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### WCG-USA Regional Conferences

## WCG Next 2009: Sharing God's Love and Life

We are on a journey together to WCG Next—sharing God's love and life in new generations, new cultures and new places. In our 2009 regional conferences in the United States, we'll examine the vital truth that this mission is not our own—it's the mission of the Father, through Jesus, in the Spirit, for the sake of the church and all the world. The amazing good news is that we are called to participate!

In regional conferences in 2008, we examined the foundational theology of our inclusion with Jesus in God's triune love and life. In 2009, we'll continue our theological exploration, with an eye toward its application in ministry within our churches, communities and homes. We know that Jesus is already ministering in those places. How may we actively and skillfully join with him—ministering as God's children on mission together?

In plenary sessions and breakout discussions, we'll explore our sharing in what Jesus is doing in the church and in the world to bring healing to a sin-sick world. We'll see how we may participate with Jesus as he extends

his healing touch through the Holy Spirit in ministries of prayer, preaching, church planting, youth and family ministry, and the like.

Come to be inspired, encouraged, and outfitted for the journey to WCG Next. This conference is relevant for pastors, ministry leaders, ministry workers and members and friends—all who want to share in what Jesus is doing to extend his healing love and life into our world.

Below is a list of locations and dates for the 2009 regional conferences. Detailed information for each site, including schedules and registration forms, will be posted as they become available at [www.wcg.org/events/](http://www.wcg.org/events/).

In all locations, the conference

begins Friday afternoon for pastoral ministers, followed by the opening plenary session for all participants on Friday evening. The conference continues Saturday and ends with worship Sunday morning.

- Agoura Hills, CA (Southern California): March 6-8
- Portland, OR: March 27-29
- Chicago, IL: April 24-26
- Somerset, NJ: May 15-17
- Denver, CO: June 12-14
- Lexington, KY: June 26-28
- Dallas, TX: July 24-26
- Kansas City, MO: September 25-27
- Orlando, FL: November 6-8

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### New Pastor Training in Glendora in February

Church Administration & Development will hold a New Pastor Training conference beginning at 9:00 am on Friday, February 13 and concluding about 1:00 pm on Monday, February 16, at our headquarters facility in Glendora. This conference is designed to help new pastors in their ministry to their congregation. However, it is also helpful to lay members who wish to be more involved in ministry.

Some of the topics that will be covered are the Pastor's Ministry, the Renewal Pastor, Church Renewal, an Overview of Christian History and

Theology, WCG Doctrines and How to Teach Them, and Preaching.

The cost for lay members to attend will be \$495 for an individual or \$570 for a couple. This covers housing, breakfasts and lunches for four days and handouts and resources. For those commuting each day, the cost is \$95. This includes lunches, handouts and resources.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Church Administration & Development for an application. You can call 800-574-2299 or send an email to [church.administration@wcg.org](mailto:church.administration@wcg.org).

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# An Overview of the Worldwide

**M**ission Developers fill a vital role for the Worldwide Church of God. They serve in the following regions: Africa; Asia, Australia and Oceania; Caribbean and Latin America; and Europe. The Mission Developers work in pairs to coordinate and superintend WCG missionary activities in these regions. We are blessed to have a team with a rich diversity of ministerial experience. Half of the team members serve as National Ministry Leaders in the nations in which they live.

The Mission Development teams are:

- Gary Moore and Kalengule Kaoma for Africa
- Rod Matthews and Eugene Guzon for Austral-Asia
- Charles Fleming and Hector Barrero for the Caribbean and Central & South America
- James Henderson and Santiago Lange for Europe

Each MD acts as a catalyst and a facilitator for living and sharing the gospel. They respond to new calls to mission from various places and people. They confirm the legitimacy and viability of a mission call. Once they involve themselves with a mission, much of their work is engaged in identifying and training indigenous men and women into godly leaders. The MDs are becoming specialists in contextualizing the gospel into diverse cultures and situations. This takes maturity and a great deal of experience, since there is often a very thin divider between the blessing of a contextualized gospel and the curse of syncretism.

Other priorities of the MD may be summarized as:

- providing pastoral leadership development and succession planning,
- promoting personal well-being,
- providing pastoral supervision,
- ensuring biblically sound teaching,
- spiritual formation and equipping of pastors,
- providing evangelism guidance and coordination,
- linking available resources from external sources to ensure greatest value,

- linking developing missions to the fellowship through communication,
- intervening when necessary,
- being a presence for the denomination.

