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That Great City

“Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying: ‘Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.’” Jonah 1:1-2

With over half of the world’s population now residing in cities or towns, 21st Century urbanization speeds on apace. According to the United Nations Population Fund Web site, “by 2030 this number will swell to almost five billion, with urban growth concentrated in Africa and Asia. While mega-cities have captured much public attention, most of the new growth will occur in smaller towns and cities, which have fewer resources to respond to the magnitude of the change.”ⁱ But what about the spiritual needs of these urban areas? A new generation of laborers is needed for these spiritually-fecund harvest fields.

Sowing In The City

God has a long history of reaching metropolises with His good news. The first Christian missionaries’ evangelistic efforts were concentrated in the great cities of the ancient world, including: Jerusalem, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi and Rome (to name but a few). As large population centers, urban areas became the means of reaching large groups of people quickly with the preaching of the gospel. Because these cities were situated along major harbors and highways, they became the springboards for the message to go out by sea and road to the empire’s remotest parts. The apostles took advantage of cities’ public spaces such as the Temple area and synagogues (for those of Jewish background), as well as common city streets.ⁱⁱ They also used private areas like houses and rented lecture halls for teaching the Scriptures.ⁱⁱⁱ

Earlier in history, the Lord extended His mercy towards the capital of the superpower, Assyria. He describes Nineveh as “that great city”—using a Hebrew word for large, chief, or important.^{iv} It certainly was not “great” in the moral sense of the word, for God told them: “Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown,” (Jonah 3:4). Given their brutal history towards conquered nations, they certainly deserved wrath. They liked to impale their captives on spikes, pierced through the lips or noses of others, and visited other horrif-

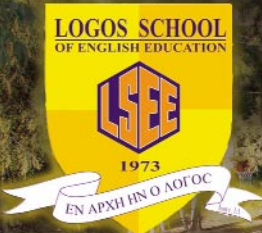
ic tortures on them. Spiritually, Nineveh was devoted to a myriad of vain and grotesque deities. Of course false worship usually leads to immorality and the Ninevites were no exception; they were also insolent and proud.^v Despite their great wickedness, God wanted this large and important city to repent. In His goodness, His mercy still reaches to the lowest dregs of humanity, saving them from their indifference towards their Creator and the depravity that results from alienation from His life.^{vi} If He waited until anyone deserved salvation, then no one would ever be rescued from being eternally separated from Him in the Lake of Fire.

A Tale Of Two Cities

Given the tremendous populations of modern cities and the ample opportunities they provide for communicating the gospel to the multitudes, the Church must prayerfully consider how best to reach them. Our best and brightest minds often shy away from the cities, given the problems of crime and pollution that often accompany life in a major metropolis. Yet our Lord Jesus set the perfect example by coming to an undesirable place—planet earth—and inconveniencing Himself in innumerable ways in order to reach the lost. Likewise, Paul devoted his life to accommodating himself to others’ needs and cultures so as to win them to Christ.^{vii} The Church must go into the cities and towns so that their lost inhabitants may hear of a heavenly city where they may eternally dwell with the Lord.^{viii} Happily some already are laboring there, but there is need of many more workers to go forth into the urban harvest fields.

That is not to say that there are not great spiritual needs in rural parts of the world. Missionaries must prayerfully consider where and how the Lord would have them serve. After all, at the Spirit’s command Philip left a bustling revival in the villages of Samaria in order to reach one man with the gospel.^{ix} Nonetheless, the perishing urbanites of the earth need the good news concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. ☞

ⁱ <http://www.unfpa.org/pds/urbanization.htm>; ⁱⁱ For example, Acts 5:42; 13:5; 14:13-14; 17:17, 19; ⁱⁱⁱ Acts 19:9, 10; 20:20; ^{iv} The NET has “large capital city”; see the NET margin for an overview of the underlying Hebrew word; ^v Zeph. 2:13-15; Nah. 3; ^{vi} Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:1-10; Col. 1:21-22; ^{vii} 1 Cor. 9:16-27; ^{viii} Heb. 11:8-10; Rev. 21:2-8; ^{ix} Acts 8:26-27.



