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# Thinking It Through

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## Renewing Spiritual Vitality

In 2 Kings 6, the prophet Elisha is found with a group of young men cutting down trees at the Jordan River. As one works, the iron ax head flies off the handle, lands in the river, and sinks to the bottom. To make matters worse, the ax head was borrowed. As he cries “Alas,” Elisha asks where it fell, then threw a stick into the water at the spot. The ax head floated to the top, and the man reached out to get it. This curious event illustrates a key to success in a Christian’s life: recovering a lost spiritual vitality, or in the better words of Scripture, being “transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2)

The Christian life is one of renewal. There are times when you feel “weary and discouraged in your soul” (Hebrews 12:3) and when your efforts in ministry or business seem ineffective. But “they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.” (Isaiah 40:31) Renewal should be a daily thing, for the “inward man is renewed day by day.” (2 Corinthians 4:16) This floating ax head illustrates that concept.

Consider the ax *handle* to be your ministry or business. It is a tool that you put your hands on daily. I am an attorney and put my hands on the tools of the law. You may use the tools of education, administration, finance, or one of many others. When the Lord asked Moses at the burning bush, “what is that in your hand?” Moses answered, “A rod”—the tool of his profession as a shepherd. (Exodus 4:2)

The ax *head* illustrates the power of the Holy Spirit. The ax handle does not cut the tree, it delivers the power of the head. As Christians, we each use our ministry to deliver the power of the Spirit of God to a particular cause.

The picture further develops when we remember that the ax head was borrowed. The young man had free use of it, but it was not his. In Christian ministry, the power that makes a difference is not ours, but the Spirit’s. We borrow it daily.

As Christians, we are like those men at the Jordan, each one with an ax, working together to build a testimony to Jesus Christ. Some have greater strength, skill, or work ethic than

others, but everything that is ultimately effective is done by the power in the ax head. If you swing an ax handle without the head, the only thing you make is noise.

There are times when, in the imagery of our story, the ax head can come off the handle. A Christian cannot lose the Spirit of God who seals us unto salvation, but you can certainly lose the power and vitality of the Holy Spirit. This young man had an ax handle empty of a head—a Christian life without power, excitement, or joy.

Notice that he did not lose it through sin, neglect or inactivity. He lost it while he was very busy at work. It is not uncommon for a Christian to become so *busy* in ministry that he or she loses the *power* of that ministry—to mistake activity for effectiveness. Today, is your ax head firmly attached to the handle in your hands?

When this man found himself with an empty ax handle, the first thing he did was recognize the problem. He cried out “Alas.” He did not try to put on a good show. He knew it was gone and said so.

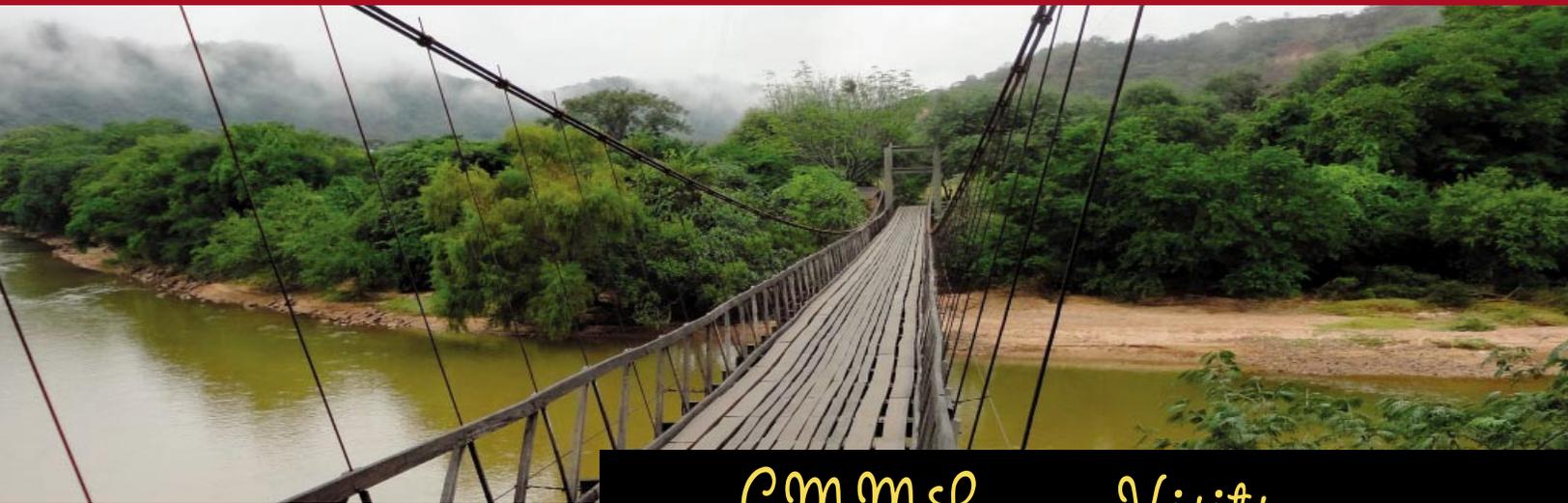
Second, he told the man of God. He did not give up and lament his loss. He honestly told Elisha; and we tell Jesus Christ. As David said to the Lord, “Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation.” (Psalm 51:12)

Third, notice Elisha’s question, “where did it fall?” If you lost your car keys, the logical question is, where did you see them last? That’s a good question to ask if you have lost something spiritual. Where did it fall? Maybe you lost that spiritual joy when you had to make a hard decision, when another Christian let you down, when there was a crisis in your life, or even because of sin. Tell the Lord and then point out the place.

