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### ATLANTIC DISTRICT REGIONAL WMAF MEETING AT BEULAH CAMP



The WMAF of the Atlantic District met at the Grand Bay/Westfield Wesleyan Church on Saturday, July 15, 2006. Our host, Rev. David McElhinney, offered prayer and then we were served a delicious meal by the church.

Special music was provided by Rev. and Mrs. Marc LaPointe, former missionaries to Venda, South Africa. Our speaker was Rev. John Connor, who gave an excellent and interesting presentation about the "Jesus Film" ministry. Other guests, in addition to the Connors, included Naomi Croft, Jenny Madden, some Work Team Leaders, and newly appointed missionaries Allen Stevens –to Albania, and Robin White –to Japan.

An offering was received in memory of two of our members who had gone to be with the Lord this year, Rev. Glendon Kierstead and Mrs. Mary Saunders. The money received was given to help support a "Jesus Film" Ministry Team in Mozambique. It was agreed that in the future, if a member died, we would decide on a suitable memorial at the next meeting. Membership dues were set at \$5.00 per person, and the Coordinating Committee was reappointed consisting of Karl Gorman, Bill Morgan, and Gary Churchill. It was agreed that next year we would include the Work Team Leaders who will be going to various countries in the next twelve months. Our District Superintendent, Dr. H. C. Wilson, closed the meeting in prayer.

Reported by Karl E. Gorman, Chairman

## BARRY AND MARGARET ROSS IN ZAMBIA

(Dr. Barry and Margaret Ross spent this past summer in Zambia. Last year, 2005, while Barry was in Israel, Margaret was in Zambia.)

Greetings from Zambia: a place and people with cultural differences we have learned to love. On our last Sunday in Zambia the pastor made this pointed statement, "A real missionary is one with two main characteristics, to love Jesus and to love the people."

Our small apartment is near the front of the campus. There is an outdoor water faucet about 20 yards from our door. This



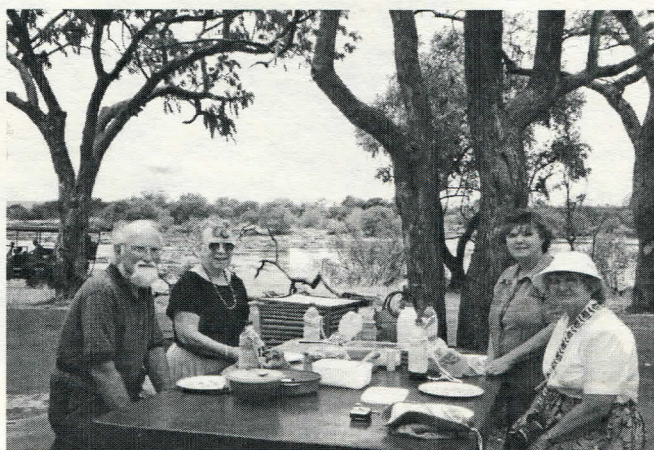
morning a family in a bullock cart piled high with huge plastic containers came for the precious water for their home back in the village. Daily we see wheelbarrows or bicycles with large containers coming for water. The Bible College is very generous with their water supply to the little neighboring villages.

While Barry was away, for his mother's funeral, his students continued writing their papers and brought them to me. I also conducted his Wednesday evening Discipleship Group. We discussed the various customs at death. One non-Christian group will buy a cow at the death and the meat will be eaten by the family and guests. The body will then be wrapped in the cow hide and buried. One week we discussed the cultural differences in engagements and weddings. Our graduates certainly face a huge challenge in dealing with the various pagan cultures.

My sewing and embroidery classes are going well. (The following 2 pictures show the ladies in sewing class and with their graduation certificates.) The student wives appreciated the big box of 6 inch quilt squares that one church sent. These have grown into 8 beautiful patch work quilts. Recently I commented to Ronica how content the babies are being carried on their mother's backs while they sew in class. She made this comment, "When you have a baby in our culture it becomes your luggage; if you have it you carry it and feed it. You aren't to complain, because you chose to have it, and you are not to expect others to take care of your duties to your baby."

When we went to the Livingstone Airport to pick up Barry, we took 10 students to the eye hospital/clinic in Zimba. My brother, Dr. Bud Tysinger, and his eye team were there so it was a good time for me to get to see him. They have always been very kind and generous to the Bible School students. The 10 students sang in their beautiful 4-part harmony the 3 hour trip there and back. We didn't need the radio on!

