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Good News for Pakistan

By Rod Matthews, Mission Developer for South Asia

In August Mohan Jayasekera (pastor in Perth, Australia, formerly from Sri Lanka) and I travelled to Pakistan to strengthen our developing relationships with a church in Faisalabad and its leadership. Pakistan is the second-largest Muslim nation in the world, with about 170 million people. Less than 2 percent of the people are Christians.

I flew into Lahore, Pakistan, around 11 p.m. and was welcomed by the pastor and several of his pastoral team, and Mohan Jayasekera, who had arrived earlier. We will call the pastor

Yusef rather than by his real name, because Christians are sometimes persecuted in this nation. He is our ministry partner in Pakistan and is the leader of a network of congregations that are served from his base in Faisalabad.

We drove to Faisalabad on the new tollway and arrived around 2:30 a.m. A severe thunderstorm had just flooded large parts of the city. The water seemed to be about wheel-high in places as our van negotiated the narrow streets and stalled cars to reach Yusef's house.

We were scheduled to speak at 10:00 that morning at a seminar for congregational leaders in the church building only 200 meters away from Yusef's home. But there was no way of getting there without wading through muddy water. Some streets had been dug up for drainage(!) works and many were unpassable for any vehicles. So we put on some old shoes and slogged our way to the hall.

The temperature was over 90° and the humidity around 90 percent. Due to a chronic electricity generation shortfall during summer in Pakistan, there were rotating blackouts every day. It was particularly hot when the power went off and the overhead fans stopped.

At Yusef's request, Mohan spoke on the encouraging news that we are blessed to participate in the remarkable relationship that has eternally existed between the Father, Son



and Holy Spirit. A catered lunch for everyone followed on the flat roof of the building under a canopy.

The following day, since we were foreigners, we had to go to the central police station in Faisalabad to register with the local authorities—so the local police would be aware of our presence and could offer any assistance, if needed.

Later that afternoon, Mohan and I addressed about 30 women, who comprise the women's ministry group, led by Yusef's wife. These ladies are energetic, dedicated to their calling and deeply involved in the life of the church. While to some this might seem counter to the culture in a Mus-



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stars in the courtyard of the home of the village's pastor with his congregational leaders, with Yusef and some from his ministry team who had come with us. There we enjoyed a fine meal and a sense of peace and community in Christ, hindered only a little by language difficulties.

lim country, it should be noted that many women have been—and are—prominent in government roles in Pakistan.

That evening, we travelled a few kilometers beyond the edge of Faisalabad to a village where a new church had been planted. We arrived as the sun was setting, but many people had already gathered together in an open lot between existing buildings where they hoped to construct a meeting hall in the future. I don't know how long they had already been there singing Christian songs in Urdu accompanied by drums and a small portable squeezebox organ.

After getting acquainted with the pastor and his helpers, we joined the worship service. I gave the message that evening, which was translated into Urdu by Yusef. Of course, when every sentence has to be translated into another language, any message takes twice as long in the delivery—or perhaps I should say, the message needs to be half as long in the preparation!

Timed perfectly for the start of the sermon, the night was punctuated by the arrival of a thick plague of flying insects, which were drawn by the thousands to the portable fluorescent light near the lectern—although many missed the light and found their way down the necks of our shirts, under the scarves of the ladies, and into our eyes and hair. While it may have offered a meaningful spiritual lesson, the light had to be moved to the entrance to draw them away, and that meant preaching (forget the notes!) in near darkness. I did recall that Paul and many other preachers since have had it much worse!

After the service, we sat under the

On Sunday morning, we joined the Faisalabad congregation of 130 people sitting on mats on the floor of their new hall and I gave the sermon with Yusef translating. This congregation was founded and is pastored by Yusef's father. After services, the congregation walked to another church nearby to use their baptism pool. Thirteen people were baptised, accompanied by singing and celebration.

In the afternoon, we were special guests at a children's ministry activity of songs and dances, supervised by the younger ladies in the congregation. There were over 100 children present, some from church families and some street children who had been invited and drawn into the activity as an outreach initiative.

Before we left Faisalabad, we met with a group of men and women who will make up the first intake of students for the Bible college that Yusef plans [see group picture]. While there is much activity in Pakistan by Christian groups seeking to spread the gospel, there are urgent deficiencies in developing the new believers—namely, in making disciples of Christ, of teaching what he taught, and understanding and sharing the Scriptures.



