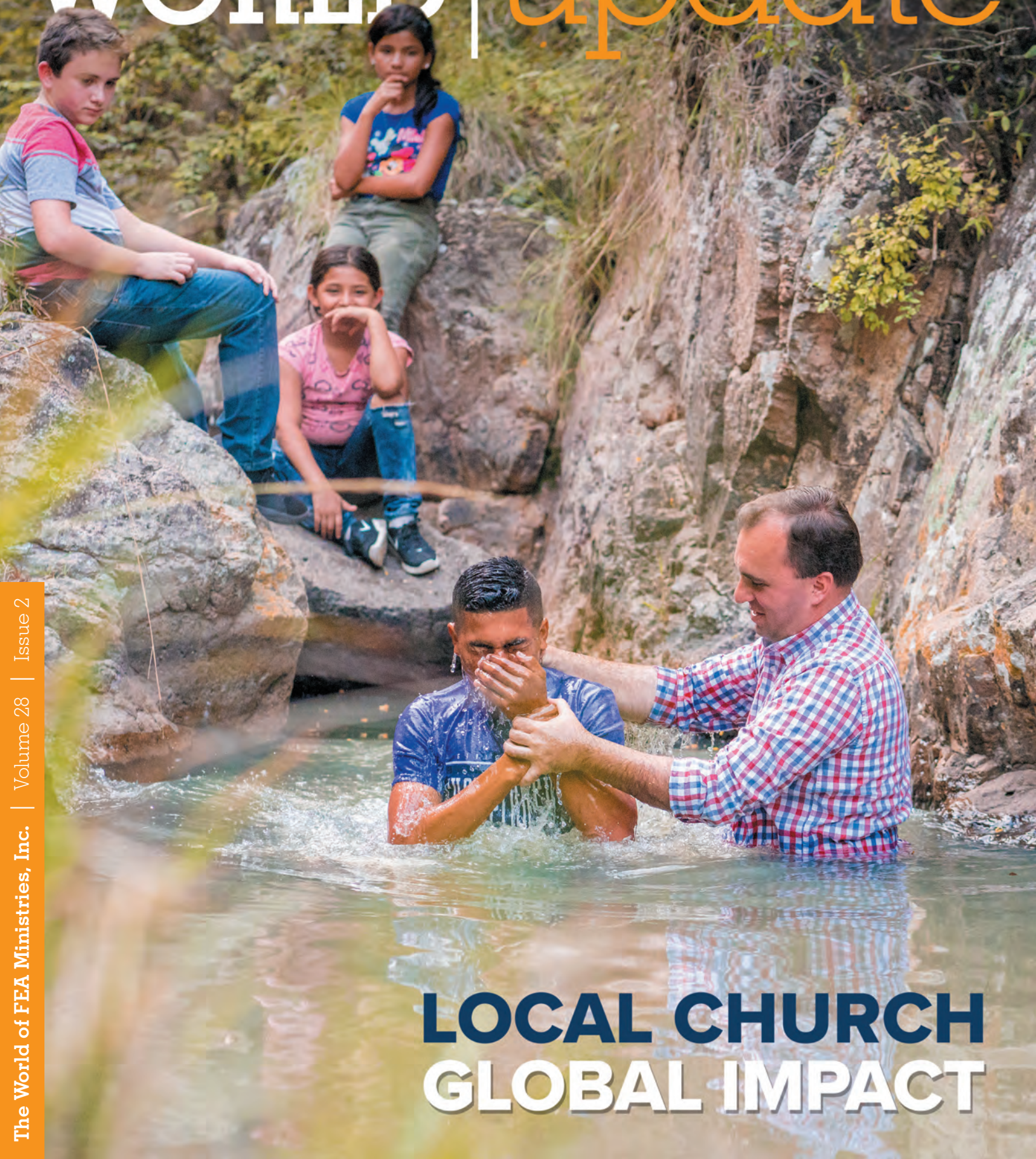


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LOCAL CHURCH
GLOBAL IMPACT

I love to see how God is building His kingdom here on earth! Part of my responsibilities includes traveling to various churches to represent Hope International Missions. It is always encouraging to see vibrant congregations passionate about impacting their surrounding communities with the gospel. While it is vital for churches to reach the lost around them, God also wants His local church to have a global impact. One way this happens is through supporting HIM's ministries and missionaries around the world. As you pray for us, give financially, and send workers to serve cross-culturally, you and your local church are making a global impact!

Without question 2020 has been one of the most challenging years we have experienced in a long time. COVID-19 has affected everyone the world over, but God is not hindered! Through radio ministry, Zoom, small meetings of new converts, and other resourceful methods, missionaries continue to spread the gospel, often with greater opportunities than they had before.

During the fall Hobe Sound Missions Convention Glenn Gault, missionary to Lesotho, Africa, said,

There's a scripture that I've been thinking a lot about lately where Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I believe Satan has done his best to disrupt and destroy God's kingdom using this virus. But he has failed. We have seen more people come to Jesus during the last six months of this time than we did all of last year. The gates of hell cannot prevail against the church of Jesus Christ.

In this World Update be encouraged as you see the impact your local church is having. From Sea Breeze Community and Sea Breeze Camp here in South Florida to lives transformed in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and beyond, God is building His kingdom! FEA Ministries could not play our role in the Great Commission if you and your local church did not enable us. Thank you for making a global impact! 🌍

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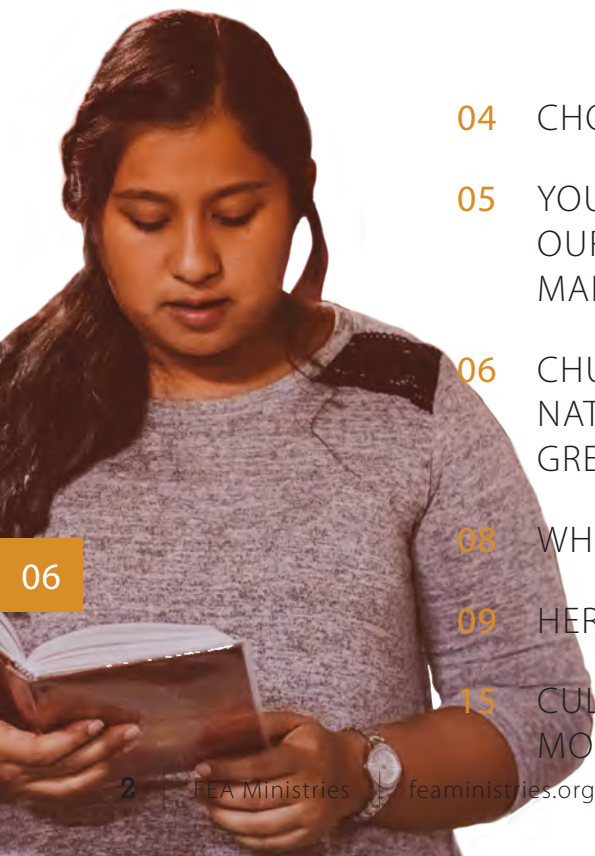
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HAROLD MARTIN *President*

Local Churches Do Impact the World

Recently Frank Vaughn, Haiti Field Director for Hope International Missions, shared a captivating story with me. Due to all the turmoil Haiti has faced over the last year and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the vulnerable have been left without options. Among these vulnerable populations are the prisoners. In Haiti—as well as other countries around the world—family members are expected to provide for the necessities of inmates including food, clothing, and medicine. With much of Haiti in turmoil and with lockdowns, prisoners’ families could not bring the necessary supplies. Seeing the need and feeling compelled to help, the HIM church in Gran Riviere, Haiti—along with other churches—banded together and delivered food to the local prison to feed the starving inmates.