Logos School

Where the Gospel Goes Forth!



by Caroline Webb

Cyprus has some rowdy neighbours these days. Our tiny island (3,500 square miles) in the eastern corner of the Mediterranean Sea is politically part of Europe, but geography places us firmly in the Middle East. We've been paying close attention to the recent reports of political uprising and social upheaval in the area: Lebanon, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Bahrain, Syria, Turkey and Israel. They are, after all, not that far away. For example, it's closer from my hometown (Limassol) to Beirut than it is from Boston to New York; a trip from Cyprus to Egypt is like going from Detroit to Chicago.

Although the island has its own history of thousands of years of tumult, war and exchange of domination, I have experienced none of it. We are very thankful to be living here during a time of peace. Even the Turkish invasion 30 years ago doesn't seem to carry the sting among the young Greek-speaking generation. For the most part, they are enjoying the surge of prosperity and materialism delivered to them when the country joined the European Union. Locals and tourists alike get on with life, enjoying the sunshine and laid-back Mediterranean culture as if the water surrounding the island both isolates and protects us from the "real world."

And so despite the unrest all around, our normal daily routine at Logos School—one of the finest Christian private schools in the Middle East—continues relatively undisturbed by world events. Shortly after seven o'clock in the morning we trickle into school—a team of more than 30 believers called by the Lord from all around the world to serve Him through this ministry. We are a bit of a motley crew, hailing from Cyprus, England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Lebanon, Belarus, Nigeria, South Africa, Canada and the United States. This is one of my favourite parts of ministering here: working shoulder to shoulder with brothers and sisters with such varied backgrounds who share the same passion and vision for the students God sends us. After our hurried morning chatter, each one heads off to their classroom to plunge into the busyness of the day.

The national diversity of the staff is typical of Cyprus as

well as the school population. Within our student body of approximately 300 children are about 30 different nationalities. In a class of 20 students, there could easily be 12 countries represented. In kindergarten, one of the classroom assistants effortlessly switches between English, Greek, Arabic and Armenian as she communicates with the children. Many of our pupils are multi-national themselves. When we ask where they're from, it wouldn't be strange to learn, for example, that the father is Portuguese, the mother is Russian and the child was born in Canada but they have lived most of their life in Cyprus. It is normal to have a student who has lived their entire life in Cyprus, but still considers herself very much American or Austrian or Armenian. I love watching mixed groups of friends playing and hanging around together at break times. I think if everyone could grow up in this kind of environment, many of our global racism issues would dissolve.

Obviously, such a range of nationalities brings an array of religions as well. Cyprus itself is Greek Orthodox, with the church wielding a very strong influence over the culture in general. For example, there is the traditional 40-day fast before Easter when people aren't supposed to eat meat (among other things). Of course, grocery stores have to adjust their weekly promotions but even places like McDonald's and TGI Fridays roll out their fasting menu, advertising veggie burgers and spring rolls. As well as the many religious holidays throughout the year, baptisms, wed-



Logos School Teachers (above)

Logos School Body (top left)

Two 2010 Graduates (right) who are saved from Muslim homes, along with Natalie, a Logos teacher.



Bassant and her brother (above)

(L-R)

Logos School – two main buildings

Gary & Cristy Love with their girls, Zara and Zoe. Gary is the principal of the school.

Graham & Caroline Webb – Graham teaches grade six; Caroline teaches high school English.

Steve & Brenda Flett with their girls, Katriona and Bella. Steve teaches Religious Studies using Emmaus and Everyday Publications material.



respect the Bible and God, they don't go to church as regularly as their parents did, so the priest doesn't have as much control. This presents great soil for spreading the gospel and many of us believe that if the Lord is going to do a mighty work on this island, it will be through young Cypriot believers witnessing to their own generation.

