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## African Update

By Gary Moore in Canada, Tim Maguire in South Africa, and Kalengule Kaoma in Zambia

The potential for the Worldwide Church of God in Africa is as big as the continent itself. We are active in more than half the countries in Africa, and we aim to increase our activities year by year. What follows are examples of the WCG mission work in many areas throughout the African continent. We hope these will give our readers an appreciation of the scope of our church's gospel and ministry work among our African brothers and sisters in Christ.

### Missions

The Harare congregation in Zimbabwe purchased two bicycles to help the Mondoro congregation do its work of preaching the gospel in a rural community.



In Malawi, Deacon Charles Chakana and Pastor Sylvester Nkosi often take bicycle taxis to visit members who are in remote areas where motorized transport is rare.

A new congregation has been established in Zaleka Refugee camp in Dowa District, New Lilongwe, Malawi. Most attendees here are internationally displaced people from the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Although they are in a foreign country, they are sure that they are not strangers in the church.

Pastor John Amadala of Western Kenya covers an extensive area. He is not hampered by lack of transport in order for him to go and minister to members and have a chance to reach out to make new converts. He walks long distances.

In the last two years, Gustav Elongi has been very helpful in finding new areas for church plants in Lubumbashi, in southeastern Congo. Lubumbashi has potentially three congregations who are meeting under the umbrella name of WCG. We are working together in fine-tuning our work relationships. There are new mission doors in Congo, Chad, Tanzania, Rwanda, Liberia, Ethiopia,



Lower left: Commissioning congregational leaders in the Mondoro, Zimbabwe, church plant. We are taking the church to all kinds of places (even under trees), for all kinds of people (including those who can't read), in all kinds of situations. Above: Pastor Taderera (left) presenting bicycles to Mondoro congregational leaders.

Kenya, Uganda, Liberia, Algeria, and Ivory Coast.

### Baptisms

Many of our countries have reported an increase in baptisms. The most encouraging and amazing one occurred in Domboshwavwa, near Harare, Zimbabwe, where 60 people were baptized in a day! Domboshwavwa is a relatively new church plant. Adult attendance here has risen from ten in 2005 to 80 in recent months.

### Opportunities for worship

African brethren take advantage of various occasions and turn them into opportunities for worship. In Nigeria, the church met for a National

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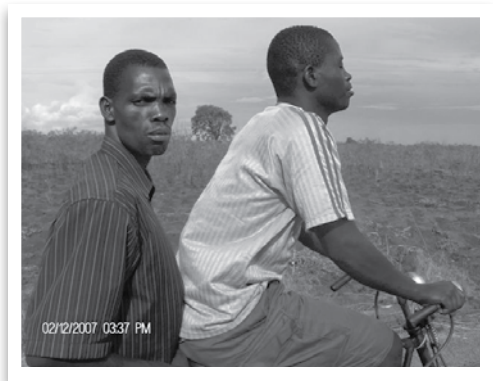
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Left: Charles Chakana on a bicycle taxi, on his way to Kabanga, Malawi, to visit members in rural areas. Right, attendees in front of the Unicef tent used as a meeting hall by the church plant in the Zaleka Refugee Camp, Dowa District, near Lilongwe, Malawi.

Convention August 17-20 at Ilorin in Kwara State of Nigeria. Members from congregations throughout the country congregated at one site for four days of worship, fellowship, games and various Bible-oriented activities.

Most Nigerian brethren also attended four weddings between 2007 and 2008. Loveth Ndubueze married Jesse Nwafor at Awka in Anambra State. Pastor Essien George conducted the marriage. Peace Onunwa and Henry Jerries tied the knot of matrimony at Owerri in Imo State. Pastor Sylva Ugorji officiated. Chiaka Opara vowed to marry Chikezie Kaduru in Lagos. Pastor Wilson Otiogede blessed the marriage. Chikodi Osuji responded to Chinedu Oharie's proposal for marriage at Aba in Abia State. Pastor Sylva Ugorji attended and conducted the marriage.

### Extending a helping hand

Several congregations in the USA, Europe, and Canada have assisted their brethren in Africa. A number of members in Zimbabwe have received food as-

sistance. This has been a blessing to the members because food shortages are still a major concern for people in Zimbabwe.