I was moved by this story. Christians know the church is not a building. But at times we forget to act like it. Too often “church” is thought of as something we attend or as the building in which the followers of Christ meet. And yet as we have learned so quickly this year, it may not always be possible to meet together in a particular building. But we will be known in our communities as being followers of Christ if we are faithful to reach out in times of distress, bringing hope to the hurting and confused world all around us.

This year FEA Ministries focused on the theme “Local Church Global Impact.” Each church, including yours, can make a global impact by sending missionaries and supporting them with your prayers and finances. But that is not where your impact stops. As God blesses the efforts of our missionaries, and men, women, boys, and girls are won to Christ, they too begin to meet with other believers, and the church is expanded. As those Christians begin to reach out into their communities, your impact is magnified.

One of the joys I have as president of FEA Ministries is the privilege to travel and visit our missionaries and the national churches in their respective regions. Most of these churches are pastored by nationals and are locally funded and governed. They continue reaching into their communities with the love of Christ just as our church did in Haiti.

A few examples I witnessed from my travels include our churches in Lesotho ministering to their communities through a

weekly radio broadcast and a program to care for orphans living in nearby villages. In Latin America our churches band together to feed the vulnerable in prisons, at local hospitals, and those who live and work at the city dump. And in Taiwan our churches use the English language as a tool to attract their neighbors to church and hold summer English camps where the gospel is clearly woven into each lesson.

Why is it so important that local churches both at home and abroad make an impact in their communities? Though there are many reasons, of primary importance is that it gives legitimacy to the message of redemption. Time and again in the Gospels we see Jesus meet a physical need immediately before meeting a spiritual need.

One of the clearest examples is found in John 9. In this passage Jesus heals a man who has been blind since birth. Great controversy arises from this miracle as the healing was performed on the Sabbath. The Pharisees are much more concerned about the day on which the miracle was performed than on the well-being of the young man who was blind. While being cross-examined by the Pharisees, the healed young man makes this startling statement in verse twenty-five, “Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.” At that point all the man knew for sure was that Jesus had the power to heal. Nothing else really mattered to him at that moment.

A few verses later, after the healed man has been thrown out of the synagogue, Jesus revealed His real intentions for restoring the man’s eyesight. Jesus asks, “Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” The response—“Who is he, Lord?” Greatly impacted by his healing, the man is ready to respond spiritually. Did Jesus care about this man’s eyesight? Absolutely! But His intention was much greater than simply restoring physical sight—it was to introduce this young man to the Light of the World! The man states, “Lord, I believe!” and another name was written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (John 9:35-38)!

Can your Local Church make a Global Impact? Absolutely! And as the Kingdom of God advances around the world, the church is being built, and all who have sent, prayed, and supported see their impact magnified. 🙌



CHOOSING FAITH OVER FEAR

DAVID BLACK

Director of HIM Asia



Almost twenty years ago I heard an instructor at Summer Institute for Missionary Orientation (SIMO) say that “a missionary’s flexibility is his greatest ability.” We have had to live out that motto in many ways, but never so many as this year.

The global COVID-19 pandemic affected all of us. As our entire HIM Asia team was impacted, we asked God to help us respond in faith rather than fear. One of our churches in Taiwan is in an office building where many people come and go. Rather than hide in fear, our church leaders handed out masks to those who entered and exited the building. Opinions vary about the effectiveness of a mask, but these gifts certainly communicated love and care. We all provided alcohol for hand cleaning and spent extra time sanitizing all surfaces in churches and in the mission center so people could feel as comfortable as possible.

A church in South Taiwan opened a weekly Zoom class for children who are home much more than usual. The church used to offer English instruction and a Bible story time in the church building each week. The children were so disappointed when that class had to stay closed. Zoom has provided a real option for the church to take care of its own children and their needs. It also gives a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel to children from several places in Taiwan. Students from as far north as the capital city of Taipei have joined the class.

One church placed their chairs six feet apart and opened the church for a limited number of worshippers. All the rest worshipped online. The church even continued with baptismal plans, opting for sprinkling rather than immersion due to the virus. They prepared small packets for communion with the “bread and wine” prepared ahead of time by one person in a sterile environment. While other

churches stayed closed, this dedication to continued service to the church family showed a beautiful example of faith in place of fear. All pastors and missionaries have cooperated with governmental guidelines but have certainly not stopped serving and are doing all they can to help others through these potentially frightening times.

Nichole Barr, our missionary to Mongolia, is the director of a large language institute. Suddenly, students were not allowed to return to the school, and all the teachers who were paid on an hourly basis had no income. Some students could not even get home. Nichole opened her home for church services, meals, tutoring, and as a place for young people with nowhere to go to stay and be safe.

All travel into other parts of creative access countries has stopped for now. As directors of HIM Asia we were so sad to cancel our typically intense travel schedule, but then we started receiving requests for training online. We are routinely doing both teaching and training into those creative access places by Zoom. It dawned on us recently that we are spending more time with those people than we ever have! Of course the Zoom ministries would not work if we did not already have relationships of knowledge, trust, leadership, and friendship forged during the years we put our faith where fear tempted us and went into creative access places using any flexible, legitimate reason we could imagine.

In every country and in every place we have all had to make adjustments. But it is incredible how God has provided grace to be brave instead of fearful in the middle of this pandemic. Ministry in HIM Asia has not slowed or lessened. Rather God has increased our audience and sphere of influence. His grace has been more than we have needed. 🙏



GLENN GAULT *Director of HIM Africa*

Your Local Church Helps Our Local Churches Make an Impact

At the height of the AIDS epidemic, a quarter of the children in Lesotho were orphans because of this dreaded disease. Stephanie and I felt compelled to help but were overwhelmed by the scale of the need. After discussion with national leaders, we decided to work through local congregations. The first child to receive assistance was Cellina, an eight-year-old girl from a family of orphans. Each month the church took food and other supplies to her and her family.

