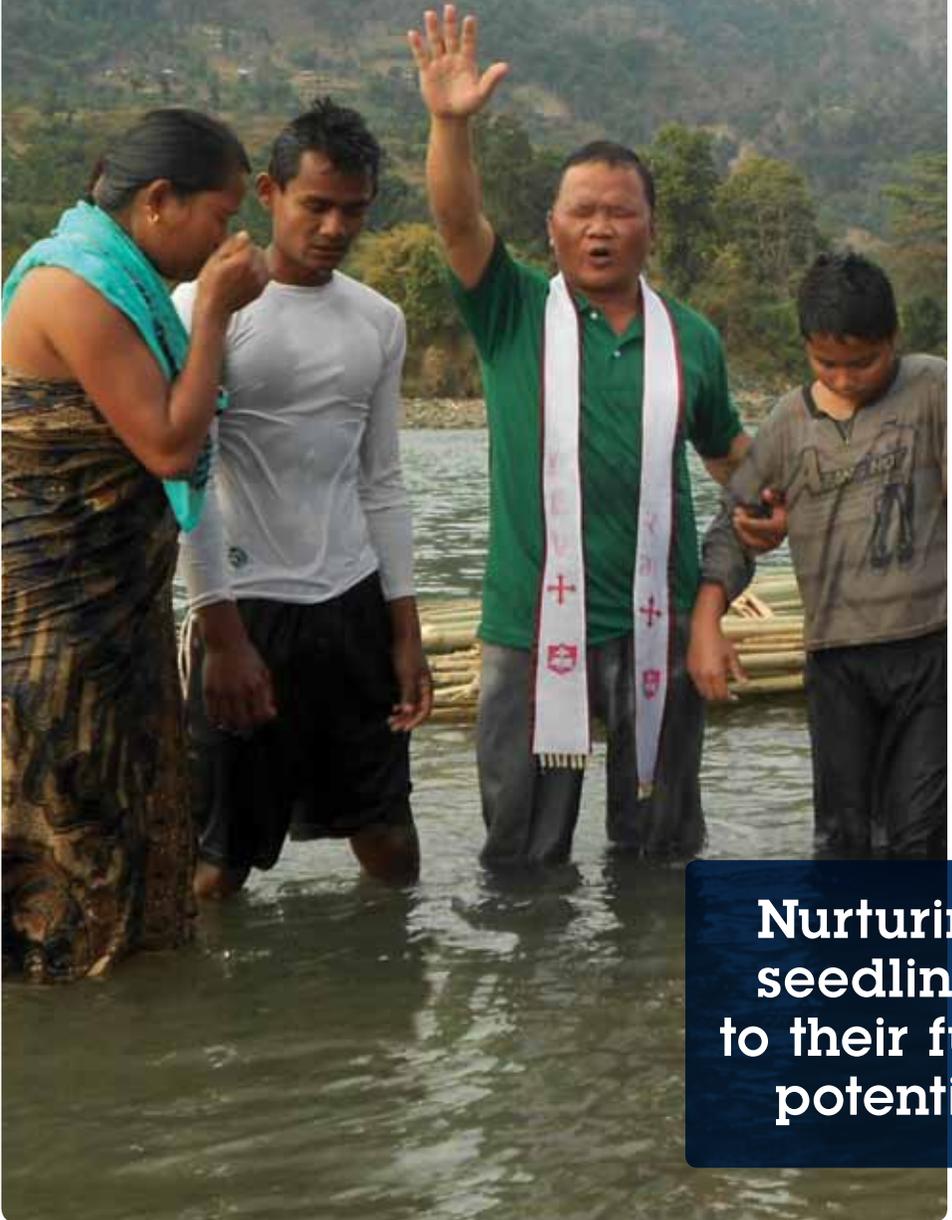


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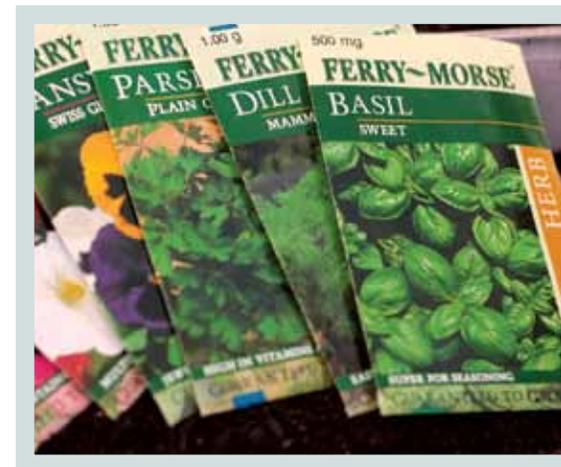
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Planting The Seeds of The Gospel



– by Randy Sizemore,
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I'M FASCINATED BY those little packets of flower and vegetable seeds that are beginning to show up in grocery and department stores. They are like little works of art. They are so attractive in their safely sealed packaging that a person could display them on his coffee table to enjoy the full color illustration of their flower or fruit on the front or even delight in the details of the planting and growing instructions on the back! However, experiencing the seed's true miraculous potential requires some risk. We must remove these precious seeds from their protective package and plant them in the ground, far beyond our sight and our ability to keep them safe. Of course we know by experience that when we are willing to invest good seed in good ground we will reap a good harvest. Scripture teaches us that what is true in nature is also true in the Kingdom of God. In this issue you will read of missionaries, church planters, international churches, local congregations and individuals who are planting the seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a variety of soils around the globe trusting our Heavenly Father to germinate them. The great news of the Good News is that as these seedlings sprout from the soil we have the awesome privilege of coming along side them to nurture them to their full potential! 🌱



Ministry to MUSLIMS in the USA



By Rev. Dr. David Dick

ISLAM IN THE USA IS A GROWING PHENOMENON. Since the epoch 911 event when radical Islamist extremists attacked the NYC World Trade Center and nearly 3,000 American citizens lost their lives, Islam as a religion, and Muslim as followers of Islam, have occupied an inordinate amount of space in our news, whether it is printed, digital or multi-media. How are we to react, relate, and respond to this growing phenomenon? Should we bristle and turn our backs? Should we go out of our way to confront the Muslim in our neighborhood? Should they all be lumped into one huge bucket and step back to let God sort it all out?