Malawian members received Bibles in their local language, Cicewa. Malawian senior citizens also received blankets.

The refugee congregations in Kenya received assistance in foodstuffs, soap, and clothing.

### Outreach

The congregation in Blantyre, Malawi, has helped run the Yamikani Orphanage in Limbe for several years (see photo below). The pastor of Blantyre congregation, Fadreck Nihaka, sits on the Yamikani board of directors as treasurer. He is also agricultural advisor.

### Building projects

Two building projects are underway in Zimbabwe, one in Bulawayo and the other in Chitungwiza.

The project in Chitungwiza, a growing town 35 km south of Harare, was begun in 2005 with a generous donation from a



Left: John Lamb, of the Brussels, Belgium, congregation, presented Cicewa Bibles to the Naminjale congregation, Malawi. Right: The Yamikani Orphanage, an outreach project of the congregation in Blantyre, Malawi.

well-wisher. Concrete pillars were sunk for the foundation, but despite an effort at fundraising by the members, progress has been slow due to the runaway inflation in the country. Cost of materials has gone up 1000 percent from what it was when the project was begun. When completed, the building will have a meeting hall that could be rented out to raise more funds for the congregation.

The government granted the Bulawayo congregation a permit to erect a church in 2007. The members have raised a fund, which is eroded daily by the soaring cost of services and materials. When completed, the project will have a meeting hall, a pastor's house and a guest lodge. A miracle was associated with the permit. At the time application was made, there was strong opposition from neighbors. The members went on their knees. Some months later, all objections mysteriously fizzled away and the church was granted the permit. The members went on their knees again in thanks to God, who had fought the battle on their behalf.

The Lomé congregation in Togo is building a medical and social centre in order to reach out to the community and create a presence. This project is a joint work with WCG Germany. Since 1998, the partnership has progressed well. The partners exchange prayer requests and inform each other about the mutual needs of the congregations. Regular financial contributions go to Lomé for the building project. The medical facility is envisaged to be a multi-purpose place consisting of a pharmacy, an out-patient clinic and a maternity home.

The love of people behind the project, the many people who will benefit from the clinic and the caregivers who will serve in the community clinic are the ones who make this project a special one.

Several congregations around Africa need meeting halls. Most African countries require that a de-

nomination should have a building of worship before it is registered.

### School projects

Congregations in Ghana, Angola, and Malawi are running schools. The Angolan school is a community school administered by our church leader in Angola, Mr. Kitambala.

Ghana has two community schools. The first school started at the church farm, which is also used for youth camp and other retreats.

Another school is Kutunse School, which is under construction. (See article on page 4.)

WCG Malawi operates a school at the church's headquarters in Blantyre (see photos below). The school has an enrollment of 450 pre- and primary-school children. Extra income from school fees is used for mission work. So far, two meeting halls have been built, at Mpanda and Naminjale.



### Other needs

Pastor Joseph Mpofu, WCG Zimbabwe National Pastor, wrote: "One of the greatest needs in Zimbabwe is a motor vehicle that could be used by a pastoral team to visit areas that are at the moment inaccessible to the church. Some church plants have had to be abandoned, as visiting them by public transport is both unreliable and costly."

"Zimbabwe's economy has declined, and that has affected many aspects of the country. Our people lack even some basic human needs."



We hope you have enjoyed our report on the gospel and mission work of the church in West, Central, and East Africa. We continue to rely on God for his direction and blessing as we tend to the pastoral care of our members and the people of Africa.

### South Africa

The South African WCG service centre supports congregations in South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland, and has recently been asked to assist in Botswana, Namibia and the island of Mauritius. Twenty-eight congregations meet across South Africa, as well as one each in Lesotho, Botswana and Mauritius.

All our congregations are served by bi-vocational pastors, who work full time outside the church, but sacrifice their free time to pastor their congregations. This dedicated group of men and women serve their congregations selflessly while leading them into a closer and more intimate relationship with God.

We produce a 24-page African Edition *Worldwide News* every second month. We are trying to give it an "African" flavour and are encouraging content from readers/ members throughout Africa, with articles current and relevant to local circumstances. It is produced

in South Africa and distributed to over 15 countries across Africa. It is a valuable tool not only in providing the members with news and spiritual nourishment, but ties them to the greater body of the fellowship and

gives them a sense of family and unity.