This small beginning keeps growing. Through the years we have been learning how to support vulnerable children in ways that will give them “a hand up” and not just a “handout.” Not everything we have tried has been a success, but there has been progress. Orphans are finding Jesus and becoming a light in their communities.

Today Cellina is a professional social worker who helps HIM’s Orphan and Vulnerable Children

program on the side. She has incredible ability as a children’s worker. Because of tragic experiences from her childhood, she can help others who are hurting. She knows how to encourage children to open their wounded hearts to receive God’s love and healing.

Cellina is not the only one making a difference in her community. Because you support HIM, Mrs. Mamatabane cares for orphans with income from a candle-making project. Mr. Kabelo supports his family because you paid his way through a school for tailors. You sent the gospel to the village of Ha Motheo, and Mrs. Mokoka gave her heart to Christ. Now she is on the church’s orphan committee and also serves the chief of her village as an advocate for the needy and abused. Your local church is having a global impact by helping our local churches transform communities in Lesotho! 🙏



JOSEPH TAYLOR *Director of Gospel Publishing Mission*

GPM Resources to Impact Local Communities

The written word is possibly the most impactful way to spread the gospel message. It crosses cultural barriers with ease. It can have a very long life and tells the same message over and over. Even in the face of anger or joy, it shares the Good News in an effective, even tone. We have several excellent resources for evangelism in your own community.

1. *Parades*

These books are specially designed to be distributed by churches at local parades, but probably you can imagine other ways for them to do their work as well. The books contain fascinating information about parades, then lead straight to salvation. You need these in your local church to impact your community!

2. *Buried Alive*

Designed especially as a disaster relief evangelism tool, if you have these on hand, they can be effectively distributed in your own neighborhood with humanitarian aid following house or apartment fires, floods, tornados, etc. We expect millions of these to bring the gospel story to multiplied millions of souls.

3. *Is God Really My Father?*

By design, this book is a super tract! Starting before the beginning of time with the existence of God and

heaven, it quickly moves forward to how sin came to be. Then it covers creation, the fall of man and how sin entered the human heart. Several word pictures are given of salvation through the Old Testament and on to the prophecy and the advent of Christ’s birth.

More word pictures of salvation through the New Testament are presented, then the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Next to last is an invitation to salvation with a “sinner’s prayer.” It ends with telling others—the Great Commission. “Now that you’re a child of God, you have work to do.” Beautiful story, isn’t it?

4. *Jesus, My Very Best Friend*

This book for young children contains the plan of salvation in a simple story with supporting Bible verses on each page. Colorful illustrations beautifully represent our multicultural world. This evangelistic tool has the ability to reach the hearts of children all around the world with the love of Jesus.

Telling others is the essence of the Great Commission! Jesus instructs His followers to spread the Good News to the far corners of the world, making disciples of all nations. Here are four extremely powerful tools to communicate that Good News.



Since the days of the apostles, Christ's teachings in Scripture have been best transmitted and practiced through the structure of the church. Strong local congregations are essential to the spread of the gospel. In this conversation Director of HIM Latin America Eric Kuhns explains how God helped him and his family plant several churches in Honduras. And he shares how those churches are making an eternal impact in their surrounding communities.



Church Planting

The Natural Outflow of the Great Commission

An Interview with Eric Kuhns



Q Why are local churches and the planting of churches so important in missions—or anywhere?

Church planting is the natural outflow of the Great Commission. If believers are being converted, disciplined, and baptized, they will make either congregants or congregations. You cannot disconnect the Great Commission from the church. The disciples who were present to physically hear the last words of Christ before His ascension showed us how they understood those words. They began to preach and to plant churches. The hundreds of new converts won on the day of Pentecost began to meet in homes to break bread and to hear the Word of God. The goal of missions ultimately should be to establish the church, the body of Christ. Our humanitarian efforts, our schools, distribution of literature, outreach, or whatever our ministry may be should never be an end in itself but should be done to edify and strengthen the church.

Q How has God helped you plant churches in Honduras?

It has been an exciting journey. God clearly showed us that church planting is very much a Spirit-led endeavor. It must be built upon a lot of prayer, fasting, and outreach. You do not just say one day, “I’m going to go plant a church.” It was through the leadership of the Holy Spirit that we came into contact with key people who were converted, and then they invited us to minister to their family and friends. We asked God for the first church—people were asking us for the second and third churches. It is definitely a spiritual process—keeping in step with the Holy Spirit. And church planting is an exciting and fulfilling work!

Q What are some ways the churches in Honduras work to impact their communities?

The people love to serve! They have come up with creative ideas and have looked for opportunities to share the gospel. In Latin America it is all about whom you know. The gospel flows through relationships. People have had house services with neighbors and friends which has opened up opportunities for us to minister to new families. Through acquaintances, the Cressmans were able to go with our church people and hold services in public schools. Our people have accompanied us to the prison to take food and share the gospel with the inmates. There have been outreach emphasis times where we have gone door-to-door inviting people to church and giving them tracts and church flyers. Our people use their jobs as a way to connect with needy people and then build on those relationships. We have taken meals into the hospital and have preached to people who are sleeping on the sidewalks because they have a family member hospitalized. There are numerous ways our church people have ministered in their communities.

Q How do the activities you described impact the attitudes and actions of your church members?

Getting them involved in ministry helps them to be more introspective on their own spiritual condition. They have to ask themselves, “If I am going to minister to others, am I where I need to be spiritually?” It pushes them to learn more so they are prepared to answer people’s questions, and it helps them to be focused on others rather than on themselves.

Q Which of the various methods of ministry outreach from the local churches in Honduras seem to have been most successful?

Hands down, friendship evangelism would be the most effective method. The culture is all about family and friendships. Once a person learns how to network the gospel, there is no stopping it! A friend tells a friend, and that friend tells their family, and so on. The other methods have had their successes but nothing near that of friendship evangelism in our context.



Q What do you have to say to local churches in America? How would you like to challenge or encourage congregations in the United States?

There is a lot I would love to say to local churches in the US. To the ones who have three, four, five or more pastors attending your congregation, could you start a daughter church with one or two of those pastors, launching out in a new town or neighborhood where there is a desperate need? I would encourage congregations to try out “cell groups” or house services. Get two or three families from your church together and invite a neighbor family to the meeting. Make it informal, yet share the Bible and discuss how to serve Christ better. Look for ways to minister to minority groups in your community. Could you start a Hispanic church, a Muslim outreach, a ministry to Amish? Don’t worry about the trends, the fads, the best-sellers. Get serious with God and get His heart, His passion, and His plan for your church. Don’t give up asking, praying, and hoping. The size of your church does not have to be an excuse not to try. Rise to the challenge—God wants to do great things for His glory! 🙌

WHO NEEDS A Church?