In addition, 20% of our students come from Muslim families, most of which have fled the strict regime of their own country on a quest for a more liberated lifestyle. They often find themselves in Cyprus under refugee status, struggling financially so they enroll in our school because they only have to pay what they can afford for tuition and they respect our standard of discipline. The children are flooded with mixed messages: parents who tell them they are Muslims but who have chosen a secular lifestyle and a school that presents the gospel of Jesus Christ every morning. We are so proud of our young people who get saved and shine all alone in their Muslim families as bright lights for the Lord. It is a challenge and we owe them our daily prayer and encouragement. One young believer achieved outstanding scores on her international exams during the last two years of high school. She certainly could qualify for university in Britain or North America but the Lord is leading her back to Uzbekistan, where she certainly will face opposition and probably persecution for her faith. She has a heart to share the truth with young women in that Muslim culture and we pray God's lavish blessing on her life.

While Orthodox and Muslim account for the majority of our students, there are also a large number from Atheist families from Eastern Europe or the U.K. We have Hindus, Buddhists, Jehovah Witnesses and others. What an amazing privilege and opportunity we have to gather all of these precious souls together every morning to sing Christian choruses, present a clear gospel message and pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They might wiggle and get bored sometimes, but we have no doubts that the good seed is being planted deeply in their hearts and will be with them for the

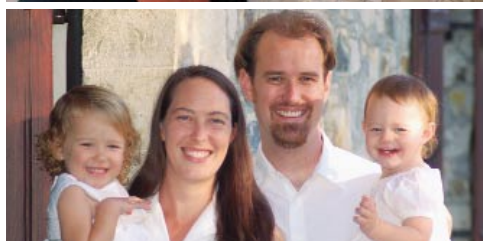
dings and funerals are all very important in the lives of Cypriots. Among the younger generation, we find that although they

rest of their lives. God's Word will not return empty and although we don't see students getting saved in great numbers, we do have faith that eternity will surprise us when the Lord reveals all that He accomplished through this work.


About 10 years ago, Tom, an American missionary, and his Cypriot friend, Demetris, (a Logos School teacher) met an Egyptian family who were living as refugees in abject poverty. They provided the basic necessities of life and helped get them settled in a more suitable home. At the time they had one little girl, Bassant, a son on the way and a second son was born a few years later. The parents worked hard to support their little family, all the while keeping in touch with the Christians they had met years before. When the time came, they enrolled Bassant in Logos School, paying what they could afford for her tuition and the rest being subsidized by gifts from believers. Soon all three children were attending the school, but neither they nor the parents professed salvation. Bassant struggled: when I started teaching her last year, she was 12-years-old, barely passing her classes and her group of friends was dragging her into a life of sin.

Recently, Bassant announced that she had gotten saved. She told her teachers one by one that she had decided to follow Jesus. She told her friends that she wouldn't be hanging around with them anymore, because they were a bad influence on her. She started reading her Bible. She joined a youth group. She started attending church. She witnesses boldly to her classmates. She teaches Bible verses to her little brothers. She does her homework and studies for tests, praying that the Lord will help her understand. The transformation has been immediate and dramatic—joy shines on her face. Her report card this term showed an amazing improvement in grades and there was a chorus of praise from teachers who are impressed by the change. What a testimony she is already! Last week, her youngest brother asked his teacher if he could pray with her to get saved. Please pray that the Lord will continue to work in this family. Pray for similar blessing among all the families we serve day by day.

On a final note, we would ask you to pray about the future of Logos School. Our buildings do not meet European codes and so we face major renovations, involving rebuilding, or moving to a new location. A huge effort has been made to obtain government permits to renovate, but so far that is a closed door. We value your prayers for our Board



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of Governors, that they will have clear direction from the Lord as they make extremely important decisions about the next step for our school. Also that a suitable site will be provided to continue the work which He began 37 years ago. He has been faithful through the years and we want to walk with Him, wherever He leads. 

Caroline (Cairns) Webb (above) was commended to the Lord's work by the saints at the Moncton Gospel Hall in New Brunswick, Canada in 2004. Caroline and Graham (Cork, Republic of Ireland) were married in 2010 and they both teach at Logos School in Cyprus.

