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FROM THE Editor

WES PETERSON

Managing Editor



A little over seven years ago my family and I became missionaries with Hope International Missions to serve the orphans in Lesotho, Africa. As we stepped out in faith, we believed that the God who had called us would be faithful to complete the vision He had planted within our hearts. God kept His promise, and we are grateful for the two terms we served overseas. When God began to draw our attention to the needs of our children because of their age, we prayed God would open doors for continued ministry when we returned from Africa. It is encouraging to watch God's plan unfold as I take on the position in Hobe Sound as the Director of Public Relations for FEA Ministries.

As I reflect on my childhood as a missionary kid and the years my family served in Africa, I am humbled by the privilege and opportunity I have had of cross-cultural ministry. I see this new role as a fresh endeavor to continue serving in missions, something I am passionate about, and I approach it with a deep desire to reflect God's glory in my life.

Theme: To the Ends of the Earth

Each year Hope International Missions introduces a new theme on Missions Day during Sea Breeze Camp. The theme this year was, "To the Ends of the Earth." When reflecting on what that means, it brought back memories of a small village in Africa only thirteen miles from where I lived. By the time we drove an hour and twenty minutes to arrive at Ha Ratau, it really felt like the end of the earth. The lack of electricity and running water in the village's homes became a reminder of how significantly apart we were from this village in spite of how close we lived. But good news came to that remote village in June 2024 when the first church building there was finished and dedicated.

Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem

and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (ESV).

While the author of Acts had no knowledge of a village in Africa called Ha Ratau, God did, and in God's time the light of the gospel pierced through that village's darkness. The light of Christ is still changing lives and reaching out to the ends of the earth.



TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

By HAROLD MARTIN, President of FEA Ministries



“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of
Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old,
From everlasting.”

Therefore He shall give them up,
Until the time that she who is in labor has given
birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren
Shall return to the children of Israel.
And He shall stand and feed His flock
In the strength of the LORD,
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God;

And they shall abide,
For now He shall be great
To the ends of the earth;
And this One shall be peace.
—Micah 5:2-5 NKJV

During the Singing Christmas Tree program here in Hobe Sound this past December, I was asked to play the part of the prophet Micah. Night after night I stood on the stage and recited this powerful prophesy regarding the birth of Jesus. Once I was able to get past the discomfort of the costume, the glare of the bright lights, and the fear of forgetting my lines, the truth of these powerful words began to impact me in ways I had never previously considered.

The phrase “ends of the earth” appears often in Scripture, and a brief study reveals different applications. In Isaiah we are reminded it is God who created the ends of the earth. Zechariah proclaims God will rule the ends of the earth, and in 1 Samuel we learn God will judge the ends of the earth. Creator, Ruler, Judge—words that communicate the power and awesomeness of God. Words that bring fear to the hearts and minds of those who are lost!

But as we continue to search out this phrase in Scripture, we also learn the ends of the earth will see the salvation of God. We find that Gentiles will come to God from the ends of the earth. And as the prophet Micah says, “He shall be great to the ends of the earth; And this One shall be peace.”

Yes, God is Creator, Ruler, and Judge, but He also brings salvation, hope, and peace! What a mighty God we serve. What a beautiful message we have to share—to the ends of the earth! •



HIM AFRICA

GOD IS AT WORK

By GLENN GAULT, Director of HIM Africa

Whether leading a child to Christ, helping start a new Afrikaans church in South Africa, or sharing the gospel with a clinic patient, HIM Africa missionaries find that our most fruitful ministries are when we participate in something the Holy Spirit is already doing.

In May 2024 Africa 85 held a pastoral training seminar in Rwanda. Through a series of providential events Emmanuel, a young evangelist from Uganda, was sent by his denomination to attend this seminar. Throughout 2024 God had been at work in their denomination, calling them back from a false prosperity gospel that offered salvation without repentance or separation from sin. The true gospel God was leading these pastors to live and preach was so foreign to their church members and the world around them that even the leaders were a little uncertain of themselves.