Over the past months Yusef has sought advice from us on a proposed curriculum, introductory classes and their content, and support resources. Some of the basic classes will use our publications as study guides.

Barely half of the population of Pakistan is literate. Many church members cannot read Urdu well, and some are completely illiterate, so they are totally reliant on verbal teaching. The need is great for theologically sound, balanced and basic teaching for pastors and congregational leaders so the knowledge can be passed on



to the people, to support the work of the Holy Spirit in transforming their lives.

The church building is not finished yet, needing painting inside the downstairs hall, but it is utilized well. Soon classes will begin for teenagers and young women in sewing and tailoring so they can gain skills to earn a living. Many young Christian women, because of a lack of education and literacy, have access only to jobs as maids for Muslim families, where many are abused. We have committed to helping this vital activity get under way by sending funds to purchase 15 hand-powered sewing machines and the equipment needed—scissors, threads, measuring tapes, etc.—plus a desk and whiteboard for the instructor. The students will sit on the floor, as is the custom.

More funds will be needed in the future to continue paying a stipend

and expenses for the instructor.

In conjunction with the vocational classes, the church will run literacy classes for these young women—initially in Urdu and then later in English, which will vastly improve their prospects for gaining meaningful (and safer) employment. Equipment and teaching materials have to be purchased for this, too.

On the second floor of the building (which is now the roof) it is planned to build three more rooms to be used as class and activity rooms for the

vocational and literacy classes, the Bible college, children’s and women’s ministry activities, when funds become available.

Our visit to Pakistan was very encouraging. Over the last

disciples of Jesus Christ, teaching what he taught—not specifically to make members for the WCG, although if God should lead someone to us to nurture, we are grateful for and sobered by the privilege.

The 10-lesson course entitled “Discipleship 101” available on our HQ website has been translated into Urdu, and we have already sent Yusef the funds needed to print 1000 copies for teaching use and for distributing to other pastors in Pakistan. Yusef has also requested and been given approval to translate our publication entitled “35 Doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God” (also on our website) into Urdu to use as an outline for a course in basic Christian beliefs in the Bible college. We are blessed, excited and challenged to be serving in Pakistan with and through Yusef and his church.

Pakistan is a challenging country for Christians to live in and to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. As our ministry partner there, Yusef much appreciates our prayers and spiritual support, and we are privileged to be part of the work of God at the frontline of the commission to go into the entire world.



few years, I have had many email inquiries from other ministries in Pakistan seeking a relationship with the WCG, but most want only financial support. Thankfully, God has led us to a relationship with Yusef, where we can bring the blessings God has given us to bear on the work of the kingdom in Pakistan through a locally established ministry. They work in the local languages, which we couldn’t if we were to attempt to establish ourselves there. Our commission is to go into all the world and make



Good News in Nepal

By Rod Matthews

After Mohan Jayasekera and I visited Pakistan (see previous article), we went to meet with a ministry partner in Nepal, the nation sandwiched between India and China. Nepal has 29 million people; less than 1 percent are Christian.

There are no direct flights from Pakistan to Nepal, so we had to transit through Delhi in India and stay one night. There we met up with Rick Shallenberger, pastor of one of the congregations in Cincinnati, Ohio, who was accompanying us at the request of his church so he could give a first-hand report on the results of the financial support the congregation had given to our projects in Nepal.

We flew into Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, in the afternoon—descending through a gap in the surrounding hills and coming in over thousands of flat-roofed red-brick buildings, where more than a million people live. The city lies in a lush valley at an elevation of 4,500 feet, with the peaks of the Himalayas only barely visible at a distance through gaps in the hills to the north, and even then only on a very clear day. Around the outskirts of the city are many brickyards with giant chimneys rising from the kilns.

Soon after we reached our little hotel, Deben Sam, pastor of the Gospel for Himalayas church, our ministry partner in Nepal, came to meet with us. Deben and his wife, Manju, come from the far eastern part of Nepal. They have an 18-month-old son named Uzziel. Deben was the first person in his village to become a Christian, and as a result of persecution from his Hindu neighbors, his parents asked him to move out. So he came to Kathmandu and lived with a relative who was a Christian pastor until he decided to start his own ministry on a theological foundation he believed was more accurate.

Our contact with him began through email as a result of his inter-

est in our extensive range of website articles, and his request to use them for his ministry. He explained that little biblical educational material was available in the Nepali language.