As a fellowship where congregations have not been traditionally focused on mission, we are discovering the amazing joy of reaching out into our communities and changing lives while preaching the gospel of salvation. Every congregation has some form of community project, including working with blind chil-

## The School in Kutunse, Ghana

By Cleophus and Catharine Sturdivant

We planned a trip to Ghana in 2004. Before our trip, we asked Emmanuel Okai, WCG area coordinator in Ghana, if there was anything we could bring. He told us they were building schools, and needed help, since they build only as money and supplies allow.

Our church in Kalamazoo made a donation, and we solicited money from other sources. We sent these funds for the schools. However, the travel agent we were working with absconded with our travel funds, and we were not able to take the trip.

The next year, God did bless us to go to Ghana. We had solicited funds again and purchased school supplies to take with us. It was a wonderful opportunity to share in this labor of love.

They have a church building there, several camp huts, rental units, and now the schools. The property was donated to the church many years ago. Since that time, many members have come to live in homes nearby and have gardens on the church property.

The vision for the school was initiated by a deaconess. For 25 years she requested the building of a school for children in that area. The long distance the children had to travel and the monsoons made it difficult to send children away for an education. Finally, others caught the vision, and the work began.

We were impressed with the vision and resourcefulness of the people. They are hoping to improve the huts, which they use for the church camp in December. With improvements, the huts can be rented out, and make a small profit.

There was a lot of prayer and effort put into this project, and God has blessed it tremendously. Education is the key to economical mobility. We feel a sense of joy to have been blessed to be a part of this wonderful project.

God brought donations from some surprising sources. My cardiologist donated, and told me to let him know when we made another trip, as he wanted to donate again.

My dentist also made a contribution and was pleased to see what had already been done there.

If you want more information on the schools, Emmanuel Okai (komadel@ghana.com) can help.



One sobering experience will forever stick in my mind. We were able to visit the slaves' castles in Elmina, Ghana. Learning about the slave trade was nothing compared to the emotions of being in that place. It was almost like the souls of those people still resonated from the horrible things that went on there. It seemed so real, you could still seem to hear the cries and smell the bodies. We knew it would be bad, but we didn't expect those feelings and emotions to be aroused in that manner.

We are thankful that God intervened when he did to end those horrible times. On the outside of the castle is the beauty and awesomeness of the ocean, on which those who were left alive were transported to the shores of the countries buying slaves at that time. What a contrast! It is good that we understand that our battles are not physical, and we are not fighting flesh and blood.

## South Africa

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dren, supporting and serving underprivileged groups, assisting single mothers, collecting and distributing toys for abused children, to revival ministries. These allow us not only to share the good news of our Saviour Jesus Christ, but to live out his love as an example to others.

Over the years, members have travelled long distances to attend our services, sometimes hundreds of kilometres. Because of the distances, we have started several new congregations, which are flourishing so well that most have outgrown their original congregation. In May, Maelula congregation, which was planted by Caleb Makhela, is celebrating its fifth anniversary. This church, in a rural village in the Limpopo province of South Africa, meets in the local school hall. This has grown into one of our larger congregations, where up to 80 people may meet on any Sunday morning. The worship is always moving and vibrant in the traditional African style.

Care groups are strongly encouraged, and many members are learning to facilitate these in their own homes, providing a safe environment where they are able to minister to friends, family and acquaintances. Some of these, such as in Newcastle, Kwa-Zulu Natal, have grown into home churches that now meet every Sunday morning, with up to 30 attending each week.

Morrison Belebana found himself isolated in Newcastle, with his family the only WCG members within 100 kilometers. Instead of simply joining another fellowship, he decided he was being led to start a church there, which he did. His passionate and caring nature for the community has ensured the growth of the congregation.

The needs in South Africa are vast and varied. Crime rates are high, along with unemployment.

Many people struggle to provide even the basics such as food, clothing and shelter for their families. Diseases such as tuberculosis and HIV are widespread and affect all spectrums of our society, but especially the lower-income groups. Faced with poverty and disease, many are searching desperately for meaning and hope in an otherwise futile life.



Caleb and Francina Makhela planted a church in Maelula, Limpopo Province, South Africa.

