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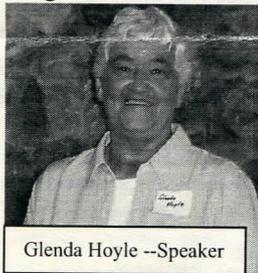
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## WMAF SOUTHEAST REGION MEETS AT TABLE ROCK, SC



The Southeast Regional meeting was held at the beautiful Wesleyan camp grounds at Table Rock in South Carolina. Representatives came from various parts of South Carolina and North Carolina. Alumni from Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee were unable to attend. Bob Smith, WMAF chairman, called for the meeting and presided. Mrs. Glenda Hoyle shared with the group regarding our Wesleyan work in Guyana and Paramakatoi, where she recently served as guest Bible School teacher. Everyone enjoyed the meal together and fellowship. The joy of the moment could be felt by the excited conversation and the cheerful laughs. Rev. Bob Broome (Brazil & Puerto Rico) has been appointed as the coordinator for this region.



Glenda Hoyle --Speaker



Eugene & Jackie Albertson -Haiti



Bob & Barbara Broome - Brazil/Puerto Rico



Morris & Vinelle Davis Zambia



Larry & Addie Milstead Zambia



Don & Elizabeth Karns Guyana/SA/Liberia



Dr. Lowell & Mary Faith Jennings -Medical-India/SL



Thomas Cowart India Arthur Calhoon Haiti/Australia



Alma Robertson Sierra Leone



**Dr. Marie Evatt** served in Sierra Leone and then for several years as Wesleyan Women Director.

**Bill & Marilyn French** are now serving in Taiwan. **Jim & Lois Wiggins** served in Sierra Leone, as pastors in the US, as DS in the South Coastal District,

and Jim is currently serving as Vice President for Development at Southern Wesleyan University.

It is a privilege to have all these alumni in the Southeast Region.

**WALBORNS BUILD A NEW WESLEYAN BIBLE COLLEGE IN THE VISAYAN ISLANDS**

In 1981 Paul and Jean Walborn, while serving as missionaries to the Philippines, were assigned to begin a new Wesleyan work on the island of Cebu. Two Cebuano couples were



appointed to serve together with the Walborns. Home Bible studies were started and soon many families were converted and services were begun in a rented home.

Stan Bolo was the first convert and it wasn't long until he was conducting several home Bible studies.

The first services were held in Lawaan in a subdivision. As this church grew it was decided that Pastor and Mrs. Largo would go to Cebu City and plant another church. It wasn't long before a good sized congregation had formed. These new churches



Students

continued to plant churches on the northern part of Cebu Island and also on the island of Leyte.

In 1986 a property was purchased in barrio Danawan, which became a Bayanihan Village (a village consisting of Wesleyans who needed homes and work). In 1989 the Walborns retired

and returned to the States. While serving as volunteers in May, 2005, the Walborns were requested to go to Cebu to start a new Wesleyan Bible College.



Faculty

The building to be constructed was the President's home. The Walborns were

able to move into this home in December 2005. After the Philippine General Board appointed Rev. Mamerto Acosta as the president, the Walborns moved



Dedication ceremony



into a recently constructed faculty house.

The next building was a Dining Hall/Dormitory unit. A nice church building had been constructed several years earlier. This in turn has served as a chapel for the Bible college. A Maintenance Building, a single faculty apartment, and a Library/Classroom were all constructed to provide for the academic requirements. At the present a covered Basketball Court is under construction. This building will also be used as a multipurpose building for various school functions.

Classes began in June 2006 with eight students. This first class graduated on March 9, 2007 with a Christian Leadership Development degree. All feel called to full time Christian ministry and seven have continued on in the school working toward completing a BTh or BCE degree. The new school year opened in June, 2007 with seven new students.

A pre-school has also been opened on the campus with fifty children. They are hoping soon to begin classes for the elementary grades.



Paul writes, "How we praise the Lord for the way He has helped us these past two years. The goals we set have been accomplished and we have a beautiful Bible college which is in full operation."

Thanks, Paul and Jean, for your faith and labor of love to make the Visayan

Wesleyan Bible College a reality!

### ATLANTIC REGION WMAF MEETS

The annual meeting of the WMAF, Atlantic Region, was held in the beautiful Grand Bay/Westfield church on Saturday, July 14, 2007, with 35 attending.