We offered to fund the translation and printing of biblical educational material, with the first Nepali publication being the Discipleship 101 course (which is available on the WCG website). Over 1000 copies have been distributed in Nepal, and another printing is needed.

On our first full day in Kathmandu, we visited the medical clinic that Deben and his ministry team started. Around two years ago, about 30 members of his Kathmandu congregation who worked at one of the brickyards were required to work seven days a week by their Hindu owner so that they could not go to church. These workers live in absolute poverty and work in slave-like conditions. Even the children have to work. They earn about 90 rupees (\$1.50) per 1000 bricks, which can then be sold by the brickyard owner for 6,000 rupees.

In response to their circumstances, Deben started exploring specific ways to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to them—in addition to conducting Bible studies for them in their brickyard living areas. They are too poor to pay for medical care, and the living conditions pose health risks, especially for the young children and their mothers. Deben suggested starting a medical clinic to offer them free consultations and medicines.



Deben, Uzziel, and Manju Sam

That meant renting a room, hiring a pharmacist, buying medicines, and gaining the services of a doctor for a few hours a week. We discussed the levels of assistance we could sustain and committed to establishing the clinic and funding operations initially for one year. The support started with the Australian churches, and a major portion was picked up by Rick's Cincinnati congregation.

After some challenges getting the required government approval, the clinic now operates in an area near some of the brickyards and is open six afternoons a week for several hours, staffed by an administrator and a pharmacist, with a doctor in attendance for four hours once a week. Its services are free of charge for brickyard workers and any others who are very poor.

On Saturday (Nepal has a one-day weekend), we visited the Kathmandu congregation pastored by Deben. Mohan and I gave short messages and Rick gave the sermon with a





Deben Sam, Sudip Lal, and Rick Shallenberger at the church building in Ramantar. Pastor Sudip lives in a room in the back of the building.

translation into Nepali provided by Raju, Deben's brother-in-law and the worship leader. About 35 people sat on the floor in a small room to sing, pray and hear the messages.

On Sunday, we accepted Deben's offer to take us to a village of Chepang people about 160 km (100 miles) west of Kathmandu, where he had planted a church. It was a rather difficult drive that took about 4½ hours each way. The traffic was "challenging"—slow trucks, buses, cars, motorcycles, three-wheelers and carts pulled by donkeys and oxen.

The scenery was magnificent as we followed the Narayani River (a tributary of the Ganges) for about half the way, through gorges and floodplains.

The Chepang people are an ethnic group living southwest of Kathmandu, and are largely animist, although influenced by Hinduism and Buddhism. For over 1,000 years they have lived in very poor conditions, being originally nomadic but now living in villages and raising livestock and planting crops.

We pulled off the main road and walked down a dirt track through the village of Ramantar—past houses made of wood and bamboo frames with mud walls and either corrugated iron or thatch roofs. As foreigners (with digital cameras!) we were of

that a congregation was formed. It meets in a rudimentary building and the pastor, Sudip Lal, lives in a single room at the end of the building with his wife and three children. The building has a bamboo and wooden frame holding adobe mud walls with a dirt floor and a corrugated metal roof. There are woven mats on the floor and the only item of furniture in the meeting room is a lectern. There is no electricity or piped water in this village. Yet here there is a congregation of Christians who worship the same great loving God. It was a moving experience, and I felt privileged to be there.

The church building could use some repairs to the roof, so we plan to help them fund repairs when they have assessed what is needed. Because Sunday was a work day, we were not able to meet with the congregation.

On the way back to Kathmandu, we stopped at another town to see where a new congregation is about to be planted when they have secured a meeting room.

great interest to the children.

Deben had a friend from the area and decided to start a church amongst a people who desperately need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. He conducted a public meeting in the village, and from

We saw one proposed location—a small and dirty room at the back of an unused commercial property—which will be greatly improved with a coat of paint and some mats on the floor. Again, we were sobered by being on the front line of the gospel "going into all the world." I asked Deben why he had started a congregation in this place—and he paused as if the question was hard to fathom and answered, "Because I have a heart for the poor." This characterises the ministry in Nepal with whom we have a partnership. Thanks be to God!

In his travels, Deben takes public transport. He does not own a motorcycle—which is probably good, since we saw very long lines of cars and cycles waiting for fuel at petrol (gas) stations because of a severe shortage in Nepal at present.

