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Thinking It Through

MICAH TUTTLE

Give Me a Man

In 1 Samuel 17 we read the famous story of David and Goliath. In verse 10 the Philistine cries out, “I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man that we may fight together.” Tens of thousands of Israelite soldiers heard that challenge, and yet not one of them responded. Verse 24 indicates that “the men of Israel fled and were dreadfully afraid.” Not a man among them was willing to stand up and fight in the Lord’s battles! We’re not talking about one day of failure here. According to verse 16, after 40 days of fear still not one soldier was willing to fight with Goliath. There were plenty of soldiers

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but no men! Where were they? They fled and hid; they were afraid, uninvolved, aloof and disengaged. Sounds like the condition of

things today. Here we are 3,000 years later and the problem persists. Men are absent. They seem to have left the battlefield. Giant-slayers are desperately needed, but where are they? Where are the men? Let Goliath’s words sink in. Hear his booming voice echo: “Give me a man!”

When David comes onto the scene he can’t believe Israel’s inaction. In verse 29 he says to his brother, “Is there not a cause?” The answer should have been resounding: “Our cause is to make God’s name great among the nations!” But no such answer was given. Passivity and a lack of conviction prevailed. The Philistine had defied the armies of the Living God and had mocked the power of Yahweh—and no one did anything about it. David was only a youth but he seemed to know more about biblical manhood than the soldiers around him. A teenager was about to give Israel a few lessons in manliness.

Real men are strong in the Lord and they know that their character is shaped by the decisions they make on a daily basis. Real men are willing to go upstream in a downstream world. A man’s faith in God is what conquers giants, and for David, even if it meant standing alone with nothing but a sling

and a few pebbles, he would do it. Why? Because he believed that if God is for us who can be against us? He believed that the steel of manly character is forged in the fires of a fervent faith in the Lord. David heard Goliath’s words “Give me a man!” and he responded because there is a cause and it’s the greatest cause in the universe.

Today we continue to have a giant problem, and giant killers are few and far between. Men are absent everywhere. They have disappeared. Who will hear Goliath’s call: “Give me a man”? And who will respond? It’s time to face the giant. There are certain bold risks that are worth taking. Risk is right when it has to do with our great cause for Christ’s great kingdom. David took that risk and ran to fight Goliath (verse 48). Where are the men that do that sort of thing today?

Many would say don’t take risks, be cautious, be careful. That kind of thinking has debilitated many Christians, and they end up living a wasted life. John Wesley said, “Give me 100 men who fear nothing but sin in their own life and want no one but God and God alone. I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of God upon earth.” You have to take the last part of that statement with a grain of salt, but the point is God uses men who flee only from sin and trust only in Him.

We are living in giant country. There are giants everywhere: the giants of false doctrine, postmodernism, evolutionary thinking, Islam, the homosexual agenda. And there’s the giant of a rebellious world that has rejected its Creator. What are we to do? It has to start with the men and they have to start in the home. Men who love their wife, invest in their kids, get involved in their local assembly and preach the Word. We must be like David and run to the battle! Time is short; the stakes are high. Yet men everywhere are sleeping. They have disappeared, are uninvolved and missing in action. Faithful and courageous men are greatly needed, men who are willing to be strong in the Lord and valiant in battle. I call to the men who are reading this to hear Goliath’s loud and terrible cry: “GIVE ME A MAN!” How will you respond? ■

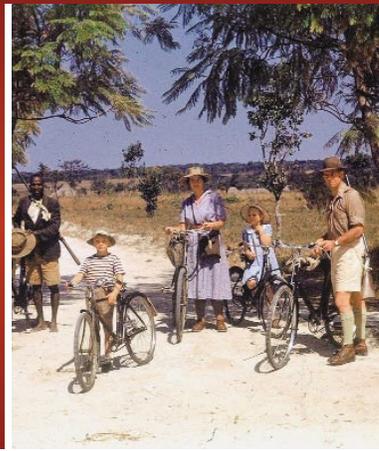
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MSC Canada

75 YEARS of Local Church Driven MISSIONS



BY JERRY BOLTON

A brief history

With the world at war in 1940, the Canadian government set up foreign exchange controls that prevented funds from being sent out of the country, which might have harmed the Allied



war effort. This new system required that permits be obtained even when the funds were being sent for the support of missionaries. This posed a problem for local churches in the Brethren movement who were not part of a denomination and thus had no mission board to facilitate this process.