Finally, Elisha tells this man to reach out and take the ax head. The Lord will raise the iron to the top, but you have to pick it up to embrace forgiveness and renewal as you welcome the dawn of each new day. May the Lord bless in our ministry for Him. ■

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COVER PHOTO: Bolivia—Photos by Philip Parsons



# CMML Visits bolivia

by Philip Parsons

The Republic of Bolivia, once a thriving nation due to its rich natural resources, is South America's poorest country today. Progress has been hampered by political instability, with more than 200 coups or revolutions since Bolivia received its independence from Spain in 1825 and on-going unsettledness with neighboring countries. The state religion is Roman Catholicism, with about 78 percent of the more than 10 million people noted as such, but few practice their religion.<sup>1</sup>

The modern evangelical movement in Bolivia is attributed to missionary Will Payne (Echoes of Service) with a visit to Sucre, the legal capital of Bolivia in 1895.<sup>2</sup> However, it was the pioneer work of Frank and Blanquita Haggerty (beginning in 1951), and their enthusiasm to share the Gospel, that fanned the flame for those who currently serve in Bolivia.

Accepting the invitation of Enoel Suarez (*Missionary Prayer Handbook*, Day 20) to participate in a conference for Bolivian assembly leaders, my wife Mary and I flew to Bolivia and spent some additional days prior to the conference visiting with several missionaries that CMML and MSC Canada serve.

## La Paz

We arrived very early in the morning following a seven-hour flight from Miami to La Paz, the administrative capital of Bolivia. At an altitude of approximately 12,800 feet, La Paz is the world's highest capital city.<sup>3</sup> The thin air made pulling our luggage a challenge. Carlos Vargas (MPH, Day 21) met us and took us to their place located beyond La Paz and at a lower altitude. To minimize the effects of altitude sickness, they insisted we consume a hot beverage, mate de coca.

In the evening, the Vargas family took us to downtown La Paz to see the result of some of the assembly movement's early work and to visit a few believers. Evangelical Bible Seminary is located in the heart of the city and shares the same building as Misiones Cristianas Bolivia, the legal corpora-



From top (left to right): Wooden suspension bridge to the Bible school, Camiri; Bolivian market with fresh produce; Shirley, Carlos, Jorgen and Wendy; Eliseo Zuniga of Misiones Cristianas Bolivia; La Paz Bible School students writing exams.





**From top (left to right):** Mark and Carol Mattix at a night market; Jesse, Janel, Fionna and Isaac Mattix; Assembly in Camiri meeting at the Christian school; Bible School Class of 2014, Camiri; Andres Segovia with students; Phil Train leading a conference breakout session; Classroom at Camiri Christian School.



tion for the assemblies in Bolivia. It was during this brief visit that we learned there are more than 400 assemblies throughout Bolivia. Reached for the Lord in an open-air work and now commended by the assembly in La Paz, Eliseo Zuniga is chairman of the corporation and leader in the seminary. Jurgen Schulz (MPH, Day 20) teaches several classes at the seminary and is a great help to the local assemblies. His wife Wendy is a wonderful blessing to families with relatives in prison. She has been given liberty to visit with prisoners, resulting in changed lives. She is a critical component in helping released prisoners stay out of prison.

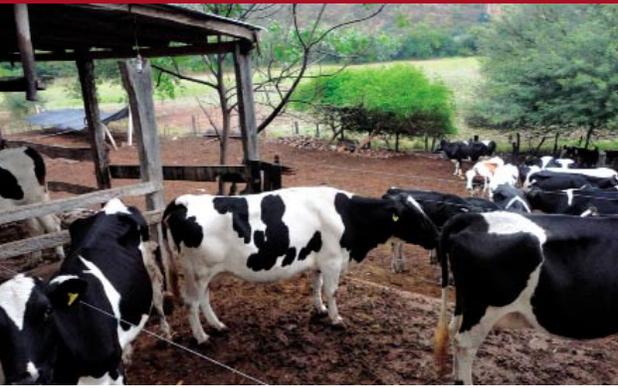
## Camiri

After 36 hours in La Paz, we took a short flight to Santa Cruz. Mark and Carol Mattix (MPH, Day 20) met us at the airport and took us to Camiri, a three-hour drive south of Santa Cruz. Before setting out, we had a brief visit with Jesse and Janel Mattix and family (MPH, Day 20). They were on their way to the United States for a summer furlough but were in Santa Cruz for some dental check-ups. Jesse and Janel help Mark and Carol with the Bible school ministry in Camiri. This one-year school is a self-sustaining ministry where Bible students contribute by working on the farm in exchange for tuition and room and board. Visiting missionaries and national workers commit to teach each morning, usually in week-long intervals, while in the afternoon, students work on the farm. Dairy cattle are raised to produce milk to manufacture cheese and ice cream. These products are sold locally making it a great opportunity for students to learn God's Word and on-the-job lifelong practical skills—tuition free!

