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DAVID DUNLAP

Sing a New Song

“He has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.” (Psalm 40:3)

God calls all believers to be worshippers, but worship is more than just our heartfelt praise on Sunday mornings. God desires thanksgiving and praise to be a way of life. The apostle Paul could not refrain from praise when writing from his prison cell in Rome. King David was also one for whom worship was a way of living. In Psalm 40, David explains how men become worshippers and lovers of God. He who would be a worshipper of God must begin by bowing in prayer. A man who sings praises must first be on his knees weeping. Tribulation leads to thanksgiving and weeping to worship. “I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.” (Psalm 40:1) God gets His singers out of the crucible of life. Out of the mire of sin and the fires of suffering God raises up His choir. All true believers must first know sorrow for sin before they can know the joy of thanksgiving.

A new life and a new song

Thanksgiving for what God has done is another key to true worship. The transformed life is the heartbeat of a life of praise. The psalmist says, “He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.” (Psalm 40:2) The man who sings praises remembers the great work God has done for him. He remembers the “horrible pit” of sin. He remembers the “mire” of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. However, there are fewer and fewer singers of praise, like David in Psalm 40, among Christians today. At this time in his life, David was going through a time of trial and difficulty but still praised God. God is worthy of praise in the good times as well as in times of affliction. As the hymn writer Horatio Spafford fittingly penned after the loss of his four daughters in the Atlantic Ocean:

“My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!”¹

¹ Spafford, Horatio. “It Is Well with My Soul.”

The meaning of the new song

What is this “new song”? Literally this term means “a song that was never sung before.” This term “new song” is used nine times in the Bible—six times in the Psalms, once in Isaiah, and twice in Revelation. The Lord puts the new song into our mouth, and we the redeemed will sing it around the throne of God. “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood.” (Revelation 5:9) In Psalm 40:3, the psalmist defines the new song’s theme as “even praise unto our God.” It is called “new” because not only is it new to us but also because it is uncommon. Rich and rare things are often called “new” in the Bible. For example, there is the new covenant and the new commandment. Praise to God is indeed rich and rare. Of all the songs of this world, the songs of praise are the most beautiful and spiritually rich. Dull is the song that does not glorify God. Our “new song” is always new to us; it never becomes old to the singer. Do you ever tire in your love for Christ? Do you ever tire of Him? We long to sing praises of Him. It is a glorious thing to see a redeemed man or woman singing a “new” song.

“Many shall see it”

Finally, the psalmist says something that is unusual. You would expect to read the words “many shall hear it.” But no, that is not what we read. We read that “many shall see it, and fear, and trust in the Lord.” (Psalm 40:3) It is a good thing to preach the Gospel, but it is equally important to sing the Gospel. Songs from transformed lives lead to the conversion of souls. There is no better theme for a weary and broken soul to hear than that of a happy Christian experience. But more than singing is present in this verse. Something is to be seen: “Many shall see it.” (Psalm 40:3) Our song centers on the deep-seated joy of the Lord. When unbelievers see such a song, we are assured that many shall trust in the Lord. ■

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COVER PHOTO: Mitch Van Schepen—Woman in Ghana



The New Lingua Franca:

Teaching English to Share the Gospel

BY PATRICK HUGHES

Centuries ago, as traders made their rounds to the various Mediterranean ports, they naturally needed a common language to grease the wheels of commerce. And so developed the linguistic mix of Italian with French, Spanish, Greek and Arabic that came to be known as “lingua franca.”¹ We use the term to mean “a language that is adopted as a common language between speakers whose native languages are different.” Today that language is English.

How English became the new lingua franca

How has English risen to such prominence internationally? One researcher attributes that rise to British colonialism from the 17th to 19th centuries and American capitalism in the 20th.² In the 21st century, commerce, culture, academia and technology continue to drive the need for a common language among nations. Surprisingly, it’s not the one that most people speak. Mandarin Chinese holds that honor, yet ironically, in China it is the English language that opens doors to educational opportunities.³

Poland reflects the same need. One of my students first came to me for help with the requisite English portion of her doctoral examination. As her language has developed, so has her need for English. Now she needs it for writing journal articles and presenting at academic conferences, the audiences for which come from all over the world. They all speak “international” English. At our international church in Wroclaw, you might see a South Korean chatting with a Sri Lankan, a Nigerian with a Ukrainian. For them, English facilitates fellowship in Christ.