A committee was formed from local churches to act on behalf of local churches to apply for the permits and then forward funds directly to missionaries. The Missionary Service Committee, as it was named, immediately began to function as a government-recognized conduit for forwarding funds to local church-commended missionaries.

Following World War II, it was decided that the committee should continue providing this helpful service. Recognized by Revenue Canada as a charity from the start, the committee was incorporated in 1959 and became a registered charity in 1967. Finally, it was legally renamed MSC Canada in 1993.

MSC today

The early focus of MSC, efficiently moving funds and providing trustworthy financial services, remains a core part of what we do. However, in recent years, our overseas worker care and communication with supporters and local churches across Canada have significantly increased.

Over the course of 75 years, the role of MSC Canada has expanded into a full expression of what we now call Local

Church Driven Missions—a biblical methodology and model for missionary work. We earnestly believe that the best way for the Great Commission to be fulfilled is for local churches to send their own to the mission field. MSC exists to enable local churches to assess, prepare, commend, and support their own mission workers.

We are also wholeheartedly committed to God's supply and believe that those who are sent should go believing that God will supply all of their needs through the faithfulness of His people. As an organization, we do the same. From 1940 to 2015, every dollar sent to a mission worker through MSC has been sent in full to that worker, with no operating fees or deductions of any kind. All operating expenses are covered by the generous, specific giving of the churches we serve.

As sending local churches provide their workers with ministry-specific direction and spiritual oversight, we come alongside churches and their workers with missions-specific expertise and ensure compliance with Canadian charity law. Put another way, we provide the legal and logistical means of serving and supporting workers outside of Canada.



The MSC Canada board of directors circa 2013.



Some of the MSC Canada staff, 2015.

Top (L-R): A well drilling project by a TeamWorkers group in Zambia; The Barham family in Kalundu, DRC, 1950; Ray Barham at a book van in Pakistan, 1950s. Left: MSC Canada board of directors circa 1961.

Today, MSC Canada serves hundreds of local churches who are committed to this model of missions, and on their behalf we serve more than 250 mission workers who serve in 40 nations around the world as well as 400 "home workers" who serve in a wide variety of ministries and local churches throughout Canada.

MSC enjoys working closely with CMML in the United States and Echoes of Service in the UK on many projects and in fields where workers served by these organizations work together. We also cooperate with mission service agencies from other countries such as Interlink (Scotland), AMT (Australia) and Global Connections (New Zealand).



Left (from top): Joint meetings between MSC Canada, CMML and Echoes (UK) in 1994; MSC and CMML joint meeting in 2013 at MSC Canada's offices in Markham; Representatives from MSC and CMML following the joint meetings in 2013. **Right (from top):** A full warehouse ready to fill containers for Africa; ACCTS volunteer Doug Booth preparing a shipment; ACCTS volunteers loading the shipping container, 2014; An eTeams member presenting the Gospel in Ghana in 2014.

Ministries of MSC

At our office in Markham, Ontario (just north of Toronto), we maintain a small and dynamic team of staff and volunteers. Our team works diligently to keep financial support and missions-specific expertise flowing out to mission workers worldwide while striving to keep information and encouragement from the mission field flowing back to sending local churches.

MSC's facilities, also in Markham, include a fully featured warehouse which is utilized by our **ACCTS** ministry.



Every year, ACCTS is able to ship up to 12 shipping containers full of needed goods to mission workers in Africa. These primarily contain donated goods for use in the six hospitals and two schools in Zambia where MSC and CMML workers are involved.



MSC Canada has two short-term mission trip ministries. The first, **eTeams**, focuses primarily on equipping Christians to effectively cross cultures, encourage national churches and evangelize in English. Every year from January to August, eTeams head out to places like Jamaica, Belize, Ghana and Ireland to train and teach local believers and to preach the Gospel to the local population. Our second short-term team ministry, **TeamWorkers**, seeks to provide practical support to mission workers on the field, aiding with construction expertise

and labor. Year round, teams of skilled and hard-working people help build and repair key facilities and encourage national believers in places like France, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Zambia.



provides new challenges for the church and the mission worker of today. It is important to us at MSC to maintain the core values upon which we were founded and by which we have operated for 75 years while assisting both the church and the mission worker to adapt to the changing world of missions.

