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FEA Ministries is a nonprofit organization that exists to Serve the Church and Reach the World. We fulfill the commission of Christ by producing disciple makers around the world through diverse Christian ministries. The three main branches of FEA Ministries are Hope International Missions, Sea Breeze Community, and Sea Breeze Camp. Our ministry is about making sure people everywhere are ready to spend eternity with God.



FROM THE CITOP

BENJAMIN MCDOWELL Managing Editor

I remember parking my vehicle, stepping up onto the back deck, and knocking on the door of a little blue house on a hill in Pickens, South Carolina. I was there to visit Phil and Betty Newton, the first missionaries to serve with Hope International Missions. Phil was somewhat of a legend in my mind, and I could easily recall the photo of him leaping out of a plane in the Bahamas, a giant smile splitting his face. What characterized the lives of Phil and Betty Newton was passion—a passion for Christ and a passion for people.

As the door opened that warm September afternoon, I was greeted by the same infectious smile and energy. Phil, Betty, and I spent hours trailing down memory lane, recounting stories of adventure, danger, blessing, and God's provision. Together we flew in the small mission planes through harrowing storms and sunshine-filled skies. I heard about other HIM missionary colleagues who faithfully carved out churches throughout the islands, and I rejoiced over lives transformed through the power of the gospel. Sitting with this precious couple, I was moved by their stories and their example. These true heroes selflessly gave their all to follow Christ's call to make disciples to the ends of the earth.

Many can share of the impact Phil and Betty Newton made on their lives. Though nearly sixty years have come and gone since the Newton family moved to that tiny Caribbean island, the same passion for God

ABOVE

Benjamin McDowell looks on as Phil Newton passionately shares during the 75th Anniversary Celebration Service.



Scan the code to listen to the conversation between Benjamin McDowell and the Newtons.

and for people which marked their lives then still radiates out of this saintly couple. Contemplating this, two things come to my mind. First, while Phil and Betty are tremendous role models for us today, in a real sense there is nothing extraordinary about their lives. They are common people just like you and me. What made the difference is the uncommon way in which they surrendered all to God and lived their lives so closely connected to His heart. This is the source of their passion for the lost. Second, God wants to raise up more Phil and Betty Newtons today! He has not changed, and the needs of the world remain. May many others heed the call, consecrate their all, and allow God to use them to make disciples around the world.

In this edition of the *World Update*, reflect with us over the history of FEA Ministries. Read the reports from regional directors sharing how God has blessed and multiplied the ministry in their fields. Rejoice at how God is helping in the present. Recommit to live a life of deep meaning and passionate consecration. And remember that the same God who has been with us Until Now will faithfully be with us Until Then. •

STONES OF REMEMBRANCE

By HAROLD MARTIN President, FEA Ministries, Inc.

Sea Breeze Camp 2022 marked the 75th Anniversary of FEA Ministries. Special events honoring this milestone in our ministry filled the ten-day camp. Most importantly the presence of God was felt in each service, and many victories were won around the altars.

The 75th Celebration Service which took place Friday night, February 11, was the highlight of camp. Not one of the nearly 1,400 people in attendance will ever forget the passion of Phil Newton as he re-lived those early days of ministry in the Bahamas or the presentation of an honorary degree to Rev. Newton by President Stetler and Dr. Churchill of Hobe Sound Bible College. At ninety years of age Phil Newton's passion for the lost that gave birth to Hope International Missions over sixty years ago was evident to all. God's presence was there in a powerful way!

Anniversaries provide the perfect time to do three things...an opportunity to look back, to evaluate the present, and to chart a course for the future. The past is instructive, the present may be compelling, but the future calls for increased vision, passion, and effectiveness.

Often in the Old Testament when something needed to be remembered, stones were used to memorialize the event. On at least three different occasions, these were referred to as "Stones of Remembrance." In Genesis 28 Jacob anoints a stone with oil and calls the place Bethel—The House of God. Though Jacob does not fully understand the implications of his dream, he is deeply impacted by God's presence and erects a stone to memorialize the event. The second account of a Stone of Remembrance is found in Joshua 4. The place is called Gilgal—so they would not forget all God had done for them. The third Stone of Remembrance account is found in 1 Samuel 7. The stone is "Ebeneezer; until now the Lord has helped us."

In the verses following the account of Samuel's stone of remembrance, "He went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places" (1 Samuel 7:16). These were the same places where stones had been set up. It was not enough to simply remember; there was a proactive ongoing effort to serve the Lord faithfully in each of these locations.

Former FEA President G. R. French put it this way, "A vision must be frequently renewed, or it will die. Satisfaction with the past and the attitude of 'holding the fort' will result in stagnation. The world is on the move, and the church must be anointed with 'fresh oil,' or it will settle for 'fanning the dying embers of the past.' The best defense is an aggressive offense."

The purpose of FEA Ministries is to "serve the church and reach the world." God's intention for the church is to go! (Mark 16:15) His plan is that the local church be the primary tool through which God's kingdom is brought to earth. The role of FEA Ministries is to intentionally come alongside the local church, enabling them to effectively fulfill God's command to "go and make disciples of all nations." We do this by continuing to cultivate an atmosphere for God to move through our annual Sea Breeze Camp, and by helping believers within the holiness movement find and fulfill their role in the Great Commission.

So what is our renewed vision for the future of FEA Ministries? It can be summed up in one word: expansion. Currently, thirty-eight HIM missionary families work with outreaches in more than twenty countries. We envision many more families serving cross-culturally. For most churches the thought of sending missionaries across the globe from their local church is overwhelm-





1. Students in a season of prayer at Sea Breeze Camp 2022

2. Rev. Phil Newton recieves honorary degree from President Stetler and Dr. Churchill of Hobe Sound Bible College ing. FEA Ministries has the expertise and desire to come alongside the local church and support their mandate to spread the gospel to every nation. But our vision goes beyond simply sending missionaries to foreign soil. It is about lifting the load with them; bearing the burdens of the ministry; and supporting them spiritually, emotionally, and financially.

Finally, it is our vision to serve the church and reach the world by providing resources, training, and ministry opportunities to reach cross-cultural populations in cities and neighborhoods here at home. Today the world is coming to us in large numbers. Many immigrants arrive in America at a crossroads of openness and change. What an opportunity for the church to reach those from other countries right here in our own backyard.