In the months ahead, we are planning to translate more of our material into Nepali for the education of the rural pastors in the network of Gospel for Himalayas congregations—of which there are another 15 or so in eastern Nepal. Then the information can be used as a teaching resource for those pastors in their congregations. We will also evaluate whether we have the capacity to expand the scope of services offered by the clinic. We pray that this partnership will enable the gospel to reach into new areas and for the poor to be served as a direct expression of God's love. All people have been invited into that marvellous relationship the Father has with his Son and the Holy Spirit.





South Holland Celebrates 15 Years With Pastor

On September 7, the members of The Shepherd's Community Church feted their pastor and his wife, Willard and Brenda High, for their 15 years of sacrificial, compassionate, and dedicated leadership.

Dave Fiedler (our regional pastoral leader), his wife Linda, and Cliff Parks (our district pastoral leader) also attended, along with South Holland, IL, mayor, Don DeGraff, and his wife Nyla.

Festivities included a family-style dinner and a photomontage of events from the Highs' life. Following these were worship services and the presentations of tributes. After a rousing beginning to services from the worship team, the guest speaker from Heaven's View Christian Fellowship in Peoria, IL, Tony Pierce, exhorted

far we've come, and where we're headed. That's what Loretta Clark did for us at the 2008 Women's Conference presented by The Shepherd's Community Church on August 16.

After several inspiring praise songs, the nearly 60 attendees heard the main message by Evangelist Clark of the Apostolic Church of God in Chicago. Her words of encouragement and inspiration told us how God can bring us "full circle at the appointed time—not of ourselves but in the Spirit of the Lord."

Three breakout sessions were held after lunch. Frieda Roulds facilitated a session on finding joy; Eugene Dumas led a session on confidence in Christ; and Herbert Saunders presented a session on God's love. The conference ended with a gift giveaway, and remarks from Brenda High.

—Charleda Lane

for performances in the Karaoke Talent Contest and dance activities.

Daily worship services were held in a private room on the ship, and featured sermons from Caribbean Missions Developer Charles Fleming and Jacksonville pastor Marty Davey. We plan to sponsor another cruise next fall; details will be announced next year on our congregation's website at ChristianFamilyFellowshipJax.com or cffjax.com.

—Marty Davey

Future events

2009 Cruises and Group Tours

By Ronald Kelly, Group Tour Coordinator

As we wind down the year 2008, it's time to look ahead for exciting Worldwide Church of God fellowship cruises and tour planning for the upcoming year. In 2008, members enjoyed an inspirational Holy Land Tour in March.

Working with Travel Gallery, we are offering three divergent opportunities for 2009 that will make it difficult for you to decide exactly which one will be right for you.

An Alaska Cruise

We again offer a cruise to Alaska. It will have been three years since our last cruise to this part of the world. Previous groups have found this journey to be awesome. We will travel on Princess Cruise Lines' Star Princess round trip from Seattle, WA, for seven days of fantastic scenery, fellowship and the always-popular extravagant meals.

The dates of this cruise are May 17–25. Pricing begins at just \$724—a really good price for an Alaska itinerary. Ports of call will be Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Victoria, B.C., Canada. The ship will also cruise through the Tracy Arm Fjord.

We chose these dates because Alaska cruising gets more and more expensive through each week of the summer sailing schedule. Also Seattle



Left: Pastor Willard and Brenda High. Right: Loretta Clark speaks in South Holland.

the assembly to consider new methods for attracting people to Christ.

After the message, Pastor and Mrs. High received expressions of appreciation from the guests: a congratulatory book, several proclamations and poems, words of appreciation, and cards and gifts.

—Charleda Lane and Barbara Williamson; photo by Sterling Bolden

Women's Conference in South Holland

Sometimes we need to be reminded of where we've been, how

Florida Fellowship Cruise

The Jacksonville, FL, and Brunswick, GA, congregations enjoyed a fellowship cruise with daily worship services, plus marriage workshops for couples, Sept. 25–29. Thirty-two members traveled from Jacksonville to the Bahamas aboard the Carnival *Fascination* cruiseship, returning to Jacksonville on the fifth day. Among the many highlights of the trip, 20 participants went onshore to join the Nassau WCG congregation for worship services. Members also won trophies on board the ship

is easier to get to and less expensive than flying to Vancouver, B.C., Canada, where many cruise ships depart. If you have put off a long-standing desire to cruise Alaska, this will be a wonderful opportunity.