Camiri is also home to a Christian school started by Eugene and Loraine Train. The Trains passed away earlier in 2013 but the school continues to meet a great need in the community. Andres Segovia (MPH, Day 20) has been with the school since 1996 and most recently has been asked to help with administrative responsibilities. The future ministry of the school has been passed to Phil Train (MPH, Day 21), and he requests prayer for wisdom and discernment concerning the school. The quality education has made a favorable and profound impact in the community. The local assembly currently meets on the school grounds and recently acquired land adjacent to the school. The immediate need is to create a national board of directors for the school and operational policies that will provide the basis for the school's on-going sustainability. Phil mentioned that his desire and prayer is that the Lord would raise up someone to come and manage the school in Camiri.

## Portachuelo

Our next stop was the little town of Portachuelo, home to Merlyn and Marion Schultz (MPH, Day 20) and Bob McElmurry (MPH, Day 20). All three are involved in some phase of the local Christian school. Veteran missionaries, the Schultzes are working towards transitioning the school's leadership to Bolivian national believers. Merlyn and Marion report to the school each day—Merlyn has some administrative duties while Marion assists classroom teachers in the lower elementary department. Bob McElmurry serves as the school's computer technology specialist. Keeping the computers operational and virus-free has proved to be a great challenge for him. Bob



**From top (left to right):** Dairy cows on the Bible school farm; Christian school in Portachuelo; Bob McElmurry; Merlyn and Marion Schultz; Plaza in Santa Cruz; Mother's Day fiesta hosted by the assembly in Santa Cruz; Enoel Suarez.



also enjoys creating computer programs that teachers can use in the classroom. The school's most pressing need is to cover the cancha (the playground) with a roof. Doing so will enhance the use of the facility, especially when it rains, and provide shade when the hot tropical sun beats down on the concrete surface. Merlyn has consulted with an architect and a donor has offered to match funds. If you would like to have a part in meeting this need, please contact Merlyn Schultz.

Hospitality is a "Schultz specialty." Their place has been home to many Bolivian young people over the years. While visiting with them, Marion prepared a special dinner celebration for a young girl who had reached her 15th birthday. In Latin America the Quinceañera marks the transition from childhood to young womanhood. The Schultzes were keen to bless this young lady and fulfill cultural expectations because her family could not afford it.

## Santa Cruz

The last stop was the four-day conference organized by Enoel Suarez and a team of Bolivian missionaries. It was primarily for men in the assemblies, to better equip them in areas of leadership, worship and missions. More than 70 national brethren attended the conference. In addition to sessions given by Phil Barnes (MSC), Gary McBride (Canada) and myself, smaller breakout groups provided an opportunity to discuss newly learned material and how to apply it in the local assembly.

A short-term missions team from Canada not only helped with the conference but also put the final touches on a new assembly building located near the conference site on the camp property. The last day of the conference, the very first breaking of bread service was held in the new assembly. Enoel recently reported that Zion Church continues to grow as more people in the community show an interest in spiritual things.

## Pray for Bolivia

Assisted by national believers, Enoel Suarez has pioneered a radio ministry that now broadcasts 24/7. Because many Bolivian households depend on radios for news and entertainment, this is one of the most effective means to communicate the Gospel. Managed by two Bolivian believers, the 85-meter radio tower and transmission equipment are on the camp property. The next phase of the radio work is to build a studio to better meet the growing spiritual needs of the listeners. The Enemy is not pleased with this work, and in the past the radio tower was toppled, disrupting radio transmission. Graciously, the Lord provided the funds to make the needed repairs and today the radio ministry thrives.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Bolivia. The time spent in fellowship and ministry with those served by CMML was enlightening and encouraging. Let's remember to pray for those in Christian education, Bible and discipleship training, children and youth work, Emmaus Correspondence School courses and prison ministry. ■

*Philip Parsons, CMML*

<sup>1</sup> *Operation World* 7th Edition; Jason Mandryk; 2010

<sup>2</sup> *That the World May Know*; Volume 2, Dr. Fredk. A. Tatford; Echoes of Service; 1983

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

# Home with the Lord

## Margaret Nichols

*Missionary to Brazil* • June 12, 1928 – March 22, 2013



Margaret Davis Nichols was ushered into glory on Friday, March 22, at her residence in Pittsboro Christian Village, Pittsboro, North Carolina. The daughter of Harry Hollins Davis and Frances Davis Nelson,