RANDALL MCELWAIN

During a conversation about missions, someone argued, “We need to quit putting so much emphasis on local churches. The job of a missionary is to get people to heaven. Who needs a church? Being a Christian is about my relationship with Jesus, not about a church.”

Who needs a church? Good question. The New Testament answer is, “We do.” Read Paul’s letters and you will see that the Christian life is not only about my relationship with Jesus. The Christian life is about my relationship with Jesus, with the universal body of Christ, and with a local body of believers. God works through the church to accomplish His purpose in our world.

In the New Testament age God worked through the church.

The Book of Acts shows the importance the apostles placed on establishing churches in cities such as Antioch, Ephesus, and Philippi. With the exception of a personal letter to Philemon, each of Paul’s letters is addressed to a local church or a pastor. Paul writes to “the saints who are in Ephesus,” Philippi, and Corinth. Even in the letter to Philemon, Paul sends greetings to “the church in your house.” Peter wrote to believers who were part of local churches in “Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia.” John wrote to Gaius regarding a problem in his local church. The Book of Revelation begins with messages to local churches. In the first century God worked through the church.

In church history God worked through the church. We could examine almost any period of church history for this. Sometimes they were large churches; sometimes they were small. At times the

church met publicly; at times the church was forced to meet in secret. The church took many forms, but God has worked through the church in all ages.

One example is the Methodist revival. As soon as Wesley had evangelized a group of converts, he organized them into “societies” for worship, fellowship and discipleship: a church. George Whitefield attributed Wesley’s greatest success to his emphasis on forming societies, or churches. Methodism in America followed the same pattern. Francis Asbury was passionate about evangelism, and he was equally passionate about organizing churches in every community he visited. The Methodists knew God works through the church.

On mission fields today God works through the church. These churches may not look like churches in the American Bible Belt. Churches in China may not have a full-time pastor. Churches in India may not meet in a building with a steeple. Pipe organs and grand pianos do not hold tune in the rainforest, and African worshippers rarely enjoy four-part Western hymns. But in each of these places, God is working through the church.

It may be two or three gathered in His name in an apartment. It may be hundreds meeting under a tent. It may be dozens worshipping in a rented storefront. It will not look like Hobe Sound Bible Church or your local church, but it is a church! It is the people of God gathering for worship, fellowship and discipleship. Today God still works—at home and overseas—through the church. 🙏



Heroes of the Faith

During 2020 FEA Ministries has lost many dear friends. These men and women are true heroes of the faith, and their lives and legacies have impacted countless people around the world! In this edition we honor the lives of three HIM missionaries (current and former). Further memorials will be given in the next issue of WORLD UPDATE.



Pieter Jacobus Willem Marais was born on January 4, 1947. After an extended illness, he left this life to be with Jesus early on July 6, 2020.

As a young man, Pieter studied mechanical engineering. After marrying Hester Breyll, he started his own trucking company in Pretoria, the capital city of South Africa. Later he moved his family and business to Humansdorp in the Cape and started a number of other businesses including a Volkswagen dealership and a construction company. Through very hard work, ingenuity, and an entrepreneurial spirit, he became a very successful businessman.

After getting saved, God called Pieter and Hester to become full-time missionaries. In 1993 they went to Lesotho on a short-term assignment to help Hope International Missions build a church and a two-room parsonage in the town of Roma. While completing the project, they lived in a tiny camper through the cold winter months. Following this short-term assignment, they agreed to join HIM full time and moved to the village of Matukeng, Lesotho. Their years in Lesotho were characterized by aggressive evangelism in rural villages and building churches where congregations were started. He built, or helped other missionaries build, eight churches and a school building.

Around 1997 God opened a door for Pieter and Hester to move back to South Africa and begin evangelizing in the farming districts around Ladybrand. Around this same time, God also placed a burden on Pieter's heart to supply Bibles to rural parts of Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Namibia. He negotiated with Bible societies to print the Bibles. Then he would take teams of volunteers into the "bush" to distribute them in hard-to-reach areas. Over the years Pieter and Hester coordinated the delivery of more than 185,000 Bibles.

For many of the twenty-seven years Pieter served with HIM, he primarily supported himself as a building contractor and mechanic. This allowed him to use any financial support he received from America directly for ministry. He also taught many young men a trade and gave them work so they could also support their families.

In addition to the Bible ministry, the hallmark of Pieter's later years was personal evangelism. All across the countries of southern Africa are people whom Pieter won to Jesus while sitting around a campfire or drinking tea in their living rooms. His gentle, caring way, deep prayer life, and constant emphasis on salvation by faith alone led many to become disciples of Christ. Less than a week ago a businessman drove a thousand miles and somehow managed to get across the border of Namibia into South Africa (a border that is mostly closed because of COVID-19) to tell Pieter goodbye. As he wept on his shoulder, he thanked Pieter over and over for leading him to Jesus.

Pieter is survived by his wife Hester; his children Lida and Gerhard Snyman and Dawie and Brenda Marais; and his grandchildren Andre, Megan, and Pieter.

Margaret Louise Shipley McElwain was born

January 22, 1938. With her children at her side, she passed away August 5, 2020, at the age of eighty-two. Mrs. McElwain, or Margie as many knew her, was a pastor's wife, a devoted mother and grandmother, and a missionary to Taiwan. After pastoring for many years in the United States, Margie and her husband J. R. served from 2000-2002 as pastors of the Bible Holiness Church, an HIM congregation in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. She said those were some of the best days of their married life. In her "retirement years," she served as the post-mistress of Hobe Sound Bible College where she delighted in interacting with the students.

Fellow HIM missionary Bradley Halter said, "Sister McElwain came to Taiwan with her husband at a time when many people would be preparing for retirement. She gave herself

wholeheartedly to ministry here. Without learning the language, without immersing herself in Chinese culture, her openness and kindness, her acceptance of people, and her diligence and faithfulness won the hearts of the people. When my wife and I visited the McElwains in the States after they returned from Taiwan, we found their home filled with Chinese-style decorations—momentos from the friends they left in Taiwan. They had found a place in the hearts of the people of Taiwan because the people of Taiwan had found a place in their hearts.”

A funeral service was held August 11, 2020, in Greenville, Tennessee, with interment in Cedar Creek Cemetery. Mrs. McElwain was preceded in death by her husband of forty-eight years Rev. J. R. McElwain. She is survived by her children Randall and Sue McElwain of Hobe Sound, Florida, and Lisa and Roman Wasylk of Kerhonkson, New York; two sisters, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a memorial donation to Gospel Publishing Mission (Hope International Missions) in Hobe Sound, Florida, to publish Christian literature.

