

MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

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Haiti Relief Update



It has been three long days since Haiti's worst natural disaster in 200 years hit the Caribbean Island in the form of an earthquake registering 7.0 on the Richter scale. As the misery of grief-stricken Haitian's grows, there has been an unprecedented response by the world! World Hope Canada (WHC) is pleased to report that donations for the relief effort are pouring in; thank you for your generosity. Donations made by individual Canadians to World Hope Canada from January 12 to February 12, 2010 will be matched by the Government of Canada.

Our partner on the ground in Haiti, World Hope International (WHI) has been conducting planning and assessment activities in order to put a plan together of how to best provide support. According to David Erickson, Chief Operating Officer for WHI, "Karl (Eastlack, Executive Director for WHI) and I are preparing to go into Haiti this weekend; an on-line volunteer team registration system will 'go live' today; efforts to determine the status of our WHI Haiti staff and sponsored children continue. At the same time, work to coordinate with other partner organizations and U.S. Government is on-going."

Please pray for stamina, wisdom and favour for the men and women now undertaking emergency response. WHI wants to be ready to come behind the first responders with the capacity to help prevent further suffering and loss of life due to malnutrition, exposure, disease, and lack of water. We also want to be a means of comfort and support to those traumatized by this horrible tragedy.

Your faithfulness in giving is the means of mobilizing the WHI team to respond quickly and effectively. While the suffering is almost beyond belief for most of us, we can be assured that the God of all comfort continues to be a refuge and strong tower, a very present help in times of need.

Please continue to pray for families, WHI staff, aid workers and friends in Haiti - their realities this day are unimaginable.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Gilmer

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Executive Director, World Hope Canada

MEXICO NEWS

- funds are being sent to buy property in a number of places
- Work team going from Southgate (Kemptville) for a week on January 18 to do construction at Vincente Guererro
- Dave Johnston, Chris Lang and a building contractor going for 2 weeks at the beginning of February to put 2nd floor on Pastor Gaham's house which is currently being used as a church (leased for 15 years). The congregation has outgrown the room being used for meeting and will use the end floor as a meeting place.
- Dave J. is taking student application forms to Mexico for those interested in training assistance
- A couple of students from the Nazarene college are interested in church planting under the Wesleyan umbrella

Ladies' Mission Day

Saturday, April 24, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Milliken Wesleyan Church

3 Clayton Drive, Markham, On L3R 8N3

905-475-3579



EGYPT NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT REMEMBERED



National Superintendent of The Wesleyan Standard Church of Egypt, Rev. Ibraheem Hanna Soliman (68), died Wednesday, January 26. Serving as national superintendent since 1995, Rev. Soliman (pictured with Dr. H. C. Wilson) was also pastor of the Shoubra Cario, Egypt church.

Former missionaries to Egypt, Reverends Earl and Doris Conley, said, "Rev. Ibraheem was one of our boys." He was raised under the ministry of the Conley's during their 50-plus years as missionaries in Egypt. Earl Conley, now retired, brings a missions team to Egypt each year. He, along with Central Canada District Superintendent Rev. Don Hodgins, were with family members and attended the January 27 funeral service.

Board of General Superintendents Chair, Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, said, "The Wesleyan Church is saddened by the death of Rev. Ibraheem Hanna Soliman. He was a man of vision and compassion whose life and ministry truly enriched the Kingdom, and whose efforts helped forge the successful work of the Wesleyan Standard Church. We thank God for his earthly journey and for his heavenly coronation."

A message from Global Partners General Director H. C. Wilson was read at the funeral. He said of Rev. Soliman, "His gentle and Spirit-filled commitment to lead and guide the Lord's work on the Nile and beyond have been a timely and significant contribution in the years of his service. The church on earth may have lost a leader, but the cloud of witnesses which cheers us all on to fulfill the Great Commission has a new, glorified face and voice."

Rev. Soliman is survived by his wife, Lorees, three sons, and one daughter.

Wesleyan Website

**90th Anniversary Missions Celebrations
have been postponed.**

JESUS FILM

The Ghana District was once again blessed with Jesus Film equipment to augment the District evangelism in the North. Thanks to Central Wesleyan Church, Holland, Michigan of United States of America. Our thanks also go to Dr. John H. Connor. Through his initiative Ghana received the equipment. Before then, Rev. Joe Ocran was invited by Rev. Dr. John H. Connor to a seminar on the Jesus Film at Holland, Michigan. In February 2009 a team of 5 from the U.S.A. visited Ghana. On 5th of February 2009 the team travelled to Wa to unveil the equipment. It was a historic event because it was the first time to be shown in the Wali language. 150 people watched the film. Out of that 7 people accepted Jesus Christ.

Jesus Film Ministry has three aims and objectives:

- To plant the seed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- To see that lives are transformed
- To build stronger churches in collaboration with showing of the Jesus Film

During the year under review, the Jesus Film was shown in 78 towns and villages in Ghana and out of this 9 churches were planted while 5 preaching posts were established.

CHURCHES ESTABLISHED

Bukpan
Korachido
Dambai
Dendon
Mutuka
Papaye
Lungi
Wa Ayiri

PREACHING POSTS

Cape Coast Bakaano
Somanya
Kpanaya
Narugu
Mensah Krom

SZMARA UPDATE

Zach and Lyndy Szmara have been temporarily assigned to Mozambique, Africa to participate in the training of pastors. They still ultimately hope to go to Ghana in the future. Mozambique is the fastest growing church within The Wesleyan Church worldwide, moving from a membership of 3,850 in 2000 to over 20,000 in 2010.

BURKINA FASO

Rev. Ocran says, "We are still pursuing talks with Grand Bay, NB, church to help the Ghana district as we seek to start a new mission work in the mainly non-Christian, French speaking, nation to the north of Ghana. If we receive all the necessary approvals we could be in Burkina within a year. Please pray with us."