Margaret was born in Cumberland, Maryland, on June 12, 1928. As a Navy family, they moved extensively before settling in North Augusta, South Carolina. In her high school years, Margaret took flying lessons, soloing at age 17. Following high school, she completed nurse's training in Augusta, Georgia, becoming a registered nurse in 1951. During this time she came to know the Lord through a Bible study led by Edna Monick, and Lester Wilson's ministry, at Bethany Chapel. It was also at Bethany Chapel that she met her future husband, Jim Nichols, who was stationed at Fort Gordon at the time. Her interest in the mission field led to a year of Bible study at Moody Bible Institute. Her relationship with Jim continued to thrive—despite their separation—and they were married in Chicago on January 14, 1953. They continued to live in Chicago while Jim completed a year at Emmaus Bible School. They returned to Jim's home state of Iowa and farmed for the next 10 years. In 1963, with four boys and a baby girl, they were called by the Lord to move to Brazil. They first settled in Curitiba, Paraná, and worked with Floyd and Helen Pierce (*Missionary Prayer Handbook*, Day 21) while studying Portuguese. Their second daughter was born during this time. Completing their language study, they lived for a time in Minas Gerais, working with an orphanage in Sacramento. In 1967, the Lord moved them to their permanent area of work in the new capital area of Brasilia, where they were involved in church planting and Bible teaching. After nearly 30 years of ministry, they once again settled in

Cumberland, Iowa, working with their commending assemblies. In 2000 they moved back to Augusta, Georgia, to be nearer to their children, where Jim passed away in 2001.

Margaret moved in 2002 to Pittsboro Christian Village. She loved the village and called it a "piece of heaven on earth." She regularly participated in their weekly memory group. Throughout her life she loved memorizing the Word, writing favorite verses on scraps of paper and homemade cards. In later years, she treasured these in a wooden box and reviewed them regularly. One verse the family found a number of times in the box was, "The Lord stood with me." (2 Timothy 4:17)

This verse was also found in needlepoint, nicely framed and prominently hung. She often spoke of the Lord's faithfulness to her through the years and marveled at how the Lord continued to provide for her every need. It became one of two plaques in her room that sum up the spiritual legacy she left to her family.

The second plaque was handwritten in a worn-looking brass frame by her bedside. It simply read, "YES LORD." Her submission to God's sovereignty in her "Yes Lord" was demonstrated throughout her life—beginning with her salvation at Bethany Chapel, in her marriage of 49 years to Jim, in her willingness to sell all their possessions and move with five children to a foreign country, in the support and help she gave in planting four churches and discipling many. With her "Yes Lord" attitude she opened their home in almost constant hospitality. She home-schooled their children and went through the pain of separation when they were sent off for higher education. Her submission continued through the trials of widowhood and the difficulties of losing her eyesight to macular degeneration.

She lived her life between these two plaques, owning Jesus as Lord and finding Him faithful through her life of service to Him. She is survived by her four sons, two daughters, 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

by Mary Malchuk



# ACCTS Meeting Practical Needs for 25 Years

by Jerry Bolton

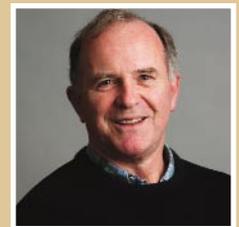
In the summer of 1987, three Ontario men saw the need for a “non-profit organization dedicated to assisting missionary hospitals and organizations by the supplying of equipment and personnel.” Led by Graham Langford, the name they chose for the organization was ACCTS—an acronym for “Answering Christ’s Call to Serve.”



You wouldn’t know it from the name, but ACCTS’ primary service is to ship supplies to commended mission workers and service organizations. These shipments of needed goods and equipment are gathered and sent in large commercial shipping containers to mission fields around the globe. Containers are 20 or 40 feet long and 8 feet high and 8 feet wide—the same kind you generally see on trains and ships. Some examples of commonly sent items include Bibles, commentaries, electronics, good new or used clothing, and supplies for schools, hospitals, households, and maintenance work.

Graham Langford tirelessly provided direction

from the very beginning in 1987 until 2002 when he passed the baton to current ACCTS Coordinator, Gerrit Van Essen. Around the same time, ACCTS became a program of MSC Canada and since 2008 they have shared office space, with an excellent warehouse located on-site in Markham, Ontario.



ACCTS Coordinator  
Gerrit Van Essen

By God’s grace the ACCTS ministry has substantially grown over the past 25 years. Since the first container shipped to Zambia in February 1988, more than 230 containers have been shipped to locations including Angola, Honduras, Jamaica, Mozambique, Nigeria, Zaire, and Zambia. These shipments have frequently included unusual supplies such as X-ray machines, sawmills, ATVs, hospital beds, defibrillators, swimming pool supplies, solar panels, a river boat, aircraft propellers, and ox-drawn farm equipment.

In the early years, it was normal to send one container per calendar year. ACCTS now ships up to 10 containers annually from warehouses in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and the MSC Canada facilities in Markham, Ontario. Goods arrive year-round but the busiest times are the three weeks following Easter and Canadian Thanksgiving when the majority of shipments are loaded and sent out. During these times, a small army of volunteers are on-site checking inventory, packing boxes, operating forklifts and loading the containers. In addition to these regular times, special shipments are occasionally sent throughout the year for disaster relief or extenuating circumstances.