Glen Edward Reiff, age 85, went home to be with his Lord on August 31, 2020, surrounded by his family. He was born May 1, 1935, in Ogallala, Nebraska, to Dennis and Emma (Nacke) Reiff. His father pastored and served as a college president. In 1947 the family moved to Guatemala where they planted churches, started a radio station, founded several schools, and began a Bible institute that became part of Evangelistic Faith Missions. Glen learned how to play various musical instruments and taught his new friends how to play. He helped organize a musical band that would travel by jeep into remote villages to play and attract the community to attend the open-air evangelistic services. Glen spent his teen years chasing poisonous snakes, building a six-foot-wide model wooden airplane, climbing volcanos, and helping build newly planted churches with lumber purchased at a lumber yard operated by Fidel Castro.

Because of political turmoil in 1953, Glen and his brother Paul were in danger of being conscripted into the Guatemalan army. Their parents sent them back to the United States. Glen enrolled at God's Bible School where Dr. Leslie Wilcox permitted him to begin college classes conditional on finishing his course work for his high school diploma. With a full load of college courses, working forty hours a week to pay his way through college, and driving a Sunday school bus, Glen was not able to earn his high school diploma until five years after he graduated with a bachelor's degree in theology in 1957.

While enrolled at GBS, Glen met a pretty southern girl from Pulaski, Virginia, named Barbara Nell Thornton. They had both received a call to be missionaries at twelve years of age and were soon enjoying each other's company. After graduation Glen returned to Guatemala to rejoin his parents and their missions efforts. Nell still had a couple of years to finish at GBS. They continued dating through letters that took weeks to arrive. Glen eventually proposed to Nell by mail and anxiously awaited her reply. It took several weeks before he received the long anticipated “yes.”

Glen and Nell married in 1958, took a brief honeymoon, and then drove across the USA, through Mexico, and into Guatemala. Glen looked forward to introducing his new bride to his family and friends and the beautiful country known as “the land of eternal springtime” that he called home. It was not long before they were traveling into remote villages planting churches and establishing new preaching outposts that would eventually become churches as well.

The Reiffs ministered in Guatemala and El Salvador. They also added Darrell, Stanley, and Duane to the family. In 1976 Glen and Nell were planning to move back to the United States to put their two older boys in high school when a devastating earthquake hit. They spent the next four to five months doing relief work—providing food and shelter





for thousands of displaced families—before relocating to the United States.

After thirty years in Guatemala Glen experienced bittersweet emotions at leaving his adopted homeland and lifelong friends. But he also was head of his family and had a strong desire to have his boys experience the culture and receive an education in the USA. They arrived in Hobe Sound, Florida, in 1976 to begin a new stage of their lives. Glen taught at Hobe Sound Bible College, and Nell served as a receptionist.

Because of civil war in Guatemala, thousands of people fled to the United States. A large group ended up in Indiantown, Florida—not far from Hobe Sound—where they could harvest crops and support their families. As Glen met these people and heard their heart-wrenching stories, he longed to help them. He and Nell discussed various options and came up with the idea of converting an “eighteen-wheeler” truck and trailer into a mobile chapel. Nell’s brothers worked for a trucking company and negotiated the purchase of two eighteen-wheelers at a low cost. The Mobile Chapel soon was being used to hold English and Spanish church services and classes. Glen and Nell quickly coined their new missions’ venture their “semi-evangelism.” Volunteers from Hobe Sound Bible Church and Hobe Sound Bible College helped teach migrant workers to speak and read English, how to follow local laws, where to bargain shop, and other helpful information. Glen’s innovative and effective educational methods outperformed government efforts, resulting in him being hired by Martin County School District to teach for them during the week. This funded the ministry for church services on weekends. He was awarded teacher of the year in Martin County for his effectiveness in training adult learners.

Many Spanish speakers discovered a God who loved them and placed their faith in Him and continued to grow in their faith. Soon these enthusiastic, transformed individuals began planting churches throughout south Florida and then Georgia, Delaware, and other areas with concentrations of Spanish-speaking communities. Others returned to their countries of birth to plant churches at home. Today Hope International Missions (HIM) has eighteen Spanish churches in the United States with two more being started in 2020.

In 1994 Nell developed an aggressive cancer and in less than four months, she went to be with her Lord and Savior. After thirty-seven years of marriage Glen was devastated. He was lost without his helpmate and best friend. This was a very difficult season, but God was faithful, and Glen realized God was not through with him yet.

In the early 1970s in Guatemala Glen and Nell had worked with missionary Helen Leigh, whom their boys called “Aunt Helen” in typical missionary-kid tradition. In 1995 Hobe Sound Christian Academy hired Helen to teach. She and Glen began to become reacquainted and to catch up on their lives since their mission years a couple of decades earlier. Soon Glen realized Helen was filling the relational gap and the loneliness he felt. The twinkle in his bright blue eyes and his contagious laughter returned. He asked Helen out on their first date and within several months he proposed. On July 19, 1996, Glen and Helen were married.

Glen and Helen shared life together for over twenty-four years. They returned to Guatemala as missionaries for several years, traveled the world preaching and teaching, and eventually returned to Hobe Sound to teach classes in the Spanish Institute, work in the FEA Ministries, Inc. office, and travel as often as possible to visit their families. Their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren enjoyed their doting as did many other children. They attended Iglesia Evangelica de Santidad “Monte Horeb” Spanish Church and Hobe Sound Bible Church, both in Hobe Sound.

Glen was predeceased by his parents Dennis and Emma Reiff and his first wife Barbara Nell Reiff. He is survived by his second wife Helen Reiff; his children Darrell and Debby Reiff, Stanley and Amy Reiff, and Duane and Amy Reiff; his six grandsons Stanley Preston Jr., Quinten Glen (Elise), Everett Carey (Rachel), Duane Stuart Jr. (Morgan), Michael Thornton, and Toler Edward; his two great-grandsons Zeke William and Theo Dwight; and his brother Paul.

Due to the COVID pandemic, Glen was buried by his family in a private ceremony on September 5, 2020, at the Riverside Memorial Park, Tequesta, Florida. An online global celebration service of Glen’s life was held during the Hobe Sound Bible Church and Hope International Missions Mission Conference on October 4, 2020. English and Spanish archives are available at www.hobesoundbiblechurch.com.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to the Glen Reiff Memorial Fund at either of the following organizations:

FEA Ministries/Hope International Missions (HIM) Hispanic Ministries
feaministries.org/reiffmemorial
 PO Box 1065, Hobe Sound, Florida, 33475

Evangelistic Faith Missions (EFM) Guatemala Ministries
efm-missions.org
 PO Box 609, Bedford, Indiana, 47421. 🇺🇸





DARYL HOBBS *Missionary to Haiti*

The Church in Haiti During COVID-19

Haiti...a beautiful, mountainous land overflowing with people...strong, resilient people who endure extreme poverty, constant political uncertainty, and now COVID-19. How are they coping?