The mission of the WCG outside the United States is funded in three ways. The first is through the donations of members in the various countries in which we work. The majority of mission work being done is being funded through this means. The second category is money that comes out of the denominational apportionment of the contributions received in U.S. local churches, and the third source is from individual or congregational donations that are in addition to the funds made available from the denominational apportionment. Our Mission Developers and other mission expenses incurred at the denominational offices are funded from the denominational apportionment.



**Africa**

Kalengule Kaoma, a native of Zambia, is Mission Developer for Africa. The church is active in most nations of sub-Saharan Africa. Below are some of our activities:

**Kenya:** Over the past several years, the number of refugees in Africa has increased tremendously. Of the many WCG congregations in this region, two are composed mainly of refugees—one in Nairobi, Kenya, and another in Kakuma, in northern Kenya. Many of the refugees are Congolese, Rwandese, or Burundian. Some in Kakuma are Sudanese or Ethiopian, and in Kakuma we have a number of members who are hearing impaired. The refugee members have many needs, both physical and spiritual. We have supplied many with Bibles, and have tried to set up some self-help projects, as well as supplying food as direct assistance.

**Malawi** is often described as the “warm heart” of Africa, and is a beautiful and friendly place. However, the country has not had good rains at the right

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seasons for several years; there have been food shortages and near famine conditions. Various churches in the developed world supported a fund that assisted 35 families with food for about six months during the worst of the crisis. In addition, land and seeds were purchased in order to plant crops for the end of the crisis. This initiative resulted in a bumper harvest for our members in need. Some years ago the Blantyre church planted a small church called Minimini on the slopes of Mount Mulanje. This church is in a tea plantation, and now has around 70 in attendance. A literacy program has been established to help women to learn to read.

**Madagascar** is a large island southeast of the African continent, formerly a French colony. The WCG in Madagascar (Association le Monde a Venir) has been helping kids from poor families for many years. With our two congregations (Antanarivo and Antsirabe), we are offering spiritual education, scholar kits, protein complementary food every two weeks and some educational activities for about 70- 80 kids between 2 and 13 years old.

**Angola.** Oliveira Kitambala and his wife are beginning a school project for orphans and street children just outside war-torn Luanda.

## South Africa

Gary Moore is the National Director of the Worldwide Church of God in Canada. He serves as ministry leader and coordinates the administration and missions of our fellowship in Canada.



Gary married Wendy Holladay in June 2006. Wendy, a native South African, served as the National Director of the Worldwide Church of God in South Africa. Gary

was loaned to serve the church in southern Africa from June 2006 until June 2007. He focused on strengthening the pastoral structures and mentoring the ministry. Gary and Wendy have returned to Canada, with Gary resuming his duties as National Director.

Due to the connection with southern Africa, Gary has been partnered to serve with Kalengule Kaoma as Mission Developers for that continent. Gary's responsibilities include the activities of the church in South Africa, and the areas directly administered from there—Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, and Namibia. Canadian WCG congregations and members have helped fund mission efforts in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Due to the fact that about 1/3 of our African congregations are French-speaking, a supportive relationship is forming between those churches and the French-speaking congregations in Canada.

Gary and Kalengule are working closely together to support and encourage mission in Africa. Africa is an exciting mission field. There is an openness to the gospel that is very inspiring. Gary and Wendy strongly feel that the Canadian churches will gain a great deal as they seek to partner with and serve the African members of their worldwide family. The mission of Jesus Christ is moving forward, and the light of the gospel is shining strongly in Africa!

## Philippines and Eastern Asia

Eugene Guzon is the National Director of the Worldwide Church of God in the Philippines. He coordinates the day-to-day administration and missions and outreach activities in the country. The Philippine church is keen on



church planting, missions training and deployment. In March 2007, the denomination held its first World Missions Congress, attended mostly by Filipino tentmaking missionaries working in other countries, church pastors, and church members who are already involved or waiting to be a part of missions work. The congress also had delegates from India, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Pakistan, Nepal, and the United States.

As Missions Developer, Mr. Guzon is responsible for promoting the missions work of the denomination in the region. This includes missions awareness programs, identification and development and mentoring of indigenous leaders, pastoral supervision, ensuring biblically sound teaching, and networking for the gospel.

**The Philippines** is one of the countries with the most members of the Worldwide Church of God. There are more than 85 churches and about 40 outreach Bible study areas, with about 7,700 members nationwide.