At the seminar in Rwanda, Emmanuel was deeply moved by the message of holiness he heard and begged us to come to Uganda and help their denomination with a similar training seminar. Months of planning and preparation resulted in Stephanie and Glenn Gault and Allegrì Parmigren

(an Africa 85 trainer from Zambia) traveling to this pastor's church at the Rwamwanja Refugee Camp in western Uganda. Even though we did not know how God was working in their church, we felt clearly led to use lessons from the Shepherds Global Classroom course, *Doctrine and Practice of a Holy Life*, to demonstrate how to use this curriculum to train the next generation of pastors. The Holy Spirit worked powerfully through these lessons, as well as sermons we preached, to confirm biblical holiness in the minds of the host pastors. As a result of the Spirit working through us, their ministry theme has become, "The Church changing the world, not the world changing the Church." •





HIM ASIA

LEARNING IN A CULTURE OF CHRISTIANITY

By NICHOLE BARR, HIM Missionary to Mongolia

I began my year in Mongolia by finishing out a season of language study. My speaking skills have slowly improved, and I have been able to add many new words and phrases to my vocabulary for daily use. I have a long way to go to reach fluency, but I praise God for His continual help in this area.

During that time, I was connected to the first Mongolian ACE school, a wonderful ministry opportunity. The director is Oyuna. Her passion is to provide Christian education for the many children of Christian parents who are themselves young in faith. She told me, "Their parents are still learning about God, and they don't know how to teach their kids." Her desire for the school is to make it a place where young people learn within a culture of Christianity.

I was invited to be a lead teacher over the Christian curriculum. After completing a supervisor's training course during the summer, I returned to

Mongolia to begin teaching in September. This year the school has about 130 students from grades 1-11. Most are from Christian homes, but approximately 30 percent of the students come from non-believing families. This dynamic creates challenges—but it also brings beautiful possibilities. A professing Satanist asked sincere questions about my beliefs. A student invited an atheist classmate to their Christmas service. A young man wrote his first sermon for a school competition. God is moving and working in these students' lives.

Through unexpected challenges, discipline issues, and even severe illness, God has continually provided. We appreciate the prayer and encouragement of the home office, supporters, and church family. Many difficulties and needs remain, but I am trusting God will provide for each in His own time. •

FINDING CLARITY

By JIM HOWARD, Director of HIM Caribbean



Articulating the state of a region is immensely helped by looking back. This action provides perspective, excitement, and clarity about what God has done, what He is doing, and what He wants to do. It also serves as a guiding light as we formulate strategies for the continuation of our efforts to fulfill the great mandate to take His glorious gospel to the ends of the earth. A review of some specific events in the Heritage Tour President Martin and I hosted with Brother Phil Newton and Rev. Joe and Lois Smith provides clarity for the Caribbean.

As has been reported, we were privileged to visit several churches the early pioneers of FEA/HIM sacrificed to plant. The interaction of these godly pioneers with the people they poured their lives into not only reveals the depth of the foundation that was laid but also serves to provide clarity for our strategies moving forward. We observed the tremendous love and respect the wonderful people of the Caribbean have for the early pioneers of HIM. This love

and respect is being extended to us and provides a solid foundation for us to continue to build on.

We have reason to have confidence for the future when looking at the state of HIM's efforts in the Caribbean. From the indigenous pastors and leaders of Haiti to the beautiful people of the Turks and Caicos and the Bahamas, we feel the love and respect of the people of the Caribbean. This provides the opportunity to build and expand our access and influence in the region. We will press forward with new hope in this gorgeous region of God's creation and endeavor to serve the multitudes He died for. •



HIM EUROPE

DEEPENING OUR EFFECTIVENESS

By EDWARD DURHAM, Director of HIM Europe

From the vast snowy expanse of Russia to the arid country of Armenia and in countries in between, God is helping our Europe team of missionaries take the gospel to the ends of the earth. I am excited to see our ministry opportunities expanding into new countries and unreached sub-cultures within our region, while also deepening our effectiveness in our existing long-term fields.