As the coronavirus pandemic swept over the world, the government of Haiti reacted quickly, shutting down airports and borders to foreigners; closing schools, businesses and churches; and encouraging social distancing—something next to impossible in this crowded land. Open-air markets had time limits imposed, and general evening curfews were set for the cities. Life that was already difficult suddenly became even more so. Prices for food went up causing widespread hunger and desperation.

In times like these, Christians rely on God more than ever—but in Haiti they were restricted from meeting together. Pastors and Christian workers had to find new ways to minister to their congregations. Only a few have internet access, so that was not an option. What could they do?

On Easter Sunday morning in the village of Grande Riviere, Haiti, the churches have a custom of joining

together in the center of town for a sunrise service. This year? The pastors discussed it and decided to spread out all over the village at different points to preach at sunrise, taking the good news of our risen Lord to the people in their homes!

On other Sundays some of the church leaders spread out to the homes of their people, taking time with them to read God's Word, sing and pray, and encourage each one during this difficult time. Our pastor in Grande Riviere goes into the church, turns up the speakers, and sings, prays and preaches so those around can hear. Some people come to the doors and windows to listen. Small groups come together to pray. Our orphanage holds a service among themselves in the yard.

During a recent communication from our orphanage director on WhatsApp, we heard a beautiful sound in the background. It was the lovely voice of his wife singing a hymn as she worked. After a few moments her voice was joined by the voices of some of the children. What a delight to hear them singing God's praises!

God's church is alive and well in Haiti! ☸



ED DURHAM *Director of HIM Europe*

United for Global Impact

From the beginning HIM Europe has focused on partnering with national churches to help them effectively impact their communities. Our missionaries have experienced great success over the years as they partnered with local churches to minister to orphans, prisoners, addicts, university students, and church congregations. Several churches have been planted; rehab centers have been developed; orphans have been cared for; and countless lives have been changed.

I believe passionately in seeing believers disciplined so they become motivated to reach the lost of their communities. Since coming to Hungary, I have developed a close connection with the superintendent of the Hungarian Methodist Church and a working relationship with more than twenty pastors. Over the last two years I have been focusing on developing discipleship groups in as many churches as possible. These groups encourage believers to spend time

daily studying the Bible, applying it to their lives, and praying for the others in their group as well as praying for the lost. The churches have been enthusiastic, and I enjoy encouraging them in growth as well as celebrating victories. Currently about ten groups have been started in various cities across the country, and several have divided to form new groups. My pastor friend Donat said, "This is just what my church needed! My church people are reaching out to their neighbors." There is no doubt in my mind that this is a foundational element for revival in Hungary.

The people of the local churches in Europe have suffered oppression and persecution, but through it all the fire of the gospel continues to shine bright in their hearts, and their passion drives them to reach their communities. What a wonderful opportunity for HIM to partner with these local national churches! United we have a global impact. ☸



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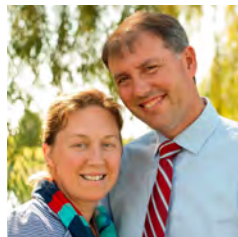
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CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Mongolia

You might think a culture based around a nomadic lifestyle would value individualism and separation, but in Mongolia this is certainly not the case. Although traditional lifestyles caused families to move up to five times a year (a tradition still practiced in much of the rural country), this only increases the value of connections. When distant families or even strangers come, it is cause to stop the daily labors and visit.

"Come, drink tea!" the host will call from their *ger*—the circular authentic felt and wood-framed mobile home. Visitors sit around the central stove and drink salted milk tea while they discuss herds, weather, and mutual acquaintances. While the men talk, the women begin preparing food—and one of the most common foods is the traditional dumpling, called *buuz*.

Steamed over the fire and served piping hot, just the smell of *buuz* cooking is enough to bring a wave of nostalgia and happiness over people of any age! This food is also the central feature of the lunar new year celebration—Tsagaan Sar. Families begin preparing hundreds of *buuz* in the weeks before the holiday, freezing them outside in the sub-zero temperatures. During the week-long celebration as family members and friends drop by, fresh *buuz* are steamed each time visitors arrive. Some families also hide a coin or small colored grain of rice in one of the *buuz*, and the person who finds it is supposed to have good luck for the year.

It is very important to visit all your family during Tsagaan Sar, starting with the oldest living relative and moving down the list by age. This holiday is a perfect example of what Mongolians value: family above all else, then tradition, then food—especially meat! Homes and people are transformed during the holiday into a perfect image of what it means to be "Mongolian." Traditional costumes are worn by all, formal greetings are necessary, and superstitions as old as memory itself are practiced (e.g.: Two pregnant women cannot greet each other, or else the gender of their babies will be switched.).

As a foreigner it is important to work hard to respect tradition and to build and deepen friendships through this essential holiday. With respect and humility it is possible to carry a Christian witness into a deeply Buddhist culture. Through God's grace and the work of His church, Mongolians are being transformed into an even more perfect image—the image of Christ! ☞



Buuz (Mongolian Dumplings)

A traditional Mongolian recipe provided by Nichole Barr

2 cups flour (You may need more or less.)	2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup water	3 Tbsp. water
½ lb. mutton or beef, minced	Salt and pepper to taste
¼ cup onion, minced	¼ cup oil to brush or dip

In a medium bowl mix flour and water, adding the water a little at a time until the flour becomes a soft, pliable dough. Turn the dough over onto a cutting board and cover with the bowl. Let it rest for 15 minutes.

Mince meat, onion, and garlic. In a medium bowl mix the minced meat with the onion, garlic, and 3 tablespoons of water. Salt and pepper to taste.

Place a small amount of flour in a small bowl. Separate dough into three pieces; roll each piece into a long strand about ¾ inch thick. (You may want to flour your work surface. The dough should not be too sticky.) Cut the strand into pieces about 1 inch in size. Roll each piece between your palms, then slightly pinch between your thumb and forefinger to flatten. Toss these pieces in the bowl of flour to keep them separate.

Roll each circle of dough flat with a rolling pin until they are about 3 inches in diameter—try to keep them as uniform and circular as possible. (It's difficult!) Holding the circle of dough in your nondominant hand, add a teaspoon of the meat mixture into the middle.

Pinching the dough (See pictures):

- The fancy way: Start at any point on the edge of the dough and pinch a small corner together. "Gather" the next bit of dough and continue pinching around the edge to make a circle of small "pleats." You should use your thumb to maintain a small hole in the center-top for steam to escape through.
- The easy way: Place your thumb and index finger on opposite sides of the circle and pinch the edges together into a "taco" shape. Rotate the dough and repeat on the opposite side to create a four-corner design. These will have small holes in each corner to vent.

