5 pounds chicken legs and thighs
2 cups water
1/2 to 1 pint sour cream
1 Tablespoon all-purpose flour
Noodles or Hungarian Noodle Dumplings



Hungarian Noodle Dumplings

Scan QR code to access this traditional recipe.

HOW TO MAKE CHICKEN PAPRIKASH

In a big pot, brown peppers and onions in vegetable oil. Stir in seasonings. Add chicken and brown for 10 minutes. Add water. Cover and simmer slowly until chicken is tender and falling off the bone. While chicken cooks, add flour to sour cream and whisk together until no lumps of flour remain. Remove chicken. Slowly add sour cream/flour mixture to broth until sauce has a creamy consistency. To serve, place chicken on top of prepared noodles and pour sauce over all.

Makes 4-6 Servings.

Tip: You can also serve Chicken Paprikash over rice.



HEATHER DURHAM
Budapest, Hungary



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 "Cultural Connections" you will discover new facts about countries where HIM is ministering or planning to pioneer a new work. You will be able to experience for yourself the tastes and smells of a special cultural dish. Make sure to keep coming back!



Rollin Mitchell
Evangelist

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Presidential Transition Statement

In November of 2014, FEA announced Sidney Grant's intention to step down as President of FEA at the conclusion of his current term in February of 2017. At that time, we also announced Marc Sankey as his chosen successor. However, since that time, God has led the Sankey family on a different path than they expected. The following is a statement from the FEA Board of Directors regarding this time of transition.

TRANSITION UPDATE

Some months ago the FEA Board of Directors appointed Rev. Marc Sankey to be the next President at the time of retirement of Rev. Sidney Grant in February 2017. Since that time, Rev. Sankey has decided to withdraw his appointment to be able to spend time with his family and refocus after years of missionary service. We respect his decision and appreciate his desire to be in the center of God's will. In the coming months, the Board of Directors will take up the process of electing a President Elect. FEA is still under the steady hand of leadership of Rev. Sidney Grant and will continue to be until his retirement.

We ask you to pray for God's guidance throughout this process.

Thank you,
FEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Jeremy Howard family has resigned from Hope International Missions. Jeremy and Delani have faithfully served in South Africa teaching at Hope Christian Academy. Because of their dedicated service, the lives of many young people have been enriched through the relationships formed from teaching. The Howards are currently residing in Idaho while working on attaining U.S. citizenship papers for Delani. Thank you, Jeremy, Delani, and Jameson, for being faithful servants in God's Kingdom.



The wedding of **Bethany Powell and Darin Peters** took place on August 1, 2015 at Hobe Sound Bible Church. Bethany, a part-time housekeeper for FEA, is the daughter of Pamela Powell, bookkeeper for FEA. May God bless their marriage.



David and Christina Black have moved to Koahsuing, Taiwan, where they will continue their responsibilities as directors of HIM's Asian Region. They are planning by the year 2020 to plant five new churches, train five national pastors, and begin ministering in two more Asian countries. We appreciate your prayers for them, both in this time of transition as well as for the accomplishment of these goals.



After nine years of dedicated service in Russia, **the Motovilov family** has transitioned to Ladybrand, South Africa. Both Valera and Maude will be teaching in Hope Christian Academy. We are grateful God has led them to assist in the school. Pray for them and their children, Zarina, Alexander and Nicolas as they adjust to their new home and the South African culture.

JON TOFTE *SBC Director*

Lela's Kitchen

For well over 40 years, Friendship Hall has served tirelessly as the front door for all of the ministries here in Hobe Sound. Many guests have graced its rooms to enjoy a time of refreshing. But after serving faithfully for so long, it was obvious to all of us that Friendship Hall needed a refreshing of its own.

With the support of a few early donors, funds from FEA, and the help of the FEA Maintenance crew, Room 4 was completely remodeled. Bev Waits and Theresa Freeman generously helped with decorations and artistic advice to create our first fully renovated room: The Nautical Room. Shortly after we completed this renovation, I met Lela Crawford for the first time. She was very excited about what we were doing and said to me, "We want to help you with this project!"

Lela wasted no time. The next thing I knew, Room 6 had been transformed into a charming room with a Western cowboy and horse theme. We were able to find some heart-warming Christian decorations in the same style at Hobby Lobby, and this room is now a favorite with our guests. Lela, and her husband Leslie, had only begun, however. They soon came back with the offer to generously complete another room renovation. Of course, we were so very grateful for the Crawford's kindness, but that is when I mentioned the needs of

the lobby and hallways. Lela wholeheartedly supported the idea and with the Crawford's support, we were able to replace tired out flooring and create a whole new feeling in the common areas. The hallways look so much better with improved lighting and a series of photo displays of the history of our various ministries and mission fields.

Sister Crawford and I talked and corresponded about the next steps, but it was at this time that she became very ill from her long battle with cancer. One of the last suggestions Lela made was to tell me that she thought we needed to make an all-new kitchen. Sadly, Lela was not able to be here to see this dream through to completion. However, her husband, Leslie, graciously approved an ambitious makeover and instructed me to "do it right."