We are encouraged by the progress in the lives of several of the young women at the New Horizons Center transition home in Slovakia. Recently a young lady came who needs prayer and the nurturing environment of the home. During her pre-acceptance interview, she told the counselor that she was seeking help because she had nowhere to go, and she had suicidal thoughts. Please help us pray for her that God will transform her life.



The new national director at the Vyborg Christian Center in Russia is doing a great job continuing HIM's vision for reaching the lost in Russia despite the cold political climate toward Christians and American missionaries. Tim and Sally Iovan are faithfully reaching the youth of Romania and discipling them into a consistent Christian life. Tim and Sharron Teed are building relationships and learning the language in Slovakia to lay a foundation for a fruitful ministry. Valera and Maude Motovilov consistently point the atheistic young adults in Czechia toward a relationship with God. It is encouraging that several are seeking answers and have come to their Bible studies. Wesley and Janna Cressman are piercing the spiritual darkness in Spain as they minister to women, children, and homeless people. Benjamin and Jaylena McDowell are preparing to go to Armenia in August of this year.

Two of the highlights of the past year for me were a ministry weekend in June with Wesley and Debbie Holden in Spain and an outreach at a motorcycle rally in Austria in September. It was the culmination of months of planning and preparation. Although many of the recipients of the *Chains* book in German acted indifferently, I know God will be faithful to use it to bring many people to Himself.

Every person, every soul, every encounter is important as we carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. •





HIM LATIN AMERICA

A LIFE BROUGHT FULL CIRCLE

By ERIC KUHN, Director of HIM Latin America

Flashes of pain hit Roberto's ribs like bolts of lightning. His father was jabbing him with a broom stick as he lay hiding under a bed, fearing for his life. Sixteen-year-old Roberto had enough of his drunken father's rages and physical abuse and was determined to run away from home, never to come back to Las Delicias. He did not care if he ever saw his father again.

The next morning he ran down the path, holding a little bundle of clothes, and caught the bus to Tegucigalpa. He was finally free! For the next several months Roberto lived on the streets, eating out of garbage cans, drinking water from people's hoses, and getting kicked from one place to another. He longed for someone to love him, someone to care.

As years went by, Roberto's life continued to spiral out of control. He was now married with two daughters, but his marriage was falling apart. When we first met him, we invited him and his wife, Jenny, to attend a marriage seminar at our church. They came and received help but then continued attending our church. God was dealing with their hearts. Roberto's father in the meantime had become a Christian and had changed his life. He tried to rebuild at least a friendship with his son, but Roberto's heart continued to have much hurt and resentment.

One evening as I concluded a message about

Abraham sacrificing Isaac, Roberto came forward to lay his "Isaac" down and gave his heart to Christ. Weeping and broken, he surrendered his life and found peace with God. He began to walk in the light and grow in grace. After several years he told us that he felt God calling him to pastor the church in Las Delicias, the village to which he never wanted to return. He would also be working with his father, whom he hated for so many years. However, he and his father reconciled and asked forgiveness for all the hurt they had caused one another. For the past twelve years they have worked side by side at the church.

Recently Roberto excitedly told me of new families coming to the church. Just a few weeks ago two entire families came forward to give their hearts to Jesus! On a recent visit to the church I was blessed to see these new converts worshiping God and passionately involved in ministry. I could not help but think back to Roberto's story and how God brought it full circle and is now using him to share God's love in a place that used to be such a source of pain. God is good, and may His name be praised unto the ends of the earth! •





HIM NORTH AMERICA

THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE COME TO US

Reflecting over what God accomplished in 2024 across HIM North America causes deep gratitude to well up in our hearts. Truly He is working in miraculous ways to draw men and women to Himself!

Immigration in the United States is unprecedented by any other country in the world. One fifth of the world's international immigrants call the United States home. These people flock to our nation from around the globe, but a recent trend has brought them pouring in from Asia and Latin America. Over fourteen percent of America's population now consists of these immigrants. Truly the ends of the earth have settled in our own backyard.