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OUR HEARTBEAT IN MINISTRY



1 Thessalonians 1:5-6

by Chuck Ebron

IN THE SUMMER OF 1986, Bruce McNamee, Cliff Cespedes and I left the Philadelphia College of Bible campus and headed for Rochester, N.Y. to serve the Lord. We had been previously serving the Lord together as David's Mighty Men Evangelism Team while at Word of Life Bible Institute and School of Youth Ministries. We had planned to stay at the Rescue Mission—which didn't work out—so after sleeping in our cars for a few nights we found an apartment for rent. We shared the rent with another occupant and it was an ideal situation: he was unsaved and listened well to the gospel.

While working with children and street gangs within the city, we were led to Congress Bible Chapel in Rochester, N.Y. to worship the Lord and fellowship with the saints there. It was at this chapel that I met my wife Pauline, while she was visiting from Northern Ireland. One year later I found myself singing at her brother's wedding and two years later we were married in Ireland and have since remained in ministry there.

Before we got married, Pauline and I agreed that our home would be the Lord's and that it would be an open house to allow us to fulfill our call for ministry. Our first home was a pensioner's bungalow with two bedrooms. The Lord opened up many doors for His Word to go forth in several local public schools and many churches throughout the province. This also led to several opportunities to minister in Christian unions at the schools and youth fellowships at churches. Many souls were being saved through the power of the gospel. We implemented discipleship as non-negotiable when someone got saved.

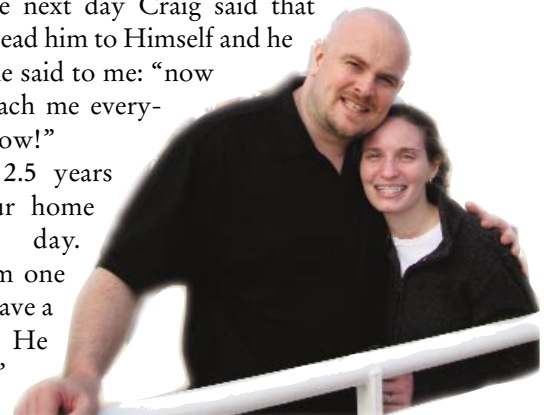
We soon found our living room filled with 20-25 young people every Tuesday evening for a two-hour Bible study followed by practical ministry that included clubs and pubs on the weekends, a puppet ministry and festivals in the Republic of Ireland during the summer using sketch boards and song. These young people were encouraged to seek the Lord about being faithful to His Word, as well as disciple those that they reached with the gospel.

The festivals in the Republic of Ireland proved to be a

mighty experience, presenting opportunity for follow-up with training in the north. Those who came from the States to serve with us never went home the same. Whether at street meetings, on the doors around town, or crashing a Bible study in the kingdom halls, it was a blessing to see the fruits of discipleship unfold before our eyes. The homosexual parades that commonly occurred around the area would fall under the same category of ministry format. We found that as we worked with a large crowd, presenting the gospel and not focusing on the symptoms of sin was most successful in witnessing to homosexuals. That is why we train our workers to stick to the gospel as the cure for ALL sin and the symptoms will die with it.

In 1992 I was conducting a Gospel Mission in the lecture hall at the Portadown Technical High School and came into contact with a Satanist whose disciples told him that I was preaching against everything that he was teaching them. Craig Mercer came to every Gospel Mission meeting and had many questions for me during those two weeks. Then, in 1995 I had the privilege of seeing God save Craig after I visited him in the psychotherapy ward of the local hospital. I shared with him from Matthew chapter four and asked him: "you see how Satan has offered Christ all that he had if He bowed and worshipped him? How much has he offered you? If it is less than this he thinks very little of you and has bought you for a cheap price." The next day Craig said that God used that to lead him to Himself and he got saved. Then he said to me: "now I want you to teach me everything that you know!"