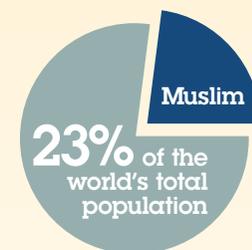
WHERE WE ARE:

There are approximately 375 million Buddhist; 975 million Hindu, and nearly twice that many, or 1.6 to 1.7 billion Muslim around the world, representing nearly 23% of the world's total population. 85% of these Muslim have never met an authentic Bible-believing, faith-filled, obedient follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. All they know about Christians is what they see portrayed on TV, in movies, and through daily newscasts originating from the western media. Therefore, they think Christians are generally materialistic, hedonistic, secularists, living agnostic-narcissistic, ego-centric lives. Eight out of ten Muslim have never read their own Holy Book, and most do not follow the Five Pillars of the Islamic faith with the exception of corporate prayer participation in local Mosques during their high holy days, such as Fridays, and the annual month-long Ramadan fast. Even then, they are more like nominal Protestants and Catholics in pursuing their religious disciplines. Slightly more than one-half dozen radical,

hate-filled extremist movements (*Al Shabab, Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Hamas, ISIS/L, Khorasan, et.al.*) are responsible for the rapid increase in terrorist violence and recurring barbarous atrocities escalating in the world today. As a result of 'Muslim on Muslim' violence, seven out of ten Muslim immigrants to Western Europe, and North America are fleeing from this kind of radicalism and outright persecution. Most nominal Muslim, as described above, are questioning if this is really what they signed up for when they self-identified as Muslim. Is this the kind of Muslim with whom they want to be identified? Is this the kind of Islam they want portrayed to the world?