Adapted from E-mail messages from the Rosses



Above: Dr. & Mrs. Charles Paine and Wilma Wissbroecker



Dr. & Mrs. Storer Emmett on their Zambian mission tour

## THE HARRIS AND MARCIA EARL STORY

Harris was born in New York, after his parent had returned from China; he then gave his heart to Christ at age 8. Marcia was born in Pennsylvania, and was



"born again" at the age of 15. They met at Houghton College in 1943, where Harris, while carrying a full load, worked in the college printing department.

He graduated in 1946, and was assigned to pastor a Wesleyan Methodist church in the Champlain District. Marcia was "re-adopted" at Houghton by Dr. and Mrs. S. I. McMillen. Marcia graduated in 1947, and that September, they were married by Rev. Comadoll. They served in three churches in that district for 7 more years, and had three children: Candace, Mark, and Melanie.

They were sent as missionaries to Colombia, South America, in 1954. Jeffrey was born there in 1956, and Carol in NY on their first furlough in 1958. Harris served in the Wesleyan Mission publishing house in Medellin. The Spanish literature produced served various mission groups there as well as other Latin American countries and even to Europe and Africa. They also served in church planting and ministerial training in the Bible School in Medellin. They planted and built the Bucaramanga Church and helped build the Bello Bible Institute. At age 65, they officially retired and returned to New York for a year and a half.

In 1991 they moved to Wesleyan Village in Brooksville, FL. Currently they do translations and prepare materials in Spanish. Marcia now arranges church services for four local nursing homes. They present Bible studies in two prisons weekly, and at a third, monthly, and as members of Prison Fellowship, participate in seminars in 6 different correctional institutions. They deeply appreciate the local church's support of these efforts. They are grateful for opportunities to serve. After all, Jesus said, *"Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these... you have done it unto Me."* *"It pays to serve Jesus, it pays every day!"*

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### NEWS AND REPORTS

Do you have any pictures or news to report. Please send any news, reports, or pictures to Bob Smith, 22275 Woodlawn Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601-2702 or e-mail: [bobsmith2004@earthlink.net](mailto:bobsmith2004@earthlink.net).

## THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

### NOTES FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES-----

**NEPAL**—**Dr. Paul Turner** writes, "Two Jesus film teams are working in Nepal and lifting up Jesus in unique ways. Baburam Hamal, leader of the work, sent a six month report for January to June 2006. He shows 4,965 people viewed the film, 349 accepted Christ, and 144 have started coming to regular services. 305 Bibles and 267 Gospel portions were given to seekers. 43 believers have been baptized. All of this has occurred in a time of great uncertainty and confusion in the government and society. Please pray for the workers and believers as they seek to expand the ministry."

**ALBANIA**—Global Prayer-net reported that on July 23 the reopening service for The Wesleyan Church in Albania took place. Nine Albanians, who have been involved in home Bible studies, were in attendance. **Missionary Mike Helvie** preached on God's grace and forgiveness. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move in the hearts of Albanians causing them to hunger and thirst for truth and righteousness. Pray for our missionary team as they reach out with the love of Jesus.

**INDONESIA**—Global Partners' field director, **Keith Norris**, recently joined 104 Indonesian delegates at their district conference where 12 pastors were ordained. He also had the privilege of preaching in our newest Indonesian church, which was started in February. This new congregation also held their first communion service and welcomed 25 new members into their fellowship.

**BOUGAINVILLE**—**Don Floyd** writes, "We brought home lots of happy memories from Bougainville. I enjoyed walking to the local markets most afternoons, chatting to people and getting to know some faces in the community. Our oldest son, Stephen, got pictures of people going to fill up containers from the local well. Our family's hope is that



the people of Bougainville will not only search for the things that satisfy their physical needs, but that they will also follow after Jesus, who can satisfy their spiritual thirst as well. After a month of hosting visiting Bible College teachers, assisting the church leaders, teaching in a women's conference

and attending the ordination of two pastors, we hope the church will show people how they can find 'living water.'"

**KARIS PEOPLE**—**Jason Tegen** writing of changes in the culture says, "The present generation is first in the last four to live without communist rule. Even more, this land has been ruled by one dictatorship or another for literally thousands of years. The older ones still speak Russian, the younger, Karis...(the majority of the people are Muslim) As nearly 1 billion Muslims around the world fast and pray to

get closer to Allah, let's go to battle for their souls in prayer as well.