For the next 2.5 years Craig was at our home nearly every day. Pauline asked him one day: "don't you have a home to go to?" He said, "I'm here." Craig was a sponge



for the Word and followed me everywhere that the Lord allowed me to minister. He learned fast—even from his mistakes, as I had told him that if he were to run with me he could not be afraid to fail. After two years at Word of Life, two years at a Baptist Bible College and a Masters in Biblical Counseling from the Masters Seminary, he is married to Lisa and serving the Lord with 12 Stones Biblical Counseling in Bloomington, IN. Craig made a profound statement during a phone call while at the Word of Life School of Youth Ministries. “Chuck, we are studying discipleship and I don’t have to study for the exam because everything that they are teaching me you already taught me.” Pray for this lad and Lisa as they minister together in this work even as Pauline and I were used in Craig’s life.



"Since I have been going to Bible Study, under the instruction of Chuck, my faith seems to have gotten stronger, as well as my understanding of Scripture and doctrine. I now feel more confident in sharing my faith with my friends and neighbors, but especially my own family. I will, in the near future, concentrate on them; with God's help they might come to know the Lord as their personal Saviour." –Robert McAllister

"Some of the goals I hope to reach through the study with Chuck are to grow spiritually to do more of His will and gain strength and courage. I also hope to be used of the Lord to reach my own community. I am currently looking forward to going to Malawi this summer with Athletes in Action to share the gospel and conduct training sessions in football (soccer) with youth." –Connor Downy

Connor Downy and I met in October 2010 at the Jesus Saves Bible Church in Belfast. He works at the Olympia Leisure Center in Belfast and plays football in the Irish League for the team in Newry. He was saved over a year ago and his fiancé, Shannon, got saved in January. They fellowship at the Jesus Saves Bible Church in Belfast. Both come from a Roman Catholic background and live in the Falls Road area of West Belfast.

Connor sought the Lord about a place to have discipleship study and God provided a lovely room each Friday from 6:30pm - 9:30pm at the Leisure Center where he works. We are studying and looking to the Lord to see if He would have a work started in the Falls Road area.

I have contacted five brothers from the States and asked them to seek the Lord about coming here in August to do street work in the Falls Road area and work the Fleadh Clough (All Ireland Folk Music Festival) in the Republic of Ireland from the 15th to the 22nd. We'll use sketchboard preaching to present the gospel and already have a shed and garage offered to sleep in. We also have use of a mini bus with the help of some of the brethren from the Drum assembly. We need prayer for these brothers to know the Lord's leading and provision for this work. Many from the Falls Road area will be there and could provide opportunities for fol-





low-up from the previous work that is scheduled.

The ministry of Biblical Counseling has and continues to be a fruitful ministry, especially in the area of addictions. The Lord has graced us with a great success rate in the lives of those who have come to our home for help and they leave with Christ as their Saviour. The opportunity for this work in the Falls Road area is fueled by the high suicide rate amongst the youth there; some recently as young as 11 and 13-years-old.

I am currently awaiting a hip replacement operation and the dates keep getting changed. I was told that it might be early summer and that could really hamper our outreaches planned for August. We are thankful to the Lord for the saints at the Kenilworth Gospel Chapel (KGC) in Kenilworth, NJ, who recently commended us to the work here after being with the Willingboro Christian Assembly (Willingboro, NJ) since 1989. The saints at KGC have been a tremendous encouragement to us over the years and we can-

not thank God enough for them. Should you wish to come over for "a wee cuppa" by all means do. The only thing we can promise you is that you will not go back the same. You may even stay. ☺



Chuck & Pauline Ebron are currently commended to the work of the Lord in Ireland by Kenilworth Gospel Chapel in Kenilworth, New Jersey. They were first commended by an assembly in New Jersey in 1989.

Page 6: (top, L-R) Witnessing to two Polish construction workers after the Belfast Homosexual Parade; Gospel Hallmen preaching at the Old Llamas Fair in Ballycastle; Joshua witnessing to a Gypsy at the Old Llamas Fair in Ballycastle; **(bottom)** Craig and Lisa Mercer—Craig went from satanism to salvation and is now serving the Lord in the U.S. **Page 7 (from top):** Witnessing at the Belfast Homosexual Parade; Children's Meeting conducted by the USA team at the Woodford Gospel Assembly in Armagh; David Greer outside the Markethill Cattle Market; Street Meeting with U.S. team in Belfast. **Above (L-R):** Robert, Gerry, Connor and Chuck at the Olympia Leisure Center Bible study in Belfast; 2008 U.S. Team at Woodford Gospel Assembly Armagh; Crashing a BBQ in Limavady with the Gospel.