Often, students learning English in non-English speaking countries have a good handle on English grammar and vocabulary but lack speaking ability. When I lived in Japan, my Japanese roommate regularly beat me in Scrabble but communicated poorly. Here's the point: people in countries the world over place a premium on contact with native speakers of English, not only for their proficiency in the language they want to learn, but also for their cultural background and for the opportunity to make their study of English more exciting and real. That's where you come in.

How English can open doors to the Gospel

"What is that in your hand?" (Exodus 4:2) God asked Moses that question as He prepared the elderly shepherd to lead His people out of Egypt. Moses held a staff in his hand and God demonstrated that He can use what resources we have in hand, insignificant though they may seem, to further His kingdom. If you are reading this as a native speaker of English, you have a native ability in the language that people around the world want to learn.

During his graduate studies, Mike Stephenson developed a burden to reach out to Muslims, but because many Muslim countries are closed to Christian witness, he pursued training in TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). Where missionaries are not welcome, a teacher of English can gain entrance—English can literally open the door for the Gospel. Mike moved with his family to a country in the Middle East where he taught in an ESL program and engaged Muslims in conversation about Christianity, showed the *Jesus* film, and taught the Bible to a group of refugees. After his return to the States, he developed the minor in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque, Iowa, thus enabling future generations to follow his example.

In Ireland, international student cafés attract students wanting to experience the culture of the country and to practice their English. Holly Dobson (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 14) has seen such motivation lead to opportunities for sharing the Gospel in a variety of ways:

- Bible study before the café evening begins
- Life questions: students submit a question they would like to ask God; discussion on those topics ensues in the following weeks
- A cultural festival and holidays to draw out the meaning behind traditions, pointing to the significance of Jesus's birth, death and resurrection

At Wroclaw Language School in Poland, we offer our students free conversation with a native speaker each week. That provides a natural environment for using Perspective Cards,

produced by CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) and also available as a free app for Apple or Android. We ask students to choose from several options which perspective best reflects their own on five different subjects: Meaning and Purpose of Life, The Nature of God, Human Nature, Who is Jesus, and Source of Spiritual Truth. Because they are articulating their own perspective, they do not feel "preached at" and are usually genuinely interested to hear our perspective from Scripture on these significant life issues. This is English conversation centered on the Gospel.

Her freshman year in university, Jagoda studied English in my class and decided to attend our summer evangelistic English camp. There she accepted the Lord. That fall she died from injuries sustained in a car crash. There are no words to express such loss. By God's grace she had not followed the Buddhist beliefs of her mother but had instead embraced eternal life in Christ.



These examples represent just a few ways English can open doors to the Gospel. Even more can be found in the book *Teaching More than English: Using TESL/TEFL on the Mission Field at Home and Abroad*.⁴ People who would never consider attending an evangelistic meeting might more readily come for the opportunity to practice English with a native speaker. And, as Holly observes, "Coming to a new country and learning a new language can be very daunting. This is a unique opportunity for Christians to offer love and support. The Lord can use your friendship and provide opportunities to share the good news of the Gospel."

How you can use English for the Great Commission

Several large interdenominational mission agencies, such as ELIC.org, send Christian English teachers abroad. The level of preparation required depends on the organization and the teaching situation in the country overseas. Fortunately, a degree in English teaching is not required to use your English for the Great Commission.

Where to serve

As you ask, seek and knock (Matthew 7:7) and prayerfully consult with your elders, here are some general factors to consider.

Above: Cindy with Jagoda. Opposite page (clockwise from top): English class; Pat with campers; Pat with students.

- The type of school or institution: secular or Christian, public or private, classroom instruction or individual tutoring, availability of materials, workload expectations, etc.
- The requirements of the country: Travel.State.gov provides country-specific visa requirement information for Americans traveling abroad
- The attitude of the country and school/institution toward Christianity (and Western culture): not being sensitive to this issue may lead to unintentionally rubbing salt in old wounds and actually hindering reception to the Gospel

Where to get certified

Fortunately, training need not be extensive to become certified to teach English overseas. In my experience with Christian English teachers over the years, I have found that TESL certification covers a broad spectrum. Whatever route you may decide to take toward TESL certification, please make sure it provides actual classroom instruction under supervision and with feedback from an experienced professional in the field. Here are two I am familiar with and can recommend:

- CELTA (Certificate of English Language Teaching to Adults) offered by Cambridge University in many locations, including Wroclaw. This certificate, recognized worldwide, offers native English speakers with no teaching experience a one-month intensive course featuring instruction in the morning on how to teach and in the afternoon lesson preparation and teaching experience in a classroom. Lesson feedback is provided by the tutor and colleagues. At Wroclaw Language School we require this training of all our teacher candidates, and those who teach at our school two years receive half off their tuition.
- Emmaus Bible College: TESOL certificate or minor. You earn the certificate after taking four courses or you can complete a minor in TESOL by studying two additional courses. Michelle Witter is the TESOL program director.
- Emmaus Bible College: Majors in Bible/Theology and Intercultural Studies. The latter major prepares you to better adjust, communicate and lead cross-culturally. Students complete a semester cross-cultural internship in their third year; Wroclaw Language School provides one possibility for completing this internship. Joel Hernandez is the ICS department chair.

Model Christ's love

Our Lord Jesus of course embodies the life of mission. In addition to preaching, He ministered to people's needs and challenged His followers to do likewise.⁵ Christians teaching



English have the opportunity to do just that: to model the compassion and love of our Lord for people by serving them and sharing with them the hope of eternal life in Him. ■



Patrick and Cindy Hughes were commended in 2004 by Bethany Chapel in Wheaton, Illinois.

For further information

If you are interested in learning more about teaching English as a means of ministry, these resources have proven valuable.

- *English Teaching as Christian Mission: An Applied Theology* by Donald Snow (Herald Press).
- *More Than a Native Speaker: An Introduction to Teaching English Abroad* by Donald Snow (TESOL Publications).
- *Teaching More Than English: Using TESL/TEFL on the Mission Field at Home and Abroad* (Berry Publishing Services).
- *Handbook for Christian EFL Teachers* by Lonna J. Dickerson (Emis/Billy Graham Center).
- *Jesus the Teacher: Examining His Expertise in Education* by Herman Horne (Kregel Ministry).

¹ Merriam-Webster.com. ² Daniel Spichtinger, "The Spread of English and Its Appropriation," January 13, 2003, Spichtinger.net/Uni/sp-dipl3.pdf :33.

³ Donald Snow, *English Teaching as Christian Mission: An Applied Theology* (Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press, 2001):110. ⁴ *Teaching More Than English: Using TESL/TEFL on the Mission Field at Home and Abroad* (Evanston, IL: Berry Pub. Services, 1997). ⁵ Donald Snow, *English Teaching as Christian Mission: An Applied Theology* (Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press, 2001):106.



“Then I heard the voice
of the Lord saying,
‘Whom shall I send? And who
will go for us?’ And I said,
‘Here am I. Send me!’”
—Isaiah 6:8

Serving in Ghana

My eTeams Short-term Missions Experience

BY MITCH VAN SCHEPEN

Earlier this year, a team of four guys, including myself, flew from Canada to Ghana, Africa, to join a three-week eTeams missions trip. While in Ghana we stayed with missionaries Daniel and Priscilla Webster (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 2) and worked with more than 15 Ghanaian church members from the Believers Bible Assembly in Kumasi. The theme of the trip was “Equip, Encourage, and Evangelize.”

In the mornings we did multiple gospel illustrations (i.e. paint board, puppet show, singing) at different elementary schools. In the afternoons we walked around the city, distributing tracts and teaching people about the Gospel. In the evenings we often showed a Christian movie outside and invited neighbors to watch it with us.

There are many experiences I could share but one in particular stands out. After lunch we would split up into groups of three or four with at least one member of the local church to translate if needed. Many people we spoke with could speak English but often found it difficult to understand our accents. We could tell that the culture in Ghana is very “Christian,” with

Islam starting to spread more rapidly. Sadly, when we asked Ghanaians how to get to heaven, they would often answer by saying that their good works would get them there. This is a very troubling misconception from many people we met. In the very book they read from, the Bible, it is written, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift from God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

One day, a team member from Canada had the opportunity to share the Gospel with an elderly Muslim man. During their conversation the man asked questions about the Bible and how Christianity was different than Islam. Our brother was able to find verses and explain key concepts to him. The Muslim man either quickly grasped the idea, or was intrigued by it, and was interested in learning more. Since all the tracts we gave out had the name, address, and contact information of the Believers Bible Assembly in Kumasi on them, our brother was quick to point to the back of the tract and explained where the man could come and learn more about God. As they parted ways, the Muslim man said he



would come on Sunday and thanked our brother for sharing the truth with him. Most of the time the people we spoke with would say, "I will come." They did this to make us happy or to get us to leave. About 98 percent of the people who said they would come did not show up. But thankfully the Muslim man was part of the two percent and attended the assembly on our final Sunday in Ghana. Between the Lord's Supper and the Family Bible Hour he spoke more with the brother he met in the street.