If you’re interested in learning more about ACCTS, or if you’d like to meet some of the practical needs of mission workers overseas, please visit MSC Canada’s ACCTS Web page: [msccanada.org/accts](http://msccanada.org/accts). ■

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# MY PERUVIAN EXPERIENCE

A Short-term Trip Demonstrates God's Sovereignty

by Teresa Brown

## GETTING READY TO GO

For years, I wanted to get more involved with missions, but whenever opportunities came up, I always thought I had a legitimate excuse not to go—school, work, money. However, my excuses ran out as I finished college and was jobless. I searched for an opportunity to serve overseas short-term and came across the Cenepo-Torres family (*Missionary Prayer Handbook*, Day 25) on the CMML website. Though I ran into a few bumps in the road, it wasn't long before a trip to Trujillo, Peru, to work in an orphanage was planned. My cousin Erica decided to come with me and everything finally came together as we bought our plane tickets exactly two weeks before our departure date.

## QUICK STAY IN LIMA

We left JFK International Airport Tuesday morning, June 11. We arrived at the airport in Lima, Peru, Tuesday night after we had a short layover in San Salvador. Our flight to Trujillo (about a nine-hour drive north of Lima) was not until the following afternoon. Gordon and Florence Wakefield (MPH, Day 26) kindly took us in for the night so we didn't have to stay in the airport for 16 hours. We enjoyed the brief visit getting to know these dear friends of my grandparents. We only wish we could have spent more time visiting them.

## HOGAR DE ESPERANZA (HOME OF HOPE)

At the orphanage, Erica and I worked with the housemothers in the mornings while the children were at school. We helped with cleaning, laundry, organization, and some days we helped to prepare lunch. When the children came home from school, we helped them with their daily tasks, such as homework, or we would look after and play with the younger ones who didn't have homework. Despite not being fluent in Spanish, I was able to do some mathematics tutoring with a number of the older girls. It mostly just required me to learn some key mathematical vocabulary terms in Spanish. I used to think that teaching simple math was difficult because it almost seems like common sense, making it harder to explain. Well, God took that and said, "Now try doing it in a different language." Leaving for Peru, I never expected to be able to do such a thing with the small amount of Spanish that I knew, but I did. It was amazing to see so many things from my life being put to use. Education in the Spanish language and mathematics, experience tutoring mathematics, and God's helping hand, allowed me to do what I might have considered impossible. I learned that the teachers don't necessarily teach the students in school. Many times students are given problems and are expected to learn the information on their own, or at home with their parents. As you can imagine, being in an orphanage, the children greatly outnumber the "parents." Even though I'm not sure how much one or two sessions with each of the girls could have helped, I am happy to have been given the opportunity to help in this way.

Lacking even more Spanish than I, Erica had a hard time communicating with the children. However, she was able to form bonds with many of the young boys there by giving them a ton of attention and love. They quickly fell in love with my kind-hearted and loving cousin. They didn't



**From top:** Me with Edwin and Abel; Erica and me with the Wakefields in front of their home in Lima, Peru; Me and my aspiring math geniuses and their housemothers.

care that she wasn't able to speak to them in Spanish. I think they learned a lot from each other and I know that Erica was touched by getting to know each of those boys.

Even though Erica and I have different personalities and skill sets, we were placed exactly where we could serve a purpose—Erica with the young boys, and me with the girls. God has surely demonstrated His sovereignty to me.

## OTHER MINISTRIES IN TRUJILLO

While in Trujillo, Erica and I stayed with Pablo and Sarah Cenepo-Torres and their family. The Cenepo-Torres family is involved with ministries including church planting, evangelism, discipleship, the Elliot Christian School, leadership, Bible training, and children's ministry. We generally went to the orphanage around 8 or 9 a.m. and returned between 3 and 6 p.m. When we were not at the orphanage, we were exposed to some of the different ministries of the Cenepo-Torres family as well as their local assembly, Centro Biblico Trujillo. We attended various Bible studies, prayer meetings, and Sunday services. We even attended a study for couples. However, we didn't know this until after I heard Pablo telling the others in attendance that Erica and I were both single. Given my limited Spanish, that was one of the few sentences I understood. It seemed quite curious that he would mention that, but it made more sense later on when we realized everyone else there was a couple. Somehow we missed everyone coming in by twos.

One ministry I particularly enjoyed was visiting a small church planted in the city of Cascas, a small city about two hours outside of Trujillo in the "jungle." It was fun to see the countryside while traveling and experience some of the culture. Though the church is tiny, it was encouraging to see a few people committed to remembering our Lord and Savior each week. Erica and I shared our testimonies with these people. I hope we encouraged them at least a fraction of how much they encouraged us.

## THANKSGIVING FOR SUPPORT

I truly appreciate everyone who offered us support whether in the form of prayer or finances. God used people's support in an amazing way. There was an incident at the orphanage during our visit: a section of the power wire leading to the orphanage was stolen, leaving the children and staff without power and water for nearly 24 hours. The board and staff worked quickly to restore power, but the replacement wire cost the orphanage S/. 800 (nuevo sol, Peruvian currency)—money they didn't have. Because Erica and I had received generous donations from our friends and family back home, we were able to leave \$300 with the orphanage. We discovered later that \$300 equals S/. 810—about the cost it took to replace the stolen power line.

Though financial needs were met, we are more grateful for people's prayers. We traveled safely on six planes, survived many dangerous Peruvian car treks, overcame language barriers, were not robbed (which is extremely common in Peru), and experienced and learned many things. I believe this is because of the prayer support we had following us on our journey. Without that and God on our side, this may have been a very different report.

