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Back to the Philippines

Paul and Jean Walborn first arrived in Manila, Philippines on June 1, 1965 to begin “An Incredible Journey” in missions. A year before, Paul had graduated from Owosso Pilgrim Bible College, (Owosso, MI) and pastored a church in California. With their 3 children - Greg, Jerry, and Doug, they joined a missionary team guiding Filipino believers in a national church started by Filipinos in the early 1930’s.

A Philippine church *Discipline* had been structured and districts were organized across Luzon and Mindanao. Three Bible colleges existed and Paul and Jean would eventually teach in all three. Paul spent many months compiling and documenting the growth of the church across the Mindanao area and published it in 1981, “*Enabling Growth in the Local Church.*” The fundamental answer for that remarkable growth consisted in following webs of relationships in society and families. In 1981, Walborns assisted in opening a new work in Cebu and a new district developed.

By May 1989, the national church had advanced to become a full General Conference, electing its own officers, providing for the support of workers, and evangelizing/planting churches throughout the islands. The philosophy of national church development gave no place for missionary presence, so the Walborns returned to the USA. They started a Filipino church in the Portland, OR area and pastored there 10 years. In 2002, Paul and Jean went back to the Philippines to teach at Rosales Bible College for two years. While there, they arranged for a Northwest District Work & Witness team to come and help with the construction of a new men’s dorm. After a short visit to the USA, they returned to Cebu in May 2005 to lay the ground work for a new Bible college for the Visayan language people. Again, a Northwest work team came to help with construction.

Thus began a home again, Philippines again odyssey that runs until today. Paul and Jean would make two trips alone to help with the Cebu and Palawan college construction projects, and the Northwest work team would make 10 trips to the Philippines - 3 times to Cebu, 3 times to Palawan, and 4 times to Rosales. This last trip for Paul and Jean ran from March through October 2015, and a Northwest team came in October to help with finishing touches for a new president’s home.

The question that confronts Walborns: “When are you going **back to the Philippines?**”

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Condolences. . . .

Margaret I. Wright, RN

Margaret Imogene Wright, age 93, died September 12, 2015. She was born on May 17, 1922, in Elkhart, IN. Conversion came at the age of nine, and India then became a reality to her. She graduated from Concord Township High in 1939.

A graduate of Marion College, Marion, IN., she entered nurses training in Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, completing her course in 1950.

Margaret began missionary service with The Wesleyan Church in India, in December 1951. She served in Gujarat state - two years in Dandi by the sea, then in Pardi, and later in Dhagadmar, as a traveling nurse to the dispensaries. In 1958, Margaret moved to Nepal to work in cooperation with the United Mission of Nepal. In 1962, she served as an instructor in the school of nursing, Shanta Bhawan Hospital, in Kathmandu. She received an M.A. in nursing from Ball State University, Muncie, IN, in 1974.

In retirement, Margaret lived in the missionary community at Brooksville Village in Brooksville, FL. She taught Sunday School, was a member of the Wesleyan Women's International, and a life member of the Trained Nurses Association of Nepal.

Funeral services were held for Margaret on September 15, 2015 in the Brooksville Wesleyan Church with interment at the Brooksville cemetery.



C. LaMar Brown, age 73, of Milan, IN, passed away Sept. 26, 2015, at his

residence. He was born Dec. 13, 1941 in Milton, KY, the son of Cecil and Ruth (Jackson) Brown. He graduated from Franklin Pilgrim College in 1967 and served as Dean of Men there 1966 to 1967. He married his wife of 55 years, Becky (Slack) Brown, Oct. 7, 1961.

LaMar pastored Wesleyan churches in Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana for 40 years. He and Becky were appointed to missionary service under Wesleyan World Missions in Peru, South America, from 1968 to 1978. He was a member of the Milan Lions Club and liked to collect coins, but his greatest passion was his family and his church.

He is survived by his wife, Becky; a son Wesley and daughter Lisa; sisters Linda and LaDonna and Geneva; and grandson, Ashton. Funeral services were held Oct. 2, 2015, with burial in New Liberty Cemetery in East Enterprise, IN.



Eldon & Wilda Nelson



Wilda Arlene Nelson, 89, passed away November 2, 2015, and her husband, Rev. Eldon B. Nelson, 89, passed away November 9, 2015. While a student at Owosso Bible College in Owosso, MI, she was called to serve in missions. She was an ordained deaconess and Rev. Nelson was an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church.

The Nelsons were stationed under Wesleyan World Missions in Jamaica, West Indies, from 1952 to 1963. Son Jim remembers how when his dad as district superintendent would be gone days on end, his mom would be in charge of the home front and in a foreign country. She was a prayer warrior and kept a prayer journal in precise detail, even to the end of her days. She wanted people to see Christ alive in her life and for others to find this same joy. Any hour of the day or night, she had time to talk and pray with people. Later, Rev. Nelson pastored churches in Michigan for 40 years.

Survivors include children, Rev. and Mrs. Stephen (Eileen) Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Carol) Nelson, and Rev. and Mrs. James (Karen) Nelson; six grandsons and five great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Kaye Hart.

Baptism in Ecuador...

He is risen!!!! As we prepared to celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, the El Fortin church went to the river to baptize 10 people. This was their second baptismal service since December and the fourth baptismal service of the 4 churches we work with in Ecuador. A fifth baptism event was held in April. Though there are struggles and things aren't always easy for these churches, it's thrilling to see them reaching out to their communities, sharing Christ, and making disciples.

Two years ago, when we moved to Ecuador, we asked you as prayer partners, to pray for men and families to come to each church. Today, we are seeing men and families come!! Men, women, teenagers, and children are coming to Christ. They are choosing to trust Him as their Lord and Savior, to follow Him in baptism and for the rest of their lives. God is hearing the prayers of His people and He is always faithful!!!



– by Jim and Lori Rice, GP career missionaries in Ecuador

11th Jibacam Missions Conference

90 Delegates came from 15 countries to attend the Jibacam Conference held in El Salvador, Central America September 2015. Wesleyans from the Spanish-Portuguese speaking world met to cast a vision for the “Unreached Areas of the World.” Inspiring reports came from fields opened or assisted by Latinos like Equatorial Guinea, Africa; Spain; Venezuela; Honduras and Cuba.

It was time to “**Pass the Legacy to the Next Generation**” and move from a “mission field” to the “mission force.” Commitments were formed to send Latino missionaries to the Fotizo People to work in partnership with Global Partners. They will be recruited, trained and funded in the next 4 years. One young woman from Brazil will be spending a year in Mozambique, Africa. A response of finances - \$10,000, was given in cash and faith promises for ministry in “restricted areas.” Please pray as the Holy Spirit empowers HIS Church!



Aryanne from Brazil



Luis Azofeifa challenges the next generation



Youth excitement

-- by Rick and Clara West, GP Career Missionaries in Ibero-American Area

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General Conference

You are urged to attend the missions rally, which will be the opening service of General Conference on Sunday morning, June 4.

Many international leaders and all current GP missionaries will be present.

June 4-8, 2016

The Missionary Alumni Fellowship will have a booth in the Global Partners general display area. Make your plans to attend this historic event in Buffalo, NY. Check out www.wesleyan.org to learn more.

Archives from the '50s to '80s

Who are these two couples and how are they related? Some served in Africa, some in China and Haiti. Were they two brothers or two sisters? Or what was the connection that God blessed?

Two issues ago, we pictured Harris & Marcia Earl who served in Colombia, South America from 1954 to 1990. Several of you identified them correctly.