Since we returned to Canada, the Muslim man has regularly attended the Believers Bible Assembly on Sundays. He completed one Emmaus course and is currently working on his second. He is also in constant contact with Daniel Webster, asking questions and sharing how his journey is going. It may be difficult for this Muslim man to share this newfound information with his friends and family in fear of what they might do to him. However, the elderly are respected in Ghana, so those younger might listen when he tells them what God's Word says. Please pray that this man's faith in the Lord grows and that God would open the hearts of his family and friends, so they too may come to know the truth and love of God.

Being part of this MSC eTeams missions trip has taught me a lot. We learned about life as a missionary in Africa. We learned different ways to share God's love and Gospel with others. We experienced how to handle people's many different reactions when you share the Gospel with them. I encourage anyone who feels God's leading to evangelize to join an eTeams mission trip. You won't regret it! ■

Mitch van Schepen, a 2016 MOP alumnus, is in fellowship at Hillside Bible Chapel in Orillia, Ontario.

Opposite page: Our first day evangelizing in Kumasi, Ghana. **This page, from top left:** We were always welcomed into people's homes when they wanted to learn about the Gospel; Performing a gospel puppet show; A mother making a pot of fufu to eat; Our much-appreciated cooking team led by Priscilla Webster and her sister; On our way to a lake for rest and recreation we stopped in a village for some "drive-by" evangelism; Presenting my first gospel message using a sketch board.



Home with the Lord

Elva L. Brooks

Missionary to Zambia • February 18, 1946—May 11, 2016



Elva Lilius Brooks, age 70, passed into the presence of her Lord early in the morning, May 11, 2016, after a short struggle with cancer. She was at her Canadian home in Port Colborne, Ontario, and surrounded by her loving family.

Elva was born on February 18, 1946, in Invercargill, Southland, New Zealand, the second child to her parents, Walter and Eunice Pirie. On May 18, 1953, at the age of seven, she realized her need for a Savior and accepted the free gift of salvation that Jesus offers. Elva grew up in New Zealand and it was there that she trained as a nurse and midwife.

In 1972 she went to Chitokoloki Mission Hospital in Zambia as a nurse and there met Don Brooks. Don and Elva married on August 20, 1975, in Ontario, Canada, and returned to Kabompo, Zambia, to serve the Lord together. They lived on the local secondary school compound where Don taught. Elva assisted as a nurse at the Kabompo Hospital until their son, Richard, was born. She was a dedicated mother and always drew on her nursing skills to aid family and strangers alike. Richard was joined by sisters Sarah and Rachel, and when the children were grown Elva started to teach religious education at the Kabompo Secondary School. She continued to be very involved with this until 2015. Elva also continued some nursing activities, visiting with people, teaching children to read and was like a mother to many young people in Zambia and across the world.

In November 2015, Don and Elva returned to Canada for what was supposed to be a two-year period. Within three weeks of their return Elva had pain in her side, which doctors discovered to be caused by pancreatic cancer that spread to

her liver. She was given three to six months to live, and chemotherapy was attempted, but the toll on her heart and body was too severe.

The family was able to be together over the Christmas holidays. Amazing doctors and nurses were attentive to her needs and the family's many questions. Elva took every opportunity to cuddle with or read to her grandchildren, even when she was very weak, creating precious memories. She was a faithful wife, loving mother, dedicated teacher, hard worker and caring friend.

Elva often quoted Scripture or poetry, or shared a song fitting to the situation, even during the time of her sickness. On the blog that was set up for prayer updates about her, she requested to have the following Bible verse and the poem below posted.