## CONTINUED PRAYER FOR PERU

Please join me in continuing to pray for the work in Peru. Pray for the Wakefield and Cenepo-Torres families, the orphanage and the children and staff there, Elliott Christian School, and the Centro Biblico Trujillo assembly. ■

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From left: Erica and her new friends; Erica and me with the Cenepo-Torres family in Huanachaco, La Libertad, Peru (left to right: me, Selah, Erica, Sarah, Abigail, Gabriela, Pablo, and Hannah).



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# MAY WE INTRODUCE

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Dennis & Susan Dyvig  
Missionaries to Kenya



## Denny's Testimony

I grew up in a good, religious family, but in a liberal church. When I was 22 years old, I was in a car crash. It was a serious accident and I expected to die; I didn't know where I'd go after death. However, I survived the crash, but continued to think about death. Soon after, two believers began to witness to me. I thought they were religious fanatics and didn't take them seriously, but I did buy a Bible and started to read it. I soon realized these "fanatics" were right and I was not going to heaven. I decided I *needed* and *wanted* to be saved, but didn't know how. I read a gospel tract based on Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." I had repeatedly asked the Lord to save me, and now I realized I could trust Him to do just that. I was born again!

Within a year I was teaching at several home Bible studies. One night some young people asked, "What about those who have never heard of Jesus Christ? God must have another way for them." I referred to Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." I argued that any person, anywhere, who did not believe in Jesus Christ could not go to heaven. That night, it was as though the Lord pointed that verse back at me and I felt the weight of all the lost around the world on my shoulders. I knelt, and in prayer volunteered to be a missionary. As I prayed for guidance it became clear that the Lord was leading me into missionary aviation. I have now served as a missionary pilot in Africa for 33 years, working with Wycliffe Bible Translators and Africa Inland Mission, transporting my fellow workers to the front lines for the outreach of the Gospel, including assembly workers and other like-minded missionaries.

## Sue's Testimony

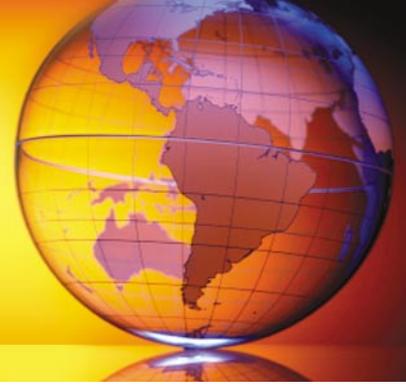
When I was 4 years old my unsaved parents started sending me to the local evangelical church. I heard about Jesus in Sunday school and believed He wanted me to be a missionary

in Africa even before I clearly understood the Gospel. I asked Jesus into my heart every night until I was 11 years old when I learned that if I really meant it, I could ask Him only once and He would stay with me forever. Good news! That is when I became soundly born-again. Later, when I prayed for guidance, the Lord directed me to become a nurse. After that training I spent one summer at a Christian youth camp as the nurse. It was there that I met Denny. We learned that we both felt led to be missionaries. We married the following summer in 1974. Very soon after, we began full-time training to be prepared for ministry in missions, and Denny studied missionary aviation. The Lord directed us to Africa in 1980. Our lives have been an adventure with Him, which we would not trade for another life.

## Together

Through our 33 years in Africa we have always been burdened primarily for evangelism and discipleship—aviation and nursing were just tools. For most of these years we have had home Bible studies meeting in our house. In 2006 a young Arab lady (a lawyer, formerly a Muslim, but now born-again through Jesus Christ) lived with us in our home for six months. She was in mortal danger and had fled for her life. She was a refugee—a religious-asylum seeker. Like us, she had a passion for evangelism, and disciplined us regarding Muslim evangelism. She was a gift from God! God used her to link us with the refugee community, many of whom are Muslims. Every Lord's Day we have a Bible study in our home. We break bread, pray, eat a meal, and have a good time together, under God's loving mercy. We are usually 20 to 35 people in these meetings. Most used to be Muslims. All call us mom and dad. When I retire from flying this year, we hope to spend all our time in this ministry, primarily to Muslim refugees through our home Bible studies. Please pray for us and thank God with us for the rich blessing we have to see these come from darkness to light through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! ■

# Recent CMML Organizational Changes



by Robert Dadd

For a number of years, the CMML directors have recognized the need to provide greater encouragement and care for our assembly missionaries serving in foreign lands. In addition, we have seen the importance of visiting with commending assemblies and elders to present the work of missions as we partner together to strengthen and support the Lord's servants. We are happy to announce that Phil and Mary Parsons have agreed to take on a new role at CMML which will allow them to dedicate more time to this essential work.

## Expanded Ministry

Phil and Mary spent 20 years as missionaries in the Philippines and since 2006 have served at the CMML Office and Missionary Guest Home. In this new position of "Assembly Relations and Missionary Care" they will combine an active travel schedule of meetings along with extensive phone and electronic communication with assembly elders and missionaries. They will also continue to be engaged in the Missionary Orientation Program and the development of other training opportunities for those who are interested in missions work. The Parsons will continue to live at CMML and serve as host and hostess of the Missionary Guest Home where they will continue to encourage the Lord's servants who visit with us throughout the year.