Connect

If you'd like to learn more about MSC Canada, please visit our website MSCCanada.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter! ■

Jerry Bolton is MSC Canada's communications director.

Left: A TeamWorkers team erecting a new wall during a 2013 building project in Honduras.

Vision for the future

MSC was founded to respond to rapid changes being forced upon churches, mission supporters and the missionaries by the world events of 1940. The current rate of change in the world

May We Introduce

Jessenia Baumen *Missionary to Ecuador*



Since my parents were missionaries in the mountains of Mexico for 17 years of my life, I had a front row view of missions in action. My parents worked with the Tepehuan people through New Tribes Mission. They had to learn a new language, apart from Spanish, to be able to teach the Tepehuan the Gospel as well as practical skills and literacy. Seeing all this from an early age built into me a love for other cultures (especially Latin American ones) and a desire for travel and adventure.

I accepted Christ at an early age, but it wasn't until my later teen years that I developed my own passion to see people

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come to Christ. I went to university to study Spanish and global studies because I thought these degrees would work well with missions. During that time I got involved with Power to

Change, a Christian organization with a heart for leading people to Christ, and I found myself working out a personal philosophy of missions. My studies showed me the poverty and desperation in the world but also that no

one knows how to fix it because all the problems stem from human brokenness. This helped me realize that Jesus really is the answer to the world's problems because He is the only One who can heal the heart. Once the heart is healed, then development work actually has a chance to be effective long-term.

The summer before I graduated, my cousin Becky Martin (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 25) came home to visit and suggested that I work with her in the sponsorship program at Hope of Bastion School in Ecuador. After months of prayer and consideration, I realized that I had my dream job within my grasp: I would work in a poorer community, speak Spanish, and fulfill a need for an English teacher at the school. All these were things I had thought I would love to do. I moved to Ecuador June 2014 and I am fully confident that this is where God wants me at the moment, and I enjoy the challenges and joys of working with children. ■



Church Planting In Seoul, South Korea

A Visit with Tim & Yolly Stafford

BY KEITH R. KEYSER

The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Church that it establishes are marvelously transcultural and work anywhere, in any age. The time-tested principles of the Bible have survived political upheaval, natural disasters, changing fashion, and international catastrophes. God's truth is as relevant in the 21st century as it was in the first. Happily, it is my privilege to see the practical reality of this as I visit assemblies of believers in different parts of the world. Most recently, from March 13 to 30, 2015, I enjoyed visiting Tim and Yolly Stafford, who serve the Lord in church planting in Seoul, South Korea. I came away much encouraged as I beheld their diligence in ministering the Word among saints and lost persons alike.

Exotic yet familiar

The Republic of Korea—or South Korea as it is also known—is a beautiful country, roughly the same square mileage as Kentucky. Like other eastern nations, it boasts an ancient culture that stretches more than 5,000 years into the past. Oftentimes it has been dominated by regional powers like China or Japan, yet since 1945 it has been an independent nation with a democratic form of government. It has a president and a parliament as well as a Supreme Court. The United States and South Korea have consistently enjoyed warm relations. The U.S.-led United Nations defense of South Korea against North Korea between 1950 and 1953 solidified good feeling between the two nations. It is a modern, technologically advanced country that is a player in the global economy with major homegrown corporations like Samsung, LG, Hyundai, and Kia. In fact, it is Asia's fourth-largest economy with approximately 53 percent of its goods being exported. The society is materially prosperous, which can be both a blessing and a curse, spiritually speaking. Like her western allies and trading partners, the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, Korea faces a larger question of what is the real meaning of life. As in other places, people sometimes sense the disquieting reality that possessions and societal standing cannot fill the

human heart (1 Timothy 6:5-6). This of course provides an opportunity for God's good news to bring real meaning to individual lives. Today, spiritual warfare is ongoing in South Korea—and the rest of this world for that matter! There is still a need for sound Bible teaching and plain gospel preaching.