Pour oil into a small bowl. Dip the bottom of your *buuz* into the oil (bottom only!) and then place on a steamer tray. Steam *buuz* for 25 minutes. Remove from heat and fan the *buuz* with a plate or board. Serve hot with soy sauce or ketchup.



NICHOLE BARR
Mongolia

New HIM Short-Term Missionaries



Benjamin Smith family

Benjamin and Brenda Smith have joined HIM as our newest short-term missionaries. HIM is excited to have the Smiths working in HIM US Spanish Ministries discipling young people to be leaders within the holiness church.

Ben and Brenda both attended God's Bible School and College. They have one

daughter named Sofia. The Smiths have been directing the youth ministry in their local church and leading in youth ministries around the United States. Through their work with HIM they will endeavor to establish a community of bilingual and bicultural Hispanic Christians to become holiness leaders in the Hispanic community. The Smiths will focus on discipling and mentoring second-generation Hispanic-Americans within the HIM churches in the United States. Their desire is to see this next generation be firmly grounded in holiness and become kingdom leaders.

New Van Purchased

Thanks to generous donations from you, our supporters, HIM Europe purchased a 2015 Ford Transit. The van has a turbo diesel engine which gets thirty miles per gallon on the highway. We anticipate with good care getting ten years of service out of it. With the remaining donations we hope to get a 2008-9 ministry van for Slovakia. Thank you for your quick and faithful response to filling these needs.

HIM Partners with Bible Methodist Missions



Maricka Herrero

At least 85 percent of pastors in Africa are untrained or under-trained for the ministry. Believing this statistic must be changed, Hope International Missions and Bible Methodist Missions have formed a strategic partnership to promote the Shepherds Global Classroom curriculum across Africa. As a result of this

agreement, Bible Methodist Missions missionary Maricka Herrero will be joining the HIM Africa team of missionaries.

Maricka's responsibilities will include promoting the use of these books, managing the supply chain, teaching classes, and helping African professors sharpen their teaching skills. Maricka will remain a Bible Methodist missionary, but her daily ministry

will be coordinated through HIM. HIM Africa is thrilled to have this talented, well-trained young lady on our team! The Bible Methodist Church and Hope International Missions believe we can accomplish more in Africa by working together.

Long-Term Missionaries Welcomed



Jonathan Gray family



Stephanie Walter

During the recent meeting of the FEA Ministries board, the Jonathan Gray family and Stephanie Walter were approved as long-term HIM missionaries. Jonathan, Victoria, Elijah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel have been serving as short-term missionaries ministering to Muslims in Dearborn, Michigan. Stephanie has been working with the Amish in central Pennsylvania. We are excited to watch how God continues using them in those areas. Please keep on praying for and supporting these missionaries. Visit their webpages at feaministries.org/missions/gray or feaministries.org/missions/walter.

Office Transition



Judy Bulson



Becky Glick

In 2012 Judy Bulson joined the FEA Ministries staff. Her friendly personality and hard work were a great asset in the reception office. To many she was the face of FEA Ministries or the friendly voice on the phone that took care of their needs. Last year she was awarded Employee of the Year by FEA. Due to her husband's health issues, Judy has had to step down.

God was not taken by surprise. He had already arranged for Jerry and Becky Glick to move to Hobe Sound and begin serving at FEA. Becky was able to step into Judy's place and is doing an excellent job. We welcome Becky to the office.



The Dream Becomes a Reality

The long-dreamed-of Palm Missionary Guesthouse is now a physical reality. The exterior is roofed, stuccoed, and painted. Interior walls are drywalled and primed, cabinets have been installed, showers are tiled, and electric and plumbing are in the final stages. The porch railing and handicap ramp are complete.

The layout includes two complete apartment units. Each side has a living/kitchen area, four bedrooms and three bathrooms. An apartment unit can house one entire family or three missionary couples.

Missionaries are excitedly looking forward to using the new facility perhaps as soon as during Sea Breeze Camp 2021. Thank you for your faithful, generous donations which made this project possible. To see a picture timeline of construction, go to www.feaministries.org/palmhouse. 🙌



Louie the Monkey!

Louie the monkey is hiding again. See if you can find him and be sure to let us know! The first five kids who call 772-546-1113 or email engagekids@feaministries.org will have their names published in the next issue of *World Update*. Please make sure to include the page number and location when you contact us. Happy hunting!



After fourteen years of growth the church in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, is bursting at the seams. Following much prayer a property with a two-story house has become available for purchase. This would provide space to build a sanctuary, develop classrooms and dorm rooms for a future Bible institute, and house the family of a future national pastor. Eric Kuhns has launched the Ministry Expansion Project to raise \$95,000 by January 1, 2021, for the purchase of the property. Already almost a third of the money has come in for this project. Ask God how much He would like you to give to help the church in Tegucigalpa expand their outreach. Visit feaministries.org/MEP to learn more and to support this growing work.



Goodbye, Jon Tofte

HAROLD MARTIN *President*

For the past seven years Jon Tofte has served as the director of finances and Sea Breeze Community business manager for FEA Ministries. Traditionally these roles had been held by two individuals, but Jon brought a unique set of abilities to each job.

As a 1978 graduate of Hobe Sound Christian Academy, Jon understood the ministries here in Hobe Sound and the unique relationship between FEA, the church and college. He had a love for the campus these ministries share and a desire to see it improved.

As one looks around our campus today, there is no corner that has been left untouched by Jon's eye for detail. Many upgrades were made to aging structures and landscaping improvements abound. Most notable was Jon's concern for FEA's guest facilities. On more than one occasion I heard Jon refer to Friendship and Manor Halls as FEA's "front door." Jon took these buildings as his personal project and during his tenure oversaw the remodeling of twenty-three guest rooms and the addition of landscaping and a front porch to Friendship Hall.

In his position as the director of finances Jon brought his expertise as a CPA and was able to set strong budgeting and financial tracking tools in place. The finances of FEA are in great shape as a result of his diligence. Though the Toftes recently moved to Indiana to help care for a relative, Jon has agreed to continue as our director of finances and will be working remotely.

Jon, thank you for serving FEA Ministries so faithfully these past seven years. You have made a lasting impression on our campus, and you will be missed! 🐼



Jon and Faith Tofte



Jerald and Becky Glick

Welcome Jerald Glick

HAROLD MARTIN *President*

One of the keys to a successful organization is having the right people in the right positions. Jim Collins in his classic book *Good to Great* used a bus as an analogy to organizations. He pointed out that it is important to not only have the right people on the bus but to have them in the right seats on the bus. I have found this to be true throughout my years serving with various ministries.