As noted earlier, Samuel visited the places where stones of remembrance were set up. But sadly the children of Israel forgot. However in the New Testament we get a fresh look at Stones of Remembrance. In 1 Peter 2:4-5, Jesus is referred to as a "living stone" and we, His followers, as "lively stones." With each decision of life we are building a spiritual house made acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. As important as an organizational vision is, it cannot be separated from the work God is doing in each of our lives. At the end of the day we are not here to build an organization but to be personally conformed into the image of God's Son.

As FEA Ministries advances into our seventysixth year of ministry, can we count on you to remember us in prayer? Our world still desperately needs to hear the message we have to share. We have remembered the past and evaluated the present, but we are looking to the years ahead with great expectation as we walk through open doors and seek to glorify God with our lives and in our work at FEA Ministries. •

HIM AFRICA

All Things Are Possible by GLENN GAULT

Hope International Missions' outreach in Africa began in 1990 when Jim and Fredde Howard moved their young family to Ghana to help start a Bible college. Though there were many ups and downs to carving out the new work, in time the Evangelical College of Theology was established. After six years in Ghana the Howards moved to Lesotho to help with a work that had been recently turned over to HIM.

In the mid-1970s the Roger Rehfeldt family had founded a clinic in the rural village of Matukeng, Lesotho. Though access was difficult and living conditions primitive, they did not let these challenges hinder their vision of spreading the gospel while providing health care in a needy place. Other missionaries joined the effort, and churches were planted and pastors trained. In the mid-1990s these churches and Matukeng Health Centre were turned over to HIM. The Howards and Pieter and Hester Marais continued evangelism and church planting. Pieter built numerous church buildings, establishing the work. With Johan and Hessie van der Merwe, the Maraises also pioneered new holiness churches in South Africa.

Jim and Fredde Howard's vision for training strong leaders and entrusting the work to them set the standard for a new

This is a shortened timeline of significant events in the history of FEA Ministries. The current names "FEA Ministries" and "Hope International Missions" (HIM) are used throughout. Additionally present HIM missionaries who have served for twenty consecutive years or more are recognized. See the new FEA Ministries history book for a more detailed timeline.

Pieter Marais

trip Glenn Gault

teaching

camping during a Bible distribution

1943

Rev. James and Ella Zuch move to Palm Beach Country, Florida, because of his asthma condition. They begin ministering in Riviera Beach.

2

generation of HIM Africa missionaries. Since 2000 Glenn and Stephanie Gault have focused on training more workers to pastor, plant churches, and minister to children. Joining the team in 2016, Angela Thornton works alongside nurse-midwives to make Matukeng Health Centre a holistic ministry—reaching people with the gospel while providing excellent physical care. In 2017 the Peterson family became a part of the work, expanding the church's existing orphans and vulnerable children ministry. A partnership with Bible Methodist Missions added Maricka Herrer to the team, helping churches across Africa train leaders using Shepherds Global Classroom.

Christianity is growing in Africa, but godly, well-trained leaders are needed to protect it against cults and false doctrine. HIM is committed to helping train these leaders. Building on our experience in Lesotho, missionaries and national workers are expanding the influence of HIM to other organizations and countries. We envision the teenage orphans being discipled using Reach4Life Bibles becoming godly young people contributing to their society. In weekend tent meetings in Lesotho and South Africa, we expect more Christians to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to live holy lives and effectively witness in their communities. We are thrilled that some of the Anglican lay pastors we are helping train are now born-again Christians, and we are trusting God to use them to start a revival in their denomination. At the end of 2021, God opened the door for us to equip an independent church in Cameroon with the Shepherds Global Classroom program. We anticipate great things as this church begins training its own missionaries, who fearlessly take the gospel to the Muslim regions in the northern part of their country.

With God all these things are possible, but without intercessory prayer none of them will happen. Please pray fervently that God's kingdom will come in Africa! •



Howard Family in Africa in 1990
Glenn Gault with Lesotho pastors
Matukeng Health Centre

1946

September 30

Florida Evangelistic Association is chartered in West Palm Beach with five founding members: Robb and Geraldine French, James and Ella Zuch, and Frances French.

1946

The first advertised Sea Breeze Camp is held in an army "mess hall" moved to the property. Around fifty people attend.

1947

Twenty-eight acres of property is purchased in Hobe Sound for \$4,800 and the fledgling ministry relocated there.

HIM ASIA

Strengthening The Church

by BRADLEY HALTER & DAVID BLACK

In 1973 Robert and Marsena Pelton were sent to Taiwan by Hope International Missions to teach at Shengte Christian College. Later their co-worker Bradley Halter joined HIM. In the years following, HIM supplied other teachers for Shengte, including Dr. Fred Wingham, Drs. Edward and Connie Palm, and national teachers Daniel Hsu and Eliot Chu.

The first service of what would become the Chungli Bible Holiness Church in northern Taiwan was held on Easter Sunday 1985 with Daniel Hsu and Bradley Halter as pastors. Eventually the church purchased land and built a seven-story building, selling the bottom five floors to finance the construction. The top two floors served as the church. In 2014 the church purchased and renovated the second floor of another large building near the Chungli train station.

In the southern part of Taiwan, Byron and Missy Manners pastor a group of believers in Kaohsiung. There is also a smaller congregation in the urban area. It is not as easy to grow a church there, but the people are faithful. In the Nanzi district David and Christina Black planted a church in 2020, which is now overseen by a national leader. Today nationals lead almost all the HIM-affiliated churches. One active member pastors a little church which sits on the island of Cijin, just off the coast of southern Taiwan. Nestled between heathen temples, its light shines daily, and believers are baptized in its ocean waters.



While HIM continues its church planting and leadership training in Taiwan, the Taiwanese people are taking leadership and ownership of the mission work. They are casting vision, planting more churches, and developing training to strengthen their local congregations. They have even assumed leadership of the longstanding children's ministry HIM calls "Summer Gospel English Camps."

Around twenty years ago HIM moved into mainland China through the ministry efforts of Jeanne Schwartz and Dorothy Hsu. They continue to counsel and disciple new Chinese believers online, as well as partner with hundreds of house church pastors, leaders, and Christian school groups throughout China. HIM has also established a foothold in the country of Mongolia and assists pastors with training in Papua New Guinea.