HIV/AIDS is a reality that millions in Southern Africa live with every day. Hundreds of thousands more have to come to terms with it each year. It affects individuals, families and communities. It reaches and concerns even those who feel isolated from this epidemic, as it affects the economy. What can we as a church do, when organisations such as the United Nations and World Health Organisation flounder in the face of the onslaught of this tiny virus? We need to be careful that we keep focused on our calling, yet maintain our Christ-heart for the people.

John Walters, a missionary in Botswana who works with AIDS patients, wrote in a recent e-mail, "We no longer have the time or the energy to 'go and make disciples of all nations.' Our outreach has declined. Our vision has become AIDS-orientated rather than gospel of Christ orientated. The immediate needs of the AIDS situation is setting our agenda rather than the eternal needs of the tens of thousands in our area alone that do not know Christ."

As in all areas of life, we need to maintain a balance, and pray for wisdom, as AIDS becomes a reality within the doors of our church. We cannot condemn or ostracise, for we are all sinners and fall short of his glory, but neither can we condone the sexual promiscuity that is allowing AIDS to spread so rampantly.

Fortunately, we have Christ's perfect example left for us. He walked and mingled with lepers, tax collectors and prostitutes. He cared deeply for humanity and its pain. He wept. He did what he could to help and ease the suffering he came across, yet he never lost focus of his calling. Satan would love us to become so involved in trying to solve the human problems that we forget or



Morrison Belebana (front left) started the Newcastle congregation.

lose focus on our primary calling, which is to spread the gospel and make disciples.

But what can we do? We are warned in James 2:16, "If one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled but you do not give them those things which are needful to the body, what good is it?" We have an obligation to assist where we can, and we do. But as a fellowship, money is tight, and the needs are always

increasing. It can be disheartening to see such physical need all around and not be able to help. However, we have something much more valuable to offer... HOPE!

When the Sizwe Hospital in Johannesburg, which treats tuberculosis and HIV patients, was approached by our Johannesburg congregation, the CEO of the hospital, Dr. Louw, was delighted at our proposal to offer church services at the hospital. She commented that at a recent board meeting they had discussed how medicine was often ineffective, and what the patients needed more than anything else was hope. Many patients are hospitalised for up to a year, and get depressed and even aggressive at the hopelessness of their situation. After ministering to and serving this group (usually 20-30 each week) for just over six months, it has been mentioned to the leaders of the Sizwe church that many of the patients are changed people, more cheerful and with a much more positive outlook on their situation. Romans 8:24-25 tells us that our hope is not for things seen in this lifetime, but in the future, made possible by the sacrifice of Christ! This is what we as a fellowship have to offer to all who have little hope in their current situation: eternal hope in Christ. It is this

hope that the patients at Sizwe are offered and seem to be thriving on.

As the Worldwide Church of God South Africa, we too continue in hope, relying on



Pastor Millar preaching at Sizwe Hospital.

God, taking his gospel to our communities, and praising and worshipping him with all our strength!



## Upcoming Events

### Men's Ministry Retreat in Georgia — August 15-17

You are invited to attend Living Hope Christian Fellowship's (Atlanta, GA) eighth annual Men's Ministry Retreat, Aug. 15-17. This year's theme is "Brothers Coming Together in Christ." The cost is \$83, which includes meals and lodging. To enroll or for information, contact Raymond Collier at 404-755-0687 or [ray66mond@bellsouth.net](mailto:ray66mond@bellsouth.net).

### Women's Retreat in Alabama — September 12-14

A women's retreat is planned by Grace Covenant Fellowship and Good Hope Community Church. This retreat will begin on Friday evening, Sept. 12, and conclude with lunch on Sunday, Sept. 14. It will be held in Cullman, AL. You can go to [www.stbernardabbey.com](http://www.stbernardabbey.com) to learn more about the location.

The theme will be The Seasons of Our Lives. Speakers will be Ginny Rice, Ruth Miller and Marcia Hendrix. We will enjoy inspiring music by Ann Hartmann ([annhartmann.com](http://annhartmann.com)) and Deborah Barker.

The cost is \$100, which includes registration, two nights' lodging and five meals. For information or to register, contact Ruth Miller at [ruth.miller@wgc.org](mailto:ruth.miller@wgc.org) or (205) 979-7321.