## New Office Leadership

In conjunction with this change we are very pleased to announce that Heather Zappella has been promoted to become CMML's new Office Administrator. Heather has been a part of the CMML team for eight years, serving most recently as Assistant Office Administrator. The directors feel she is well-qualified to take on this important new responsibility.



## Facilities Manager

As part of this new plan we have begun to search for a new Facilities Manager. This person's responsibility will be to handle the myriad of details necessary to keep the building, office and property the Lord has entrusted to us in good repair, thereby relieving Phil and Mary of these responsibilities.

## Pray with Us

Please join with us as we pray that these changes will be used by the Lord to encourage His servants and the US assemblies, and to make CMML more effective as we seek to "Serve Those Who Serve" around the world. ■



## Help Wanted: Facilities Manager

CMML is seeking a facilities manager to be responsible for the care and maintenance of the CMML guest home and offices in Wall Township, New Jersey. The ideal candidate will be knowledgeable in a variety of maintenance skills and have experience in building and facilities management in order to oversee and ensure a safe environment for missionary guests and the office staff. Relocation to Wall Township is required.

If you have the necessary qualifications and would like to be considered for the position, please email Philip Parsons at [pccparsons@cmml.us](mailto:pccparsons@cmml.us) expressing your interest and include your résumé and references.

# SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITIES



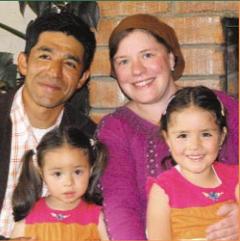
## David and Renee Easter

**Country:** Colombia (Day 22)

**Time Frame:** March 2014

**Description:** Construction-focused ministry with TeamWorkers Abroad. Roofing project at a Christian camp.

**Contact person:** Fred Scott  
(fred@teamworkersabroad.org)



## Bayardo and Melissa Arroyo

**Country:** Ecuador (Day 23)

**Time Frame:** Spring, summer and fall 2014

**Description:** Evangelism and children's work—Bible clubs, vacation Bible school and weekend retreats. Medical and dental groups—opportunities in churches and rural villages.