Today because of COVID and increasing government restrictions, China is largely closed to most

1950s

Sunday services are begun for the small number of people who live on the property in th<u>e winter.</u>

959

Robb French agrees to house a Bible school on the campgrounds. Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Herron move from Tennessee to Hobe Sound. In 1959 Dr. Herron and Robb French along with C. J. Goodspeed and teenager J. R. Hutchinson make a trip to the island of Grand Bahama to explore missionary opportunities.



- 1. Dorothy Hsu and Jeanne Schwartz with friends from Taiwan
- 2. Winghams, Hsus, Elliot Chu, Peytons, Halters and Tungs
- 3. Elliot Chu with Bradley and Anita Halter
- 4. Chungli Bible Holiness Church
- 5. Pruetts, Peltons, Elaine Gove, Troyers, Bradley Halter
- 6. Jeanne Schwartz and Dorothy Hsu in China

missionary activity. However HIM continues to train and develop pastors, leaders, and school teachers through Zoom classrooms. Coordinated by David Black and a Chinese pastor friend, HIM is presently using Shepherds Global Classroom material. Christina Black continues to help Chinese schools with their teacher training and development via Zoom, as well as teaching English classes online.

The work in HIM Asia is not finished! Going forward, HIM Asia desires to continue equipping and enabling the national church in China and Taiwan to share the gospel and assist in church planting. We desire to develop and strengthen the church in Mongolia by sending more missionaries to help train and disciple Mongolian Christians. God is doing great things around the world. We covet the best missionaries to send into the spiritual darkness of more Asian countries to join those already raised up to accomplish His soul-saving mission. The work in Asia will certainly look different than it looked to the Peltons in 1973, but God has a call for some heart today. Is it you?



1960

Hobe Sound Bible Institute begins with seventeen students from twelve states and Canada.

1961

In the spring, S. D. Herron, some faculty members, and a group of students visit Holmes Rock, a settlement located near Freeport, Grand Bahama, for an evangelistic endeavor. This is the beginning of Hope International Missions.

HIM CARIBBEAN

Bright Hope for the Future

by HAROLD MARTIN

It has been over six decades since H. Robb French, S. D. Herron, C. J. Goodspeed, and teenager R. G. Hutchison made the first trip to Grand Bahama to explore ministry opportunities. Many of the adults who were saved and became leaders in those early years have gone on to heaven. But Sister Drucilla Burrows's prayers are still bearing fruit from when she asked God for twenty years to "send someone to help my people." Children impacted by the gospel in those early days are now church leaders. The gospel continues to be preached in the Caribbean countries where the worldwide outreach of Hope International Missions began.

On Grand Bahama are three churches, all nationally led and supported. The first two churches planted continue in the settlements of Holmes Rock and High Rock. The third church is in the City of Freeport.

In September 2019 the island of Grand Bahama was devastated by Hurricane Dorian. The Category 5 monster storm hovered over the Settlement of High Rock for over forty-eight hours. Our church building was completely destroyed, and seventeen individuals in this small settlement lost their lives. And yet each church on the island used their limited facilities to reach out into their community. Many in the US donated relief items, bringing hope in dark circumstances.

In the Turks and Caicos Islands the work continues on the islands of Providenciales, North Caicos, South Caicos, and Grand Turk. In the 1980s under missionaries Joe and Lois Smith, the FEA churches were organized as the Lighthouse Churches of the Turks and Caicos Islands. These churches impact their local communities with the power of the gospel and the message of holiness.

A highlight each winter is the annual Bottle Creek Camp Meeting. It is wonderful to hear the saints sing and testify of their love for God. Another special event is the annual IH Convention, bringing needed encouragement and spiritual refreshment to the islands.

The Lighthouse Christian Academy begun in the living room of HIM missionaries Fred and Barbara Wingham continues to thrive. The school is now nationally led and supported. A new building was dedicated in 2020 and will serve the next generation of students well. Many islanders look to the founding of the Lighthouse Churches as a time of national revival.

In Haiti our primary base remains in Grande Riviere where the Vermilyea's sacrificially served for so many years, winning the hearts of the people by taking care of their teeth! We currently have four churches scattered across Haiti, all nationally led and funded. Our Christian school now has over 150 children, and in Grande Riviere we care for a number of orphan boys. Many are now young men whom we are helping transition into an independent adulthood. Some are studying for ministry; others are attending university or trade school.

There is bright hope for the future in the islands. The majority of churches are nationally led and funded. Leaders continue to be trained, with several students from the islands studying for ministry at Hobe Sound Bible College. God's promise to Phil Newton at Holmes Rock that "on this rock I will build my church" continues to be fulfilled across the Caribbean. To God be the glory! •

1961

Phil Newton and family move to the islands as the first missionaries. As more missionaries are added, Phil is appointed director of missions, a position he holds until 1983.

1973

In August Robert and Marsena Pelton volunteer as missionaries to Taiwan, opening the first HIM outreach beyond the West Indies. The Peltons teach at Shengte Christian College.





 Cecil Kemp near a cross he built. The church, which stood near it, was demolished, but the cross stood.

- 2. Cecil Kemp, pastor at High Rock, Grand Bahama 3. Harrison Pinder, pastor at Freeport, Grand Bahama
- Harrison Pinder, pastor at Freeport, Grand Bal 4. High Rock Chapel, Grand Bahama, after Hurricane Dorian

1976

Bradley Halter, a teacher at Shengte Christian College, joins HIM. He marries Anita Barr in 1987. Over the years the Halters have helped plant several churches in Taiwan. They currently are the longest-serving HIM missionaries.

1978

Founder H. Robb French gives up his duties as president due to declining health, and G. R. French becomes second president of FEA.

1984

Joseph Smith is appointed director of missions, a position he holds until 1987.





- 4. G. R. French and James Keaton
- 5. Valeriu Iovan, Cornel Popa, James Keaton, and Bill Saxton in Romania

HIM EUROPE

The Church Is Marching On!

by EDWARD DURHAM

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan challenged Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall!" The Berlin Wall was a formidable symbol of Soviet power and division. Cracks soon began to appear in the Soviet regime, and the wall came crashing down within a couple years. The collapse of the Soviet Union sent shock waves around the globe.