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Four Decades Proving

by Ruby Campbell

God's Faithfulness

Sowing the Seed for Planting Assemblies

It was April of 1971 when a Literature Crusade team consisting of eight adults and six children took on the challenge of this international triport city on the northern coast of Colombia as a field of labor. As a team we began doing door-to-door visitation leaving a gospel portion, a tract and a card offering a free Bible Correspondence Course. Eventually we began to have home Bible studies and held gospel meetings. Over time, there were people saved and they desired to be baptized. We held our first baptismal service at the ocean in February of 1972 where three men, an elderly lady and two young girls obeyed the Lord by giving public testimony of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This was followed by celebrating the Lord's Supper at the beach and these new Christians became the nucleus of our first assembly, now located in the Barrio El Carmen.

Since that humble beginning, other assemblies have been started as more and more were saved and baptized. A home in Barrio Santuario opened and now there's an assembly there. A converted school teacher moved to Cartagena and along with another Christian, was instrumental in starting an assembly there. Years later a brother from this area started a work in Turbaco, which has grown and has an excellent children's work as well. Outreaches have expanded to now include assemblies in Galapa, Carracolí and Malambo, all started by national brethren. Other converted nationals began an assembly in Sucre and then a national brother commended to full-time service labored there for several years until he and his family got flooded out this past year and had to move to Barranquilla. We trust the group of Christians there will continue to meet and give testimony of God's power to save and sustain the work. Seven years ago 12 of us left the original assembly to plant a new one called Emmaus Bible Church in Barrio El Prado. From there another assembly was formed in Barrio Robles and now another branch in Barrio Girasoles. Another assembly was established from the Barrio El Carmen assembly, which also functions in Juan Mina on the outskirts of Barranquilla and is growing.

Emmaus Ministry

Since my arrival in Barranquilla, my main involvement has been with the Correspondence Course ministry. It became

my lot to be Regional Director of the Emmaus office. We began with just 16 Emmaus courses in Spanish but the Lord has blessed immensely and now we work with over 50 Emmaus and over 20 Everyday Publication courses, plus a wide assortment of Source of Light courses. Without the help of Gloria for 23 years, as well as the help of a beloved spiritual son, Ewduar, for over seven years, it would be impossible to keep up the office work as we mail out courses to 13 to 15 prisons where the majority of our students are. Gloria does grading, types certificates, marks diplomas and is a very faithful secretary. Ewduar also does grading and answers student questions, runs errands of all kinds, maintains the computerized data base of all the students, decorates and cleans the office, etc. My major duties in the office involve ordering the courses, opening the mail, updating addresses when necessary, signing diplomas, doing monthly reports for El Bosque prison and writing out a list of prisoners' names to include in each package of courses mailed to the different prisons. At present we have about 580 active students. A few churches are using the courses to encourage their congregations to study the Bible and other Christians are using them in discipleship classes, in young people's groups, as well as ladies' groups. A good number of Source of Light courses are being used in schools for their religion classes. We praise God for all these open doors.

The Church Behind Bars

In 1985 I stepped into the La Modelo prison for the first time in my life, and thus began a fruitful ministry with prisoners on a local scale. Then, in 1997 the El Bosque penitentiary became another local outreach and has continued to the present. My friend Edith accompanies me every Friday to take courses, receive completed exams, counsel, encourage and sometimes do small favors for the inmates. Over the years the Lord has transformed many lives, restored many marriages and saved entire families. Only He knows how many are faithfully serving Him in numerous churches all over the country. One outstanding fruit from the prison ministry is Edinson who, after his release, began inviting neighborhood kids to hear Bible stories and teach them choruses, etc. His life was suddenly in danger, forcing him to move elsewhere. He moved to Guacamayal where there is



extreme poverty. There again he began inviting children to his home to teach them their ABCs and Bible stories. This allowed for contact with parents and eventually souls were saved. Edinson began teaching them Bible truths and with the help of believers from the Barranquilla assemblies, another small assembly came into being. He then had a vision to start a small school. He took extra studies to capacitate him more academically. Edinson now directs a school of over 300 children and the children's parents think very highly of him. The school is such a blessing and has a good name in the community.