**Contact person:** Bayardo and Melissa Arroyo (arroystrong@yahoo.com)



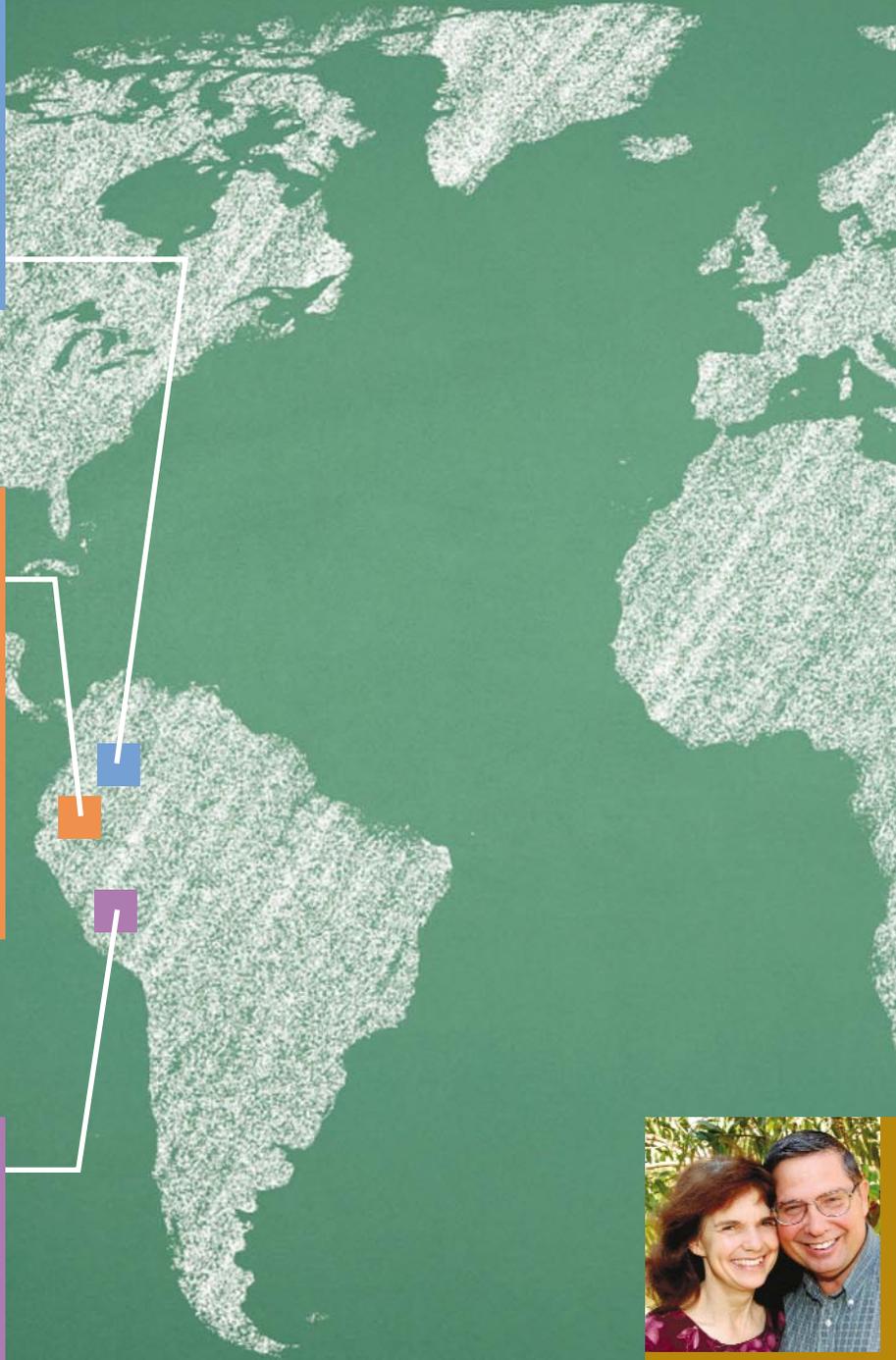
## Tom and Carol Clark

**Location:** Peru (Day 25)

**Time Frame:** January 2014

**Description:** Construction-focused ministry with TeamWorkers Abroad. Construct the second floor on a classroom building.

**Contact person:** Fred Scott  
(fred@teamworkersabroad.org)



“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...”  
—Matthew 28:19

Compiled by Brian Kramer

### Chuck and Pauline Ebron

**Country:** Special project in Russia  
(Day 12)

**Time Frame:** February 7–23, 2014

**Description:** Evangelistic outreach at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Tracts are being printed for distribution (500,000 were printed for the London Olympics). Team limited to 25 people, visas are required.

**Contact person:** Chuck Ebron  
(davidsmightyemen@talktalk.net)



**Country:** Special Areas, East Asia

**Time Frame:** Summer 2014

**Description:** Teach English in a summer camp outreach. Teams or individuals needed.

**Contact person:** Brian Kramer (bjkramer@cmml.us)

**Country:** Special Areas

**Time Frame:** January – May 2014

**Description:** Teach English as a second language to refugees. Assist in homeschooling three missionary children.

**Contact person:** Brian Kramer (bjkramer@cmml.us)



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### Jeff and Mary June Spiechinger

**Country:** Zambia (Day 6)

**Time Frame:** February 2014

**Description:** Construction-focused ministry with TeamWorkers Abroad. General construction work on a mission station.

**Contact person:** Fred Scott  
(fred@teamworkersabroad.org)

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# MAY WE INTRODUCE

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## Dirk & Milca Hinnenthal Missionaries to Argentina



### Dirk's Testimony

The 20th anniversary of the day that changed my life forever is approaching. After long-lasting struggles following the early loss of my mother, I kneeled before the Lord and asked forgiveness for my sins. Since that summer evening in Germany, many things have happened, but the greatest blessings I received are a devoted believing wife and a call into the ministry.

The Lord brought me to capitulation after 29 years during which I did not have true faith. I made many attempts to "stand on my own feet," discovering the world and finding many ways to make life pleasurable. But depression regularly got a hold of me, and it was in one of those spells that I started to truly seek God. He provided a wise Christian to guide me to the Cross and accompany me along the way for five more months, at the end of which I left for South America, setting out to become a servant for the Lord. In Uruguay, a Canadian family became a channel of many blessings. Through them I was introduced to the assemblies and provided with a fine example of a Christian family. Early on, I had teaching and preaching opportunities which shaped me for the tasks ahead.

### Milca's Testimony

Born into a Christian home, I surrendered my life to the Lord at the age of 17. It happened one night when I turned on my radio and a preacher was talking about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the final part of his message he asked the question, "When the Lord Jesus comes, will you go to be with Him?" I felt fear and in that moment I gave my life to the Lord. I then experienced the peace which I never imagined existed. Ever since, I have felt that the Word of God is of utmost value.

Now as a mom of two girls and a boy, the task is difficult, but not impossible! I have learned about the true value of a Christian family "seeking first the Kingdom." It is one of my priorities and what I desire wholeheartedly. For years, the Lord has put people in my way whom I have been able to comfort, encourage and counsel. It is a wonderful task that the Lord has allowed me to fulfill. It is my wish to become more useful in this area and to be an instrument of the Lord's work. To Him belongs the glory forever.

### Together

After our first years of marriage in Uruguay, already with two children, we realized that God had a new destination for us. We came to Texas in 2001 and served in a thriving Hispanic assembly. Programs for community service gave us many opportunities to bring in our strengths and work on our weaknesses. It became obvious that we both had gifts to minister for the Lord's building of the Church. In 2008 another assembly called us and we have served there since. Our areas of ministry complement each other, and we have experienced the Lord using us throughout our years in Houston in fruitful ways. While realizing the great needs within the body of believers, we strive to yield to the Lord and to grow as Christians, helping other believers to take courage despite the many difficulties immigrants face.

In June 2013 we moved to Crespo, Argentina, to serve our Savior. We want to help edify Christians here while also reaching out to the large German community in the province of Entre Ríos. May the Lord use us for His glory. ■