Suddenly, Christian ministries recognized the incredible opportunity to expand into the formerly-closed countries of the Soviet Union. HIM quickly mobilized to reach the people of Russia with the gospel. G. R. French made a trip to Russia to establish HIM's plan to partner with the persecuted church to spread the gospel. The biggest need was to provide Bibles to those who desperately wanted to own one without fear of government persecution.

Before long thousands of Bibles were on their way. Over the years HIM has continued to distribute Scripture portions throughout Eastern Europe. Soon HIM's Ministry Center in Russia, under the faithful leadership of Richard and Judy Grout, was reaching hundreds of people each year through correspondence courses, hospital ministries, Bible studies, rehabilitation ministries, and humanitarian outreach. Now the ministry is primarily operated by Russian Christians, who are passionate about reaching their own needy people with the gospel.

G. R. French's vision included other areas of the vast region, including Romania and Czechoslovakia. For

1987

Dr. Glenn Reiff begins using Mobile Chapels (remodeled 18-wheeler tractor-trailers) to reach Spanish immigrants. Sidney Grant starts working with Dr. Reiff. Fred Wingham is appointed director of missions, a position he holds until 1990.

1990

Joe and Gay Taylor begin Gospel Publishing Mission, publishing Christianl books in what would become known as International English.



a number of years Clarence and Roseann Mayhle worked with local pastor Valeriu Iovan in Talpos, Romania, and began the Maranatha Orphans Foundation. Under the leadership of Dr. James Keaton, money was eventually raised to build the Maranatha House of Hope. Today Sally (Sebo) Iovan and her husband Timotei, son of Pastor Iovan, continue to help disadvantaged children, meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of teens and transitioning orphans.

In 2010 Heather and I were challenged to reach further into Eastern Europe. In 2012 we arrived in Hungary to carve out a ministry and seek revival in a spiritually-depressed country. Our primary goals are evangelism, discipleship, and revival. We are thrilled to see a discipleship ministry spreading across Hungary after several years of laying important groundwork. God is working, and I believe revival is coming!

Following G. R. French's vision, I explored possibilities in Czech and Slovakia. In 2015 we began a transition home for girls who have aged out of the or-



phanage system in Slovakia and have nowhere to go. This home provides them with practical skills as well as spiritual and emotional support as they prepare for life on their own. The home also hosts a weekly church service. With the arrival of Tim and Sharron Teed in May 2022, we are excited to expand this ministry in the years to come.

In 2014 we began establishing an HIM ministry in the Czech Republic, where over 90 percent of the people are atheists. For the last two years, the Motovilov family has faithfully ministered to university students in Prague who want to learn English, as well as participating in the ministries of an English and a Russian church there.

The needs are great in Europe. I am rejoicing in the growth and expansion we have seen as the light of the gospel penetrates into the dark recesses where Communism tried to stamp out the embers of the truth of Jesus Christ. Walls are coming down. Christians are boldly proclaiming the Word. Souls are being saved. Christians are being discipled. The church is marching on! •

1992

Drs. Edward and Connie Palm move to Chungli, Taiwan, to pastor the church. Connie continues to serve in Chinese ministries after her husband goes home to be with the Lord in 1997.

1993

Rev. Richard Grout and his wife Judy serve faithfully at the Christian Center in Vyborg, Russia. Over the next decade half a million Bibles and New Testaments are distributed to nearly every province in Russia. To this day an active correspondence ministry is maintained which has reached inmates in 400 Russian prisons.



HIM LATIN AMERICA

A Passion for Souls

by ERIC KUHNS

In the mid 1980s as immigrants fleeing civil wars poured into Indiantown, Florida, they were met by Glen Reiff and a host of helpers preaching the gospel from mobile chapels. Converts from those early days were discipled and trained at the Spanish Bible Institute. Some returned to their homelands with a passion to reach their own people. In 1998 in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, HIM's very first overseas Latin America work was started. Services were held in a garage, until money was raised to buy a property and build a church. The struggling congregation continued to grow, and eventually Roger Ortiz, a convert from an HIM church in Florida and graduate of the Spanish Bible Institute, returned to his native country and began to pastor the fledgling congregation. Similar situations unfolded in Mexico in 2000, in Guatemala in 2001, and later in Nicaragua in 2002. HIM Latin America was born!

The anointing of the Holy Spirit, the fiery passion for souls, and the tough-asnails pioneer mindset that marked our founders seventy-five years ago still run deep in our spiritual veins. Something in us still wants to pick up a hammer and a Bible and see what God wants to do next. Thank God for the early camp meetings, thank God for the mobile chapels, thank God for the pastors who started works that dot the Central American horizon. But what does God want to do next? Who will be the men and women who will build on this existing foundation? We need some new "mobile chapels;" we need some more immigrants saved and sent back to start new works; we need some new Frenches and Zuchs ready to turn a swamp into a spiritual oasis.

As I scan the Latin American world, a lot of work still needs to be done. South America, a continent of over 400 million people, lies untouched by our missionaries. We have yet to send even one missionary as an offense against the spread of Islam happening in places like Panama and Brazil. A church sits without a pastor in the heart of Mexico City, a megalopolis of over 20 million people. We currently have twelve-plus preaching points in Latin America and want to see 100. We desperately need workers!

God is moving right now. Two new missionary families have begun ministry, and another couple is on the way. A new church and property were purchased in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. New converts have been discipled and baptized.. Plans for a Bible institute are underway. Outreaches to children, youth, women, prisoners, and alcoholics are making a difference. Praise God for what He is doing right now!

1993

Miss Jeanne Schwartz and Mrs. Dorothy Hsu develop a radio ministry that reaches every province in mainland China twice a week over two of the most powerful transmitters in the world. Supervision of a mission work in Lesotho, Africa, is turned over to HIM. Pieter Marais is appointed field director. He and his wife, Hester, begin an aggressive outreach to the countries of South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Namibia, which includes the distribution of tens of thousands of Bibles and many thousands of gospel tracts. From a humble campground, to the creative ministry among Hispanic immigrants, to church plants across Central America, a lot has been done in seventy-five years. But we are just getting started. The next chapter is going to be even bigger and better! Someone will answer the call to South America. Someone will catch the vision for Muslim ministry in Latin America. I fully believe there will be a person with a burden for Mexico City. With God's help we will plant those 100 churches! Rejoice for what God has already done, and believe for what He is going to do.