For decades HIM has endeavored to reach Hispanics here in America with the gospel. The fruit of these efforts is visible in a growing number of thriving churches scattered up the Eastern seaboard and across the Midwest. Our missionaries have faithfully worked with Asians from China and Taiwan, especially through our partnership with the Palm Beach Chinese Christian Chapel in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Immigrants to America are hungry souls, seeking a better life and a greater dream. Many come from

wartorn countries. Some flee persecution, genocide, or a collapsing nation wrecked with poverty. An example of the cross-section of nationalities with whom our missionaries are ministering includes people from Syria, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq, Turkey, Egypt, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Tunisia, Pakistan, Mauritania, and Morocco. Men and women from each of these countries have registered as students in our English-training facility in Dearborn, Michigan. Many have faced recent tragedy in their families due to the multiple conflicts ravaging Africa and the Middle East. And by the grace of God these individuals have been lovingly confronted with the truth that their only hope is found in Jesus Christ. This occurs while having a specific need (learning to speak English) met through classes taught on a weekly basis at our ministry center.

Amish in Central Pennsylvania, whose religion keeps them from biblical truth, have a missionary working diligently to love them to Jesus. Hispanic young people are being discipled and are clearly growing in their faith. We praise God for real spiritual victories won across HIM North America last year and ask Him for greater fruit in 2025! •

HIM US SPANISH MINISTRIES

RELATIONAL AND REPRODUCIBLE RECRUITMENT

By **SIDNEY GRANT**, Director of HIM US Spanish Ministries

Three of life's greatest joys can be experienced fully in the plan of God: the joy of salvation, joy in marriage, and joy in the birth of another human being. Each of these involves a radical abandonment of one status of life for another. This includes recognizing the potential in the other person to reproduce the character qualities of Christ. From Genesis to Revelation, and all history, God has been seeking men and women to become His image bearers, consequently relating, recruiting, and reproducing His life-giving principles in others. This is best done with five practical initiatives:

Public Contact—Christians must leave the saltshaker to be the salt of the earth.

Personal Connections—Christians must intentionally connect with people of all social statuses

Passionate Compassion—Christians must take the time to know the whole person to offer restorative and enabling assistance.

Proclaiming Christ—Christians must recognize that social service without proclaiming the gospel enhances status, but it does not affect the soul.

Praying Consistently—Christians must know that all relational and reproducible recruitment is ineffective without prayer. Prayer is God's divine oxygen injected into souls.

These five approaches call for intentionality, mercy, and ministering according to the mandates of Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, relational and reproducible recruitment takes place.

Pablo Macario was attending the Instituto Bíblico Evangélico. A year before graduating, he was hindered from finishing. Eventually his situation was resolved. He has now graduated, married, and is praying about going to Mount Olive, North Carolina, to shepherd a group of believers. These Christians are from the HIM church in Motozintla, Chiapas, Mexico. Hopefully they will soon establish a new church plant.

Several years ago a family migrated to the US from Guatemala. The mother, a believer, soon found a holiness church to attend. Later her family of eight joined her on this journey of faith. Her oldest daughter married a fellow Guatemalan whom God called to be a pastor. They both studied and graduated from the Instituto Bíblico Evangélico. Recently God spoke to them about a place in South Carolina for churchplanting. They are now embarking on a journey to spread God's kingdom.

As 2025 unfolds, God is directing HIM US Spanish Ministries to minister to the Hispanic people holistically, especially as they face the uncertainty of massive deportations. When their compatriots go through valleys and hard roads while seeking a better life, these Christians intersect with divine grace. God's emissaries pause to minister so everyone is cared for—physically, socially, spiritually, emotionally, and morally.

HIM US Spanish Ministries is resolute in ensuring that every Hispanic person is given the opportunity to know Christ. Consequently the churches realize that ministry is not just a socio-cultural pat on the back that pronounces superficial salvation. "God bless you" means, "God be with you and establish you spiritually." The process that begins before conversion continues in born-again believers who progress in fellowship, friendship, and fruitfulness. Eventually each disciple becomes one of the relational, reproducible recruits who extend the purposes of Christ in their sphere of influence. •





GOSPEL PUBLISHING MISSION

PUBLISHING THE LIGHT

By JOE TAYLOR, Director of Gospel Publishing Mission

“O let the nations be glad and sing for joy”
(Psalm 67:4).