### Men's & Women's Conference in New Jersey — Sept. 26-28

Grace Christian Fellowship invites you to celebrate our 10th Anniversary Conference, and our first conference uniting the Women's and Men's Conferences. Our theme is "Celebrating Life in Christ." We will explore the theme through workshops, praise and worship, prayer walks, a Saturday evening dinner-dance, fellowshiping, and a Sunday communion service. Some sessions will have gender-specific topics.

The conference will be in north-central New Jersey, at the Sheraton

Parsippany ([www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)). Special guests include Joseph and Tammy Tkach, Heaven's Light of Day providing praise and worship, and the Umoja praise dancers. For further information contact Sandra Delmonte 732-422-9816.

### Harvest Conference in South Carolina — October 9-12

The Harvest Church (WCG congregations in Marion and Myrtle Beach, SC) is sponsoring a fall conference with the theme "Just Believe," in Myrtle Beach. There will be a health screening, a marriage seminar, and a formal dinner. Speakers include Paul David Kurts, Charles Young, Keith Brittain, and Howard Blakeney.

Registration is \$35 for an individual or \$80 for a family. Send payment to The Harvest Church, c/o Eleanor Davis, PO Box 516, Marion, SC, 29571. For hotel reservations at Springmaid, phone 1-877-283-3284. For more information contact Howard Blakeney at 1-843-206-5388.

### Encounter 2008, Near Cincinnati — October 10-12

Registration for *Encounter 2008* is now open, and it's filling quickly. WCG members, friends and family have registered to attend from all over the Midwest and as far away as California, Texas and Connecticut. All are welcome!

Encounter 2008 is a new kind of event sponsored by Generations Ministries and designed to be a foretaste of WCG Next. It brings the best of our festivals, camps and family weekends to an event designed for all age groups. Together we'll celebrate our shared life in Jesus—at meals, in recreational activities, in relaxed fellowship and through multi-generational, multi-cultural worship. It will be a joy-filled time for all.

Families, married couples and singles; all age groups and all cultures will be warmly embraced and cared for. Non-Christian spouses, friends

and relatives will feel at home. No hard sell, no frenzied activity: just an encounter with Jesus and his people in a beautiful, relaxed setting.

Registration and information may be downloaded from the WCG event page at [www.wcg.org/events/](http://www.wcg.org/events/). Or you may send a request to:

Encounter 2008  
PO Box 54481  
Cincinnati, OH 45254

Questions may be sent to the address above or emailed to [George.Hart@wgc.org](mailto:George.Hart@wgc.org).

### Hawaii Fellowship Cruise — October 15-29

Space is still available for a two-week cruise from Los Angeles to Hawaii. Join WCG legal counsel, Bernie Schnippert, and his wife Arlene, along with Russell and Phyllis Duke, music coordinators, and Ron and Norva Kelly, group cruise coordinators, for inspiring worship services during the days at sea.

Then enjoy four totally different port stops in Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai and Maui. You will be able to sample the flavor of these famous tourist destinations all on the same trip. Most travelers to Hawaii spend time at only one resort. Your floating hotel will take you to four stops without ever needing to repack your suitcase.

Hundreds have enjoyed our fellowship cruises in past years to such places as Alaska, New England, Mexico, the Panama Canal and the Caribbean. This year we offer for the first time a cruise to Hawaii.

If you have been on a WCG cruise, you already know the rewards of cruising, dining, fellowship and most of all, inspiring worship services. If you have never been on one of our cruises, this would be a good time to "break into cruising." Many on board will be repeat cruisers, but first-timers always add a dimension of excitement to our activities.

This cruise begins in Los Angeles on Oct. 15. On the return trip, the

ship will visit Ensenada, Mexico, to experience another culture. The ship returns to Los Angeles on Oct. 29.

For further information, pricing and reservations, contact John Siston at Travel Gallery. You can call him toll free at 800-858-6999 or email him at john@travelgallery.com.

If reservations are made between July 21-28 and paid in full by Aug. 1, each person will receive a \$120 coupon book from Princess Cruise Line.

We hope to see you in October!

## Past Events

### St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rhode Island

The Grace Family Church of Rhode Island had an opportunity to receive community-wide attention on March 15 by participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade (photo above). We were dressed up in all kinds of traditional Irish clothing: green hats, bow ties, and green glass necklaces.



