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A Global Christmas

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

I know, I know. “Shelly, it’s only October! Do you have to remind us that Christmas is right around the corner?” The answer is, “Yes, I do.” Not only is it part of my job to remind you, but I would do it anyway because Christmas truly is the most wonderful time of the year!

“It’s your job?” you ask? Yup. I am tasked to remind you that each year One Child Fund (OCF) and Global Missions look to you to help raise enough funds for each of our children’s homes and orphanages so that every child receives a Christmas meal, a new outfit, a new toy, and for each national bishop to receive a monetary Christmas love offering.

For the children in our care as part of OCF, some may get to go to a fun park and drive go-carts, others may have a special treat, like ice cream. All of them will take the time to celebrate God sending His Son, Jesus, to earth for all of us.

Please send your tax-deductible financial gifts earmarked for OCF Christmas or Global Christmas by December 9, 2024. This gives the children’s home and orphanage directors time to get gifts and food. You can donate online, by phone, or by mail. Visit globalcogop.org or call 423-559-5209 to make a gift using a credit card or send a check or money order to the address below.

If you choose to dedicate your gift to the One Child Fund and would like a Christmas ornament for the first time, please note that on your donation.

Shelly Wilbanks
GLOBAL MISSIONS MINISTRIES

Don’t Forget
Giving Tuesday is December 3rd!
All donations go to OCF Food Aid.

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WE BELIEVE in the Holy Trinity—one God, eternally existing in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, the Father, creator of heaven and earth, of all things seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is true God and true man. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered, died, was buried, and on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, and He will return to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who eternally proceeds from the Father. He is Teacher, Comforter, Helper, and Giver of spiritual gifts. Through Him the saving and sanctifying works of Jesus Christ are applied to the life of believers. He is the empowering presence of God in the life of the Christian and the church. The Father has sent His Son to baptize with the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues and bearing the fruit of the Spirit are New Testament signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross and that He died in our place. The believer's sins are forgiven by the shedding of His blood. We believe that healing of mind, body, soul, and spirit is available to the believer through the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe in one baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the grace of God brings forgiveness and reconciliation to those who repent, as well as transformation in holiness, enabling them to live a Christ-like life. Sanctification is both a definite work of grace and a lifelong process of change in the believer brought by the blood of Jesus, the Word of God, and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in one holy, universal church, composed of all true believers in Jesus Christ, offering fellowship and calling for service to men and women of all races, nations, cultures, and languages. We believe in the spiritual and ultimate visible unity of the church.

We believe that the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—is the inspired Word of God. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself and His will to humankind, sufficient for instruction in salvation and daily Christian living. The Bible is the Christian's rule of faith and practice.

We believe that God will ultimately reconcile all things in heaven and earth in Christ. Therefore, we look forward to new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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The Church of God of Prophecy is a vibrant, worldwide body of believers, united in worship, working hand-in-hand to share God's love and a message of hope to the brokenhearted. The organization has more than a million members and more than 10,000 ministers, worshiping in more than 10,000 churches or missions in 135 nations of the world.

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- Prayer
- The Harvest
- Leadership Development
- Biblical Stewardship
- Service

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Reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit

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FACING *FORWARD*

God always calls his people and his church to "face forward" and not to look back, no matter how difficult or treacherous the journey may be. Jesus certainly demonstrated a determination to face forward in his own life. Luke 9:51 says that when the time was approaching that he would be crucified, Jesus "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." In other words, he did not turn back or cower in fear. A few verse later, in Luke 9:62, Jesus emphasized that anyone following him should exhibit this same quality when he said, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (NKJV). The men and women in the Bible who God used to do great things were those who were determined to walk with God, boldly facing the future, not running from it. When names like Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel, Hannah, Deborah, and Mary come to mind, one does not think of people who looked back with regret and fear, but rather as people who were always moving in a forward-facing direction with their heart attuned to the leading of the Spirit of God. On the other hand, the Scripture greatly condemns those who turn or desire to go back when the way forward seems to be a path of difficulty. That is what happened to the Israelites who mourned for the flesh pots of Egypt when things became hard and, consequently, they died in the wilderness without ever making it to the Promise Land.

The Church of God must be a forward-facing church that is determined to follow God wherever he may lead. We cannot look back and wish to return to how things used to be. We are living in a very different world than our forefathers. We must refuse to be afraid and choose to trust God instead of our feelings. As you read this issue of the *White Wing Messenger* dedicated to missions, you will encounter men and women living boldly and ministering under difficult circumstances. Read carefully, look at the pictures, watch the videos, and you will find stories of those who are determined to labor with God in building his kingdom. Many of them have had their lives threatened, some of them have been beaten, and they have often suffered great hardships economically, socially, and physically. Yet, they continue with the Lord's work, not looking back and not desiring to quit. Their faithfulness is an encouragement that should compel us all to greater works for the kingdom of God.

As always, thank you for your continued prayerful and financial commitment to Global Missions. Your support is another way of "facing forward." It is a testimony that you believe in what your brothers and sisters around the world are doing, and you show your faith when you uphold them in this manner. It is also an affirmation that we are "on mission" together to reconcile the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

BISHOP TIM McCALEB, DMIN
ASIA, AUSTRALIA, AND OCEANIA
GENERAL PRESBYTER

CONNECTIONS
Update on Rwanda

The government of Rwanda recently adjusted the legal requirements for church buildings. Currently, more than 8,000 churches from different denominations have been closed temporarily in order to fulfill requirements for safety renovations, and 43 ministries have been permanently closed.

All Church of God of Prophecy churches have been closed, except for four, with orders to finalize renovations within an expected time frame.

We thank God for his grace and mercy, and for the efforts being made so that our churches will be completed and opened again. Please pray with us that the government will be understanding and that our God will supply the need.

Picture 1: The church at Bunyonga needs to be refurbished with classrooms for activities to resume. The estimated amount needed is $20,000.

Picture 2: The church at Kirwa needs the exterior and interior renovated. The estimated cost is approximately $5,000.

Picture 3: The Karama parish is our national mother church and is in need of repairs and renovations. The estimated cost is $30,000.

Picture 4: The church at Murambi needs interior renovations of its cement and tiles. The estimate for these repairs is $2,000.

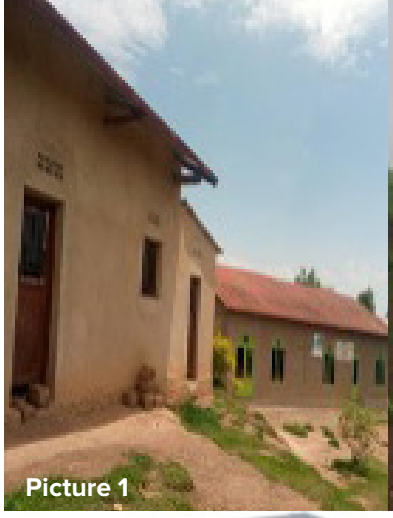
Picture 5: The church at Ruhuha needs interior and exterior restoration at an estimated cost of $6,000.