The largest religion in South Korea is Buddhism, but Confucianism also has a strong influence on the culture and people's ethics. The Korean peninsula has had the Gospel since the late 19th century, with the Methodists and Presbyterians historically being the largest groups. As in the West, not all of these churches have maintained their hold on the truth. Liberal theology has damaged many of the historic churches, just as it has the "mainline churches" of the West. There is a large evangelical presence, however, and New Testament-patterned assemblies have been in the country for at least 50 years. As a whole, Korean churches send out the second largest number of foreign missionaries and labor on all inhabited continents—including within the United States and Canada. Despite those impressive facts, like the West, South Korea boasts a familiarity with Christianity but has a great deal of nominalism. Many identify themselves as Christians but have never trusted Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Korea-U.S.A. Centennial Monument inscription

Global opportunities

Koreans prize education and are highly literate. Their universities attract students from many foreign countries, including several that are “closed” to open missionary endeavor (e.g. Myanmar and Iran). Some of the assemblies in South Korea are beginning to take seriously the mission field on their domestic front. By some estimates there are 1,000,000 English speakers in the Seoul area, which provides a large labor field for people who are fluent in English.

While stationed with the U.S. Army in South Korea, Tim Stafford learned to speak, read, and write Korean fluently. This is providential since in those days he was not even a believer in the Lord Jesus! After a life of nominal profession, Tim was soundly converted to faith in Christ through a sermon on Luke 13:6–9. While working in a second career in the corporate security field, he became burdened for service in foreign missions. After seeking the Lord for several years concerning possible areas, Tim visited Asia, thinking that perhaps his wife Yolly’s Filipina background might open a door for labor in the Philippines. En route, they visited South Korea where they became aware of the need for ministry among English-speaking expatriates. After much prayer and deliberation with their home assembly (Boulevard Bible Chapel in Pembroke Pines, Florida), Tim and Yolly were commended in 2012 and relocated to Seoul, South Korea, for the edification of the Church and the evangelization of the lost.

Church planting in Itaewon

The Staffords spent their first three years in Seoul helping in the work of multiple assemblies. They were in fellowship at the Noryangjin assembly but also itinerated among other area meetings. Eventually, they saw the need for an English-speaking assembly that would teach and preach to the expatriate community, including U.S. military personnel and those who come to South Korea for education or vocational opportunities. Accordingly, they host home Bible studies in the Itaewon section of Seoul, as well as offer hospitality and biblical counsel to whomever is interested. A new assembly began meeting in their apartment in January 2015 and now has believers in fellowship from South Korea, Japan, the Philippines, and the United States. In addition to the regular meetings of the church on the Lord’s day, the Itaewon assembly has a Tuesday night Bible study which also attracts additional brothers and sisters who fellowship in other area assemblies. Among this number are members of the United States military as well as interested Korean brethren.



Clockwise from top left: “Bridge of No Return”; Keith preaching at Itaewon; Keith with Republic of Korea guard at Panmunjom; View of Seoul; Soldiers’ monument and obelisks.

Rice, kimchi, questions and spiritual conversation

Work at the local church level has certain commonalities from place to place. In spite of cultural and linguistic differences, the Gospel remains the same and “the faith which was once delivered to the saints” does not vary (Jude 3). The Great Commission is concerned with disciple making (Matthew 28:18–20). The Lord uses His servants to make new followers who will learn of Him and serve Him for His glory. Everywhere that the Gospel is preached, the adversary works to steal the

seed and blind people's minds (Matthew 13:18-23; 2 Corinthians 4:4). In this respect, South Korea is no different than other nations. The Gospel has been corrupted by some charlatans and is imbibed in adulterated form by many of its hearers. Consequently, Tim spends a great deal of time expounding the fundamental doctrines of God's Word. Some of the saints who fellowship at the Itaewon Bible Chapel come from backgrounds where they were spiritually abused. Some were in cults, others were in doctrinally orthodox churches but were subject to domineering leadership. Much pastoral energy is spent correcting mistaken notions and helping believers rid themselves of their spiritual baggage. Of course, this personal style of ministry demands a great deal of hospitality involving much cooking and physical labor on the part of Yolly Stafford and her sister Neneth Flores. These humble sisters faithfully serve the saints in practical ways.