Pastors David McElhinney and Shawna Rogers hosted the event. A delicious luncheon was served, mainly by church ladies who had gone to Guatemala as part of a work team.

Gary and Debbie Churchill led the group in singing some of the familiar missionary hymns. Rev. Dan Irvine, missionary to Haiti, challenged us with a message based on Acts 17.

In addition to Dan and Joy Irvine, other guests included Bob and Brenda Bagley (South Africa), Storer and Wilma Emmett (Haiti/Zambia/SL) Dick and Donna Doane (Haiti), and the Allisons. Special greeting cards were signed and sent to retired missionaries Myra Sanders (South Africa), Uta Chase (Zambia), Alice Kierstead (South Africa), and Thelma Rose.

Several team leaders gave brief reports of their overseas experiences, and everyone enjoyed the great food and fine fellowship.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Grand Bay/Westfield church for their gracious hospitality. Steering committee: Karl Gorman, William Morgan, and Gary Churchill.

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### NOTES FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES----

**GUATEMALA** –Luis F. Martinez reports: “San Jorge, a small village in Zacapa, located in eastern Guatemala, is where we started a church in October 2006. The church was meeting in a lean-to built in the pastor’s back yard. In November 2006 the very first VBS was held and over 120 children attended. The church had saved enough money to purchase land and the ground was broken and the building of their first permanent structure started in March 2007. A team from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, donated money and took a team to begin the hard work of constructing a sanctuary.

**SWAZILAND** –Dorcas Croft writes: “Pastor Walter is one of our Swazi graduates whom God has been using. He is a man of great faith as he feeds hundreds of orphans and poor children daily. Through his church they have 9 feeding stations. They also have classrooms at many of these stations where they teach orphans and children who cannot afford to attend government schools...Although he never gets paid for what he does, you never hear him complain. He often walks long distances in the heat as he oversees the work.” While in South Africa Pastor Walter was hit by a car. He suffered a dislocated shoulder and a badly broken leg. Please pray for him and his family, and also for his ministry.

**VENEZUELA.** A team from The Pilgrim Wesleyan Church of Brooklyn, NY led by Rev. Daniel Pierre Ferdinand, made up of 23 people, ministered in Caracas, Venezuela, August 20-27. What began as a fraternal relationship with the Church in Brooklyn in 1999, resulted in

the official establishment of The Wesleyan Church in Venezuela in 2002. Today there are seven Wesleyan congregations in Venezuela including one in the capital city of Caracas. Mr. Manuel, a businessman in Caracas, has a burden to plant another church in the business section of Caracas. In a meeting in his office 6 people prayed to receive Christ. On the following Monday, Pastor Silva visited this area again and there were 15 more who came to the Lord. A baptism service is being planned for 20 people or more. The urgent need now is for a pastor for this group.

**GHANA.** –Reported by Isaac Quayson, JESUS Film team leader. A sister called Doris had exceeded her delivery date for giving birth. After the team prayed she delivered a healthy child. Lydia had been in bed for two weeks suffering in her knees and hips. She was sent to the hospital on several occasions, but her condition worsened. She decided to attend the JESUS film showing. In the course of the viewing, when Jesus had healed the woman who had an infirmity for 18 years, Lydia, at that moment, received instant healing and began to walk. In the morning prayer meeting Dede, a new convert, was anointed for her son who was suffering from epilepsy. The boy was healed.

**CAMBODIA** –Tim & Tiffany Gallant report; “Recently one of our Bible school staff had a fire in his community. We got the call just asking us to come and help. By the time we got there, 18 houses had burned to the ground, but God had miraculously spared Kim Sua’s house. Kim Sua and those of us from the Bible school were able to help his neighbors during this very difficult time.

**NICARAQUA** –Mike and Amy Knox write that Connie had a dream that someone had given her a boat load of shoes to sell. She shared the dream with her family and some friends. When they would meet, Connie would say, “I’m still waiting for my shoes!” So when Mike delivered about 100 pairs of shoes to her a few days later, it was a surprise but not totally unexpected. The vision from the Lord 3 years earlier was now fulfilled. She immediately called her friend to report the answer to her vision and her prayers.