Picture 6: The church at Murinja needs renovations done to its interior, exterior, and to the water borehole, which provides water for the community. The estimated amount for the school is $4,500 and $2,000 for the water.

Picture 7: The school at Ruhuha has only two functioning classrooms. We must finish all of them. The estimate for this project is $3,500.

Picture 8: The church at Muza needs interior repair of cement and tiles. The estimated amount is $3,000.

Thank you for your prayers and your giving!
Redias Nkundabera
National Bishop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ON MISSION

OCTOBER MISSION DRIVE 2024

The recent International Assembly introduced a fresh focus on being "On Mission" with our fellowship's overarching global directives of "Reconciling the World to Christ Through the Power of the Holy Spirit."

Being "On Mission" is from the Latin term, *missio Dei*, meaning "the mission of God." In short, it means to live with purpose to fulfill what we have come to understand as the Great Commission. It reflects the very heart of evangelism in reconciling the world to the gospel of Christ.

Returning from an International Assembly for our team usually demands reclaiming the blessing of rest. It has been during this season of rest (interspersed with catching up) that I have reexamined the dramatic conversion of Paul on the road to Damascus found in Luke's account in Acts 9:1–19 and retold by Paul in Acts 22:6–21 and Acts 26:12–18.

Putting the three accounts together, this amazing testimony comes to life. Paul, known as Saul at that time, was traveling to Damascus with an authorized letter from the high priest in Jerusalem to arrest the disciples of Jesus. So furious was he against the followers of the Lord that he was "breathing out threatenings and slaughter" against them (Acts 9:1).

Suddenly, along the journey, a bright light shone on Saul, blinding him and immobilizing those with him. In this crisis conversion, Jesus called him by name asking him, "Why are you persecuting me?" While Saul recognized the authority of the voice, he asked that "he" might identify who "he" was. When Jesus identified himself as the very One Saul had been persecuting, the testimony reflects Saul's reaction of trembling and terror. His response was to ask what Jesus wanted him to do. The immediate response of Jesus in the narratives of Acts 9 and 22 was to have Saul go to Damascus where he would be told what to do.

This encounter reveals God's power to intervene in a person's life and initiate a radical, transformational impact that would endure a lifetime. It demonstrates the miraculous that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace and calling. Paul's "on mission" was forever altered as God called and enabled a great apostle to reach the Gentiles. This one experience of reconciliation to Christ birthed the insatiable desire to reach the world.

"Who are you, Lord?" Paul's first question must be desperately sincere. The conditions of the encounter reveal the authority of the One who has detained him and those who traveled with him. It is a heart of humility that requests the revelation of One so overpowering. Throughout the New Testament, Jesus clarified that he had come to reveal the Father. Jesus is the One who can answer this question. Paul devoted the rest of his life desiring to know more completely the answer to his question.

We read Paul's discourse in Philippians, chapter 3, of his own pre-conversion confidence in the fleshly pedigree as one prescriptively circumcised, "from the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee" (3:5 NKJV). He proceeds to expose his extreme zeal in righteousness by his life's compulsion to persecute those who were followers of one the Jews deemed a defiant cult rabbi in order to eradicate his expanding heretical doctrine (v. 6). Paul qualifies his miscalculation of being "on mission" as loss (dung, KJV) in comparison of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ (v. 8). He concludes his dialogue with pure desire on display: "That I may know him, and the power

of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" (v. 10).

"What do you want me to do?" Perhaps there are few of us who dare to really ask God Paul's second question. For Paul, there is a prepared response. He is called to be a chosen instrument "to proclaim my [Jesus'] name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel, [and] I will show him how much he must suffer for my name" (Acts 9:15–16 NIV).

There is much that could be said of Ananias' "on mission" part in Paul's conversion. I love that when the Lord speaks his name, unlike Paul, Ananias knows his voice. I am blessed that the Lord does not look for the highest office or appointment to visit, pray, and enlighten Paul; he simply calls a *certain disciple*. God loves to use ordinary people. Though Ananias expresses concerns, he proves to be a willing instrument. The instruction is specific: a street called Straight, the house of Judas, a man called Saul of Tarsus, one who is praying, and one who has envisioned you (vv. 11–12). The specificity is urgent as God charges Ananias to complete a dangerous task. God's direction is confirmation that he is leading and will be with him. Ananias prays and Saul is reconciled to Christ, healed, baptized, strengthened, and immediately begins to preach in the synagogues that Christ is the Son of God.

Paul's encounter with Christ on the Damascus Road initiated a radical transformational impact that shaped his entire ministry. It became the impetus of his comprehension of the gospel and his *missio Dei* to proclaim it to the Gentiles. His experiential confrontation with Christ became the foundation of his doctrine and influenced his writings, ultimately making him one of the most influential leaders in the early Christian movement.

Paul's conversion reminds us of the transformative power of encountering Christ and the potential for our own lives and ministries to be impacted. It demonstrates the power of God's intervention and reminds us that no one is beyond salvific hope. It also serves as a reminder that real transformation requires a deep encounter with God. It is not just about changing external appearances or behaviors but requires an inner change of heart, mind, and spirit. Finally, it reminds us that God is looking for people to cooperate in the conversion of others as a witness and testimony of Jesus Christ. He longs to reconcile the world to the gospel of Christ flowing through us to others by the Holy Spirit.

Paul's conversion experience propelled him into a life of mission and ministry. It challenges me to consider how I can use my own experiences and encounters with God to serve and impact the lives of others. What does he want you to do?

CATHERINE PAYNE, DMIN
GLOBAL MISSIONS COORDINATOR
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Assembly Mission Clothes Closet and Pastor Linnette Christian's Heart for Ministry

One of the highlights at the Assembly is the Mission Clothes Closet. The ministry encourages giving as well as gifting. Donors provide clean and gently used clothing no longer useful to them, and our mission workers "shop" to return to their nations with exciting, useful blessings of clothing for their people. I am uncertain how many years ago this amazing event was initiated; however, I have been blessed to oversee this active ministry in the more than 30 years of my service to the Lord at the International Offices.

Over the years we have been blessed with incredible coordinators who gave their time and effort to this ministry during the Assembly. They would direct the unpacking of the clothing and personal supplies brought from the Offices and the donors, display and work with those who came to "shop," and then pack up to return the best items to the Offices to be taken to the nations as we travel throughout the year. Over the years, some of the unusable items have been donated to nonprofit organizations to bless those in need in the cities where we celebrated Assemblies.