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have everlasting life”

(John 3:16).

“And the light shineth in darkness”
(John 1:5).

When His Word shines, “even the darkness is not
dark to (Him); the night is as bright as the day”
(Psalm 139:12 ESV).

Gospel Publishing Mission publishes the Light. Simply! The privilege we have to partake in the Great Commission is an awe-inspiring challenge. How can you and I tell the world about Jesus? Literature makes it possible for each believer to carry out the gospel message wherever they go.

Gospel Publishing Mission embraces this challenge of world-wide evangelism. We publish books ordinary people can use in practical ways to witness to others. On a park bench in Eurasia, a troubled man brooded. His situation was desperate, and he needed hope. His community had been devastated in a border war with an enemy country. His home and business had been destroyed—flattened to the ground. He and his family had fled to relatives in the capital city.

This man accepted a Paris Olympic book. He

immediately began to read it with a group of others. After finishing it, he wanted his newfound friend to pray with him. Connections were made with local Christians who could disciple him and help him mature in Christ. Praise God!

Here are two questions:

1. Would you pray for this man right now?
2. Would you give someone in your neighborhood the same opportunity to be introduced to Jesus?

We have tools you need. We publish evangelism books for adults and children: books on prayer, holy living, and devotionals in order to make strong followers of Christ.

Each year thousands of these evangelism books are distributed around the world. We work in large events where people gather: sports events, religious gatherings, biker rallies, and many more. When large crowds meet, it creates a wonderful opportunity to tell them about Jesus.

The written word is our most powerful tool. Let us be publishing the Good News until Jesus returns! •

WELCOME, STEVE HOARD

FEA Ministries welcomes Steve Hoard to our Hobe Sound office as Director of Sea Breeze Community. Steve is no stranger to FEA: his wife, Rebecca, has worked in the Public Relations department for several years, and his daughter, Emma, is a student at Hobe Sound Bible College.

Steve has worked as an engineer/program manager in the manufacturing environment for almost thirty years. His roots are on a family farm in southern Illinois, where he has lived most of his life. Steve and Rebecca also have a son, Ethan, who is a student at Union Bible College. The family has been actively involved in Mode Camp and church outreach activities.



Steve looks forward to building God-honoring relationships with the Sea Breeze Community and will strive to build on past improvements, as well as help continue to move the community forward both in infrastructure and relationships. •

LOUIE THE MONKEY

The following young people found Louie the Monkey on page sixteen of our last *World Update*. We are so happy that many of Louie's friends are engaging with the magazine. Congratulations to Amelia Wardlaw, Olivia Bixler, Tyler Filsinger, Felicity Pinkerton (age 12), Elisha Zinico (age 9), and Phorin Mowery (age 9)!

Louie is hiding again. If you are a friend of Louie's and are age twelve or under, see if you can find him and let us know by having your parents call 772-546-1113 or email us at engagekids@feaministries.org. We will publish your name in the next issue of the *World Update*. Please make sure to include the page number and location when you contact us. Happy hunting!



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THANK YOU, MCDOWELLS

Benjamin joined the FEA staff in 2014 as a newcomer to Hobe Sound. He quickly and energetically began studying the mission, vision, and purpose of the three divisions of FEA Ministries, understanding the importance of being knowledgeable about the history of such an organization. His forward thinking and ability to assess organizationally has been a huge asset in building a solid Public Relations Department for FEA Ministries. He standardized organizational branding, implemented quality in all publications and presentations, and added tools for missionaries to better communicate with their supporters. The Engage program, which offers churches a missions video series, was begun under Benjamin's leadership. This included traveling to various HIM regions, documenting the work, and encouraging the missionaries in their labors. He markedly

updated missionary training as well as created a Media Department, hiring a videographer/photographer to better tell the story of HIM, taking it to a higher level of professionalism and clarity.