Perfecto was another excellent student who studied over 65 courses and is now enjoying his freedom from prison, but remains burdened for those who are still behind bars. He is now helping two days a week in a Rehabilitation Center for drug addicts and alcoholics, etc. and encourages them to study the Correspondence Courses and helps them to persevere. He also returned to one prison he was in at one time, but now with a purpose to visit and encourage the inmates there and try to get others interested in studying.

Walter was saved and baptized a couple of years ago in prison and is still detained. He has a fever for studying and has completed 70 courses, all with excellent grades. He's a delightful person, so enthusiastic and so appreciative for the privilege of being able to receive such spiritual preparation at no cost to him!

Evangelism

Another evangelistic outreach conducted on a monthly basis is held in the largest medical clinic in the city where the

Asaph Choir has a tremendous ministry to the patients and visitors and even to the medical personnel. Hundreds of tracts are given out in the clinic and often there are opportunities to give out tracts while riding the buses, to taxi drivers, and to people on the streets and in the market places. Especially on Sundays, I love to do visitation and invite the Christians to restaurants since I don't have my own place to invite them to.

Church Involvement

I'm active with the ladies in the assembly and also serve as treasurer. I love the Colombian people and every area of my ministry and thank my Heavenly Father for calling me here. He has sustained me by His mercies and grace and also through my "home" supporters who by their valuable prayers and faithful investment in the work, make all the above possible for God's honor and glory. ✨



Ruby Campbell was commended to the work of the Lord in 1972 by the Penticton, British Colombia assembly (which eventually closed) and by Westbank Bible Chapel, in British Colombia, Canada.

Above (L-R): Guacamaya Emmaus School; The Asaph choir singing at the prison during Christmas; Giving out diplomas. **Below (L-R):** Working in the Emmaus office; Front of Emmaus office (Gloria, Ewduar, Ruby).



PRAYER REQUESTS

- For more interest from the churches for the correspondence courses.
- For the youth and children in our Christian communities as they face many struggles against their faith.
- For a couple of marriages in the assembly where I fellowship as there are serious difficulties.
- For several sisters with unsaved husbands.

An Emmaus Effort for MAINLAND CHINA

by Bryan Ford

China is the world's largest nation with a population of one billion, 300 million precious souls. It is a nation that has the whole world taking note of its growth, change, and rise in power. But the greatest and most important change happening in China is taking place one believer in the Lord Jesus Christ at a time. It has been estimated that the number of professing Christians in China today is more than the 79 million member-strong Communist party. Praise the Lord for all who hear the gospel in this country, believe it and are saved! With the fast growing number of Christians, there is the need for discipleship for spiritual rooting and growth. Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) already has an excellent series of courses for personal discipleship, Bible book and doctrine studies. They are a good fit for present needs in China. Please pray for the translation work underway to put these into the simplified Chinese language for use in China and also for Chinese speakers worldwide.

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In 2010, after nearly two years of translation work by a small team in northeast China, six gospel courses were completed, printed and distributed to different house church groups and contacts in various cities throughout the mainland. Response to the ECS courses is very positive, indicating a potential for large numbers who wish to use the courses once we are able to support those kinds of requests. There are currently group studies underway; some studying one lesson together each Lord's Day, as well as others who are studying individually. Lord willing, in mid-2011 there will be six more courses ready for use, as translation of these is nearing completion.

Prayer is needed for the following areas:

Pray for the spiritual growth of the students who are currently studying God's Word using the simplified Chinese ECS courses in Mainland China and also in Hong

Kong. Students range in age from young to senior, from villagers in rural areas to university students in the cities.