In 2012, Sister Linnette Christian made herself available to coordinate this ministry for Global Missions Ministries at the Assembly. She shared her heart concerning the ministry to which she had been called. She has now led this ministry effort in every International Assembly since that time. In her article, Linnette shares how she was called to this amazing ministry of service.

Currently she continues sending barrels of clothing and personal items for the nations year-round. She and those who work with her are touching lives throughout the world.

–Cathy Payne

My Journey Begins

I have served as a pastor for many years, and in that time, I have witnessed the struggles of individuals grappling with the high cost of living and striving to make ends meet. Many have confided in me, and I confess there were moments when their stories moved me to tears. The experiences were profoundly moving. My passion for working with others was deepened by my extensive travels due to my profession, which also provided opportunities to offer support to many. In certain countries, it was striking to see that numerous families were managing on a minimal budget, which

was insufficient for them to afford a nutritious meal, let alone three square meals a day. The sight of little children frequently crying from hunger deeply moved me, and I felt compelled to take action. I was profoundly touched by the Spirit of the Lord, who guided me to offer my assistance.

I started by collecting information in order to offer assistance later. As I continued to send aid to various countries, the word spread, attracting many benevolent people to the cause. The endeavor to deliver food, clothing, and household goods to impoverished families around the globe steadily garnered extensive attention and backing.

Passion Joins Mission

I began serving in the Mission Closet of the International Assembly around 2012, shortly after embarking on my pastoral journey. I must admit, it was among the most joyful periods of my ministry. It is what motivates me and what I excel at; it is my divine vocation. Just the thought of witnessing the smiles as people browse through the specially selected items and the awareness that attendees of the International Assembly will not leave empty-handed, but will depart the Closet with their goods and their wide smiles, fills my heart with indescribable joy.

The feedback I have received during my time at the Mission Closet has profoundly impacted my life. I have always seized the chance to gather details and broaden my global outreach. Occasionally, I note what people are searching for but have not found and delight them by delivering these items directly to their homes. Many have wept and recounted how these unexpected gifts have touched their lives.

I am willing to serve as long as the opportunity arises, for it is much better to serve with passion than to merely serve by appointment.

–Linnette Christian

CATHERINE PAYNE, DMIN
GLOBAL MISSIONS COORDINATOR

PASTOR LINNETTE CHRISTIAN
ASSEMBLY CLOTHES CLOSET

ASIA, AUSTRALIA, AND OCEANIA

A few months ago, a wonderful gathering of our people from all over the world converged at the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida. What a wonderful and joyful atmosphere ensued as the delegates from various nations greeted, embraced, and rejoiced with one another! With these encounters came stories of God's faithfulness through various trials and tribulations along with testimonies of spiritual victories. The delegates told of God's protection, his provision, and his providence. With this excitement of what God has done came a determination that each and every one was "On Mission," and this determination created a resolve to return to their respective fields of labor to continue the great work of harvesting souls in God's great work.

This gathering is a testimony of the Church of God of Prophecy's commitment to missions around the world. It has been part of our DNA from the time of our inception. In Asia, Australia, and Oceania (AAO), we have a great number of faithful men and women who are determined to be faithful witnesses of God's love and the message of his salvation. They have taken the gospel message and established churches where no other Christian witness is found. They labor in regions of the world inundated by idols, false religions, and governments hostile to Christ and his church. In Asia, many of the nations are steeped in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. I have seen people bowing down, singing, and dancing before idols, and others worshipping and giving offerings to cows. Our evangelists and pastors have had their lives threatened; some have been physically beaten. Many of their churches have been vandalized or burned, and oftentimes our people have been run out of villages by those who do not want to hear the gospel message. I have also seen the people at our churches and orphanages denied basic services such as electricity, schooling, food, and shelter simply because they are Christian. Yet, our COGOP leaders, pastors, and teachers continue to return again and again ministering to orphans, widows, the poor, and whoever will receive them. They give out clothing to the needy, feed the hungry, and dig water wells for hostile villages, all in a sincere effort to make the name of Christ known.

Thus, our churches are growing and new ones are being planted. Frequently, our leaders are sending photos of crusades, young people evangelizing in unreached areas, programs for children, prayers, and baptisms. Much of this mission work is made possible because of faithful churches and believers giving sacrificially month after month. On behalf of our people in the AAO region, please accept our sincerest gratitude for your love, sacrifice, prayers, and encouragements!

Prayer Needs

Persecution:
Many of our people are facing persecution. We have had several pastors who have been attacked and threatened in various nations and regions. A mob attacked and tried to kill our leader in Pakistan by setting him on fire. He and his family escaped by the grace of God. This COGOP pastor, David Prasad (**Picture 1**), in Gajularamaram, India, was beaten by a Hindu mob this past August and his church ransacked.

Pastoral Training:
Please pray for our efforts to train and bless our pastors. We are endeavoring to make the new Ministers Development Program by the Leadership Development and Discipleship Department (LDD) available to all our pastors, no matter how remote their homes or churches are.

Nepal video (Click to watch)

Picture 2: This precious lady worked at one of our orphanages in Myanmar. She was shot and killed by soldiers without any explanation. She was on her way to a Bible study and prayer meeting.

Philippines:
We have a great need in our Philippine orphanage. We have beautiful property, great workers, but we do not have enough sponsors, and we may have to reduce the number of children and/or cut our staff and services.

Philippine video (Click to watch)

Our two buildings can accommodate 30 children, but this is dependent on the available operational funds. Having more kids requires more caregivers, which takes the major slice of the funding.

Pictures 3 & 4: Presently, we have 17 kids with 12 caregivers rotating. For the time being, we are just giving the staff a love gift as an allowance.

Picture 5: Celebrating birthdays for the children in the orphanage

More about the orphanage can be seen on this **Facebook page.**

BISHOP TIM McCALEB, DMIN
ASIA, AUSTRALIA, AND OCEANIA GENERAL PRESBYTER

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NORTH AMERICA

Multiply 2030 is a North America initiative to provide training, support, and resources for existing churches and new church plants to become healthy and thriving congregations.

In Matthew 9:37–38, Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” The Holy Spirit is calling the Church of God of Prophecy to impact our cities and communities through strengthening our existing congregations and planting new churches in North America.

The Multiply 2030 initiative serves the state/regional bishops, pastors, ministers, and members of North America. Everyone can participate! Some will PRODUCE healthy, multiplying congregations that impact their communities for Jesus. Some will PLANT a new congregation to touch the most pressing needs of their communities with the power of the gospel. Some will PROVIDE funding through generous giving and strategy. Everyone will PRAY for the Multiply 2030 initiative and ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest in North America!

As each of the 26 state/regions of North America initiates a specific strategy for church health and church planting, pastors and leaders will be provided training, support, and resources in their context of ministry. Through our ministry partners, church planters and pastors will be equipped to employ the biblical principles of Healthy Church Dynamics and church multiplication. Church planters will receive specific training, coaching, and mentoring, as they connect with a mother church or district. Most importantly, we will employ a strategy of prayer throughout the execution of the Multiply 2030 initiative.

