

## Missionary Inspired by Missionaries

Sally's front door flew open and Aryanne was greeted with a shriek of excitement in Portuguese, "Oi minha filha! Tanto saudades!" It had been decades since these friends had seen each other. Aryanne brought updates from the church in Brazil and friends and family. Then Sally shared from her well-worn Portuguese Bible. They even had a chance to video call Aryanne's family in Brazil.



Aryanne Batista, one of many positively shaped by Paul and Sally Phillippe, was a young girl when they were pioneering church planting in Manaus, but she had not forgotten them. She recalls how they learned language, invested in her parents, ministered with tenacity, and related to Brazilians with kindness and love.

Aryanne visited while on her way to General Conference last May where she represented the national church of Brazil as Director of Missions. She has served as missionary in Mozambique and led many short-term trips to East Timor, Mozambique, Guyana and the U.S. Under her direction, the Wesleyan Church of Brazil plans to send their first missionary couple to Bangladesh this year. Praise God for the fruitful service of His people.

*Adapted from The Amplifier, August 2022, article by Jackie Fussner.*

**NEXT** is a program of Global Partners seeking interns to spend 2-4 months in cross-cultural immersion with seasoned Global Partners missionaries.

Mobilizers at headquarters actively seek candidates for NEXT, and for long-term missionary service, by visiting universities to present missions and hold conversations with students. (Nine visits are scheduled this fall). Regional Mobilizers have also been appointed to contact churches and individuals for NEXT. Shown here (L to R) are: Jackie Fussner, Mid-Southwest; Mindy Tharnish, Northeast; Michalla Arbour, Great Lakes Region; Christy and Barry Van Steenburg, Southeast; and Tina Chaput, Southwest.



Following is the testimony of one of the nineteen NEXT interns that served last summer:  
During my stay in **Eastern Europe**, I kept repeating this Scripture:

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! (Ephesians 3:20-21.)*

We serve a God who can do immeasurably more. My team led an English camp, and we saw God's abundant provision. Stormy weather was forecast, but we had sunny skies before the rain fell each afternoon. Twelve students showed up the first day, and the camp ended with twenty-eight active participants. They were so excited and begged us to stay longer. I was overwhelmed by the incredible work of God in just a few days' time. This was the first camp in that area; our team hopes to provide educational resources and the gospel message to every community in the region. God opened the door for a long-term worker to connect with a local high school teacher who is excited about working with the team in the future. The way He graciously used my team and me was humbling and miraculous. Praise be to God! *Article edited with permission from the writer.*



**The WMAF is committed to focused prayer for Next volunteers and others seeking full time missionary service. Please join us by Zoom for prayer on the first Monday of each month (or the first Tuesday following a holiday weekend). Contact Jim Vermilya: [jimver44@gmail.com](mailto:jimver44@gmail.com)**

## Obituaries

### Patricia Ann Bagley

Patricia Anne Bagley went to be with her Lord on September 22, 2022 in St. John, NB. Patricia was born in Yarmouth, NS on February 7, 1932 to the late Percival and Sarah (Rose) Harris. Patricia (Patsy) and Milton W. Bagley were married 68 years before he passed away last year. They pastored Wesleyan Churches in Canada and the US. and served as missionaries to South Africa, Zimbabwe and Liberia from 1971–1984.



### Dr. Meredith "Med" James Bailie



Med, as he was lovingly called, age 89, passed away peacefully at home, in Winfield, IL on August 29, 2022 surrounded by his family. He was born February 14, 1933 in Williston, ND. Dr. Bailie was a beloved pastor and counselor to many for more than sixty years. He served as "Pastor to Missionaries" with the Wesleyan Church from 1995-2004. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, May Bailie; a son, three daughters, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Mary E. Duvall

Mary Duvall, 87, passed away August 27, 2022, in Presque Isle, ME. She was born December 8, 1934, in Muskegon, MI, the daughter of John and Edith (Holcomb) Wheeler. She is survived by her faithful husband, Thomas, of more than 63 years; two daughters, Diane Duvall and Irene Fancy (who served at Global Partners) and her husband Bud; and many other loving family members. We remember Mary particularly for her service to Global Partners, assisting her husband with blood tests for missionaries.