In The Footsteps of the Apostle Paul

For the first time, this coming year we will partner with Globus Tours, one of the premier tour operators in the world. The advantage of this partnership is that those who sign up for this tour will be guaranteed a fixed price and tour dates. In the past, some of our planned WCG tours have not had a sufficient number of participants to form a group and we had to cancel plans. With Globus, we will be included in their group planning dates. If we have sufficient participation, a WCG minister will be along as a personal tour host and will conduct selected devotionals along the way. However, there is no minimum number of participants required and if there are fewer than we expect, members will not be disappointed by a cancellation.

This tour, "In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul," includes visits to Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Philippi and Berea. There will be a stop at St. Stevens 14th-century monastery, which sits atop vast rocks and is one of the most breathtaking sites in the world. In addition to these remarkable sites in mainland Greece, this tour includes a three-night cruise from Athens that makes port calls in Mykonos, Rhodes, Patmos, and Kusadasi, with a tour of biblical Ephesus.

This fantastic tour is 11 days with round-trip airfare from New York to Athens. The departure date is October 6, with a return on October 16. Pricing for this group tour is \$3,417 per person, double occupancy, including airfare from New York. Add-on airfares from your home city can be arranged. A land-only price is also available for those who prefer to make their own airline reservations.

Few travel opportunities offer more education and inspiration than

Church Planting—Looking for a Few Good People

Church multiplication. Church planting. We're talking about one of the most important aspects of fulfilling our Father's mission to live and share the gospel and make new disciples: starting new churches. But why do we need to do this?

Many of our members and established congregations are actively, and effectively, sharing God's love with friends, family and communities. They are effective in their contexts. But America is a mosaic of racial, ethnic, generational and social groups. Most of the people who comprise these groups have not heard the gospel of Jesus. In addition, they need to hear the gospel and grow as disciples within their cultural context. It takes all kinds of churches to reach them. Most of our established congregations are not able to provide these varied contexts. New churches can.

But new churches need leaders—people who have a deep passion for unchurched people who are not being reached at this time. Church

plant leaders are people who have specialized gifts and competencies that enable them to enter non-Christian communities and people groups to intentionally develop relationships, serve people, proclaim the gospel, and make disciples.

Church plant leaders know how to develop ministry teams that develop culturally relevant ministries and worship services. Church plant leaders are entrepreneurial—willing to work hard, take risks, and find creative ways to overcome obstacles. Church plant leaders follow Jesus' pattern of sacrificial living for the sake of reaching unreached people with the good news of God's love and grace. Church plant leaders are driven by a vision and a relentless faith in God's provision.

We are looking for church planters. Do you have a vision for a church that can reach new people for Jesus? Do you feel the Spirit calling you to start a new church? If so, please contact CAD and we will help you clarify your calling, equip you for ministry, and join you on your journey with Jesus. Send email to randy.bloom@wcg.org.

to walk into the past in the footsteps of Paul.

An Affordable Caribbean Cruise

Finally, we don't want to neglect the extremely popular and very affordable cruises one can enjoy in the Caribbean. This year we will again be sailing with Princess Cruise Lines. The ship is the Emerald Princess. Departing from Ft. Lauderdale on November 1, 2009, the ship will put into port at St. Martin, St. Thomas and Grand Turk. There will also be a stop at Princess Cruise Lines' private island, Princess Cays, Bahamas. The return date to Ft. Lauderdale is November 8. Prices start at just \$569 per person for this cruise.

As with all WCG-sponsored cruises, worship services will be conducted on board and there will be ample time for fun and fellowship

with fellow members.

For those who have never cruised before, these affordable Caribbean cruises offer a chance to experience a truly delightful vacation coupled with the worship and fellowship that only a WCG cruise can offer.

Travel Gallery is now accepting reservations and deposits for these 2009 activities. If one of them is of interest to you or you would like further information, please contact John Siston via email at john@travelgallery.com or call him toll free at 1-800-858-6999.

This advance announcement will allow you time to consider your travel desires for next year and lock in selected pricing. Early bookings also help us plan the tour hosts who will accompany each group. We hope to see you on one of the 2009 WCG programs.