In the past few years, we have seen significant growth in churches and membership through service-associated evangelism, missions and church-planting training, and leadership development. Every year, our churches reach thousands through youth ministries, summer camps, medical missions, evangelism training, crusades, medical missions, relief and rehabilitation work following natural disasters. God adds 600 to 700 members per year in the church in the Philippines.

Most of the Philippine churches are led by bi-vocational pastoral teams. Many members have also undertaken missions training, which has led to more people who have participated in short-term missions trips or have chosen to become self-supporting missionaries. More than a dozen

have been deployed as missionaries. Some have spent a few months on short-term mission trips in various countries. There are dozens who are trained and willing to be deployed but are still raising funds for their deployment or applying for jobs in host countries.

**China** was the world's largest economy for most of recorded history until about 1800. Because of the collapse of the Qing Dynasty and the resulting chaos, China declined in the world scene. It was during that time that the United States rose to become the world's largest economic power. In recent years, because of its competitive labor force, a strong economy, and a more flexible economic policy, China has become an economic force to reckon with.

The faith system held by most rulers in China before 1947 is pantheism, which is centered on the worship of heaven. Taoism, which is centered on "the way," is also a folk religion in China. Buddhism was introduced in China during the Han dynasty and is the largest organized faith in China; China has more Buddhists than any other nation in the world. Many Chinese identify themselves as Buddhist and Taoist at the same time.

In recent years, because of China's greater openness to outside influences, Christianity has grown rapidly. The challenge is how to train and support the pastors and leaders.

**United Arab Emirates:** About 96 percent of the population is Muslim, with the remaining 4 percent composed of Christians, Hindus and other faiths. The country is relatively restrictive, although not as much as Saudi Arabia and some others in the Middle East. Christian churches still find a way to worship during Fridays (the regular holiday) in private villas, restaurants and hotels. Some gather in small groups in Christian households for Bible studies. For the past 18 or so years, the WCG has had a thriving church in Dubai. It is a vibrant community of about 40 people in attendance composed of about 35

members and their families. Almost all the members are Filipinos who are in Dubai as overseas contract workers.

**Japan:** Because of its homogeneous culture and language, strong traditions and relatively and costly financial requirements for setting up churches, Japan poses a real challenge for missions. Over the years, we have had scattered members living in Japan for job contracts and business. Their tenure in Japan usually lasts for only a year or a few years. We now have a small church composed mostly of Filipinos. They are ministered to by a Japanese bivocational pastor.



### Southern Asia

Rod Matthews is Mission Developer for the geographic area that stretches from Afghanistan in the west to French Polynesia

in the east; Nepal in the north to New Zealand in the south. He serves as the Denominational Director and is responsible to the denominational president for overall supervision of the activities of the church in the region.

**Pakistan and Nepal:** As mentioned in our previous issue, there is ongoing communication with several church groups who have requested contact, assistance, and association with the WCG. The process is slow and incremental as we get to know one another in order to determine their needs and what motivates their requests, and match that with what we can offer within our limited resources.

**India:** In Bangalore, we publish a free national magazine titled *Living Light*, which is designed to appeal to people of Hindu origins. In Hyderabad we have a counseling center, support an orphanage for homeless boys, as well as youth development camps.

**Sri Lanka:** We are involved with the Worldwide Educational Institute teaching English and business skills to high school graduates. This enables them to gain better employment or be equipped to enter tertiary educational courses. We are also expanding our congregations and pastoral support in the poor rural areas in the mountainous central region.

**Malaysia:** We publish a free magazine that targets the non-Muslim population in Malaysia and Singapore.

**Thailand:** We provide pastoral and humanitarian support for the congregations of Karen refugees in camps in the western region near Myanmar. Two Christian Thais operate a number of English language schools in Chiang Mai, and a congregation of Thais and expatriates has formed.

**Papua New Guinea:** We have installed a solar-power generator for the church-owned buildings near Mt. Wilhelm in the central highlands so the local congregation can have evening functions as an evangelical outreach to neighboring villages, which have no electric power.

**Australia:** Rod serves as liaison with the National Director and individual pastors to match offers of assistance and resources with needs and opportunities in Asia and the Pacific.

For example, in experiencing a national spiritual and personal development weekend, the youth of the Australian churches offered to fund ACCM courses for nominated future leaders in Asian countries with the goal of providing training in pastoral leadership and creating outreach and community involvement opportunities.