> Dedication Sunday for a new church facility in Tiloarque, Honduras 2. Honduran children gathered for an outdoor gospel service 3. Panama City skyline 4. A skyscraper reaches upward in Santiago, the capital city of Chile

1993–1996

Coordinators are appointed to give supervision to various regions of HIM: Dr. Bill and Judy Saxton–Eastern Europe and Russia; Jim and Fredde Howard–Africa; Jeanne Schwartz– Chinese Outreach; Sidney and Gretal Grant– Spanish Ministries. The coordinator title is later changed to regional director.

1994

Gospel Publishing Mission becomes a part of HIM. To date, almost 4 million books have been published and distributed around the world.

HIM NORTH AMERICA Wide Open Doors

Hope International Missions is a cross-cultural sending organization. We come alongside the local church here in America to help believers find and fulfill their role in the Great Commission. To many the concept of missions involves packing belongings and moving to some other location in the world. While that is often the case, serving cross-culturally does not necessarily mean being in a different country. Today the world is coming to us in large numbers. We want to reach them while they are here. Many immigrants arrive in America at a crossroads of uncertainty and change. During these times the door is wide open for us to impact them with the gospel. Historically FEA Ministries has taken the opportunity afforded by immigration to build the church. In the 1980s and '90s FEA Ministries impacted the Hispanic community of South Florida by using mobile chapels. Today twenty-three Hispanic churches are operating in the United States as a direct result of those efforts.

Again right now the immigrant population is exploding in America. What an opportunity for the

1999

Dr. James B. Keaton is appointed the third president of FEA. He is installed during the 2000 camp meeting.

2000

Johan and Hessie van der Merwe join HIM. The van der Merwes are farmers as well as lay-evangelists and have contributed enormously to the expansion of the work in southern Africa. Clenn and Stephanie Gault begin serving in Lesotho. For over twenty years they have continued to faithfully minister there. Glenn and Stephanie currently serve as directors of HIM Africa.

- 1. Sidney Grant and Harold Martin with the 2021 graduates of the Spanish Bible Institute
- 2. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalez at HIM's Spanish Church in Dalton, Georgia at HIM's Spanish church in Dalton, Georgia

church to reach those from other countries right here in our own backyards—whether they be Muslims in Houston, Hispanics in Chattanooga, or Asians in Pittsburgh. HIM currently has two missionary families working to lead Muslims to Christ in Dearborn, Michigan. This is primarily done through building intentional relationships and meeting felt needs, such as the desire to learn English. We also have missionaries ministering to Amish, Asians, and Hispanics. But there are massive opportunities right now for more families to pioneer new works among immigrant populations in cities across the US.

The harvest truly is plenteous right here in North America. Let us come alongside you and your local church to provide resources and training for reaching cross-cultural communities here at home with the gospel of Jesus Christ.





2002

Sally (Sebo) lovan continues the ministry in Romania begun by Andrea (Whiteman) Coleson in the early nineties. Today Sally and her husband Timotei have an outstanding work with orphans and youth in the village of Talpos. The HIM Department of Orphan Ministries is formed, focusing on caring for orphans in Haiti, Romania, Lesotho, and Russia. Byron and Melissa Manners begin serving in Taiwan. Twenty years later they continue faithfully pastoring the North Kaohsiung Bible Holiness Church.

 Wilmer Paulus passing out *Chains* books at the 2021 Sturgis Bike Rally
Crystal Budensiek passing out Gospel Publishing Mission books at the 2012 Olympic Games in London

2004

Dr. Connie Palm completes *Is God Really My Father*?, the first of twelve books she would eventually write for Gospel Publishing Mission. More than 2 million copies of her books have been sold or distributed.

2005

Paul Pierpoint serves as the fourth president of FEA in addition to his role as pastor of Hobe Sound Bible Church. Sidney Grant is appointed by the FEA board to serve as director of Hope International Missions.

GOSPEL PUBLISHING MISSION

Distributing the Gospel -One Book at a Time!

by JOE TAYLOR

"The Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth'" (Acts 13:47 ESV). With the Lord's help and blessing, we have published and distributed almost 3.75 million gospel books around the globe.

We rejoice in God's help to make a beautifully successful "Tokyo20+1" Olympic project, with 408,285 books handed out one at a time! It is less than our goal, but with the ban of foreign visitors, it was a beautiful success—truly a gift of God to the people of Japan. Our newfound friends and partners in Japan carried out the distribution plan without any outside manpower. We trusted in God as we looked on from across the ocean. We watched in awe of the Lord's goodness and power as every book was handed out before the first week was over. Praise God!

In this season of quarantine, God has not bothered to be confined. He has enabled us to complete or significantly move forward fifteen books or projects during this time. This is more than ever before in any similar time period. The short-term goal of Gospel Publishing Mission is to publish 1,000,000 each year. Our God is well able, and He is leading to much higher goals soon.

The book distribution at the 2022 Daytona Bike Week was a success! We distributed 25,000 books which leaves us 5,000 to distribute at the Daytona



Beach Biketoberfest this fall. The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is in August. This past year over 41,000 books were handed out, plus about 51,000 were supplied to other biker outreach ministries to be distributed all over this country! We are asking the Lord to help us reach even more people this year.

Parades are reappearing across our land. We now have three books for you and your church to use in outreach at these community events. Two are for general parades and one is especially for patriotic events (Fourth of July, Memorial Day, etc.). This is a wonderful and long-lasting way for churches to reach into their communities.

God has lots of good things in store, and doors are open! Remember, in difficult times God helps us grow into stalwart believers. In these difficult times the might and power and love of God shine through in all His glory. The doors are open! Let's move forward "to the ends of the earth."

2007

Rev. Sidney Grant is elected fifth president of FEA Ministries. Sidney was converted under the ministry of HIM, received his education through Hobe Sound Bible College, and has served his entire ministry with FEA/HIM.