The EC Church was founded to reach a particular immigrant population of the USA. When Jacob Albright inquired with Francis Asbury about joining the Methodist movement, Asbury encouraged Albright establish his own ecclesiastical fellowship to reach out among his own German speaking immigrant population. Today the EC Church, so well assimilated into the Anglo speaking population, endeavors to reach the lost wherever they are found, whether around the world, or across the street. We will continue to focus on the lost, whether they are Buddhist, Hindu, or nominalists of any and all stripes, but we especially need to reach Muslim. Islam is the last major challenge facing the Church. Islam is growing at the rate of about 2.9% annually, faster than the total world population which increases at the rate of about 2.3% annually. In many instances, our free and democratic society is experiencing a dramatic demographic shift, similar to what South Africa experienced following the disbanding of the apartheid government. The mission field is showing up on our doorsteps. Some experts are predicting that in the next ten years we will personally know as many Muslim as we know Episcopalians today. Therefore, we dare not overlook or ignore this increasing opportunity to reach the lost. Nor should we attempt to engage this growing portion of the world accidentally or haphazardly.

Today in the USA, we have contact with somewhere between 7 and 9 million Muslim, and that number is growing. The EC Church in the USA has the opportunity to reach out to the nominal Muslim world that is struggling with their own identity as Muslim. When we visit local EC Church congregations and take a straw poll of how many among the congregation know Muslim people, approximately 1-5% raise their hands. That percentage is only going to grow, probably to 5-10%, in the next decade. Studies have



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demonstrated that the greater the majority of the population is Muslim the less receptive they are, and the more vocal and demanding they become. Today in the USA, they are a minority, they are near, they are receptive, and they are seeking. There has never been a better opportunity to safely reach out to Muslim than in the USA today than at any other time over the last 1,400 years.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO:

The EC Church desires to reach out more strategically, intentionally, and effectively to the existing Muslim population currently living within the sphere of our local congregations, communities, counties, and cities. We want to do so in effective ways, developing authentic and genuine interpersonal relationships, and using Christ-like, love-filled, trust-based interpersonal relationship approaches. The Lord being our Helper, we want to extend our current witness into those Muslim enclaves who are living nearby with existing EC Church congregations. God helping and directing, we want to enhance interpersonal relationships and outreach

to Muslim neighbors through the use of friendship evangelism and “building bridges of trust that will bear the weight of truth.”¹

HOW WE WILL GET THERE:

Every local EC Church congregation which has nearby Muslim neighbors has the opportunity to approach them and simply ask: “How can we help you?” We can garner more corporate credibility and gain more ‘interpersonal relationship’ based experience and expertise, if we simply take on the role of a friend or neighbor. We will disarm their stereotypes and diminish their defenses, if we show ourselves to be friendly and non-threatening. A local EC Church member asked me one

time following a service about how he should interpret the ‘cold-shoulder’ response he received when he opened the door for an obviously Muslim lady who was entering the same store where he was visiting. Her indifference and lack of any noticeable appreciation put him off and he was wondering what he did to seemingly offend her so deeply, simply through his gesture of kindness. I explained that in the worldview and cultural mores of the Muslim, gender roles are very clearly defined, and unless the male is a member of the female’s immediate family, one dare not expect any reciprocal acknowledgement of courtesy because of the strict separation of gender. For her to acknowledge his gesture would have been tanta-

mount to ‘flirtation’ and potentially bringing ‘shame’ and ‘dishonor’ into her nuclear family unit. That does not mean that on another occasion in another circumstance a similar courtesy would be received with similar apparent disdain, because Islam is not monolithic, nor are all Muslim similarly so circumspect, but in general, the worldview and cultural mores will bring dissonance into our social interaction, unless we are well informed and our expectations are aligned accordingly. We can strategically and intentionally sharpen our focus and active engagement with the lost, wherever they are found, but especially among the nearly 23% of the world’s population who self-identify as Muslim. And especially those who live in and near our own neighborhoods.