Benjamin is not only an encourager, team player, faithful and humble servant and passionate visionary, but most importantly, he is a loving husband and father who puts his family first. He has been gifted with an unbelievable ability to see what needs to be done and has had the energy to go along with it, making him an invaluable team player in God's kingdom and specifically FEA Ministries and HIM. We, as members of the PR Department, are proud to have worked under him and feel that we are better people because of it. As the Director of Visual Communication stated, "He's like a brother to me, and we have had the opportunity to travel the world experiencing many cultures as we worked to produce video content for HIM." Benjamin will be greatly missed, but we believe God has new and exciting plans for him, Jaylena, and their beautiful family in this next chapter of their lives! Our prayers go with them as they follow God's call to reach the lost for Him. •

- Members of FEA Public Relations Department

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many exciting things continue to happen at FEA Ministries. It is the honor of a lifetime to work with such a dedicated group of missionaries and home office staff!

During my end-of-the-year interviews with staff in late 2023, Benjamin McDowell informed me that he and Jaylena had been feeling it was time for their family to serve as missionaries overseas with Hope International Missions. For the past year they had been seeking the mind of God in this matter, and they felt strongly they were to serve in the country of Armenia.

During the FEA Ministries Board Meeting in August of 2024, the board unanimously approved Benjamin, Jaylena, and their girls to serve as HIM missionaries. Though Benjamin will leave a big hole in the home office staff, I am excited about them serving as HIM missionaries and fully support them and their call.



Benjamin has served in the FEA Ministries office for ten years and has made a huge impact in many areas, including public relations and missionary recruitment. For the past two years he has served as our Director of Missions. I especially appreciate his strategic-thinking abilities, and I feel the mission has grown in depth and effectiveness during his time as director. Though his title and role will change, he will continue to be involved in mission administration as his time and on-field ministry allows.

The McDowells plan to move to Armenia in August of 2025. Please keep the McDowell family in your prayers as they follow God's call on their life! •



Thank God for meeting with us during Sea Breeze Camp 2025! His presence was manifested in our opening service and His blessing felt throughout camp.

Our workers were anointed in their ministry. Evangelist Rollin Mitchell encouraged the congregation, telling us, "Prayers are always fresh in heaven." Bible Teacher Clair Sams taught, "Sanctification is not the product of human effort, but the fulfillment of a divine promise." Evangelist David Spivey challenged us with practical truths, saying, "Decisions you are making about God now are defining your future." Marc and Melodie Sankey led us in worship. We are grateful for the ministry of each of our workers. Many seekers found victory at the altar.

Missions Day is a highlight of Sea Breeze Camp. Wonderful accounts were given of God working around the world. This year's theme was, "To the Ends of the Earth." During the evening service Benjamin and Jaylena McDowell and family were commissioned to serve in Armenia as the newest missionaries for Hope International Missions. We were privileged to honor Marilyn Marchant as the Missionary Statesperson of the Year and Wes and Misty Peterson as the HIM Missionaries of the Year.

God impacted the hearts and minds of our young people during Sea Breeze Youth Camp. The theme for SBYC 2025 was "Rock Solid." Rev. Nathan Kline preached anointed messages. We trust as these young people leave SBYC, God will continue to ground each one as they continue to surrender to Him.

Joana Stratton and the HSBC Education Department did an amazing job as the children's workers. The kids enjoyed their ministry! The theme of "Finding Faith on the Farm" was creatively taught with the title of "Sow and Grow." May the students who heard truths be rooted and grounded in their faith as a result of attending the children's services.

God's presence was also near during the Spanish Camp (ALMAS) which took place alongside Sea Breeze Camp. What a joy to worship and fellowship with our Hispanic brothers and sisters! The Spanish/English Rally on the last Sunday afternoon was an encouraging time of praising God together.