2012

Gospel Publishing Missions distributes 1 million gospel books at the London Olympics, kicking off a new fruitful ministry repeated in upcoming years at large sporting events such as the World Cup. As of 2022 over 2 million books have been distributed at these events alone.



HIM US SPANISH MINISTRIES Small Beginnings–Big Vision

by SIDNEY GRANT

The Bible declares, "For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth" (Zechariah 4:10). Wrapped up in small things are big things to be achieved through the process of providence, struggles, and the multiple blessings of divine grace.

HIM US Spanish Ministries had very small beginnings—small in numbers, small in resources, small in support, and small in wisdom, but not a small God. He gave big vision, big support, big results, and big-hearted people for His work. What was intended to be a Southeast Florida outreach among Hispanic migrant workers has become a church-planting movement in the US and in Latin America. From the backside of a parking lot in West Palm Beach, Florida; beside the road of a migrant's worker's camp near the Palm Beach International Airport; and in front of an apartment complex in Indiantown, Florida; the Iglesia Evangélica de Santidad (Evangelical Holiness Church) is a living testimony of small things becoming big things because of a big God who gives big ongoing and unstoppable vision.

There are over twenty churches and new outreaches of developing missions' churches. The Spanish Bible Institute has been and still is the significant contributor to this progress. More than 120 graduates are active in the ministry of the Evangelical Holiness Church. On a given Sunday morning over

2017

The Department of Muslim Ministries is formed. Its leadership committee holds the first department meeting at Sea Breeze Camp. Harold Martin is installed as the sixth president of FEA Ministries.

2018

The HIM shortterm missionary mentoring program is established.



2000 congregants are in attendance, ranging in age between twenty-five and fifty years. Consequently, the future is extremely bright, hopeful, and flourishing.

However, for this momentum to continue, the Holy Spirit and biblically-crafted values, leadership, vision, and mission must always be at the forefront of all initiatives. The core value is holiness—in leaders, worship, churches, literature, and homes. The mission is reaching Hispanics to make disciples cross-culturally, generationally, and missionally—using every means and tool available to reach people within the confines and endorsement of biblical holiness. The vision is simple—a heritage of holiness for Hispanics everywhere. With a foundation of over twenty churches, 120 graduates, and a program to form disciples, with God's help and guidance we intend to do the *what* of the mission 2021 US Spanish Pastors Conference
One of the Mobile Chapels used to begin HIM's US Spanish Ministries
Inglesia Evangelica de Santidad "Fuente de Vida," Fort Myers, Florida

while we follow God to the *where* in mission. Every geographical locale is a mission field, including the US. We must continue to reach it as such. If we ever lose sight of this, we will stop growing, become stagnant, and eventually disappear. God forbid! Let us give Him the tools we have, so He can grant us the power we need to do the mission He calls us to do—make disciples of all people.

2019

Due to extensive growth, HIM Spanish Ministries divides into HIM Latin America and HIM US Spanish Ministries. HIM begins developing official partnerships with local congregations to support specific missionaries ministering to cross-cultural people in their area.

2020

The Department of Education is reorganized. A leadership committee is formed of missionminded educators.

ORPHAN & VULNERABLE CHILDREN MINISTRY

Making an Eternal Difference

God's heart for the vulnerable shines through in Scripture. James 1:27 includes care for the widow and fatherless in its definition of pure religion. Every generation has seen too many children who are orphaned, abandoned, or abused. Over the years Christian organizations have opened orphanages around the world to care for these needy ones who are so loved by Jesus. Recently much of this care has changed to communitybased or kinship care. This model allows orphans to stay in their own villages and communities, living with a relative or guardian, while being supported and monitored by the organization. Hope International Missions has been transitioning to this form of care over the past few years.

HIM helps orphans in Haiti, Romania, Slovakia, and Lesotho. Missionary Daryl Hobbs regularly visits the orphans in Haiti who live with our national pastor. She provides physical care, as well as encouraging them in their spiritual walk. In Romania Tim and Sally Iovan have five orphans who live in their home, where they are nurtured and trained in Christ. The New Horizons Center in Slovakia continues to provide care for young women aging out of the foster system. A national worker leads the home. She will be joined this summer by Tim and Sharron Teed after



Haitian orphan family

they finish deputation. Wes and Misty Peterson have established an excellent committee in Lesotho to manage the Orphan and Vulnerable Children Ministries (OVCM) there. A child sponsorship program was begun in 2021. This program has successfully provided for education, discipleship, counseling, emotional, and physical needs. HIM plans to extend the program to other nations soon.

The HIM Department of Orphan and Vulnerable Children Ministries supports a family setting. Supervisors visit each child in their home quarterly to assess needs and provide counseling. With God's help a child's quality of life and care can be improved and an eternal difference made.

Praise God for the help He has given this ministry through the many years of working with orphans and vulnerable children. Continue to pray for "the least of these" and for those who are faithfully nurturing them. •



2021

During Sea Breeze Camp the Palm Missionary Guesthouse is dedicated as a place to care for HIM missionaries when they visit Hobe Sound..

2022

The seventy-fifth anniversary of FEA Ministries is celebrated during its annual camp in February.

FEA NEWS



Introducing: Daryl Hausman

HIM Director of Member Care

Last September the death of our friend and colleague Steve Stetler left a gaping hole in Hope International Missions Department of Member Care. Each of our staff and missionaries had come to appreciate Steve's godly counsel, his prayers, and his friendship. We continue to lift his wife, Beth, and children—Maria, Kent, and their families—to the Father on a regular basis.

As we considered future leadership for this position, we had three main requirements: someone with cross-cultural missionary experience, someone with a close walk with God, and someone who could listen well and give godly counsel. God provided that person in Daryl Hausman, who assumed the role of HIM Director of Member Care at the beginning of this year. Daryl and his wife Laura served with HIM in Russia and Romania from 2003 to 2008. Daryl has also served as a pastor and educator. For the past ten and a half years he taught TESOL and English at Wright State University in Ohio.

Daryl and Laura have four children. Their oldest, Natasha, is married to HIM's own Lucas Wilson. Brittany is married to Scott Craig and lives in New Castle, Indiana. Darla is attending Hobe Sound Bible College, and Bryan is a senior at Hobe Sound Christian Academy.