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WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE WHEN WE ARRIVE:

The EC Church has the vision to know Christ and to make Him known, to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that men, women, and children of every tribe, tongue, people group, and nation may experience saving faith in Christ, helping to achieve the vision John the Revelator recorded in Revelation 5:9: “*You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood purchase for God, members of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*” (TNIV) As God enables us to fulfill this vision, we see the EC Church contributing to the Church Universal around the world participating together to leverage the limited resources that God has given the entire Church to obey the Great Commandment and fulfill the Great Commission.

We always need to remind ourselves of the high cost required in engaging in such a vision. The cost of discipleship serving among Muslim populations in many parts of the world will bring us face to face with suffering and persecution on levels and in ways perhaps never before known or experienced in the history of the EC Church. Yet, we’ll be that much closer to fulfilling the vision of Revelation 5:9 because of that willingness to pay the price. We’ll be that much closer to the fulfilling the promise Jesus Himself gave in Matthew 24:14 “*And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*” Even so, come Lord Jesus, come. So whatever it takes, we must be willing to count the cost and pay the price if we are to obey the Great Commandment and fulfill the Great Commission among Muslim. 🌍

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8 out of 10

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Delaware Missions Brunch – A DELICIOUS HIT!

THE ANNUAL Mission Leaders brunch for the Delaware Region saw two changes this year; first, we changed the name to just the Delaware Missions Brunch. We wanted anyone who was interested in hearing about EC Missions to know that they were welcome.

The second change was to move it from a weekday to a Saturday morning. Granted, this was a gamble, but we had several folks tell us that they would love to come but they worked and couldn't take time off to attend. So for 2015, both the Delaware and Susquehanna Mission Brunches will be held on a Saturday. We may alternate each year between a weekday morning and a Saturday morning so everyone has a chance to come.

With the change to a Saturday came the discovery that most restaurants were already booked and had no spare rooms for groups (guess lots of folks like to eat out on a Saturday morning!) Hope Community EC Church in Fogelsville graciously agreed to host. Over 40 people enjoyed a delicious brunch menu of mini-omelets, home fries, juice, creamed chipped dried beef on toast, fresh fruit and pastry bar. Something for everyone, and all for a donation!

GMC Director Rev. Randy Sizemore brought an update on our international churches as well as updates on EC missionaries. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and information. The Susquehanna Region Mission Brunch will be held on October 24th, so watch for more information and save the date! 🌐

First Combined Buckeye / Allegheny Districts Mission Brunch Held

SINCE WE WERE TRYING all sorts of new things this year, we decided to try a combined missions brunch for our Buckeye (Ohio) and Allegheny (western PA) districts as well. GMC Director Rev. Randy Sizemore and his wife Carla shared updates on our international churches, missionaries and our Missionary Prayer Partners program on Monday, March 16th. Our Wedgewood Park EC Church in Youngstown, Ohio graciously hosted the brunch. Over 20 folks took advantage of the opportunity to have food and fellowship with each other while learning more about our EC Missions program. 🌐



Missionaries + Kids + Fun = MMK RALLY!



A GROUP OF 76 children ages 5-12 and adults gathered on Saturday, March 7th for the annual spring Mission Minded Kids rally. This year the rally was held at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown. The theme was 'Serving an Awesome God', and the children learned that they too can use their gifts and share God's Good News with their friends and family.

Missionaries Jamie Farr, Marcia Hopler, and Kitty Miller all led sessions; the children also learned about the work of Bible translation and how to pray for some people groups that do not yet have the scriptures in their heart language. There were crafts, good food (homemade mac & cheese!



Yum!) and activities. Each child could select a curio (souvenir) from one of our international fields or a country where our missionaries serve, as a reminder of all that EC Missions encompasses. The program ended with a presentation from Trinity Kids Alive and a giant Jenga prayer tower.