FEA Ministries has a great team of employees serving our missionaries and managing our campus that is shared with Hobe Sound Bible College and Hobe Sound Bible Church. But as with any organization, change is always just around the corner.

When I learned of the Tofte's move to Indiana, I began praying and brainstorming about possible people to fill the important position of Sea Breeze Community business manager. During this time Pastor Matt Ellison from Hobe Sound Bible Church mentioned to me the church's need for a music minister. As we thought about these two positions on our campus, the name Jerald Glick quickly came to our minds.

It is an honor to have Jerald and his wife Becky join the ministries here in Hobe Sound. Jerald is serving as our community business manager, and his wife is assisting him as needed. The Glicks bring a wealth of ministry experience, especially in a Bible college setting, and a love for missions. Jerald's background in construction and his love for people serve him well in this position.

Please remember the Glick family in your prayers as they assume these new roles with the ministries here in Hobe Sound. 🐼

Praise God for His workings during this global pandemic. Several unique ministries have opened up, and God is bringing forth fruit for His kingdom.

PRAY FOR PASTORS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Director of HIM Africa Glenn Gault was recently given the opportunity to help train a group of lay pastors from the Anglican church in Lesotho. One lady testified, "Before I started reading these Theological Education by Extension books, I thought I was a Christian because I went to church. Now I know I'm a Christian because I'm born again. And today I learned that I'm also supposed to be an ambassador for Christ. Jesus has changed my life." Pray for God to continue working in the lives of these Anglican lay pastors and ask Him to bring about a revival in the Anglican church of Lesotho.

PRAISE GOD FOR THE USE OF MOBILE APPS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL

Because of the pandemic, our missionaries had to stop several of their outreaches. But God opened doors through technology and media to reach people they would not have come into contact with before. In Asia and Europe Nichole Barr, the Blacks, and the Motovilovs used Zoom for teaching English classes and training teachers and pastors. In Africa and Latin America the Gaults, Petersons, Kuhns, and Cressmans held Bible studies as well as adult and children's services via WhatsApp and YouTube. One man in a Honduras hospital played the church services on his phone for all the patients to hear, and at least one individual prayed for salvation as a result. Thank the Lord for helping the gospel to go forth through these digital means!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

All across the world people have lost loved ones due to COVID-19. In our FEA family several have made their transition to heaven in the past few months because of the pandemic and more due to other health issues. These saints are rejoicing in heaven, but many hurting hearts are left behind to await the day we can all join together again. Specifically pray for the families and friends of Pieter Marais, Margaret McElwain, Glen Reiff, Norma Frase, Carl Vogel, Ignacio Palacios, and Michael Hobbs.

PRAY FOR UNITY AND GROWTH IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

This present world offers a golden opportunity for the church to unite together, take ground from Satan, and grow God's kingdom. We as humans struggle with our emotions and limitations. But God is not hampered in His work. His Spirit is still standing by to empower us to minister and serve those around us. On your knees, tap into the fountain of Living Water and share His love with a hurting world.

As the world has coped with the COVID-19 pandemic, Christians have searched their hearts for God's direction in responding to the crisis. Samuel Logan Brengle was a leader in The Salvation Army at the turn of the last century. The following is an excerpt from a rousing message he gave to Christians during the pandemic of their time. We too can have hope and joy because of our confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ!

A World in Travail Our Duty in the Present Year

The world is hurt, and its deep wounds will be long in healing. It will be a year of great toil and sacrifice, of pain and loss and perplexity and sorrow. And it will be a year of great opportunity for Christian people, ...if we are prepared to face its crowding problems and vast needs. There will be opportunities for sacrificial living—and possibly for holy and triumphant dying.

It is not a time for fear but of renewed, intelligent consecration. It is not a time for fault-finding and complaint but for hopefulness and cheer. It is not a time for faltering and doubt but for courage and dare-devil faith. It is a time to prove the worth of religion!

What shall we do? What, what can we do? First of all, we can hold fast the faith. ... A calm, fearless soldier can hearten a whole company in times of danger, and a steadfast [Christian] with unshaken faith can be a tower of strength to wavering souls about him in these days of sore perplexity and trouble.

Secondly, we can pray. if we cannot always see plainly what His will is, then we must trust where we cannot trace.

Thirdly, we can minister to the souls and bodies of people. Never, never has greater opportunity come to us to be servants of all and ministering spirits.

Fourthly, we can give the world an example of Christian cheer and hope and love. We must so wait upon God in faith and quick obedience that the joy bells will not cease to chime in our hearts, and the light and beauty of holiness and heaven will not fade from our faces. We shall meet with obstacles. People's minds will be preoccupied. ... But sorrow and loss and danger and death are our allies and will help us and open doors for us if we are ready to enter. Let us face the future with renewed devotion, with hope and love and untroubled faith and instant prayer, and God, God will crowd and crown it with blessing. Hallelujah! 🕊



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DID YOU KNOW...

1 The new church in Nanzi, Taiwan, is now one year old. During their Sunday anniversary celebration service, they held their first communion and first baptism. Leo Guei Jin "Hannah" came to Christ through the local Bible study that helped launch the church, and Hannah is a supportive, faithful member. What a joy to see her baptized!

2 Director of HIM Latin America Eric Kuhns was recently given a tremendous ministry opportunity. He is now writing a regular column for "La Tribuna," one of the two national newspapers of Honduras. A friend who is a journalist for the paper invited him to write on any subject he chooses, including religious topics. The column appears in the printed edition and in digital communications from the publisher. Our HIM missionary has the opportunity to impact the entire country of Honduras for spiritual good.

3 The Building the Foundations project in Lesotho has received \$100,653 which covers almost two-thirds of the goal for Phase 1. This will finish the first house that the Petersons are now living in along with getting the steel-framed building up for the tabernacle. Only \$54,347 is needed to finish the goal for Phase 1 of this project. Along with completing the tabernacle, Phase 1 includes building an additional rental house. The money raised by renting out these houses will help the local churches have a greater impact on the local communities they work in.

4 HIM missionary Valera Motovilov, a native Russian, was saved under the ministry of former HIM Europe Director Bill Saxton. To learn English, Valera attended a Bible study led by Rev. Saxton. He soon began to wrestle with the truth of the Bible and gave his heart to Christ. Today he is in Prague, Czech Republic, using the same method to reach Russians living there. The work of God has come full circle.

5 Recently HIM US Spanish Ministries planted two new churches—one in Arcadia, Florida, and another in Anderson, Indiana. These are new congregations spreading out from the eighteen HIM Spanish churches in the States, which themselves began from the original HIM Spanish church in West Palm Beach, Florida.



The first home of the Lesotho Housing Project