"According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." (Philippians 1:20)

Elva is survived by husband Don Brooks; brother Graeme Pirie; sister Marilyn (John) Lindsay; children Richard (Katherine) Brooks, Sarah (Matthew) Van Essen, Rachel (Leonard) VandenBerg; and 19 grandchildren. She was predeceased by parents Walter and Eunice Pirie; father and mother-in-law William Nelson and Margaret Brooks; brother and sisters-in-law, Bill and Ruth Brooks, Elizabeth Brooks, and Pam Pirie; and granddaughter Elysha Brooks.

A video of Elva's funeral service can be viewed at PrayersForElva.blogspot.ca.

THE BROOKS FAMILY

"My times Are in Thy Hand" (Psalm 31:15)

By W. F. Lloyd

My times are in Thy hand; My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave entirely to Thy care.
My times are in Thy hand; Whatever they may be;
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright, as best may seem to Thee.
My times are in Thy hand; Why should I doubt or fear?
My Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear.

My times are in Thy hand, Jesus, the crucified!
Those hands my cruel sins had pierced are now my guard and guide.
My times are in Thy hand, Jesus, my advocate:
Nor shall Thine hand be stretched in vain, for me to supplicate.
My times are in Thy hand, I'll always trust in Thee;
And, after death, at Thy right hand I shall forever be.

May We Introduce

Pablo & Bethany Calderon *Missionaries to Romania*



Pablo's Testimony

I didn't grow up in a typical Christian family. My parents were divorced and remarried. My stepfather's mother took me to church regularly and, through her influence, I was exposed to the Gospel. At age five I was asked to sing in the church's touring choir. This fueled my passion for music. One night, when I was nine years old, I was invited to play drums for the young adults' meeting at church. The message that night was about the second coming of Christ and the importance of salvation. My eyes were opened to the truth of the Gospel, and I surrendered my life to Christ. Church soon became my life. I was very active in my church and loved being there whenever possible. If I wasn't at home, everyone knew where to find me. I continued my walk with Him, experiencing some normal ups and downs along the way. My walk became stagnant after the divorce of my mom and stepfather, and it took a couple years for me to find joy again in my heavenly Father.

Bethany's Testimony

Born into a Christian family, I don't remember a time that I didn't know about God. I acknowledged my sins and came to know Christ as my Savior at the young age of four. For a few days after, I remember worrying that perhaps I didn't say my prayer correctly, or maybe He didn't hear me. After several nights of repeating my prayer, I shared my worries with my parents. They helped me understand that if I confessed and believed as it says in Romans 10:9, then I was truly saved. Jesus had already done the work and my salvation was secure. I can honestly say that since that point, my faith in Him has never wavered. My daily walk with Him has had its highs and lows, however. Growing up, I was active in my church and youth

group. It was after college that I began to get lax in my personal devotions, letting other things take priority. In 2009 my brother was diagnosed with cancer and passed away just two years later. This became a low point in my walk with Christ. I wasn't angry with Him, and I never doubted Him, but my desire to continue to grow in Him was no longer there. My complacency lasted for a while, but one small phrase soon changed me. One Sunday, the speaker talked about our walk with Christ and said, "Knowing it is not the same as doing it." I realized I had convinced myself that simply knowing about God was enough and that it excused my disobedience to God's commands. This was eye-opening and sparked again my desire to continue to grow in Him.

Together

We met at Emmaus Bible College and were married in 2007. Pablo had previously joined the music group "The Ineloquent" and enjoyed doing music ministry. In 2009, we made this our full-time job by touring around the U.S., sharing the love of Christ through music. The other couple in the band, Daniel and Georgiana Eakins (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 17), became missionaries to Romania in 2013. Becoming missionaries wasn't something we had ever really considered, but Pablo had several opportunities to visit them and continue their music ministry. During each trip, God grew Pablo's desire to serve Him in Romania. After much prayer and God's leading, we believe that He has called us to service in Romania. Please pray for a smooth transition for us. Pray that we would be lights to the people of Romania and that everything we do and say would point to Christ. ■

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." —Romans 10:9



European Christian Workers' Conference

NECESSARY REST FOR MISSIONARIES

BY PHILIP PARSONS

It is not likely you'll read or hear much about missionaries taking a vacation. No, missionaries tend to be positive about the ministry they've been called to and rarely speak about the demands, fatigue, and discouragement experienced while reaching out to meet the needs of the people among whom they minister. For many, the pace is overwhelming.