The MMK Rally is held the first Saturday of March each year. If you have children ages 5 through 6th grade in your church, please contact the GMC office so you can receive advance information about next year's rally. 🌐



Japan

PLANTING SEEDS OF THE GOSPEL IN JAPAN:

SINCE GRADUATING from a mission conference of the Global Ministries Commission to a National Conference of the Evangelical Congregational Church in 2014, the EC Church of Japan has increased their efforts in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the greater Tokyo area. The Fuchinobe Community Church plant has embraced an outreach strategy that involves a cycle of hosting parenting courses, Alpha courses and marriage courses. They are dubbing the marriage course outreach, "Vision 100". This strategy involves taking 100 Japanese pastors through the Alpha Marriage Course in 2015 in order to bless them and equip them for great outreach through this ministry. Church planters Tomoyuki and Jessica are praising God that they have been recently blessed with qualified and experienced help since Tim and Wakako moved to Sagamihara last March and are part of the ministry at Fuchinobe. Tim is an American missionary who worked with Nobuo and the EC Church of Japan many years ago and has returned to the area. He is married to Wakako and together they have two children. Tim and Wakako's friend



Denise also travels to Japan each summer and is assisting Fuchinobe's outreach in English ministry. Tomoyuki and Jessica have also established a connection with an American Church in Okinawa which sent a team to run the English Camp outreach last summer.

Yoriyoshi and Emiko represent the next generation of church planting in Japan. In a recent newsletter they describe their first few months of ministry.



In 2014 we have gone through and exciting yet difficult transitional time: leaving the U.S. in September, returning to Japan, finding a place to live, working with EC Churches in Japan, starting a new ministry, traveling for evangelism, etc. During this time we have faced emotional and physical challenges, but by God's grace and your prayers we have been encouraged and overcome the difficulties. It is our joy to find God is leading and making paths for us every day.

Yoriyoshi & Emiko have established Kyodo Grace as their home church and are actively involved in the ministry there as they begin to seek and pray for God's direction in planting another congregation. Yoriyoshi will be working with the Billy Graham Evangelical Association and other pastors in an upcoming crusade in Tokyo in November 2015.

The anchor congregations of Kyodo Grace and Sagamihara Grace Chapel continue to engage their culture with the Gospel through the traditional means of worship, teaching, prayer and small group activities as well as day care ministries, new mother ministries, and other strategic outreach efforts.

The GMC is partnering with the EC Church of Japan in their church planting and evangelism efforts through prayer, finances and by sending ministry teams. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Japan as they engage their culture with Jesus in both word and deed.

If you would like to help financially support the work in Japan make your contribution payable to GMC, clearly marked, "Japan" and send it to the GMC office.



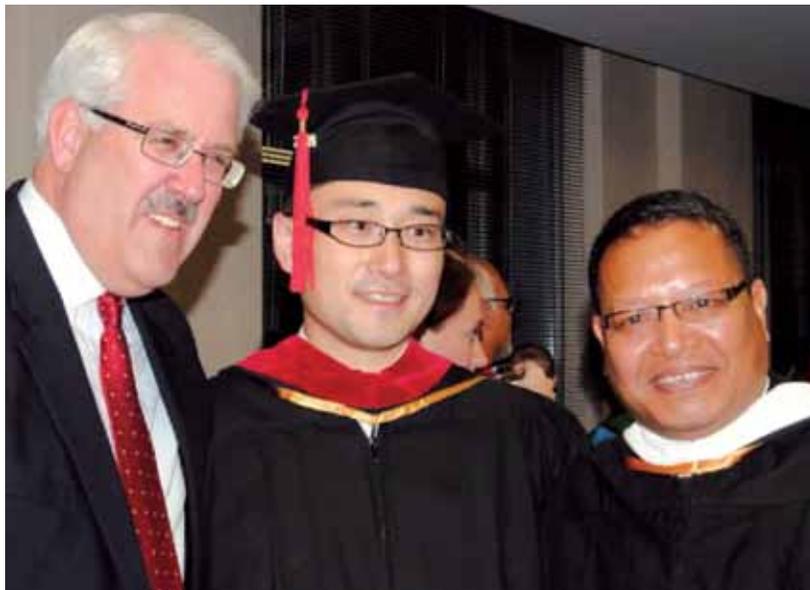
India



A PARTNERSHIP OF TRAINING AND EQUIPPING THE EC CHURCH OF INDIA

THE GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMISSION continues to partner with the National Conference of the EC Church of India in areas of training and missions. Through our partnership we were able to hold another regional missionary training conference in October 2014 where 118 mission workers gained valuable training in church leadership, communication, interpersonal relationships and the contextualization of the Gospel. Rev. Angam continues to serve as the General Director

(Bishop) of the EC Church of India, giving oversight to their 55,000 members who are being served by 497 pastors, missionaries and staff.



Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, Principal of their Evangelical College of Theology is making good progress on his PhD studies here in the USA. He plans to take his comprehensive exams in March and then return to India for a few months to begin interviews and research for his dissertation. We congratulate Lalrosiem on the honor of being the Commencement Speaker for Evangelical Seminary in 2014. What a joy to have a leader of the EC Church of India speak at the graduation of Yoriyoshi Abe, a pastor of our EC Church in Japan!



If you would like to partner with the GMC and the EC Church of India in training and equipping ministers of the Gospel, make your contribution to GMC, clearly marked "India" and send it to the GMC office.



Nepal

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF NEPAL

CHURCH LEADERS and those who study the movement of the Gospel around the globe are saying that Nepal has one of the fastest growing Christian church movements in the world. Former principal of the Nepal Ebenezer Bible College, Rev. Manoj Shrestha says, "If you come to Nepal, you will see many similarities between the church in Nepal and the first century church as described in the book of Acts". He is referring to how the church is growing in spite of persecution, the



excitement of believers and how the power of God is being demonstrated through healings and exorcisms. The EC Church in Nepal is experiencing this same exciting growth. Rev. Janga reports that in 2014 through the work of our 16 missionary pastors and local congregations there were 208 new converts, 183 baptisms and 4 new congregations established. A couples' seminar was held for the first time and a Vacation Bible School program was attended by over 100 children. The ministry goals for 2015 include establishing 8 new congregations while continuing construction of church buildings for existing congregations and further progress on the building of the Mercy Home/Church Office facility. Once again this year, the EC Churches in Nepal excelled in generosity as they designated the sum total of all the congregation's Christmas offerings to be sent through the GMC to aid their brothers and sisters in Liberia in their battle with the Ebola virus. Please be in prayer for Rev. Janga and Mercy and all of the Christians in Nepal who share Jesus in the midst of poverty and persecution.

If you would like to partner financially with Rev. Janga & Mercy and the EC Church of Nepal, make your contribution payable to GMC, clearly marked, "Nepal" and send it to the GMC office.



Mexico

THE MISSION OF THE EC CHURCH OF MEXICO MOVES FORWARD

REV. ELIAS MARTINEZ continues to give excellent leadership to the EC Church of Mexico as they mature into an effective witness for the Gospel in Mexico. This year Elias and his leadership team will be introducing the third phase in their progress toward becoming a National Conference. Phases one and two involved the development and implementation of a church governance manual. With that in place they are now ready to concentrate on developing the local pastors and their families. Elias has enlisted the help of his friend and mentor, Rev. Gilberto Chaverri, a highly respected and experienced "pastor to pastors", to help him lead the pastors and their spouses through an intensive personal and professional development course called, "Transforming Ministers" (Similar to our Pastoral Assessment Center). This year-long course is divided into different areas that build on each other, including personal discovery, spiritual retreats, personal transformation, building support among fellow pastors, family dynamics and the tools to ensure ongoing healthy ministry life. The first course has begun and Pastor Gilberto is pleasantly surprised at the enthusiasm of the pastors to participate and engage in personal development.