Join us in welcoming Daryl Hausman as the new HIM Director of Member Care. Please remember him in prayer!

A Legacy of Faithfulness

Missionary of the Year Award

Each year during the Camp Missions Service we honor a Missionary of the Year. This award is based on the qualities of spirituality, longevity in service, productivity in ministry, and loyalty to our organization's mission and vision.

This year's Missionary of the Year award was given to a couple who has served Hope International Missions with distinction

for nearly fifty years. After both attended Hobe Sound Bible College in its earliest days, they began serving with Hope International Missions. In 1975 Anita Barr began working on the island of Grand Bahama, just off Florida's east coast, and in 1976 Bradley Halter joined HIM on the island of Taiwan in Southeast Asia. Anita would go on to serve in the Turks and Caicos Islands and in the home office before marrying Bradley in 1987.

God has blessed their ministry, and today there are five HIM churches in Taiwan. Bradley and Anita are the founders of three of the churches and have had a profound influence on the others. Though no longer actively pastoring, their influence among the believers in each church is immediately evident when interacting with our national pastors and their congregations.

Thank you, Bradley and Anita Halter, for your combined ninety-three years of service to the kingdom of God through your faithful labor with Hope International Missions. We are honored to name you the HIM 2022 Missionaries of the Year! •



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 the *World Update*. Please make sure to include the page number and location when you contact us. Happy hunting!



Newly-Commissioned Missionaries



Benjamin & Brenda Smith - US Spanish Ministries

Benjamin and Brenda serve in HIM US Spanish Ministries, discipling Hispanic young people to be leaders within the holiness church. They met through the Hispanic ministry at their local church in Indiana. Both attended God's Bible School and College, Ben majoring in intercultural studies and world missions and Brenda in secondary education. The Smiths direct the youth ministry at their local church and lead in youth ministries around the US. Together they seek to pass the heritage of holiness to the next generation of Hispanics.



Timothy & Sharron Teed - Slovakia

Tim and Sharron drove a FedExtruck for ten years. Before that Tim worked in the construction industry, and Sharron attended Hobe Sound Bible College, receiving a bachelors in elementary education. When God called them to full-time ministry, they came off the road and pastored a church in South Carolina. After hearing Ed and Heather Durham share about the need for workers at the New Horizons Transition Center in Slovakia, their hearts were stirred. They began to pray for God to send workers. God answered that prayer by calling them! The Teeds arrived in Europe on May 3 to begin their ministry.



Jeremy & Esther Hopkins - Honduras

Jeremy felt called to missions at the age of fifteen. Esther always had a desire to serve in education on a mission field. Jeremy graduated from UBC with a missions degree and then sensed God leading him into education. He taught at Union Bible Academy while earning his masters in education. Esther graduated from GBS and taught at Twelve Stones Christian Academy while earning her masters in education. They were married in November of 2021. Realizing the spiritual needs in Honduras, Jeremy and Esther have answered God's call and are preparing to begin ministering there this summer.



Nathanael Bundy - Taiwan

Nathanael earned a bachelors in missions from Penn View Bible Institute. As a child he enjoyed listening to visiting missionaries but never thought he would be one. During an internship in Taiwan, he was greatly impacted by the culture and people. Nathanael felt God place a special interest in his heart for ministry in that country. He is currently preparing to return to Taiwan to serve long-term.

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CELEBRATING 5 YEARS



- 1. FEA Historical Archives
- 2. Stetler Legacy Service
- 3. Sea Breeze Lecture Series
- Children's Service with Frances Stetler
- 5. Sea Breeze Youth Service
- 6. Sea Breeze Camp Mass Choir



Sea Breeze Camp 2022-

what a special time of remembering God's goodness to FEA Ministries for the past seventy-five years! This year's camp meeting was absolutely full of history, worship, learning, and reminiscing. We remembered where we came from and how God has led thus far. In addition to the daily services, several events presented growth, and appreciation.

The first weekend included Hobe Sound Bible College and Christian Academy Homecoming, in which President Stetler was honored for his twenty-seven years as president. This weekend also began the first ever Sea Breeze Youth Camp. How exciting to see so many young people sign up and participate in the services and activities!

Children gathered and learned under the capable teaching of Frances Stetler. During several afternoons campers enjoyed learning about FEA's rich history during the Sea Breeze Lecture Series. On Tuesday, Missions Day, four new missionary families were commissioned. God's Kingdom is advancing. Each morning and evening the services were highlighted with worshipful music and truth given by the musicians and evangelists.

Of course a major highlight of camp was the 75th Anniversary

Celebration Service the last Friday evening. President Harold Martin reminisced that "speakers added much to the evening as they shared personal experiences and the impact of FEA Ministries in their lives. During that service one local person was watching online and said they could feel the excitement from where they were. They dropped what they were doing and came in person to join us for the rest of the service. Thank God for His presence even during an anniversary celebration service."

Another highlight of camp was the completion of the 75th Anniversary Campaign. The goal was to raise \$10,000 for each year of our history—\$750,000. On the last day of camp we were able to go over the top with \$762,855 being given or pledged. Over 300 donors contributed to this project, and we thank God for blessing this fundraising effort.

There is no doubt God richly blessed Sea Breeze Camp 2022. We are thankful for His presence as we learned about FEA Ministries' rich history, worshipped with likeminded believers, and were challenged to further expand God's kingdom during the next seventy-five years! •

Celebrating 75 years of God's goodness to FEA Ministries!

Scan the code to watch a video overview of the history of FEA.



STEVE STETLER 1960-2021

REMEMBER HOW HE IMPACTED YOUR LIFE

HIM Missionary Statesman of the Year

Real, passionate, trustworthy, caring, and intercessor. These are a few of the words used to describe Steve Stetler, former HIM Member Care Director and friend to the missionaries. President Harold Martin stated, "He cared for our missionaries so well! In three short years Steve worked his way into each of our hearts with every email, text, and Zoom call. Many months Steve would report over 200 contacts with our missionary team, with one month registering over 400. He was indeed the missionary pastor. Granted, his 'members' were in many different countries and time zones, but he was as involved in their lives as any local pastor would be—helping missionaries deal with break-ins, emotional struggles, spiritual battles, depression, auto accidents, family illness, and the death of loved ones."