The thought of taking a break, pulling back from ministry or just getting away for a time of rest is fraught with guilt. After all, there are those who sacrificially support us; what would they think if we went away for a vacation?

Nearly 40 years ago, veteran missionaries Richard Haverkamp (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 12, Belgium) and the late Joe Black (France) envisioned a retreat for missionaries serving in Europe to "come away and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31) Aware of Satan's tactics, they saw missionaries driven to frustration, confusion, depression and anxiety while engaged in the Lord's work. On the other hand, they sensed the value of missionary children playing together while wives and husbands had moments of uninterrupted time together. What may have been seen as a luxury had become a much-needed necessity.

The annual European Christian Workers' Conference was held in Annecy, France, August 20–26, 2016. It was here that missionary families gathered for six days to enjoy rest, fellowship, refreshment and spiritual enrichment. It's no wonder that the location is termed the "Pearl of the French Alps," since Lake Annecy is Europe's cleanest and the majestic mountains remind all of God's marvelous creation.

Peter Maiden, an elder from the assembly in Carlisle (UK)

but better known for his more than 40 years of missionary expertise through Operation Mobilization, provided helpful and challenging messages from the last letter of Paul to Timothy in a series, appropriately titled, "Letter from Death Row." He balanced the ministry with lessons on leadership as evidenced by Moses from Deuteronomy and concluded by sharing the state of missions worldwide.

Children's program

While adults were nurtured spiritually, their children were well-cared for by a group of volunteers who enjoy teaching young boys and girls. Age appropriate curriculum was developed and presented during the morning and evening sessions. Judy Gallagher, a CMML office volunteer, and Joy Delzer, a former MK from Bolivia, taught the middle-school-age MKs. Capitalizing on the Olympics, they chose to focus on the spiritual characteristics of God's champions by examining the lives of Paul, Joseph, Esther, Peter and others from Scripture. During the evening sessions, videos from the Torchlighter series *Heroes of the Faith* were shown and featured compelling testimonies from the lives of Eric Liddell, Jim Elliot and Gladys Aylward. Another former MK, Emily Vargas, volunteered to teach the younger children. For Emily, it was a great joy to come back and serve at this conference since she was among the many who attended as a child and was now giving back some of what she experienced. Sharon Luibrand, sister of missionary Steve Luibrand, was a great help to Emily. Stu and Michelle Modrzejewski, longtime volunteers at this conference, helped with the teen program.

Above: Attendees group photo.

Afternoon outings

Kathy M. (MPH Day 15, Ireland) organized a wide variety of outings for those wishing to explore the region. Hikes, a visit to a nearby castle, and shopping were among the choices. Of course there was swimming at the pool, biking trails to ride and afternoon naps that many found most beneficial. Dr. Tom Marinello (MPH Day 16, Netherlands) led a rigorous hike up a nearby mountain trail with a breathtaking view of the lake.

Seminars

Dr. Paul Rabideau, an elder at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel in New Jersey, gave two sessions on the topic of addiction while CMML provided three seminar sessions on missionary safety and security. Both topics were well attended. Paul also conducted informal seminars in smaller interest groups as well as on a one-on-one basis.

Missionary reports

Jerry Mattix (MPH Day 29, Special Areas) organized the time given for missionary reports. The evening sessions were designated for missionaries to give a very brief report followed by a time to pray for the work and the worker. It takes an immense amount of courage to share times of distress and defeat but doing so opened the way for fellow missionaries to not only pray but to come alongside and encourage one another. The value of these evening sessions is summarized by comments shared by John and Mariana Dobrovat, newly commended workers in Romania and first-time attendees to this conference.

We drove three days to get to the conference and it was so, so worth it. We had a passionate speaker filled with the Holy Spirit and testimonies every morning and evening. Some were very encouraging and some were not, but we learned from each and every one of them. We went there with a heart like a sponge, thirsty to hear God speak to us, eager to learn from the experience of other missionaries that have been on the field for many years. We made good contacts and left with a boost of zeal for the work of the Lord.