Why Plant More Churches?

In Ephesians 3:10, Paul states it is God’s intent that “through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known.” Despite their circumstances, when people know God and are engaged in a local body of believers, they are no longer hopeless.

When a healthy church is planted in a local community, it creates leaders who feel empowered to share the love of Jesus and bring about change within the community through the power of the Holy Spirit. With renewed hope, local leaders establish a variety of sustainable ministries which will help to transform their communities. A holistic and contextualized response to all kinds of human needs can be achieved through local bodies of believers who share the love of Christ in practical ways.

Visit multiply2030.org for more information.

New Churches Planted:

- Be Part of Change Ministries – California **(Pictures 1, 2, 3)**
- Église de Dieu de la Prophétie de Repentigny-Repentigny, Quebec ***(*Pictures 4 & 5)**

New Missions Planted

- Stanfield – Hermiston, Oregon ***(*Picture 6)**
- Patchogue – Patchogue, New York ***(*Picture 7*)***
- Gresham – Portland, Oregon ***(*Picture 8)**
- New Beginnings – Russellville, Alabama ***(*Picture 9)**

Multiply 2030 Initiative video (Click to watch)

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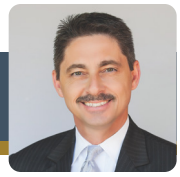

BISHOP BRIAN SUTTON, DMIN
NORTH AMERICA GENERAL PRESBYTER

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SOUTH AMERICA

SOUTH AMERICA ADVANCE ON EDUCATION

Argentina
Bishop Elías Rodriguez, DMin
Center for Biblical Leadership Instructor

The Center for Biblical Leadership conducted the first session of the *Foundations: Minister's Development Program* in the city of Cordoba, Argentina, on August 14–18, 2024. Twenty-six brothers and sisters from ten different regions of the nation attended. These brothers were intentionally and strategically chosen to be trained, so that they can go to their places of ministry to continue with the training of those who are under their leadership.

During this training, we covered these courses: "The Minister and the Word of God," "The Personal Life of the Minister," and "The Minister and Practical Ministry." The classes were taught by Dr. Elias Rodriguez, Bishop David Ceballos, Pastor Percy Calixto, and Bishop Miguel A. Pinto. The ministers and leaders who attended were challenged by the content of the lessons given. Of special importance were the classes on the personal life of the minister, where emphasis was placed not only on the devotional life of the pastor, but also on his personal and family life and the need for care in each of the areas of the minister as a person. The Lord blessed us during each lesson, and the brethren are ready for the next session of face-to-face classes next year, God willing.

Ministerial Retreat in Colombia
Juan Carlos Correa, National Bishop

During the month of August 2024, the second meeting of pastors and leaders took place in the city of Bogota, Colombia. This meeting was attended by 81 leaders from different parts of the country. Among them, there was a great representation of the youth of Colombia. This second meeting was focused on the study conducted by Dr. Elias Rodriguez, whom we thank for his effort, dedication, and commitment at the time of teaching each of the assigned classes.

The study book was *Transforming Elements of the Gospel*. This book set the course for the classes, which were developed in a division of five segments and were taught as follows:

Section 1: Jesus Christ our Savior
Section 2: Jesus is our Sanctifier.
Section 3: Jesus is the one who baptizes us in the Spirit.
Section 4: Jesus is our Healer.
Section 5: Jesus is our King who is coming soon.

My thanks, as national bishop, is in what was accomplished in the hearts of our people, who returned to their local activities challenged to live a more holy and effective life in their communities. I reiterate my thanks to our teacher and pastor, Dr. Rodriguez, for his great interest in seeing a congregation closer to its Lord.

Potential Pastors Program in Peru
Bishop Gabriel Vidal, DMin
South America General Presbyter

This past summer, I had the opportunity to travel to Tingo Maria, Peru, to participate as a teacher in the Minister's Development Program (MDP) and the "Potential Pastors" schools. "Potential Pastors" is one of the innovations of the Peruvian ministry that positively and directly impacts church planting. This program consists of the development of 17 practical courses aimed at local church leaders with skills for pastoral work and planting new churches. In addition, small group workers and new field and mission leaders participate in the program.

The training was held during the month of June of this year. A total of 133 potential leaders graduated the weekend activities. This "Potential Pastors" program lasted about 14 months and only represents the region where we were because, due to the size of the Peruvian Church, everything is done mostly by region. The teachers in charge of the program were Dr. Gabriel Elias Vidal, Dr. Rafael Alvino Vargas, Yerson Salinas Alayo, Caleb Mercado Malca, and Marlon Castillo.

Education is one of the important axes of our South American ministries. We ask for your prayers that the Lord will continue to provide resources to fulfill his mission of reconciling the world to Christ.

BISHOP GABRIEL VIDAL, DMIN
SOUTH AMERICA GENERAL PRESBYTER

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WIDER EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST

Azerbaijan Youth Camp 2024
Nijat Mehdiyev, Azerbaijan Youth Ministries Worker

This summer we held a camp for young people aged 10 to 14. The camp was attended by 21 teens and preteens, and 9 volunteers. All 21 of the youth were from non-believing families, mostly Muslim, and most of them were from the region where the camp was held. This is Gusar, also called Qusar, in northern Azerbaijan.

The camp lasted three days, July 6–9, and had a very active program. During the first half of the day, we played games, drew, and spent time with the campers. In the evening, we had time to communicate as we discussed topics and gave each of the young people the opportunity to express what they thought.

In our country, at the legislative level, it is impossible to directly preach the good news about the Lord. Therefore, at our camp, we very carefully approached each topic that we discussed with the youth. On the first day, we started simply with communication about friendship, where we discussed topics such as rejection, resentment, and betrayal. On the second day, we discussed the topic of sin and began to talk about God—about the fact that he created us and about the fact that God loves us. On the third day, we talked about who the Lord Jesus is, about his mission, and why he came to earth. Each of the volunteer ministers shared their testimony of how they became a believer and what God personally did for each of them. The camp was very productive and very active. The youth actively participated in the analysis of each topic, participated in each discussion, and many opened up to God.

May God give us wisdom on how we can continue to work with all these teenagers and raise them to be faithful believers.