## Dr. Gustave G. Prinsell



Dr. Gus Prinsell, 100, of Houghton, NY went home to be with his Lord on July 13, 2022 in his home. He was born on May 26, 1922 in Jersey City, NJ, a son of the late Gustave J. and Doretta Knoeffler Prinsell. He married Louise Bininger who survives. After receiving his MD and further training in tropical medicine, he served as doctor at Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital in Sierra Leone, West Africa (1957-1964), followed by short medical terms in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Haiti and again to Sierra Leone in 2001 and 2009. He also helped found the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship.

## Suzanne L. Vardaman

Suzanne Vardaman, 72, went to be with her Lord August 3, 2022 in Brooksville, FL. She was born August 19, 1949 in Marion, IN. She married Robert A. Vardaman in 1971, and they had a strong and faithful love for more than fifty years. Suzanne taught generations of students in Indiana and Oklahoma, and Puerto Rico, where they served as missionaries from 1983-1990. Suzanne is survived by her loving husband, Robert, of Brooksville, FL; her daughters: Aimee (Alan) Williams, of the Czech Republic and Carin (Matthew) Hines, of Fishers, IN; seven grandchildren; and many other beloved family members. She was preceded in death by her parents.



A Celebration of Life service was held on June 18, 2022 at the First Baptist Church in Avon, SD, for **Rev. Burnell Pudwell**, with interment in the Avon Baptist Cemetery. Although Rev Pudwell passed away in May of 2020, his memorial could not be held earlier because of Covid restrictions between the US and Canada. His obituary was included in the Summer 2020 LINK. *The full obituaries can be found on our website: [globalpartnersonline.org/alumni/in-memoriam](http://globalpartnersonline.org/alumni/in-memoriam).*

## Alumni Authors

These books have recently been published by Alumni: **Grandpa's Story** by James Blackburn, **Sarah of Sychar** by Eleanor Hunsinger, **The Papa Bear, a Memoir** by Dr. Prinsell, and **Yesterday, Today, and Forever** by Gareth Cockerill, all available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com); and **Letters from the Ends of the Earth** in two volumes by Perry and Nancy Hubbard, available at <https://www.seahillpress.com/product-category/christian-books/perry-hubbard-series/>.

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## Missionary Bio

A reporter for a Guyanese Newspaper interviewed Doris Wall in 2003. It is quite extensive and I find it fascinating. Here is a sample:

***In January of 1967 a young, romantic missionary nurse arrived in a Guyana where the lights from the Independence celebrations the previous year were still up.... ever since Doris was eight years old she wanted to be a missionary nurse.... Her family were regular church-goers, and she practically grew up in the Wesleyan church.... She had always wanted to work in the Amazon Basin, but it was the Wesleyan Mission Board that chose Guyana as her country of service.... after graduation she studied for a Diploma in Nursing. Then she was sent to Guyana.... A week after arriving... Doris was sent to a very small Carib-speaking village at the end of an airstrip, cut off from everywhere except by plane. As nurse she was the only medical person in the area.***

The interview has been edited to three pages and will be posted on our website.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Century Archives



This month's missionary grew up on a farm in PA, learning to milk the cows, drive the tractor, and etc. She attended one-room schools until high school, riding the school bus to a nearby town. She sensed a call to missions while studying for her B.S. in Bible at Eastern Pilgrim College. Additional studies were had at Kutztown State Teachers College (now Kutztown State University). After teaching for three years, she was appointed by the Wesleyan Church to Zambia, Africa. For one term she taught sixth and seventh graders at Chababoma Mission School, followed by a term at Jembo Bible School. Later she served as secretary for the mission coordinator. When visitors came to Zambia to see the work of Wesleyan Missions, she was not thinking that one of them would be her future husband. Back in the States they met again when they attended the same church, and interest grew between them. She worked in the Wesleyan World Missions office until they were married in October 1983, and they have been serving the Lord together since that time.



Our summer issue featured Clifton and Arletta Ashlock, now pastoring in Indiana.