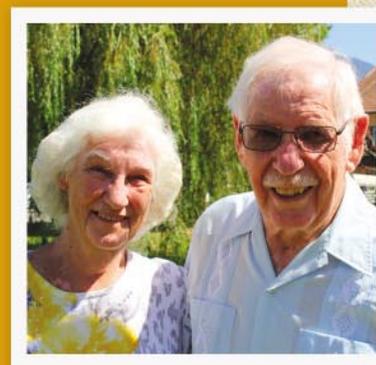
We met brothers and sisters that smuggled Bibles into our country of Romania during the communist years. They would travel as tourists by train and bring in spiritual bread along with sugar, cooking oil and other food staples. The fellowship with these saints was like a reunion in heaven and I would often wipe my tears the first couple of days. John and I thanked these precious saints for risking their lives for the people in Romania.

I wonder how many people we will meet in heaven that have prayed for us, have sent us letters and gifts of encouragement when we most needed them, but chose to remain anonymous. John and I have been encouraged to pray more faithfully for the saints and to pour our lives out for the Lord and His children.

Pray and encourage

CMML and MSC are among some of the service agencies that provide support for this retreat. We are grateful to the many who volunteer their time and help with finances to give our missionaries necessary rest and refreshment. If you'd like to help with this conference, please contact the CMML or MSC office. And please pray for our workers in Europe! ■

Philip Parsons, CMML assembly relations and missionary care.



From top: Judy Gallagher (left, back) and Joy Delzer (right, back) with their students; Chateau de Duingt and Lake Anecny; Bea and Willi Gyger (MPH Day 25); The Cara family (MPH Day 15).



CMML's Security Information and Advisory Service

A New Way to Serve Those Who Serve

BY ROBERT DADD

Throughout church history there has always been strong, and at times violent, opposition to the Gospel. Many of the early believers faced imprisonment, beatings and even death. Our Lord Jesus Christ warned the disciples to be prepared for this in Matthew 10:16: "Behold I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

The opposition continues today, especially in some parts of the world where there is a growing need to be concerned about missionary security. The world is a vastly different place today than even five years ago. Terror attacks are more widespread, kidnappings have risen dramatically and once stable governments are collapsing. It is important that missionaries

"Behold I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

have the proper tools in place to deal with these new and difficult challenges, so they can remain in their fields of service long term.

In light of current conditions, early in 2016 CMML launched a security information and advisory service for commended assembly workers abroad and their sending assemblies. CMML remains committed to serve those called by the Lord to all corners of the globe. The new security information and advisory service supports the workers CMML serves and the organization itself.

Five key components

Clear policies, helpful training opportunities, an up-to-date database, important risk assessments and supportive counseling comprise CMML's new security information and advisory service.

1 Security and child protection policies

These two policies provide guidance to elders, missionaries and CMML when addressing security concerns. They also deal with issues of protecting children from abuse.

2 Training

CMML provides training recommendations for missionaries. These training courses are not requirements but recommendations based on the best current thinking and information. If it is beyond the means of the commending assembly and missionary to afford this training, CMML is willing to subsidize the cost.

3 Security database

It is very important to have accurate and up-to-date information on missionaries. CMML's newly developed security database will help keep accurate records that will be useful for all in the event of a crisis.

4 Risk assessment

CMML seeks to help workers in their risk assessment by sending out alerts and notices from the U.S. government and other well-respected organizations who deal with security issues around the world. CMML's security manager is available upon request to visit missionaries to help with site assessments and risk mitigation.

5 Counsel

CMML's staff is available to counsel missionaries on their security questions and concerns and to provide a listening ear and source of advice in times of difficulty. CMML keeps a list of recommended evangelical Christian counseling facilities that can help missionaries in times of need. CMML has created from U.S. assemblies a list of trained individual counselors who have agreed to provide care in areas such as returning home, family issues, PTSD, burnout, depression, and other issues.

Supportive role

This activity does not change the relationship between CMML, assemblies and missionaries. Missionaries are still commended by local assemblies to whatever area the Holy Spirit has called them to. The CMML security effort is designed to keep missionaries and assemblies informed about the issues in their countries of service and to have

tools in place to help in times of need. Additionally, we want missionaries and assemblies to know CMML is able to provide support and counsel upon request in times of difficulty. In the end, all decisions regarding worker safety, security and longevity are in the hands of the missionary and their commending assembly.

Our goal

Our prayerful hope is that our sovereign Lord will use this service to enable missionaries to serve longer and more safely in increasingly hostile environments for the furtherance of

the Gospel. The goal is to help missionaries have the tools necessary to make wise decisions as they navigate these difficult times. This is just another way CMML can continue “serving those who serve.”