Kids and Youth Camp 2024, Germany
Tessa and Jo Dietze

Over 30 years ago, our camp in Germany started with a small vision and less than 20 kids. Every year since, God has been more than faithful, and this year we had our largest kids camp followed by our largest youth camp ever. Each camp had about 100 campers—campers from across Germany, from different churches, and many that had never been in a church before. We have numerous testimonies of kids and youth giving their lives to the Lord, experiencing the Holy Spirit, being healed, restored, renewed, and refreshed. Our kids camp theme was “Handmade.” The kids learned how God thought of them, created them, wants them, loves them, and has a great plan for their lives. Our youth camp theme was “Called to be Saints.” The youth learned that Jesus knows their name, calls them by name, and gives them new life where they are called to be set apart. Our youth camp also hosted 11 campers from Ukraine. We are so grateful that they took their long three-day journey to attend our camp and be with us. They were just as much of a blessing to us as we were to them. Normally we do not baptize at our camps in Germany, but this year we had the opportunity for Pastor Joshua Gilliland, from COGOP Langen Church, to baptize one young Ukrainian boy in the local pool. What an incredible moment it was for all of us campers and staff, and even for the non-believing lifeguard! We shared with him [the lifeguard] what baptism was about and how we believe Jesus saves us. He stayed and watched the baptism and was really touched.

We are grateful to the Lord for his wonderful mercies and blessings for these two camps. Our camps were so large this year that we had to purchase six more tents at the last minute, and we are grateful to our national bishop, Christian Fricke, for believing in this ministry and helping us make it happen.

Please pray for revival in our local churches and in our kids and youth ministries. This generation is hungry for the Lord, and we pray for them all to be bold and to share their testimonies.

Ukraine Youth Camp 2024
Iryna Kuznetsova, Ukraine Youth Ministries Director

In August 2024, the Ukrainian youth were blessed to have an incredible seven days at camp in the Carpathians. This camp brought together 60 people from different cities across Ukraine, creating a beautiful synergy despite of the challenging times we are facing.

The main theme of the camp was based on Mark 10:27 (NIV)—“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.’” This theme is particularly important for young people, especially now in such difficult times in Ukraine. Many people have questions, but no answers, so at this camp we talked about the importance of trusting God even in such challenging situations as war. Also, throughout the camp, we spoke about the importance of being grateful, cherishing every moment, and finding strength in unity.

We ended the camp on a high note. We were filled with warmth, connection, and a deeper understanding of the God we have in our lives. And we keep going on to help bring light into the world.

We would like to thank all our COGOP family for your prayers. As a church family, we have a collective responsibility to help young people to grow in faith. Thank you to everyone who supported us in this ministry by providing and enabling opportunities for young people to learn and explore God’s Word and to draw closer to Jesus.

Thank you to all the participants for their incredible energy and for bringing their unique perspectives to this camp. Thank you to all the people who made this camp possible.

Big blessing from Ukraine and may God bless you.

Ukraine video (Click to watch)

BISHOP CLAYTON ENDECOTT
WIDER EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST GENERAL PRESBYTER

AZERBAIJAN YOUTH CAMP

GERMANY YOUTH CAMP

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God's Mission, Our Obligation!

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . ." (2 Corinthians 5:11).

There is no doubting the fact that God is infinitely merciful. Scripturally, the reality of his mercy, beyond being sacrosanct, spans the entire spectrum of the Bible. His mercy is not only pristine but all-inclusive and not couched with debilitative bias or prejudice. God is everlasting, and so is his mercy.

The mercy of God, like God, is unlimited, divine, and beyond mortal comprehension. The text submitted above reveals another dimension of the Holy One when his mercy is ignored, discredited, trivialized, or just blatantly taken for granted. God's everlasting arms of mercy are still outstretched, seeking and painstakingly searching for the repentant.

However, the world needs to know that the divine hands that locked eight people securely inside the ark of Noah also locked millions outside of it! Those same disembodied hands ended the sacrilegious rein of Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar's successor, as well as terminated his physical existence in an instance when he chose to be poles apart from his Maker.

More importantly, God's mission of reconciling the estranged world to himself must be the core mission of his church! Undoubtedly, nothing less, nor nothing else, will be adequate. The servant is not above his master, nor can the employed servant dictate the tune to his employer, the master.

For the record and for all eternity, Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the incomparable Master in all realms of existence. Along the same vein, Christ's mission should be the obligation and functional mandate of the church. It would be preposterous to be otherwise. This must be our prayer focus as it was for the apostle Paul: "*We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God*" (2 Corinthians 5:20). They prayed fervently. This is an excellent leaf to borrow [example] from the life of the apostle—"*For this cause I bow my knees. . .*" (Ephesians 3:14).

The passion for winning the lost ought to drive us unanimously and persistently to our knees. As representatives of His Majesty, all hands must be on the proverbial deck coupled with needle-like focus on the urgent matter of winning the lost. We must spend and be spent on what is described as the heartbeat of God.

There is no mountain too high, no valley should be construed as impenetrable, and no price should be deemed too outrageous to expend for this singular purpose. Nothing else will be logical. Jude described soulwinning as "pulling them [the unconverted] out of the fire" (Jude 1:23).

The church, particularly the Church of God of Prophecy, has been equipped with the message the world desperately needs to save itself from a certain eternity in hell. Furthermore, she has been remarkedly mandated to cover every nook and cranny of the continent of Africa, to inundate the continent of Asia, to saturate the continents of North and South America, to cover every square inch of the continents of Europe, Antarctica, and Australia with the message of the gospel.

There is no salvation in any other than Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). All other forms, all other offers, and all other explanations of salvation outside the Person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth are not only a mental delusion, but phony and, worse still, satanic. Jesus Christ is not just one of the many ways of salvation, but he is THE ONLY WAY to genuine salvation (John 14:6).

"*I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some*" (1 Corinthians 9:22).

The consequences of not reconciling the world to Christ—or to put it more succinctly, the repercussion for willful negligence—is dire, appalling, and unfathomable. My heart bleeds for the unregenerated because the Master in heaven shed his holy blood for them. Like Coca-Cola products that are in every space all over the world begging for our attention, even so and much more must the banner of the gospel of Jesus Christ be raised in every available space.

Comparatively, the worth of the former is infinitesimal when compared with the weight of the latter. Reconciling the world to Christ is the heartbeat of the heavenly Father and should not be taken lightly nor neglected. If you cannot make the journey to the nooks and crannies of the world pragmatically in person, your giving can sponsor those who are already sweating it out in field and provide support for this all-important work.

The need to spend and be spent on this matter cannot be overemphasized. Against all odds, in our generation and under our collective watch, the total gospel must be published, preached, taught—and unapologetically so—to the total world. May the zeal of the Lord of hosts himself fortify the church as we make God's mission of reconciling the world to Christ our quintessential obligation.

BISHOP JAMES KOLAWOLE
AFRICA GENERAL PRESBYTER

AFRICA

Mission in Madagascar

The Church of God of Prophecy (COGOP) Africa has launched a new mission in Madagascar, aiming to extend its outreach and support to the local communities. This initiative is part of COGOP's ongoing commitment to global evangelism and community development in our efforts to reconcile the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor IseOlorunkanmi Dada Mathews is currently in the nation as a missionary. He is working to share the message of Jesus Christ with the people of Madagascar, particularly in regions that have not been reached before, and to offer support where necessary.