A Birdsboro Yankee in Asia

Tim has been a personal friend of mine for more than 14 years. I first met him in the Boulevard Bible Chapel in Florida and later visited him when he lived in Rochester, New York. It was a joy to spend time with Yolly, Neneth, and Tim in their Korean home. They took great care of me and introduced me to some beautiful countryside, excellent cuisine, and historic sites. A particular highlight was visiting the border region

between South Korea and North Korea; there I saw Panmunjom where the armistice ending the Korean Conflict was signed. While visiting them, I spoke six times to the local assembly on the book of Numbers. I also was able to teach at assemblies in the Bupyeong and Noryangjin neighborhoods of Seoul as well as speak at a home Bible study and a ladies' Bible study.

Eastern promise

Visiting Tim and Yolly Stafford was an encouraging experience. It is beautiful to see the beginning of a new assembly, not to mention interacting with dear believers from the older assemblies. In spite of language, cultural, and racial distinctions, the family of God is the same the world over. True saints love one another and value genuine fellowship around the Lord's things. The Staffords welcome visitors, whether they are coming to South Korea on business or are interested in short-term missionary service. I enthusiastically encourage you to visit them if you are able. Whether or not you ever visit South Korea, pray for God's work there, remembering in particular Tim and Yolly and the other believers who meet in the Lord's name at Itaewon Bible Chapel. ■

Keith Keyser was commended in 1999 by Grace Gospel Chapel, Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania.



Clockwise from top left: Keith with Tim and Yolly and others from the Itaewon assembly; Fun at a park statue; Tim and Keith with brother Kang; Fried worms; Bupyang assembly; Itaewon meal.



Reaching Europe

GLO Short-term Teams

BY ADI HARRIS

The missiological picture of our world has dramatically changed in the 21st century, and the Church in the West must face the new challenge of reaching a post-Christian, unchurched and overwhelmingly secular generation with the Gospel. Europe is no longer the great sending force of world missions it once was, and evangelical believers in Europe are now outnumbered by the former receiving countries in the Global South. We must come to terms with the stark reality that Europe is the spiritually dark continent of our world.



Above: French village—©iStockPhoto.com/paparazzit; Team in St. George's Square.

Below: Team leaders.

- 18 out of 47 European countries have less than 1% evangelical Christians (UK 8%).
- Out of 47 European countries, only two have a higher percentage of evangelical Christians, per head of population, than the UK (the Faroes and Finland).
- Europe has an evangelical population of only 2.5% (Africa 17.7%, Latin America 16.7%, Asia 3.5%).
- There are now 10 evangelical believers in Africa for every one in Europe (182 million to 18.3 million).
- Evangelical believers in the Global South (including Asia) now outnumber the Global North (Europe and North America) by a factor of four to one (421m to 102m).¹

Parts of Europe are among the least evangelized areas of the world. With more than 700 million of our European neighbors without Christ, surely this is one of the unfinished tasks we face in our generation. This vast mission field is accessible; borders are open, cultures are relatively similar to ours and all of it is just an easy plane journey away.

Mission teams

GLO Europe (Gospel Literature Outreach) is working to send laborers into the European harvest field, and our vision statement is to “grow mission-focused churches throughout Europe.” One of the ways we contribute to achieving this goal is by sending short-term mission teams to work with GLO resident teams, mission workers and church planters.

In 1972 one of the earliest European GLO teams went to Aix-en-Provence, France, and GLO has been sending summer teams throughout Europe and the UK ever since. Almost 800 teams and 7,000 team members have been to 24 different countries in Europe in our first 40 years!

Last year a total of 150 people served on 19 summer teams. Of the 150, about 50 were new to GLO teams. Each team had six to 12 team members, along with a team leader who was responsible for the Bible teaching and devotions. All teams were



¹ Statistics from *Operation World* (2010 edition), Jason Mandryk



invited by a local church, with our primary objective being to serve and support these local churches in their outreach to the local community.

