

Asian Church Responds

Millions of people’s lives have been changed by COVID-19. Leaders of The Wesleyan Church in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal have reported the devastating impact of the coronavirus in their areas.

Many of the church family are day laborers who cannot work remotely from home, and do not have savings accounts at the bank. In the lockdown, they could not take care of their families, and churches could not take care of their pastors. Our Asian leaders expressed a desire not only to care for their families and churches, but also their communities. What better opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus?



At the end of our Zoom call with these leaders, I said, “As we partner together as one global Church family, we would love to find some ways we can meet each other’s needs.” After the call, one leader went to her network of house churches and shared the need. They all wanted to help their Christian brothers and sisters in other countries and began collecting funds. By April 1st, they had raised over \$42,000 (in US dollars) for surrounding countries. Just as Paul said of the Macedonian churches in 2nd Corinthians, “Out of their poverty and lack.... they gave beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.... They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.”

Many of us feel powerless today, but let us take inspiration from the power of the Holy Spirit displayed through this Asian house church network. And may we respond to those in need around us with such beautiful generosity.

by Ben Ward, Asia-Pacific Area director and director of Development and Communication for Global Partners.

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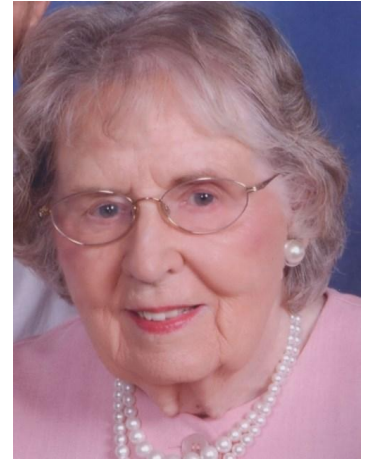
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Condolences . . . Pattie Charmil Linton

Pattie C. Tysinger Linton died January 3, 2020. Pattie was born on September 7, 1934 in Marion, North Carolina to James and Rosemary Tysinger. She graduated from Houghton College in Houghton, New York where she met David Linton and they married on August 17, 1957.

Pattie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend and schoolteacher. She followed the call of God to be a missionary alongside her husband, in Haiti and Zambia, Africa. She was involved with many organizations to share the love of Jesus.

Patti is survived by her husband of 62 years, David; son Gregory and daughter Denise; 3 grandsons; a sister; 2 brothers; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters. Funeral services were held at Bunch-Johnson of Statesville, NC on January 25, 2020.



Rev. Burnell H. Pudwill

Rev. Burnell H. Pudwill died at his home in Winnipeg, Canada on May 2, 2020. He was born near Avon, South Dakota on January 24, 1930, the son of Herbert and Henrietta (Johnson) Pudwill. Converted as a youth, he graduated from Miltonvale (Kansas) Wesleyan College with a BS degree in Religion.

Burnell married Delores Siewert in 1948, in Avon, SD. Sensing God leading him into full-time Christian ministry, he went to college and pastored the Richland Wesleyan Methodist Church, rural Mina, SD. He served on the Dakota District Board and was the Dakota District Youth President. In 1969, he heard God's call to missions. Burnell and Delores and son Todd left for Haiti in July of 1974 to serve in administration, preaching and teaching, building churches and schools, assisting in medical services, and well drilling.

After the death of his wife Delores in 2005, Burnell married Marie France Gabriel Theano in 2006. Burnell is remembered by his wife Mariel; three adopted daughters; his children: Bobby (Wendy), Milbank, SD, Judith (Gary) Hobbie, Flandreau, Randy (Jody), Mina; seven grandchildren; two uncles; three sisters-in-law; 15 great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.



Faith L. Watkins

Faith L. Watkins passed away May 26, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was born October 25, 1942 in Lima, Ohio to parents Rev. Clayton Coulter and Francis (Montgomery) Coulter. In 1960, she graduated from Frankfort Pilgrim High School in Frankfort, IN.

On August 1, 1964, she married Rev. Joseph W. Watkins of New Madison, OH, and they had four sons. She served alongside her husband in ministry for 42 years, including being missionaries in Zambia from 1968 to 1977. They served the Wesleyan Church in the states of Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, North Carolina, Indiana and Washington State. Faith also served over 20 years as Activities and Social Services Director in several nursing homes and hospitals. She was a wonderful homemaker and prayer warrior.

Faith is survived by husband Joseph W. and their sons: Wesley Wayne (Noelle), Marc Thomas (Becky), Michael Clayton, and Philip Allen; and 8 grandchildren. Services were held May 29, 2020, at Circle of Hope Wesleyan Church in Noblesville. Burial was in Greenmound Cemetery in New Madison, OH.

by Joseph W. Watkins



Prayer and God's Miracle

....the story of Dan Merillat in Thailand

God demonstrated his faithfulness and care by answering our prayers this past Saturday, even before the online prayer meeting concluded. We met on Zoom, some in Asia pausing in their day and some in North America waking from their beds in the middle of the night. We met to pray for Dan as he went into surgery in Thailand April 18.

The doctors were treating Dan for massive pneumonia in his lungs, a bacterial infection in his blood, and numerous blood clots. They were going in to remove a large clot near his heart. Prayer was requested from his friends around the world.

The doctor released the dye into his heart and lungs to allow them to clearly see the blood clots, so they could try to get as much of it as possible. Dan could feel the dye move throughout his lungs. To everyone in the room's astonishment, the clot was already 99% gone and the blood was flowing smoothly.