While some members marched, others stayed at the church handing out flyers and inviting people to church. The parade passed right in front of the church.

*Louis Albert Tavares*

### Church-Next Training

Fourteen men and women from across the United States attended Church-Next Training in Oregon May 5-10. This event, sponsored by Church Multiplication Ministries (CMM), taught participants about the key elements for church planting and church renewal. Trainers included Dan Rogers, Lorenzo Arroyo, Randy Bloom, and Glen Weber.

Session topics included vision and mission development, leadership team development, reaching unchurched people, and developing culturally relevant ministries. These were given in the context of Trinitarian theology, kingdom growth and church multiplication.

To learn more about CMM and to schedule training for church renewal and church planting, contact the CAD office (800-574-2299) or Randy Bloom (CMM director) at randy.bloom@wcg.org.

### 40th Anniversary in Bowling Green, KY

The WCG church in Bowling Green, KY, celebrated its 40th anniversary on May 18. There were 88 in attendance. Frank Tomes gave the sermon on the good news that Jesus loves us and the joy of knowing Jesus. Members performed several special music selections.

Over the 40-year history of the church, the WCG congregation in Bowling Green has moved the location of its services several times and moved its services to Sundays. During the past few years, the congregation has been actively involved with the Angel Tree prison ministry.

*Bonnie Ferranti*

### Hospital ministry in Colorado Springs

The Colorado Springs Church found an easy and fun way to show the love of God to some of the smallest and most vulnerable people in the community. One of our members, Katie Hollis, moved here from Texas, where her sister Laura Cook and friend Mary Beth Waters worked in a hospital. Those women saw the emotional needs of young children who were traumatized by entering the hospital or waiting for hours in an emergency room. The two women started an effort they called a "Love Packet Ministry" to deliver some comfort and love to chil-

dren in such stressful situations.

The women delivered packets to the hospitals, domestic violence shelters and other providers of family services. The packets contain crayons, coloring book, a stuffed animal or toy, a snack and a drink, and include a scripture or note about the love of God.

Katie asked if this ministry might be good for our congregation. Soon after, we scheduled an afternoon to put the packets together. In a short time we were able to make almost 300 Love Packets amid joyful laughter and busy hands. Two members delivered 40 packets to the hospital emergency room, and 75 more packets were delivered to the Domestic Violence Shelter's safe houses. They were thrilled to have the packets and will call when more are needed. This

will be an ongoing ministry filled with comfort and the love of Jesus.

*Mark McCulley*



### More events on our website

All the articles on this page have been shortened, and we still didn't have enough room to include all the news reports we received. Visit [www.wcg.org/together/08/july/events.htm](http://www.wcg.org/together/08/july/events.htm) for more details, including the following articles:

- Canadian member in Olympic Trials
- Black History celebration in Michigan
- Mother-daughter tea in Georgia
- Women's shelter in Georgia
- Autistic member writes poem
- Members represent Spain in Texas
- Skit performed in Dallas church
- Mission Developer visits Texas church
- Texas teen wins awards in the arts
- Florida member volunteer of the year
- Baptism in Arizona
- Congregations join for Easter services
- High school and college graduations



## Births

**Nikko Eric Dew**, May 4, third child and second son for Eric and Christine (Van Landuyt) Dew, of Surprise, AZ.

**Blaze Alexander Dotson**, Feb. 22, fourth child for Kenna Swanson and Alex Dotson, of Howe, TX.

**Micah Nathaniel Jones**, April 4, second child for Joseph and Paula Jones, of Okemah, OK.

**Anthony Roys Martinez**, Nov. 13, second child for Benjamin and Victoria (Roys) Martinez, of Spokane, WA.

**Peyton Levi Moody and Parker Daniel Moody**, Jan. 12, first children for Brad and Marcy (Monroe) Moody, of McLoud, TX.\*

**Jette Naia Evangelista Moya**, Nov. 20, second child of Aleskei and Erlin Moya, Pathway of Grace Church (Mesquite, TX).\*

**Mykah Alexandra Arielle Schemm**, Dec. 15, fourth child for Steven and Michelle (Scott) Schemm, of Federal Way, WA.\*

## Wedding

**Corrine Brunet and Mike Shipman** were married on March 15 in Hurst, TX. Bob Persky officiated. The wedding party included the bride's parents, Jack and Betty Brunet, the groom's parents, Tony and Karen Shipman, Jean Shipman-Benedict, Stephanie Gordon, Jon and Joe Shipman, Lindy Cheatwood, Julie Atiez, Dan Butz, and Michka and Nathacha Gordon.\*

## Publications

The University of Zimbabwe published *The Seed of All Evil vs. The Seed of True Love*, by **Andrew Masuku**. The book concerns relationships in marriage and between different social groups. For further information contact [amasuku@taurai.co.zw](mailto:amasuku@taurai.co.zw).