Birth

Oliver Richard Carner, Feb. 20, first child for James and Sarah (Chester) Carner, of Bend, OR.*

Abigail Marie Webb, April 27, fourth child, first daughter of Stephen and Lynn (Grabbe) Webb, of Hickory, NC.*

Graduations

Keturah Boyce, F. D. Roosevelt High School, Dallas, TX.*

Larissa Clopton, Richardson (TX) Home School Association, May 16.*

Janelle Suzanne Hygh, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and in Architectural Engineering, Cum Laude. She attends in Cary, NC.*

Yvonne Christine Stroy-Martin, Capella University, online, Masters of Human Services with a specialization in non-profit management. She attends in Miramar, FL.*

Achievements

Matthew A. Hard, from the Pathway of Grace Church (Dallas, TX), earned the highest rank in Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout.*

John Torgerson, pastor of the Wisconsin Dells congregation, wrote an opinion article for the *Wisconsin State Journal*.*

Ordinations

Kenneth Barker, Miramar, FL

Amado Aquino, Manila, Philippines

Vergil Bargola, Manila, Philippines

Morrison Belebana, Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Flaviano Calope, Toledo, Philippines

Frankie Esquerra, Manila, Philippines

Carl Head, Azle, TX

Lambert Lelevier, Las Cruces, NM

Jose Liao, Manila, Philippines

Jack Maderazo, Batangas City, Philippines

Patrick Mella, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Dirk Smith, Cape Town, South Africa

Nomer Venus, Manila South, Philippines

Beverly Ann Worden, Des Moines, IA

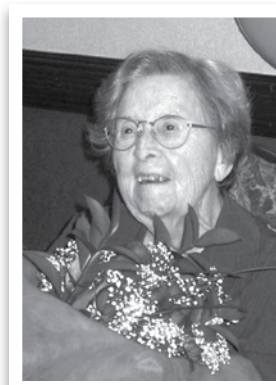
Anniversaries

Pastor John and Karen Bailey, serving the Family of Faith in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Living Faith in Davenport, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 20. Their children are Dawn Stephens and Troy Bailey. Grandsons are Mike and Jeff Stephens.*

Gordon and Kate Haack, of Plainview, MN, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16. They have three children: Daniel, Kelly and Michael Haack, and two grandchildren: Alshawn Eaton, Jr., and Brady Haack.

Joshua and Bonnie (Coults) Welch, of Nashville, TN, celebrated their 20th anniversary on Sept. 3.

Celebrating 100 years



Ruthie Parks celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 29. Her party was held at Lake Village Nursing & Rehab Center, Lewisville, TX, where she resides.*

Obituaries

Sandy Middleton Brewer, 64, longtime member of the Worldwide Church of God, passed away on August 28 from a stroke. She was born in Dallas on April 5, 1944. She spent many years in Corpus Christi. She is survived by her husband J.D., daughter Janine, son James and her sister Judy. Since relocating to Sherman, TX, several years ago, attended the Covenant Church in the Texoma area. Sandy's bubbly personality and fantastic smile always welcomed a hug.*

James A. Cousins, 45, of the Olean, NY, church, died July 23.

Nora L. Davis, 79, of Newellton, LA, died on Aug. 7 after a brief illness. She was an active member of the WCG in Natchez, MS, and was faithful until the end. She joined the church in Las Vegas, NV, in 1982. She is survived by two sons; Leroy Jackson and George Jackson; and a special daughter-in-law, Yvonne Jackson, all of Las Vegas. She was an inspiration to us all.

Maude May Hutchison, 91, formerly of Vienna, MO, died at the Lake Ozark Retirement Center, in Osage Beach, MO. She was born in Maries County, MO, on Aug. 30, 1916. She married Joseph Hutchison Aug. 21, 1947. She was a longtime member of the WCG, having been baptized in 1955. She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 26, 2004. She is survived by three children; Mary and Alan House of Four Seasons, MO, John and Mary Hutchison of Brumley, MO, Ruth and Keith Pennock of Eldon, MO; one granddaughter: Susan and Robert Ackerman, Jr.; one great granddaughter: Ava Ackerman; all of Columbus, OH. She was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Wayne Plumlee, 83, of Lewisville, TX, passed away Aug. 18 after a lengthy illness. He was born April 8, 1925 in Springtown, TX, to Floyd and Ollie Plumlee. He is a longtime member of the Worldwide Church of God. Wayne is survived by his wife, Patsy Plumlee of Lewisville; mother-in-law, Ruthie Parks of Lewisville (see photo in column 2); granddaughter, Corinda Sawyer and husband Willie; grandson, Stephen Kitts and his fiancée, Sherry Brown; great grandsons, Willie and Derrick Sawyer.*

* See www.wcg.org/together/08/nov/announce.htm for more information and photos.



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