We are also ready to offer Leadership Development Support to volunteers and communities through training and empowering local leaders to ensure the sustainability and growth of the mission's impact.

Early reports from our field missionary, Pastor IseOlorunkanmi, indicate a positive reception from the local communities. This new field is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the COGOP team and the support of the global Church network. Pastor IseOlorunkanmi has successfully rented accommodation for himself and has also secured a hall as a worship center at the city center of Tana, Antananarivo, Madagascar.

Previous attempts to establish our ministry in Madagascar have not succeeded. This new step is a courageous endeavor that requires both spiritual and financial support to ensure its success.

"According to reports, this hall has been available for the past eight years. However, I believe God preserved it for my use. I have already paid an upfront advance for four months, with six months remaining. Additionally, God has provided a skilled English translator to assist me. I have also secured a five-year missionary resident permit," reported Pastor IseOlorunkanmi.

We are soliciting your support and prayers while we are trusting the Lord to establish and enlarge our coast in this nation. Our special appreciation goes to Evangelist Patrick W. Villanueva who gave financial and spiritual support to embark on this missionary work to Madagascar. Should there be any local church or individual that can be of help to secure musical instruments or any other materials for the work in this country, we would be glad to receive your support as soon as possible.

"What is glaring and certain is that there is great potential to host and fly our church banner and spread the gospel of reconciling lost souls back to Jesus in the nation of Madagascar. I therefore solicit your earnest prayers and financial support," said Pastor IseOlorunkanmi.

COGOP's extensive global presence, having several churches in approximately 135 countries, underscores its commitment to making a meaningful impact worldwide. The Madagascar mission is a significant step in this ongoing journey.

Conventions in Africa

Various African countries host national conventions to do business, fellowship, and to foster learning and spiritual growth among members. These conventions play a vital role in strengthening faith communities and promoting Christian values.

Some of the conventions held in Africa during our last convention year included South Africa East, South Africa West, Republic of Benin, and Uganda. These conventions were highly successful, with many souls won [to the Lord]. The conventions were both inspiring and Spirit-filled.

South Africa Convention video (Click to watch)

Picture 1: Pastor IseOlorunkanmi Dada Mathews

Picture 2: South Africa (East) Convention

Picture 3: South Africa (West) Convention

Picture 4: The Republic of Benin National Women's Convention

Picture 5: Uganda National Convention

BISHOP JAMES KOLAWOLE
AFRICA GENERAL PRESBYTER

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SPOTLIGHT ON NATIONAL BISHOP

BISHOP CHRIS UTI

NATIONAL BISHOP OF THE GAMBIA AND SENEGAL

After the International Assembly, Bishop Chris Uti and his wife, Bridget, were able to make a short stop in Cleveland on their way to visit Fields of the Wood. They were accompanied by one of their Harvest Partners, Pastor Chad Bagley and family, from Manchester, Tennessee. We were privileged to have a lunch together, where we got to ask Bishop Chris about his testimony and the vision he has for The Gambia and his most recent appointment, Senegal.

Bishop Chris is originally from Nigeria. He said he was exposed to the Bible in a Christian studies class during primary school but never really went to church. When asked about how he came to Christ, he said that one day as a young man, he started to get very sick. He went to many physicians and even the best hospitals in Nigeria, but the doctors could not figure out what was wrong with him. Chris was in critical condition as he continued to cough up blood and grew weaker and weaker. He said he lost hope and thought he was going to die.

One night as he was dozing in the hospital room, he heard a very strong voice say, "You are not going to die. You have to do my job." When Chris woke up the next day, he was not sure if what happened was real. Suddenly, he felt a tapping on his side, but when he looked over, there was no one there. It was if someone was trying to get his attention to remind him of what had happened the previous night. Chris told someone in the hospital what he had heard, and they said that it sounded like God was speaking to him. He realized what he thought was just a dream was in fact God giving him a message. So, he told God that he surrendered, and he was saved that day and miraculously recovered from his sickness.

Bishop Kolawole and Bishop McCalla came to establish a new church near where Chris and Bridget had just recently moved. They decided to attend this church since it was much closer to where they lived. Not long after they started attending, Chris had a dream. In this dream, there were three trees. One was big and tall, one was medium-sized, and the last one was much smaller. He knew he had to choose a tree, so of course, he chose the big and tall tree. However, the big and tall tree started to shrink and get smaller as the smallest tree began to grow and rise up. Chris said in that small tree, he found the Church of God of Prophecy church. He heard the Lord say to him, "This is where I want you—in the Church of God of Prophecy." Bishop Chris joined the ministry and began helping Bishop McCalla and Bishop Kolawole as they ministered in Nigeria.

Bishop Chris was licensed as a minister with the Church of God of Prophecy in 2000. He was appointed to the nation of The Gambia in 2018 and became a bishop in 2021. The Gambia, at the time, had a very small work in a predominately Muslim nation. Bishop Chris knew the importance of getting land and building a church because the local landlords could revoke rental agreements at any time simply because it was a Christian church renting a building. Bishop Chris established some deep connections with several Harvest Partner churches who were instrumental in helping purchase and build a national church for The Gambia. As a result, the ministry in The Gambia continues to grow, especially as the local church ministers to single mothers and children in the community around them. The church has almost completed the children's chapel to help accommodate the many children who have started coming to church. Soon, Bishop Chris hopes to send out newly licensed ministers to plant churches in other areas of The Gambia.

Bishop Chris hopes to do the same in Senegal. The current work there is very small with only one or two churches. He said the most important thing right now is mobility for him to travel to Senegal and purchasing land to establish a national church and office.

It is always a delight to fellowship with Bishop Chris. As he talks about the work he is doing, you hear his deep concern for the people in the nation. We are excited to see where God continues to use Bishop Chris in ministry in The Gambia and Senegal.

Please continue to pray for this dynamic ministry team—Bishop Chris and Sister Bridget—as they work faithfully for the Lord and our church.

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CARIBBEAN AND ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS

We are grateful to the ministries of Helping Hand and Harvest Partners for the generous donation in support of our evangelism thrust in **Trinidad and Tobago**. Our appreciation is extended to all the donors who made this possible.

We have already purchased a vehicle and two tents and have ordered one hundred chairs. The tents were used for the first time on August 27 and 28 for a crusade at a budding mission at Barrackpore, South Trinidad.