At the suggestion of Wanda Knapp, this new kitchen has been fittingly named Lela's Kitchen. The gracious décor includes pictures of Lela and her family, some of her personal decorations, and a special tributary plaque created by our resident artist, Don Meredith. Guests have been truly blessed by both the amenities and the warm feeling the room emanates. I so wish Lela could be here to share it with our guests as our honorary hostess, but I do believe she is able to see her friends and family members enjoy the fulfillment of her vision. 🌿



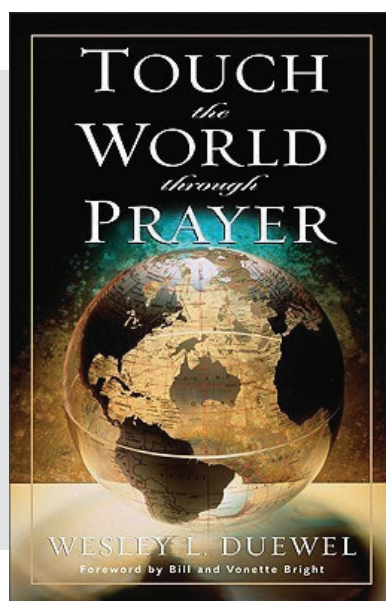
Prayer is the most powerful weapon at the Christian's disposal. Through prayer the child of God can wage spiritual warfare against the plans of Satan. In fact, one of the ways you can fulfill your role in the Great Commission is to pray. Wesley Duewel said, "Prayer is your way, often the only way, to water the harvest. By prayer you can bring the Holy Spirit's blessing on any gospel effort anywhere in the world." Indeed, "We can reach our world, if we will. The greatest lack today is not people or funds. The greatest need is prayer."

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AFRICA Over the last year, there have been a number of conflicts to work through with the national work in Lesotho. **Praise God** for giving Glenn and Stephanie Gault special wisdom and grace to know what to do and how to handle this difficult situation. Things are much improved! Valera and Maude Motovilov and their children have just moved to South Africa to begin teaching in HIM's Hope Christian Academy. **Pray for strength** as they adjust to a new culture and new responsibilities.

ASIA David and Christina Black, Directors of the Asia Region, have just moved to Taiwan to better serve this area. **Pray for the Blacks** as they adjust and for all the HIM missionaries serving in Asia.

CARIBBEAN The Rob Loper family has returned to Grand Turk following six months of deputation. **Praise God** for helping them raise their needed support! **Pray** for the entire family as they reacclimate to island life.

EUROPE/RUSSIA Exciting new ministry opportunities are opening up in Eastern Europe. **Pray** that God will give wisdom to Regional Directors Ed and Heather Durham as they explore these possibilities. Also, **pray** that people will respond to God's call on their lives to serve as missionaries in Eastern Europe.

SPANISH HIM's Spanish Ministries is growing, both here in the United States and throughout Central America. **Pray for our Spanish Bible Institute** as it begins a new year of preparing men and women to plant new churches and strengthen existing ones. Eric and Hannah Kuhns and their children are ministering in one of the most dangerous countries in the world, Honduras. **Pray for God** to bring peace to this troubled nation. Also, **pray** especially that God will continue to protect the Kuhns in the face of daily dangers.

GOSPEL PUBLISHING MISSION 100,000 copies of 101 *Stories of the Bible* in the Arabic language are currently being printed. These books will mainly go up and down the Nile River. Some will go to Lebanon and Jordan and refugee camps in Iraq. **Please help us pray** for the printing process and especially for the distribution process. We want lives to be changed through this project! 🙏



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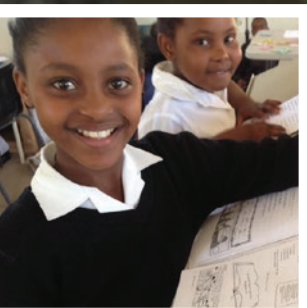
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In the early 1970s HIM began the first Christian school ever opened in the Turks and Caicos Islands in Bottlecreek, North Caicos. Over the years many island people have attended Lighthouse Christian Academy. Our national conference president, Junior Forbes, is a graduate of this school.

HIM's work in Asia began in 1973 when Robert and Marcina Pelton arrived in Taiwan to teach at Sheng-te Christian College. Since then education has still been one of our strongest methods of sharing the Gospel with the Asian people.

There are currently over 100 students receiving training through our Spanish Bible Institute (SBI). All fifteen of HIM's hispanic churches here in the US are pastored by graduates of SBI.



Hope Christian Academy, located in Ladybrand, South Africa, has made a tremendously positive impact in the surrounding area. Prospective parents often refer to the Christian education and the consistency of discipline as the main reasons for wanting their children in the school. There is currently a waiting list of students hoping to enroll.