Learn more

For more information about CMML’s security information and advisory service and CMML’s vision for serving missionaries, please contact Craig Fritchey at ccfritchey@cmml.us. ■

Robert Dadd, CMML president

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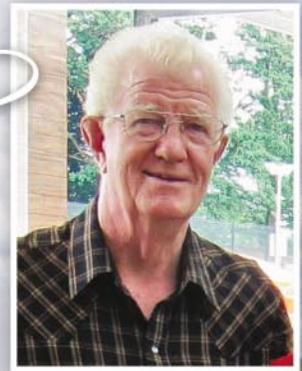
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Home with the Lord

Robert Burns Young

Missionary to Zambia • August 6, 1935—June 20, 2016



Born into a Christian home in Long Beach, California, Bob trusted the Savior at his mother's knee when he was about five years old. When he was 13 his family moved to Atascadero, California, where Bob's father helped to establish an assembly. Bob was an active witness among his high school friends and began to have a desire to serve the Lord in whatever way He might lead.

Shortly after Bob graduated from high school in 1952, the Logan family from Zambia passed through Atascadero, and he heard God's call to step out in faith to help carry the Gospel to Zambia. With the commendation of his local elders, he sailed with the Logans to Africa. He was only 17 but going out in fellowship with seasoned missionaries proved to be of the Lord. He was young enough to grasp the Luvale language quickly and accurately, an ability which became a tremendous help in translation work later on.

On arrival at Chavuma, Bob became involved in various building projects, becoming somewhat of an expert helping to erect the chapel and hospital and other buildings at Chavuma Mission. With a group of local workmen he would start the day with a Bible reading and a short message, a practice that he continued all his life. Many trace their salvation or spiritual growth to this time spent together in the Word.

In 1955 Bob married Viola Logan. Together they served the Lord at Chavuma where they raised their four children who remember the times spent around the Word each day as a family. They are grateful to have been taught that God's Word is essential for making decisions in life.

In 1959 Bob, together with David Croudace, commenced the first youth camp on the banks of the Zambezi River. Two hundred young boys, accompanied by their Sunday school teachers, attended. The teachers were thrilled with this new way to reach young people. There were only grass shacks to accommodate everyone, but later Bob and Paul Logan constructed more permanent buildings. Others were inspired and eventually camps were started at Chitokoloki, Kabompo, Mwinilunga and elsewhere. Girls' camps soon followed and today all over Zambia one finds Christian homes, preachers, Bible teachers, elders and new assemblies—many of which are the result of the camp work.

In 1975 the family returned to the States for the education of their children. Bob became the principal of a Christian school in Atascadero while Viola taught in the same school. Later, he was commended as a full-time worker to an assembly in Hayward, California. While there, they began the needed work of helping those with marriage problems. In 1987, after returning to Zambia, they were used of God in a similar capacity. Today, many look back to the godly advice given by Bob and Viola, which helped save their marriages from shipwreck.

Bob continued to serve at Chavuma after Viola's home call in 1998. In December 2000, he married Beth Sushereba from Philadelphia. Some months later he and Beth were asked to take over the headmastership and kitchen responsibilities of Sakeji School, which was being reorganized under a new board. They spent three happy years there and were much appreciated by the children and the new board.

Bob invested much time guiding and encouraging young men in the Word of God, and he leaves behind a respected group of leaders who are now elders, evangelists and Bible teachers in the assemblies in and around Chavuma.

In later years, Bob was involved with revising the Luvale Bible. As a member of the translation team, his modern and colloquial Luvale, together with his humble spirit, was greatly appreciated and his contribution will be sadly missed. Thankfully, the New Testament is now almost ready for publication.

One of his final building projects had long been a burden on his heart—a place where elderly widows, who had been falsely accused of being witches, could find refuge, comfort and spiritual help. He built a seven-room block for these dear women.

After 76 years of walking with his Lord, Bob is now at home with Him, having heard those wonderful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Bob is survived by his wife Beth, who remains at Chavuma, and his four children, Daniel and Elaine (in the USA) and Janette and Margie (teaching at Sakeji School) as well as 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

We thank the Lord for His humble servant who will be missed by so many of us who knew him, worked with him, and loved him.

DAVID AND GRACE CROUDACE, BETH YOUNG,
JANETTE YOUNG AND MARGIE YOUNG