#### **ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

\*A country in **North Africa** has in the last 10 years seen over 40,000 people come to Christ! New laws make conversion to Christ illegal, as well as meetings and literature distribution.

\*There is a movement in **India** that has caused millions of low caste or "untouchables" to turn from Hinduism. Large numbers have turned to Christianity. In one large meeting there were over 8,000 new converts attending.

\*The movement in **China** is ready to send out missionary to the Muslim and Hindu world. They speak of over **100,000 praying and ready to go**. Operation Mobilization and other groups are seeking to enable them. If even 10,000 would go, it would make a huge impact in missions around the world.

\***Ramadan**, the Muslim 30 days of fasting and prayer, began on September 24. A 52 page booklet and prayer guide "30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World" is available in many languages. It may be obtained through [www.wmafonline.org](http://www.wmafonline.org)

\***MKS** ... **Anna Ensz**, age 13 teaches English to a young woman, **Aryanne**, who is called to be a missionary. All the kids help their parents in a weekly ministry to teens in **Manaus, Brazil**.

\*The **Fernandez** from **Cambodia** report that a young man, **Rotha**, who is studying for the ministry, was given an ultimatum by the family to either return home and help with the family business or he would be disowned and disinherited. He stood firm and God provided a helper in the business for his brother. His father didn't force him to leave his studies and his sister didn't disown him. Greg writes, "Be encouraged. GOD IS ALIVE, hallelujah!"

\***CZECH REPUBLIC**---Pray for: **Jirka** as he has been disciplined and now will start his university studies. **Lida** who meets regularly to study English by reading the Gospel of John. Pray also for her husband, **Roman**, who is firmly against God and thinks it's a waste of her time. **Missionary Olivia Seaton** pray that her needed support will come in allowing her to finish her term.

\*Somewhere in Asia, **Julienne Keilholtz** is studying the language hoping to eventually minister to Muslims. She has learned how to eat chicken heads and feet. The fried feet are packaged like chips and can be bought in the markets.

\*39 were baptized in the mother church in **Kamakwie** in early September.

\*The Zambian biennial National Conference re-elected **Rev. Sitali Kakungu** as National Superintendent for another 2 year term. They also adopted a 5 year strategic plan for the church.

\* **Rev. Galela**, South African Regional Superintendent, has been attempting to bring a new vision and momentum to the

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region since his election in January.

\*Pray for **Rev. Kasweshi** and his family in **Cameroon**.

#### **WMAF ESTABLISHES A WEB SITE**

**You may now access information about WMAF from our web site. Here you will find details about up-coming events, special announcements, pictures, and much more. You will also be able to obtain copies of the LINK. You will want to visit this site often to keep abreast with WMAF happenings. Our thanks to Jon Steppe for developing and maintaining this vital link with Global Partners.**

**The address is: [www.wmafonline.org](http://www.wmafonline.org)**

#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Rev. E.K.Purcell (Suriname)** is home following an 8 week hospital stint. He had a complete **heart attack** and then further complications. He then had a **stroke** attack and ended up with a pacemaker. Some in **Suriname** called him the "Eveready Pink Bunny!" We thank God for his recovery.

Several of our retired missionaries here in Wesleyan Village have had various surgical procedures recently. **Rev. Dean and Elizabeth Phillips** recently moved to New Jersey to live with their daughters. **Rev. Bob and Norva Crosby** are now living with their daughter and son-in-law in Floral City, FL.

#### **AT HOME WITH THE LORD**

**Rev. Charles L. GrothOlson** went to be with the Lord on July 16, 2006. He and his wife, Lee, served in **Papua New Guinea** from 1987 to 1991. They also served in several pastorates here in the States. They were living in Bartlesville at the time of his death. Lee's address is: 422 NE Fenway, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

**Rev. Chris Motley** passed away on May 20, 2006. He was born in South Africa on July 9, 1935. Chris and his wife, Rosemary, served as missionaries to **Joy Mission and in several other mission stations**. He was saved in the Bredell Church and later became pastor of the same. After some time of ill health he retired in 2002. Rosemary's address is: PO Box 12866, Empangeni 3880, Kwazulu, Natal, South Africa.

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