We have three district evangelism teams. These newly acquired assets will assist the teams in their church planting and church-strengthening efforts. Please keep us in prayer as we continue "On Mission" to reconcile the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. God bless you. (***Pictures 1-3)***

Guyana's Mission House and multi-purpose facility need your support. (***Pictures 4-5)***

St. Kitts multi-purpose building also welcomes your support. (***Picture 6)***

With praise reports, **Suriname** construction also moves forward. The foundation of our multi-purpose building—which will house a chapel, the Mission House, and a caretaker area with a flat concrete building—was miraculously completed in July. This is our first and only building in Suriname. The present need is for the purchase of concrete blocks. (***Pictures 7-8)***

Church Pen, COGOP, at Old Harbour in St. Catherine, **Jamaica**, has a thriving basic school and is in need of help to complete their multi-purpose facility. (***Picture 9)***

The Caribbean regions welcome all the incoming national/ regional bishops. We also salute all the outgoing national/ regional bishops and thank them for their faithful years of service.

BISHOP DR. CLAYTON MARTIN
CARIBBEAN & ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS GENERAL PRESBYTER

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CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO, & SPANISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN

We thank God for his many blessings in Mexico, Central America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean during the last two years. This Assembly period was one of recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic. The return to the new normal was gradual and challenging. As a result of the pandemic, the world changed, and adapting was not optional.

Even under challenging conditions, our area organized 223 new churches and added to the church 11,270 new members. Our total number of churches in Mexico, Central America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean is 3,771, with a total membership of 185,260. Only by the grace of God can we celebrate these victories!

Leadership Development
The area continues to be committed to leadership development at all levels. During the last two years, several of our ministers received their Master of Arts in Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Twelve ministers received their Doctor of Ministry degree from Western Theological Seminary. Currently, 18 students are completing their doctorate with Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Central America has embraced the new Ministerial Development Program, seeing several hundred complete the program, while others are currently enrolled. The area has also embraced the initiatives of Spirit and Life Seminary by hosting cohorts in some nations.

Stewardship
Central America continues to lead the way in funds deposited in international accounts.

A significant percentage of all tithes deposited into international accounts come from Central America. The area's faithful participation in our financial system serves as an inspiration to the world. As a result, we have been able to plant churches, invest in the harvest, develop leaders, construct and repair buildings, provide disaster relief, and assist those in need. The impact of their faithfulness has touched the world.

We thank God for every member, leader, pastor, and national bishop of this great Church in Mexico, Central America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. It is through their anointed ministry that our Church has a strong presence in this beautiful area of the world. These results are obtained amid great danger. Violence, extortion, kidnapping, and gang activity are some of the challenges that our brothers and sisters must surmount to serve the Lord in our area. Please continue to pray for our area.

We give God the glory for what he is doing in our area through the sacrifice of our Church of God of Prophecy family.

Youth Camp in Cuba
After several years, we were able to celebrate a youth camp in Cuba in the western part of the island with 210 in attendance. The excitement was obvious in our youth. Bishop Ernesto Velasco was our guest speaker. His anointed preaching and teaching were a great blessing to the young people of our church in Cuba. Another youth camp is projected for the eastern part of the island in October. Please pray for provision for the upcoming camp.

BISHOP BEN FELIZ, DMIN
CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO, & SPANISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN GENERAL PRESBYTER

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HARVEST PARTNER UPDATE

I always feel privileged when invited to attend the Asia, Australia, and Oceania (AAO) luncheon at the International Assembly hosted by Sheena McCaleb, wife of the AAO general presbyter. Sister McCaleb invites each AAO national bishop and their spouse to attend the luncheon, and they give updates on their nation and what has been happening for the past two years. We have heard many reports of growth and God's faithfulness throughout the years. However, this year I also heard a common thread of persecution occurring in several nations where our church is located.

Hostility towards Christians is increasing globally. Many nations have anti-conversion or blasphemy laws in place to prevent people from leaving the national religions of either Buddhism, Hinduism, or Islam. Many of these nations have extremists who believe their national religion is the only religion, and all other faiths are not welcome. In the AAO region, India, Myanmar, and Nepal have anti-conversion laws in place. According to some reports, more than 1,500 people have been arrested in India under anti-conversion laws that are mostly against Christians. Just this week, we received another report of one of our pastors in India who was beaten and the church vandalized. In Myanmar, one of our orphanage directors was killed by the military while walking down the street, Bible in hand, headed to conduct a Bible study. In Indonesia, we have underground churches that are kept secret for their own safety.

Pakistan has blasphemy laws which are often used to discriminate against and threaten believers with incarceration, violence, and even death. We have several pastors who have been in prison for many years now due to convictions under these laws. Earlier this year, our national bishop in Pakistan was brutally attacked by a mob from the local community who spoke of setting him on fire and burning him to death. Miraculously, he was able to escape. He could not go to the hospital for treatment, as the local police put out a new arrest warrant for him from previous accusations of blasphemy. Our bishop and his family immediately went into hiding before fleeing to another nation. After just a few weeks, they decided to return to Pakistan to start over in a different city to continue ministry.

These examples of persecution are not happening in just the AAO region. They are happening in every area of the world. Open Doors is an organization known for putting out an annual World Watch List which ranks the top 50 countries with persecuted Christians. We have churches in 19 of the nations included on this year's list, which includes nations in Africa, Asia, Central America, South America, and Wider Europe. I believe that the reason we are seeing more cases of persecution in our church is because the church is continuously growing as we bring more souls into the kingdom of God. We must pray constantly for our global family. As we do so, let us also pray that God's glory will be revealed to those who come against Christians so that they, too, can be a part of God's family.

STEPHANIE ROBERTS
GLOBAL MISSIONS MINISTRIES

ONE CHILD FUND
Philippines

The Horizon of Hope Village in the Philippines was founded and incorporated in 2012 by Janice and Donald Slaton. In February 2021, it was taken over by the orphanage's board of directors and was no longer financially supported by the Church of God of Prophecy (COGOP) due to a moral failure by a co-founder.

In May of this year, the Philippines COGOP was able to obtain the orphanage again. National Bishop Rogelio Justiniano shared with us in a recent correspondence,

> We appointed Sis. Jisel Abillada-Baliguat to serve as the director of the orphanage. She has been integrating, along with our volunteers, with the present staff for training and orientation for the orphanage's operation as part of the transition process. On May 1, our volunteers started to assimilate with the old staff members to get the feel of caregiving for the orphans.
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> At this moment, we do not have funds yet to operate, as in zero funds. So, we are calling out to the sponsors who used to help the orphanage and promised to support it again once the orphanage was turned over to the Church. Now is the perfect time to do this again.
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> We appreciate all the help/support and prayers that you are extending to the children. Please continue to pray for the new staff, the orphans, the provisions, the operation, and the sponsors. God bless you, your family, and your ministry/vocation!

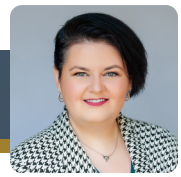
We are excited that the Horizon of Hope Village is under the total care of the COGOP! However, this does not come without challenges. We have never fully supported the orphanage as the Slaton's were proactive in asking for donations from COGOP churches and individuals, and from others outside our denomination.