For the third year the EC Church of Mexico has hosted a mission trip to minister among the indigenous people groups in Southern Mexico. They are beginning to develop a trusting relationship with the villages and Elias shared that this year fifteen people came to the services with their Bibles and lesson booklets from last year ready to learn more! This year Elias brought USB memory sticks that plug into portable speakers with sermons and lessons so when the team leaves, the villagers can continue to learn. On the home front, construction on the newest church plant, Casa De Dios, has rapidly progressed to the point where it is ready for a roof! The good news is that all of the local EC Churches have contributed financially and many have worked hand in hand to see its swift progress. The challenging news is that the construction has happened so quickly it has out-paced our ability to raise the \$20,000 needed for the roof! We are well on our way with plans to send a work/ministry team of younger people this summer to help with the building of Casa De Dios and to build the next generation of relationships with our brothers and sisters in Mexico.

If you would like to partner with the EC Church of Mexico in their church planting efforts make your contribution to GMC, clearly marked, "Mexico" and send it to the GMC office.



Liberia



A BRAVE RESPONSE TO THE EBOLA VIRUS IN LIBERIA

WITH CLEAR UNDERSTANDING of the risks to their own health, families and churches, the EC Church of Liberia has intentionally engaged in the prevention, spread and treatment of the Ebola virus among the marginalized people in the remote towns and villages who were not

benefitting from the relief efforts centered in the major population areas. We are thankful that the World Health Organization is reporting a significant reduction in new cases and we are hopeful that the virus will soon be contained. The global EC Church continues to partner together in prayer and financial support of Ebola response teams sent out by the EC Church of Liberia. Once the virus is contained the need for care will continue in slightly different ways. Many orphaned children will need to be cared for until being placed with families. Those who have been cured of the virus need to be reintegrated back into their families and villages. Continuing education regarding proper sanitation and healthy behavior is needed to prevent another outbreak of the virus. As the virus is contained, many of the medical and humanitarian agencies currently helping will withdraw from Liberia leaving the bulk of the ongoing care to the Liberians. Since Liberia's government does not have adequate resources to help its people a large majority of the work will be taken up by the churches in Liberia, including the Evangelical Congregational Church. Because of the significant reduction in new Ebola cases, the EC Church of Liberia was given permission to hold a smaller, "executive

version" of their Annual Conference sessions at the end of January to ensure the forward momentum of the mission of the church and their progress in fulfilling the requirements to graduate from a mission conference of the GMC to a National Conference of the Evangelical Congregational Church. Please continue to keep the EC Church of Liberia in prayer as they continue to minister the Good News of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. 🙏



If you would like to contribute to the ongoing work of the EC Church of Liberia, make your contribution to GMC, clearly marked "Liberia" and send it to the GMC office.





short stops Grace Community Church OF WILLOW STREET

1. DOBRENI, ROMANIA

(sponsored jointly with Lancaster Evangelical Free Church)

June 17–July 1

Purpose and mission: The team will travel to a privately run orphanage which is home to approximately 20 children. The team will be responsible for conducting a 2 week Vacation Bible School style program consisting of Bible lessons and craft activities for the children. Lessons are typically held in the morning with afternoons free to spend time playing with the children. Evening worship time is also held with the children several times each week. On Sundays we attend local churches. The team may also visit families in the local village. A day of sight seeing is typically planned as well.

2. CANYON FALLS, KENTUCKY

June 20–27

Purpose and mission: This team will travel to the Appalachia region of Kentucky to work and minister in a number of ways at the Canyon Falls EC Church and the surrounding community. There will be maintenance and repair work on the homes of economically disadvantaged families as well as some repair projects to the Canyon Falls church buildings. The team will also deliver food to homes throughout the community, and a three day Vacation Bible School will be offered at the Canyon Falls EC Church.

3. IRELAND

July 17–28

Purpose and mission: This team will travel to Irish towns to do evangelistic outreach ministry among youth. The outreach will include athletic and social activities as well as times of worship, Bible teaching, and drama. The focus will be relationship building and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. The team will work with and through Adventures in Mission, a mission that is actively ministering throughout Ireland.

– Rev. Mike Sigman

short stops Faith EC Church LANCASTER, PA

A group of 12-15 from Faith Church will be traveling to **Kenya** to serve at Rift Valley Academy with Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus from July 27-August 6, 2015.