These qualities not only endeared him to the missionaries and those around him, but also describe why Steve Stetler was chosen as the Missionary Statesman of the Year during the 75th Anniversary Sea Breeze Camp. It was our honor to present his wife, Beth, along with his children, Maria and Kent and families, with the award. Our thoughts and prayers continue with them.

Steve's words, whether in person or by some electronic means, brought such encouragement and strength to so many over the years. After the death of Pieter Marais, Steve wrote the following to the HIM Africa missionaries. How appropriate that we remember it today.

My heart is heavy as I mourn with you the loss of your brother and co-worker. Don't be afraid to remember how he impacted your life. Remember how he mentored you, influenced you, maybe even corrected you in a loving way, but remember! Think of the wisdom he imparted and the legacy he left behind. Recall his passion to evangelize people everywhere he went. Pick up his mantle and whatever you do, don't let his passion die out. But don't just remember, celebrate too! Celebrate that he is healed forever. Celebrate that he is with his friend Jesus, and they are now talking face to face. Celebrate his love of life, his passion for ministry, the hope he shared with a hurting world, his simple faith in a supernatural God. Rejoice that his race is over, and he is already enjoying part of his reward for his years of faithful service. Celebrate the legacy he has left for all of you. May heaven be impacted for years to come with the fruits of his labor!

We miss Steve Stetler's presence here on earth. But may we be strengthened and challenged by his own words: "Let me encourage you today. The train is still on the track, and God is still driving. He has spread us through the kingdom for such a time as this. So polish the globe, trim the wick, and let the peace and light of God flow through you so the face of God can be seen by all." •

Wes Peterson

"He was truly the missionary's pastor. I have never known a more passionate person who could make you feel you were the most loved."

Joe Taylor

"Before a person can be truly open and transparent to another, that other person must be proven to be trustworthy. Steve Stetler was that kind of person."

Glenn Gault

"Steve Stetler made us more effective on the mission field. Most importantly we were empowered by his intercessory prayer."

Jeanne Schwartz

"Words cannot express my gratitude to Steve. He was a friend in need and a friend indeed."

David Black

"He was courageous enough to speak truth into our lives... yet he was always kind."

Eric Kuhns

"He was an inspiration to me to do more to show others the love of Christ."

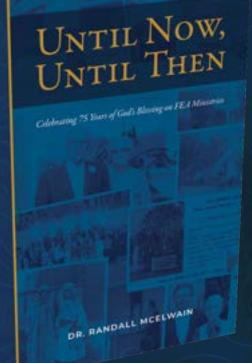
Daryl Hobbs

"Thank you, Steve, for your compassionate reassurance that my grief would never take me lower than the everlasting arms of God that were always there underneath me.

Ed Durham "Steve was an intercessor."

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INTERCEDING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD—TOGETHER

The success of an organization can be measured in many ways. Most often it is defined in financial or numerical terms. At FEA we realize true success will only come as our ministries are built on a foundation of prayer. We need your financial support, and we need you to spread the word to your family and friends that God is working through the many outreaches of FEA Ministries. But more than anything we must have your prayers!

To assist you in praying for all facets of FEA Ministries, we produce a yearly prayer guide. Broken into specific requests for each day of the week, this guide helps you know how to pray for the major areas of ministry which flow from FEA. If you are interested in praying more specifically for our individual missionaries, use the missionary prayer guide found in the center of this publication.

Thank you for your prayers. Our success as an organization depends on them!

PRAY FOR THE MINISTRY IN THE HIM REGIONS.

Each day of the week choose a different part of the world—Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and North America. Hold up the missionaries and their families in prayer. Ask God to bring spiritual growth to the nationals who are serving Him and to expand His kingdom in that area of the world. Pray for God to provide the finances needed to further the work.

PRAY FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE HIM DEPARTMENTS.

Each Saturday and Sunday pray for two departments of HIM—Education, Muslim Ministries, Orphan and Vulnerable Children Ministry, Gospel Publishing Mission, and US Spanish Minstries. Ask God to give the directors and staff wisdom in spreading the gospel through the means of teaching, publishing, and one-on-one interactions.

FEA Ministries

"The missionary church is a praying church. The history of missions is a history of prayer. Everything vital to the success of the world's evangelization hinges on prayer. Are thousands of missionaries and tens of thousands of native workers needed? 'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest.' "

JOHN R. MOTT (1865-1955)

PRAY FOR THE NEW HIM MISSIONARIES.

Pray for safety and direction for Nathanael Bundy, Tim and Sharron Teed, and Jeremy and Esther Hopkins as they complete deputation and transition to their fields of service. Benjamin and Brenda Smith are also raising funds, as they continue to minister to Hispanic young people here in the US. Pray for God's anointing over all these new missionaries.

PRAY FOR HIM MOBILIZATION EFFORTS.

We have set a goal for five new missionary units this year. Pray that God will move on the hearts of people both young and older to commit to working in His vineyard. Pray for wisdom for HIM as we spread the word of ministry opportunities around the world.



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Did you know?

- As FEA founders Robb and Geraldine French considered beginning a holiness ministry in Florida, evangelist Charlie Wireman told them about some friends of his named James and Ella Zuch, who were living in Palm Beach County. The Zuchs helped the Frenches purchase the original property for FEA Ministries in West Palm Beach, Florida.
- 2. The very first HIM missionary, Phil Newton, was an alumnus of Hobe Sound Bible College. Since 1961 over seventy alumni from the college have served around the world as HIM missionaries.
- 3. Valera Motovilov attended an English Bible class in Russia. There he met HIM Missionary Bill Saxton who asked him to translate a Christian book. As he worked on the book, Valera became open to the gospel and was saved. Valera and his family are now HIM missionaries in Czech Republic where he teaches English Bible classes to Russians.

ABOVE Phil Newton and Terry Brown headed to church with a truck full of people

- **1.** In Haiti HIM missionary Robert Vermilyea pulled an average of 1,000 teeth per month. In one marathon day he and two assistants pulled 300 teeth. Dentistry opened doors for the Vermilyeas to preach the gospel to people steeped in witchcraft and the worship of spirits.
- HIM missionary Glen Reiff said, "Doors don't close to missionary work; they close only to conventional methods of operation."