A special thanks to all who participated and volunteered so faithfully during camp. We sincerely appreciate you! Praise God for a wonderful time together during Sea Breeze Camp 2025. •





THANK YOU, DAVID AND CHRISTINA BLACK

By HAROLD MARTIN, President of FEA Ministries

For the past sixteen years David and Christina Black have served in one capacity or another with FEA Ministries. From 2008 to 2011 David served as Director of Sea Breeze Community and Office Manager. During this time, Christina served with our sister ministry, Hobe Sound Bible College, leading the Education Department. In 2012 the Blacks became HIM Asia Regional Directors and traveled back and forth to Asia until moving to Taiwan in 2015. The Blacks returned home to North Carolina in 2020 and assumed leadership of their alma mater, Carolina Christian Academy (CCA). Over the past four years they have continued to serve as the HIM Asia Regional Directors while leading at CCA.

The Blacks recently let me know that due to their increasing responsibilities at CCA, they are resigning from all their remaining responsibilities with HIM Asia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them again for their faithfulness over the years. I have enjoyed working with them. They are hardworking servants of God, and I appreciate their labors for the kingdom! •



A TRIBUTE TO JEANNE SCHWARTZ

By DAVID and CHRISTINA BLACK

Jeanne Schwartz had no children, but many people we know call her “Mommy.” She loved people generously, was comfortable in other cultures, and adored children. Telling the story of Jesus was what she loved to do. The first time I saw her in action, she had a puppet in her hand and was making the kids laugh while she shared the gospel.

Sister Schwartz warmly welcomed us into her circle and put me (Christina) right up to teach the first day I was with her in a camp in Taiwan. She was amazed by our use of Wi-Fi, or “wee fee” as she called it, and said God had shown her we were to be the next leaders of the Asia missionary work for HIM. We were kind, but we were not so sure. Later God put that same ministry on our hearts and a vision for it: to connect and empower the Asian work to serve its own, grow strong, and begin reaching others.



God has helped many of these goals come into view, and she was right about many things! She said to listen. She said to love. She said to forgive. She lived for Jesus and did ministry beyond her strength and ability in her later years.

Now, upon her passing, we pray young people will step up to take the place of these faithful followers of Christ who have so passionately shared the gospel before going home to be with the One the gospel is all about!

Sister Schwartz, we will miss stopping in to see you when we visit Florida. We will always remember you with genuine admiration. •



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HIM Churches in South Africa and Lesotho

Leadership of Sea Breeze Community—home of Hobe Sound Bible Church and Hobe Sound Bible College and Christian Academy

MONDAY

Sea Breeze Camp—for sinners to be saved and believers to be empowered for service

HIM Asia Director and Missionaries—for health, safety, financial provision, and wisdom as they make disciples of Christ

HIM Churches in Taiwan and other outreach locations throughout Asia

HIM Department of Education—focuses on training leaders both in the US and around the world

TUESDAY

FEA Ministries Office Staff—serving in the areas of development, finances, and support

HIM Caribbean Director and Missionaries—for health, safety, financial provision, and wisdom as they make disciples of Christ

HIM Churches in Turks and Caicos Islands, Haiti, and the Bahamas

Engage church mission program—for these bi-monthly services to have a lasting impact on those who attend

WEDNESDAY

Financial provision for FEA Ministries

HIM Europe Director and Missionaries—for health, safety, financial provision, and wisdom as they make disciples of Christ

HIM Department of Orphan and Vulnerable Children—for expansion and God's provision

Residents of Sea Breeze Community—that our community will be a beacon for Christ on Florida's East Coast

THURSDAY

For workers to be called into full-time missionary service—in obedience to God's command to GO!

HIM Latin America Director and Missionaries—for health, safety, financial provision, and wisdom as they make disciples of Christ

HIM Churches in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua

FEA Ministries Maintenance Department—as they maintain our buildings and campus infrastructure

FRIDAY

HIM North America Director and Missionaries—for health, safety, financial provision, and wisdom as they make disciples of Christ

HIM Department of World Religions

HIM Department of Member Care—meeting the spiritual, emotional, and financial needs of our missionaries

Engage Kids—for God to use this monthly activity booklet to begin laying a burden on our children for missions and the lost

SATURDAY

HIM Department of US Spanish Ministries

HIM US Hispanic churches in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania

Gospel Publishing Mission—for the seed of God's Word to be sown effectively to the ends of the earth through this special literature ministry

Mission majors at our holiness Bible colleges—that they will stay true to God's calling