Some individuals from Faith Church will also be participating on a discipleship and outreach backpacking trip through Europe with Live 10:27 Ministries in July/August 2015.

– Rev. Joel Kime

short stops Bethany EC Church TAMAQUA, PA

Tamaqua Youth Ministries are going on a missions trip to Big Creek Mission in **Bear Branch, KY**. While there they will be doing construction, children's ministry, and community outreach. The trip is June 14-20. Currently there are 23 people registered to go.

– Rev. Kevin Roberts

short stops Grace EC Church AKRON, PA

This June, Ablaze youth group will be going to **Alcora, Spain** to serve God in an amazing way. There will be 9 High School students and 5 youth leaders going to help serve with missionaries B.J. and Rachel Whitaker in Alcora, Spain. Our team will be running an English camp for the week we are there. The theme of the camp will be American Sports. Hosting English camps is one way the Whitakers build relationships with the local people and how they can start sharing about God and His great love for them. We are very excited to be God's hands and feet in Spain. Our prayer request as a team is for God to use us for building His Kingdom and for God to stretch us and help grow our own spiritual walk with Him.



short stops **Trinity EC Church**
LITITZ, PA

will be taking a group of teens and adults to **Newfane, NY** from July 5-11 to work on repairing homes as part of a Reach Workcamp. – *Rev. Ryan Taylor*

short stops **Zion EC Church**
PITMAN, PA

is organizing a team to work with Men for Missions in **Haiti** the week of August 1-8. Anyone interested in joining a team who will be building a home for Haitians affected by the 2010 earthquake can contact Deb Heim at 570-648-3087 or debheim53@yahoo.com by April 15.

short stops **Bethesda EC Church**
REEDSVILLE, PA

July 5-10 – Local Work Camp – Bethesda Youth Ministries will be working with the Schuylkill Haven School District and Schuylkill Haven Borough to create this local work camp opportunity. Both exterior and interior work at the SHSD and throughout the borough will be implemented by students in 6-12 grades in addition to adult chaperones. – *Rev. Mark Brooks*
July 18-26 – Trinidad Connection – six students and two adults will be traveling to southern Trinidad in order to do children’s ministries with local churches. This group will be working with Brad and Maxine Waldman of Caribbean Children’s Ministry Network.

short stops **People’s EC Church**
EAST WEISSPORT, PA

This summer, the week of July 12, ten Short Termers will travel to **Nashville TN** to work in the community as an outreach of Group Work camps. Among the tasks they will undertake will be working in nursing homes, daycare centers, construction projects, and homeless shelters. The team, five adults and five teens, are hoping that, through their efforts, people may come to know the love of Jesus.

– *Pastor Ken Ogden*

short stops **Trinity EC Church**
MANHEIM, PA

has a Mini-Mission Work Trip planned for June 2015. This four day trip will be to **Twin Pines Camp** in the Pocono Mountains to assist in preparation for the summer camping season. Our group is expected to be up to 12 Youth and adults who will clear trails for emergency vehicles, paint, rake and do general clean-up as the Camp requests. The purpose of the trip is to provide an opportunity for our Teens to do something constructive for others while expecting nothing in return in a Christian fellowship venue.

– *Loren Gochnaurer*



On the evening of June 16, 2014, 11 people from Northeastern Lancaster County embarked on an adventure which would prove to be life-changing for all involved. They spent the next 7 days on the grounds of the Children’s Village in **Cyvadier (Jacmel), Haiti**. The Hands and Feet Project is a mission based on providing care to orphaned and abandoned children in Haiti with the love of Christ. While in Haiti, the group was able to paint the outside of a building, help with laying a foundation of what will become living quarters, install central airconditioning, repair plumbing, and most importantly, love on the children and full-time missionaries who reside in the village. During some periods of free time the group got to experience the open-air street markets, Port of Jacmel, swimming in a beautiful cove, and worshipping on the beach with other long-term missionaries. Members of the team experienced growth, emotional and spiritual as individuals and as a group. – *Scott Kimbel*

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