The doctor exclaimed "*Wow! It has dissolved already. I have never seen the medicine work this quickly. Only three days, right?*" "*That's right*", another doctor answered. "*This guy is so lucky!*" the first doctor said. "*Yes, very, very lucky*" almost everyone in the room excitedly said one after the other. No need to continue with the surgery. So, the physician's assistants closed-up the incision, applied pressure to the wound and bandaged it up.

Dan lay there knowing that what they considered luck was actually God's healing power. A deep sense of gratefulness flooded his heart both for God's great mercy and for the multitude of brothers and sisters who he could feel lifting him up.

The Lord had given Pada Psalm 46 to read and pray over Dan before he went into surgery.... "*Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.*"

Dan came home Thursday, April 23rd with an oxygen generator. He needs to sleep deeply at night and allow his lungs to heal 100%. We are praying for a full recovery from the pneumonia and bacterial infection and for the remaining clots to be dissolved. We will know more after his appointments on May 2nd. Dan and Pada, Benjamin and Samuel, are GP career missionaries secuded to the MungThai Church in Thailand.

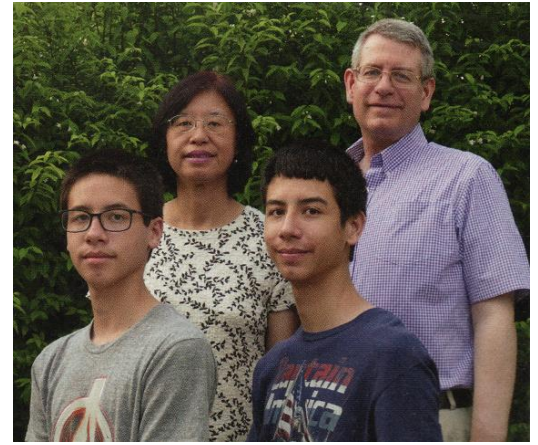
by Tim and Tiffany Gallant, GP career missionaries in Cambodia

Condolences . . . Margaret Jones Spangler

Margaret Jones Spangler died May 21, 2020 in Brooksville, Florida. She was born April 12, 1925 in Jackson, Ohio to Ben and Iva Hatten. She married C. Edward Jones in 1947 and they pastored churches in Ohio and Michigan. Ed served seven years as business manager for the Pilgrim Holiness Church Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana and Margaret was an aide in a hospital. Ed felt God's call to missions in Zambia, Africa, and they served there as missionaries from 1964 to 1974. Margaret was mostly the "hostess" for the Mission's visitors and staff.

Ed passed away in 2004 and Margaret moved to Brooksville, FL to reside in Wesleyan Village in 2005. She became the caregiver at different times to four ladies who were also Village residents, each of them younger than she was.

In 2006 she married Wayne Spangler, who survives, along with her "brother" Jack McDonald and nieces and nephews. A memorial service for Margaret was held May 26, 2020 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Brooksville Chapel. Interment took place at the Riverview Cemetery in Port Clinton, OH.



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Pioneer Missionary Bios

Dr. Alton Evans Liddick

Hearing God's call to ministry, Dr. Liddick preached his first sermon at the age of twelve. He joined The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Philadelphia, PA at fourteen and served as teacher, superintendent, musician and pastor. He was ordained and with his wife, Ruth Sension, left for India in 1934 as missionaries to rich and poor. A king of state once invited them to a meal served on beautiful English china. During war days, Mr. Liddick traveled dangerous oceans, and spent two weeks in a prisoner-of-war camp awaiting transit. One train trip encountered a wreck and all in his compartment were killed except himself. Once, he baptized converts in a river where men had to slap the water in order to scare away the crocodiles. He had malaria fourteen times, and was a "guinea-pig" in order to develop a cure for the bite of the blister bug. Many poor and sick were his friends as he touched them in Jesus' Name. Repeatedly he told the story of God's love and of the great invitation to be born again. He taught young boys the skills which made them able craftsmen in carpentry. For seventeen years he gave himself to the people of India in labors of love for Jesus. He constructed mission buildings, was administrator of an orphanage and a Bible School, and served as annual conference president and superintendent of the field. In 1959, he became Executive Secretary in the department of World Missions, and was honored by Houghton College with the Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1960. Wesleyans around the world are thankful for so fine a friend and missionary as Dr. Alton E. Liddick. He drained a well to help a blind man and shared water from the well of salvation for men blinded and made thirsty by sin.

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COVID-19 Global Response Fund

As of April 29, 2020, over \$194,000 was given to the GP Response Fund. Finances were immediately sent to meet needs like: church operations and food assistance to members and un-churched families out of jobs, assist staff with food and basic utilities, community outreach of rice, oil, and beans, pastors affected through church gathering restrictions, lost wages and home rental assistance, grocery packets, and outreach to local communities. Wesleyan people take the words of Jesus seriously when he said, "I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me." (Matthew 25:35-36 NKJV)

*by Mike Morgan, Director of Executive Initiatives
in The Amplifier*

20th Century Archives



He was born in Ohio and she in New York. They both grew up in N.Y. and both attended Houghton College where he majored in psychology and sociology and she in math and counseling. He did two years in the US Army and then became music director in a radio station and youth leader in his local church and was involved in Christian Student Outreach. She did lots of Christian school teaching and evangelism ministries and enjoyed counseling at Youth for Christ. They heard God's call after marriage to do missionary service overseas and first went to Sierra Leone, West Africa in 1978 to do radio ministry. Returning home, he was appointed to give oversight to media productions in the Wesleyan World Missions office. He became known as "That happy multi-media man!"

Recognize them?