Our desire is also to motivate people in missions as we expose them to the joys and challenges of cross-cultural, frontline evangelism. Our prayer is that team members will become the next generation of church planters, evangelists and mission workers in Europe.

Working closely with other Christians is a significant element of being part of a GLO summer team. Complete strangers join together for a week of intensive mission, and it is in the crucible of working together that members grow in faith and discover the importance of prayer and dependence on the Lord. Mission teams expose participants to an environment where they see God at work in exciting ways: through answered prayer, doors opening to the Gospel, and lives touched and transformed by Christ.

Church strengthening

Last summer saw a number of new opportunities in Iceland and Norway. For the first time, we sent two small pioneering teams to support and encourage churches in these countries.

The team to Norway worked with Niklas and Ellen Kreander in the small fellowship in Skien. The program involved some great opportunities to work with children and families and develop new contacts in the community.

"Norwegians are skeptical and too well off, but with God everything is possible."
- Niklas Kreander

The team to Iceland worked with a very small church in Akureyri. Iceland is a country of only 12,000 evangelical believers. Kristín Gerðalíð, a former Tilsley College student, had a burden for a new outreach to the community and to begin work among children and youth.

"God raised the Church back to life and we can celebrate that His Church here in Iceland is not dead and that we really have reasons to celebrate!"
- Kristín Gerðalíð

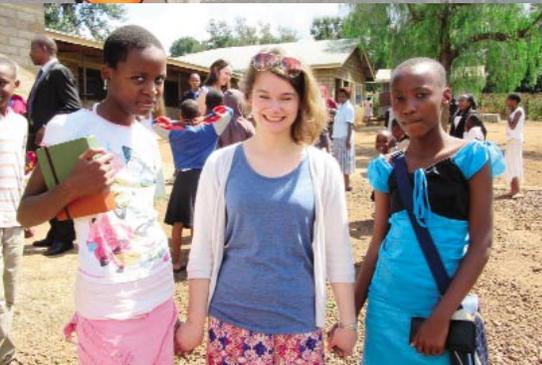
Street evangelism

In July 2014, Glasgow was host to the 20th Commonwealth Games (also known as the "friendly games"). Some 6,000 athletes arrived in the city from 71 Commonwealth countries. One million tickets were sold and Glasgow was bursting with visitors and tourists for a sunny and unforgettable tournament. GLO assembled the biggest team of the summer, with more than 40 members, who partnered with Open Air Mission, MAD (Making a Difference) Ministries and one of the local churches. It was an exciting



Above: Glasgow team; Live music.

Below: GLO team member at the Commonwealth Games, Glasgow; Making friends in Moshi, Tanzania.



10 days of street evangelism, open-air preaching and children's ministry. Literature was distributed at the events—14,000 *Penny Gospels*, along with thousands of *Winning Gold* tracts. Each evening, over dinner, the "sowers" excitedly recounted the hundreds of personal conversations and witnessing opportunities the Lord had given them on the streets.

"This was a very challenging experience that stretched me in my faith and pushed me out of my comfort zone. I have become much more confident in sharing my faith."

- Calum

Church planting

In October, I had the opportunity to join a mission team to Aix-en-Provence, a city which is the location for an exciting new church-planting venture led by Philippe and Marie-Christine Perrilliat (national workers) and Brad and Catherine Dickson (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 12). They have assembled a new team of young church planters, who have moved to the city with a view to establishing a church, focusing on outreach to the 30,000 university students. The team meets in a restaurant where they conduct English language classes, international nights, conferences and *Discovering Christianity* courses. During the week of mission, 5,000 invitations were distributed to students and hours of conversation took place in the Parc Jourdon, where graffiti, live painting, gospel music and free tea and coffee attracted a great crowd.

Resident teams

Resident GLO teams located in Albania, Belgium, France, Italy, Republic of Ireland, Romania and Scotland, regularly host GLO summer outreach. Mike and Alison Packer welcomed another team to Laval, France, and described their memories of the week as being hours of distribution, street evangelism, worship, prayer, laughter, madness and growing in faith. The week's theme was *Osons Semer Ensemble (Dare to Sow Together)*, emphasizing strength in unity.

"Together we were stronger than alone!"