Pray for the infrastructure of Emmaus China: The vision is to have many local "Emmaus Centers" functioning one day throughout China. These centers are made up of students, instructors (graders) and helpers who distribute the courses in their local church group as well as in new areas. They enroll new students and follow-up with them as they collect their exams for correction and get them the next course in the series. Grading courses requires a lot of time and prayer is needed for the Lord to raise up the right local brothers and sisters in China who have a heart to disciple others.

Pray, as much travel throughout China is needed for introducing the courses, explaining their use, and for training purposes.

Future Plans: 24 courses have been selected for translation. These are divided up into four levels of six courses each. A fifth level is likely to be added for those who desire to continue to study more in-depth. (It is expected that there will be at least four years of translation work needed). Upon completion of each level, students will receive a certificate to encourage them to continue.

The first two levels of courses are as follows:

Level One

- Men Who Met the Master
- Servant of God – Mark's Gospel
- Savior of the World – Luke's Gospel
- The Word of God – John's Gospel
- What the Bible Teaches
- Born to Win



Level Two

- Baptism/Lord's Supper
- Guide to Christian Growth
- Personal Evangelism
- Acts
- Doing Time with Jesus
- Basic Bible Doctrines

Thank you for taking up this work in prayer. It is the important vital component, which is most needed. Let's pray together that step-by-step this work will grow for the glory of the Lord, and that students will "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18) Thank you for your prayers! 🙏

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young adults “REACH HIGHER” at cmml conference

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“Reaching Higher,” a CMML-sponsored conference for young adults ages 20 to 35 was held at the CMML grounds in Wall Township, New Jersey on April 1st and 2nd. This new conference was launched for young people who are seeking to be challenged in their walk with the Lord, are serious about serving God, and also have an interest in missions. Brady Collier (Lubbock, Texas) provided the ministry for the weekend, with a theme verse of Isaiah 6:8: “Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: ‘Whom shall I send and who will go for us?’” Brady is an outgoing missionary to Honduras, commended from South Plains Bible Chapel in Lubbock, Texas.

The conference began Friday night with a welcoming meeting and ministry provided by Brady. The group of young people, about 50 in all, also enjoyed a time of fellowship Friday as they took in the beauty and excitement of exploring the CMML Missionary Guest Home.

Saturday began with a time of prayer, where the participants learned how to pray for our missionaries using the CMML *Missionary Prayer Handbook*, followed by a hearty breakfast before the first meeting of the morning. The schedule was vigorous for the remainder of the day, packed with two ministry meetings with Brady before lunch, as well as a time to learn more about the ministry of CMML and our role as we serve those who serve.

Saturday afternoon featured two seminars, one with Brady and the other was conducted by John Locklear (*Missionary Prayer Handbook Day 7*) who serves the Lord in India with his wife and children.

During this time Brady had

the participants read a portion of George Mueller’s autobiography and discussed his struggles, while John Locklear shared his remarkable testimony of how the Lord led them to open a school for handicapped children in India. Following the seminars, the participants were given a tour of the CMML building as well as having its history explained, which they all enjoyed thoroughly.

A delicious hot dinner was served following the tours. The young adults used this time to continue their fellowship with other like-minded believers. Participants traveled from Texas, Michigan and Florida, as well as the surrounding area, so there were great conversations and unique opportunities to meet new people. Brady concluded the weekend with another challenging message, which focused on Isaiah 6 and 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. A challenge was given throughout the conference: “Is my life truly devoted to the Lord?” God doesn’t want your spare time, Brady said. He wants all your time. Remember, as believers we no longer live for ourselves.

“Before attending this conference I expected there to be an emphasis on missions and encouragement for how to live the life of a missionary and how to find the Lord’s direction as to decisions regarding mission work,” one participant said. “My expectations were definitely met! Not only did the aspects of missions get addressed, but the broader scope of my entire life as a missionary was addressed.”

We plan, Lord willing, to hold additional “Reaching Higher” conferences at CMML. Notification for these conferences will be provided on our Web site (www.cmml.us) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/cmmlus). ☺