Pickwick Publications has published a book by **Michael Morrison** titled *Who Needs a New Covenant? Rhetorical Function of the Covenant Motif in the Argument of Hebrews*. As part of the Princeton Theological Monograph Series, it is available through online booksellers. It is a revised edition of the author's 2006 dissertation.

## Elder ordinations

- Peg Casale**, Syracuse, NY
- Paul Curd**, Federal Way, WA
- Terri Hamilton**, Brandon, Manitoba
- Cody Lindberg**, Jenners, PA
- Michael Lockard**, Cincinnati, OH
- Virginia Manzano**, Tabaco, Philippines
- Gary Morgan**, Memphis, TN
- Reuel Pamor**, Naga, Philippines
- Domingo Trilles**, Balatan, Philippines

## Anniversaries

**Bob and Linda Knowles** celebrated their 40th anniversary on May 4. After spending 24 years in San Diego, CA, they moved to Tennessee two years ago to be near their children and grandchildren.\*

**Carroll and Noriel Waterman**, attending Sonlight Christian Fellowship in Loudon, NH, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23, and will celebrate it in October on the WCG Festival Cruise to Hawaii. They have four children: Joseph, Jo-Ellen, Carolyn, and Tommy, and ten grandchildren.

## Retirements

**Paul Kroll**, senior editor of *Christian Odyssey*, author of many articles on our website, and writer in the Personal Correspondence Department, retired on June 6. He began full-time work with the WCG in 1964 and served as Professor of Journalism at Ambassador College and in many other capacities.

**Don Mason**, pastor in Cary and Wilson, NC, retired on May 30, after almost 40 years of full-time service.

**Dennis Pelley**, pastor of New Hope Christian Fellowship in Eagle Rock, CA, will retire on July 4, after 24 years of service.

## Obituaries

**Henry V. Banks**, 84, of Tucson, AZ, died on April 25. She was born Dec. 27, 1923.\*

**Fred W. Bauer**, 86, of Minneapolis, MN, Jan. 29. He was a member since 1963 and a deacon for many years in the Minneapolis South congregation. He is survived by his wife

of nearly 60 years, Ruby, and five children: Ruth (Rod) Matthews, Mark (Lenore) Bauer, David (Mary) Bauer, John (Lydia) Bauer, and Philip (Donna) Bauer, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.\*

**Susan M. Clopton**, 49, of Princeton, TX, April 1. Susan is remembered by her daughter Larissa, husband Carl, mother Margaret and brother James. She is preceded in death by her father, Edmund Smith.\*

**Charlie W. Hewitt**, 75, of Avinger, TX, April 5. He and his wife Joyce were married for 58 years, and were in the WCG for 49 years, attending Grace Christian Fellowship in Longview. He is survived by his wife and children: Gary (Sue) Hewitt, Debbi (David) Daniels, and Rebekah (Vince) Spencer; a sister, Marie Woods of Kilgore, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.\*

**Lona V. Snyder**, 89, of Salem, OR, Jan. 28. A member since 1967, formerly of Eugene, OR, she is survived by five children: June Smith, Melvin Snyder, Jeanne Banks, Joyce Snyder, and Milton Snyder.

**Robert F. Warden**, 83, of Crete, IL, March 22. He is survived by his wife Margaret (Silver) and his sister Joan Bradac. He was preceded in death by his sister Dorothy Lee Lohr. He was a World War II army veteran and a WCG member since 1963.

**Josie White**, 78, May 7, after a short illness. She was a faithful member of the WCG since 1972 and attended the Dublin, GA congregation. She is survived by two older brothers, a sister and several nieces.

\* See [www.wcg.org/together/08/july/announce.htm](http://www.wcg.org/together/08/july/announce.htm) for more information and photos.



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