- Mike Packer

Another team joined Patrizio and Jennifer Zucchetto (Northern Ireland) in Naples. The church has embarked on an ambitious project to reach all of the 119 towns and villages in the neighboring province of Avellino with the Gospel. This covers a population of 430,000, but most have no Gospel church or witness. This year every home, in another six towns, received a copy of John's Gospel. So far a total of 30 towns have been targeted, and Patrizio has a burden to see this task completed within the next five years.



Street art display

World missions

One of our most popular international teams has been led for the last 12 years by Allison Hill (UK) to the Moshi Christian Children's Centre in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. Here, the team works with the established national leadership and staff at the Children's Centre. They conduct two weeks of outreach in the surrounding community. Last year, almost 100 children and youths attended the two camps. Allison reported that the team was privileged to lead seven children to Christ and to see other Christian young people grow and mature in faith.

"It's safe to say my life will never be the same again. Experiencing a different culture and witnessing God's grace and provision has transformed my outlook in life and inspired me for future mission."

- Katharine

2015 teams

We are currently preparing a program of summer teams for 2015 when, with God's help, we hope to send 20 teams to Continental Europe and the UK. Along with regular teams to Enniscorthy, Johnstone, Newcastle and Renfrew, we are excited that the Lord has already opened new doors of opportunity in Belgium and Hungary. We pray that recent opportunities in Eastern Europe and Scandinavia will continue to grow, and we hope to build on the pioneering work in Avellino, Italy, and Aix-en-Provence, France.

Our prayer remains unchanged since our first mission to Aix-en-Provence: "Father, give us a passion for souls. Give us a deepening burden for the multitudes who have never heard the true Gospel. Help us, in spite of any personal or financial sacrifice, to do our best to reach them for Christ." (*GLO Magazine*, 1973)

Thank you for continuing to pray for and with us. For more information visit www.GLO-Europe.org. ■

Adi Harris is the short-term mission coordinator for GLO Europe.

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Challenges and

Blessings

Short-term Teams in Bolivia

BY ENOEL SUAREZ

A Canadian and American team came to Bolivia to assist with a building project at Zion Church for the Compassion Feeding Program (a program which feeds 125 children three times per week—a much-needed ministry for the local community). We thank the Lord for all the work accomplished by the team along with the Bolivian workers.

Physical labor with an *ETERNAL IMPACT*

We started with bare ground with only the roof in place, and now most of the classrooms and bathrooms have brick completed up to the roof! There were several challenges, including the removal of a gigantic tree about five feet in diameter where the septic tank would be placed. The guys also had to push the cement truck up the driveway to the church because it was stuck. The electricity and plumbing were installed.

The Bolivians will complete the cement floors, stucco on the walls, and install the toilets. It is very encouraging for the local believers, who have been called to the work at Zion and the Compassion program, to see their dream of helping more children being realized. Please pray that the Lord would protect the children, the project and the workers and that many of the children would come to faith in Christ through the ministry. Pray not only for the children, but also their families as many older siblings and parents stay for the teaching when they bring their children.

From top (L-R): This is what the construction site looked like when the team arrived—it is the building site for three of our classrooms; The classrooms before the team left—we completed the walls, plumbing and electricity; Half of the tree which had to be removed in order to put in a septic tank; The 21 person work team that participated in the building project.



Opportunities for the **GOSPEL & MINISTRY**



From top: Group of pastors and leaders who attended the conference in Trinidad; This home belongs to Andrea from the Zion Church. Her entire house, in which she and her five children lived, was just one room. A church in Canada and the team provided the funds to build her a larger home.

The Lord has given many wonderful opportunities to continue to spread the Gospel. A few team members went into the village near Zion Church and shared the Gospel house-to-house, handing out Bibles and other donations, and invited them to attend the church. One team member, Anmar, also had the opportunity to visit a school in Santa Cruz and share his testimony with four classes. Juan Daniel translated for him since we were assisting the medical team outside of Santa Cruz in La Guardia.

There was also a pastors' conference the first weekend the team was here, with 42 Bolivians attending. John Aldom, Jay Adrian, and Phil Train (*Missionary Prayer Handbook Day 22*) addressed the attendees, with such topics as purity in doctrine, family, and purity in the life of a servant.