**SOUTH AFRICA** –JESUS Film ministry. Majojobeni is an informal settlement which is known for its crime. It was a risk for the team to show the film in this area for two nights. God wonderfully opened the hearts of the people to respond to Jesus as Lord and Savior. Today, we are planting a new church through two young people who are under the mentorship of Rev. Bill Niemack. Crimes against women and children have been reduced. To God be the glory!

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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, 22254 Birch Memorial Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601-2784 or e-mail: [bobsmith2004@earthlink.net](mailto:bobsmith2004@earthlink.net).

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

**NOTES OF VICTORY FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**Paramakatoi, Guyana** –“Climbing the hill to church yesterday I heard lovely music and thought they must have a tape on PA system. I found it was one of our young men singing with accordion, guitar, and keyboard accompanying, warming up for the service.” **Doris Wall** says the accordion and song books were gifts from the USA,

**Indonesia –Keith Norris.** Rev. Santoso was elected as National Superintendent in their eighth national conference. The church is spread out over an area of over 2,000 miles, making leadership quite difficult. In the past four years the church has grown by 72%! There are now 3,905 adults active in the Church. Youth and children’s ministries have exploded with 2,649 involved in Church activities. The Bible College now has 73 students. Last year alone these students led 118 people to Christ, and 88 of these new converts are active in the Wesleyan Church.

**Mozambique –John Pickett** writes, “On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July I had the privilege of baptizing 16 new Christians in the Maganha Church. I am thrilled to see their excitement and hear their testimonies. We are sensing some real transformation in the lives of our people here.”

**Czech Republic –Marian Graham.** “Susan and her 2 sons attended our English camp. The Sunday after camp the 3 of them came to both the Czech church service in the morning and the International Fellowship in English in the evening. A big praise is the 3 of them came back the next Sunday.”

**Cambodia.** The Wesleyan Church continues to grow:

	<u>In 2005</u>	<u>In 2006</u>
*Churches	15	22
*Cell groups	21	44
*Members	968	1,364
*Pastors	17	36

**El Salvador.** 40 women attended their first evangelistic women’s breakfast and 6 of them accepted the Lord as their Savior.

**Ecuador.** 6 families are participating in a new believers’ Bible study in Racar. The Principe de Pas Church is seeing growth in attendance.

**Albania.** Our missionaries write that spiritually The Wesleyan Church is ministering to people who just 17 years ago were not allowed to worship in any way for over 45 years. Before that they were ruled by Muslims for over 400

years. Despite physical and spiritual oppression, God is building His church here.

**Zambia, Zimba hospital** now has TWO resident missionary doctors, Dr. Dan and Dr. Joan Jones.

**Suriname.** Bible school graduates, Julian and Lloyd, organized the first District Youth Retreat. There were 68 attendees. The weekend was full of sports and seminars. Some services lasted several hours as youth sought God at the altar for deliverance from bondage, personal revival, and healing. Pastor David, a Bible school student, preached 2 powerful messages on short notice.

**WMAF REPRESENTATION AT GENERAL CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO, FL**

On June 7, 2008 in the afternoon WMAF will meet in one of the breakout rooms provided by the General Conference Committee. Inspiration and information will be the venue. All alumni are welcome to attend.

**General Conference** will begin the morning of June 7 and is scheduled to conclude business on Wednesday morning, June 11. The Rosen Shingle Creek Conference Center on Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL will host the conference.

We hope to see many of you in Orlando!

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD**

**Rev. Ralph J. Coleson** went home to be with his Lord on May 19, 2007. He served as pastor in Plymouth, Hartford City, Kokomo, Andrews, and Fort Wayne. He had also served as missionary in India, Sierra Leone in Africa. His wife, Olive Coleson, survives him.

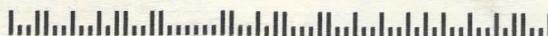
**Mrs. Helen Hartman** joined her husband in heaven at age 87 on June 14, 2007. She and her husband served as missionaries to Haiti for 30 years. In the French Bible School she taught the ladies to be self-sufficient by teaching them sewing, cooking, and English. In her local church in Baytown, TX she taught her last Sunday school class on May 27, 2007. She is survived by her children: Paul, Joan Strickland, Daniel, and Milton.

**Dr. Dewain Silvernale** was tragically killed in an auto accident on April 19, 2007 in Bradenton, FL. His wife sustained minor injuries. He and his wife, Beryl, served as missionaries at the La Gonave hospital in Haiti during the late 1960’s.

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