There are many regulations we must follow concerning the children in this orphanage. If you follow OCF on social media, you know we love to post photos of our kids. However, just like the pictures attached to this article, you will notice that all the children's faces from the Philippines are blurred. This is to adhere to the Department of Social Welfare and Development guidelines in the Philippines concerning orphans in the nation. We never want to compromise our orphanages or children, so we will follow the rules and hide their faces.

The Horizon of Hope Village currently has 17 children (toddlers and babies), 10 caregivers, and 2 house-parents. It costs almost $10,000 (USD) a month to run the orphanage which covers food, medical, salaries, etc. This does not cover school fees. If we had 100 churches or individuals give $100 a month, the need would be taken care of. Would you be one of the 100? Even if you cannot commit to financially giving, we covet your prayers for the work being done with these children in the Philippines. We know that God has already gone ahead of us; we just want to make sure we follow his steps.

If you would like to give to OCF Philippines, you can call (423.559.5209), give online (www.globalcogop.org/donate), or send check/money order earmarked Philippines OCF, P.O. Box 2910, Cleveland, TN 37320-2910.

SHELLY WILBANKS
GLOBAL MISSIONS MINISTRIES



HERITAGE MINISTRIES

On Mission: Written in Stone

The year was 1941 and General Overseer A. J. Tomlinson shared his inspiration to begin the Church of Prophecy Marker Association. This ministry has evolved over the years and today we refer to it as Heritage Ministries. The inspiration of Bishop Tomlinson was to place markers at key locations for the Church of God and "show to the multitudes that pass that way the fulfillment of prophecy and the fellowship of the mystery" (Tomlinson, A.J. (1972), in *Historical Annual Addresses*. Cleveland, Tennessee: White Wing Publishing House, p. 195).

Bishop Tomlinson would say, "Look out next for the flag or banner on the mountain that has become a reality on the Burger Mountain." He would quote the prophet Isaiah who said, "Lift up a banner on the high mountain, raise your voice to them; wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles. I have commanded My sanctified ones; I have also called My mighty ones . . . those who rejoice in My exaltation. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together . . . They come from a far country, from the end of heaven . . ." (Isaiah 13:2-5, NKJV).

Bishop Tomlinson would continue, ". . . we are in a hurry to get thousands of men and women in the mighty Church of Prophecy Marker Association to gather in thousands of dollars to start the work . . . Markers will draw the attention of people who are passing by as sightseers. The multitudes today are sightseers . . . and while they are seeing sights, we expect these sights to read something to them . . ." (196).

The continued purpose of our historical properties and the markers is to declare the truth of Jesus Christ and of God's Church to a world that needs to hear. Our historical properties continue to declare how God gave divine revelation of His church to a group of believers that gathered at Camp Creek. A commission to be God's church that declares the message of the Gospel to the nations. As visitors traverse the mountains of our historical properties, they see the Word of God come to life. They see the flags that fly to declare the testimony of God's faithfulness to pour out His Spirit on all nations.

Just as in the original declarations from Bishop Tomlinson, today we offer association memberships and opportunities to assist with the continued restoration and implementation of declaring the message that Jesus Christ died for our sins and has sent His Spirit to fill us so that we might be On Mission of reconciling the world.

Our historical markers stand in need of many reparations (see images). Through your partnership and continued giving, we can restore the luster of these markers to their glory days. Association Membership started in 1941 with an annual fee of $10. We still offer that membership fee today. However, that $10 does not go nearly as far as it did in 1941. Thus, we need other contributions and gifts to help us renew our historical properties. Simply go to fowrenew.org today and give a monthly contribution to renew our markers of stone.

With your donations, we continue to declare from the mountain tops the goodness of God to a world needing hope. We thank each and every supporter of Heritage Ministries. Let us remember our foundation and move into our future.

For more information, visit our websites at www.cogopheritage.com and fowrenew.org. You can also contact us at heritageministries@cogop.org.

HARVEST PARTNER MISSION GIVING

Mission Giving is the global lifeline ministry support within the Church of God of Prophecy and vital for us to continue functioning effectively within our nations and regions. Mission Giving helps to keep our nations and regions operating by assisting various needs, such as national/regional budgeted personal and work allotments, supplemental ministry support, outreach evangelism, leadership training, and equipping for discipleship.

Over the next few weeks, your local fellowship can directly touch the world throughout our mission network. There is a special need for this October Mission Drive as we are currently 10 percent below our annual budgeted expectations for mission funding for next year. We especially invite you and your local church fellowship to join the effort to support and supply the needs for the continued work in global missions as we endeavor to be On Mission to reconcile the world to the gospel of Christ.

We are grateful to partner with you and are sincerely thankful for each local church and donor for your support in prayer and giving to Missions. Through your participation in persevering prayer and mission giving, amazing ministries continue to function and people around the world are experiencing the life-altering message of the gospel of Christ.

I want to thank you in advance for your support, encouragement, and investment to our global family through Missions Ministries. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Catherine Payne, Global Missions Ministries

The recommended nations most in need are listed below their specific area. The nation/region listed first has the greatest need for that area, the following one would be the next neediest, and so forth down the list within each respective area.

AFRICA

ZAMBIA, ANGOLA
ALFRED KANJUYE

BENIN, EQUATORIAL GUINEA
KADATO RICHARD

LIBERIA
FERDINAND WEAH

ESWATINI (SWAZILAND)
BENJAMIN MNISI

THE GAMBIA
CHRIS UTI

CARIBBEAN & ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS

BARBADOS, SAINT VINCENT
CHRIS JOSEPH

TURKS & CAICOS
ANDREW STONE

GUYANA, SURINAME
PHILLIP JAMES

WIDER EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST

FRANCE
MICHAEL WILSON

CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND
PETR SZLAUR

RUSSIA
BISHOP M.

GERMANY, HUNGARY
CHRISTIAN FRICKE

AZERBAIJAN, CYPRUS, ROMANIA
CLAYTON ENDECOTT

ASIA, AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA

KOREA
JUNG HOON LEE

HAWAII
GARY LANGLEY

SAMOA ISLANDS
NONITO QUE

AUSTRALIA
DENNIS CASEY

SINGAPORE
DENNIS HUANG

NORTH AMERICA

SOUTHEAST SPANISH
EBLI DE LA ROSA

IOU REGION
WALLACE PRATT

CENTRAL AMERICA

CUBA
GENNI PUPO

SOUTH AMERICA

VENEZUELA
LUIS GOMEZ

CHILE
SERGIO CEDENO

URUGUAY
MARCO BENAVIDES DELGADO

COLOMBIA
JUAN CARLOS FUENTES

PARAGUAY
RICARDO HINSBIS