We were also able to assist one of the sisters here, Andrea, whose home needed windows and a door.

The team was privileged to celebrate with Zion Church in the marriage of Joshua and Lily on a Saturday night. They invited Hannah, a team member from Canada, to sing at the reception! Please pray for this newly married couple.

The last weekend there, Doug (from Catalyst Ministries in Tennessee) and I went to the city of Trinidad to meet with 39 pastors to set up theological training. They also assisted two churches to resolve a conflict regarding a building.

A need for **PRAYER**

We are always in a spiritual battle. As long as we move forward in the Lord's work and the Gospel, there is always opposition against us. Please continue to pray for the church here and for the leaders (Marcelo and Jose Louis) for wisdom in various situations and for unity in the church. Please pray for the following challenges we are facing.

We received the unfortunate news that someone broke into the church and stole the sound board, speakers and a chain saw. Please pray that the items may be returned. We were renting the equipment and we will have to replace them.

Two days later, the American medical team from Chicago began work. Their plan was to set up clinics, both locally and remote, and to perform surgeries in the hospital here in Santa Cruz. Unfortunately, the authorities in the airport seized all 24 bags of surgical equipment and medications. They returned only a very small portion. This greatly hindered the work they planned to do. Please pray for a way for all the supplies to be released so that the many needy people who are waiting for surgery and medical assistance may be helped.

Another American group is currently working to clean and paint the riverboat (damaged last year) in preparation for the next trip in early summer.

There is much to be thankful for and to rejoice in. We praise the Lord for all that He is doing, and we wait on His answer for the needs that remain.

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58) ■



Enol and Leisa Suarez were commended in 1993 by the assembly in Southdale, London, Ontario.



From top: An inside view of the Zion Church. There was a workers and elders conference going on while the team was busy with construction; A nurse checking out the vital signs of patients before they see a doctor; The medical team of 2014.

Home with the Lord

Arthur Isles Hart

Missionary to Jamaica
May 27, 1922—October 1, 2014



The Lord began the life of Arthur Isles Hart in New York State, born to Arthur Isles Hart, Sr. and Martha Hart on May 27, 1922. Arthur was the oldest of eight and grew to be a very responsible young man with the ability to pay close attention to detail. He was also known as the peacemaker of the family.

Arthur came to know the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age and as a teenager chose to serve the Lord in his youth, joining his dad in the ministry. When he was just 22, Arthur was commended to the Lord's work in Jamaica by Grace Gospel Chapel in Brooklyn, New York.

Serving in Jamaica, Arthur was involved in pioneer work, helping to plant churches and shepherd 16 rural assemblies. He also helped oversee 25 Sunday schools and six basic schools. Among other hats he wore, Arthur was chairman of the Northeastern Missionary Conference and served as Managing Director of the Hart Boys Home in Clonmel, Jamaica. Arthur shared the Gospel and Bible teaching on a weekly radio program known as The Master's Time and traveled to many conferences, teaching throughout Jamaica, Belize, Bermuda, St. Kitts, New York, and Montreal.

In 1976, the Lord moved the Hart family to South Florida where they actively served at Fort Lauderdale Bible Chapel in the eldership, teaching, counseling, and general assembly work while continuing to play a part in various ministries in Jamaica. While these are many accomplishments for the Kingdom, *who* Arthur was outshone *what* he did. Filled with the Spirit, the authentic love he had for his family was second only to his genuine passion for Jesus Christ.

Arthur considered every stranger to be a "friend he had never met before" and openly shared the Gospel of our Lord, which freely flowed from a heart that was daily committed to his Master.

There are lovely memories of a happy smile in his twilight years as he continued to play precious hymns on the piano for the assembly and his loving family.

Preceding Arthur in death are his two daughters, Camille and Harlene-Joy, and his dear wife, Ilsa, as well as five siblings. He is lovingly remembered by three daughters, Marguerite, Arlette-Marie, and Jackie-Beth; three sons-in-law; sister Rosalie; brother Charles and sister-in-law Dilys; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and numerous friends and relatives.

We have no doubt that on the morning of October 1, 2014, Arthur Hart heard the voice of God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:23)

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