Two congregations provide pastoral support and assistance for the Papua New Guinea congregations and scattered members, and a team of three other congregations do the same for the Solomon Islands.

**Solomon Islands:** We have established a first-aid station in the WCG village on the remote island of Ranongga (there were no medical

services on the island). A boat has been provided for the Ranongga congregation to allow them safe transit to the regional center for supplies, and to enable them to continue outreach and evangelism activities. A water supply scheme for another village has been established.

**Vanuatu:** We have a village life development at Rory (where the congregation on Malekula is located) including providing a water supply, building a hall for women's activities and promoting economic livelihood activities.

**Myanmar:** We have two congregations in very remote areas where we provide humanitarian and pastoral support.

The above activities and initiatives involve only five full-time personnel outside of Australia—two in India, one in Malaysia and two in New Zealand. The activities in countries other than the above are guided by either local non-salaried pastors or congregational leaders, and sometimes include designated supervisory and support pastors from other countries who make annual or bi-annual visits.

There is frequent communication between the Mission Developer and the leaders in other countries involving the coordination of resources and events, in addition to the need for routine pastoral supervision and care. Training and pastoral education and development is important, but especially for those who have very limited contact with colleagues during the year. Therefore, the provision and organizing of conferences, seminars and training weekends and personal visits are part of the annual calendar.



### Latin America

**Hector Barrero**, our Mission Developer for Latin America, works out of Columbia, where he is known well because he hosts a radio program. Easily 60 percent of our members in Columbia

came in during the past few years as a result of the radio program.

Hector served as vice president for both the NAE in Colombia and for the largest pastor's association in Bogotá. He is also the national representative for Christian Schwartz's Natural Church Development. He is often invited to speak at various churches. Recently, he was called in to share his testimony by a group of churches that are concerned by the growth of Jewish practices from the Old Testament among some of the churches in Columbia.

**Mexico:** We have over 200 people attending church services every week in 15 groups scattered in the country, the one in Guadalajara being the largest. We have two annual seminars of three days each for the leaders. In these seminars we discuss doctrine and governance, and promote unity and direction.

The groups in these cities are working within their communities helping and reaching out. They have weekly church services, in most cases at member homes. They invite family and friends to their Bible studies. The Guadalajara congregation has a rented hall.

**Central America:** In Honduras we have two groups: one of about 50 people in the capital Tegucigalpa, led by Mauricio Diaz. This congregation has a ministry serving prisoners. Members of the congregation are allowed by the prison authorities to present Bible studies. Members also take used clothing and Bibles to the prisoners.

The other congregation is in San Pedro Sula, attended by about 30 adults and 50 children, led by Marco Antonio Mejía. Marco Antonio, a former school teacher, has a growing children's ministry in the area. At the end of each year the congregation gives children school supplies for next year. Parents of the children appreciate this gesture very much.

In El Salvador we have a small group of about 12 in the capital, San Salvador. There we have David Agreda, who translates our church

publications into Spanish. He does an excellent job translating and updating our Spanish website. Two U.S. pastors and the local congregation in San Salvador give David a monthly offering for his work. We appreciate the help of those who contribute to make possible this monthly offering. David is translating into Spanish some of the classes offered by Ambassador College of Christian Ministry—material used by the denomination to train leaders and pastors.

**South America:** This is a huge area with over 450 million inhabitants. Our denomination is present in the following countries:

In **Colombia**, we have two congregations—one in Barranquilla, of over 50 in attendance, pastored by Sonia Orozco de Vengoechea. Sonia is the owner and principal of a school with 270 students. Sonia registered her school as a Christian-oriented institution, so she is allowed to teach Christian values to the students. As a result, many students and their parents are attending weekly services.

Sonia has a youth ministry led by a deacon with an attendance of 35 children. The influence of Sonia's school in the community is positive and well received by the neighborhood around the school.

The other congregation is in Bogota, the capital, with over 100 people in attendance. The church's three-minute daily program on radio station Nuevo Continente reaches many Christian homes. We constantly receive new visitors to church services and phone calls from people who want spiritual guidance and counselling.

The radio program has been on the air for over eight years and has given us the opportunity to come into contact with other denominations and their pastors and with secular radio stations, which have occasionally invited us to discuss a variety of subjects. We also receive constant invitations from the other Christian radio station, Vida AM, to participate in opinion programs. Our church is known among the Christian commu-

nity in the city. Nuevo Continente officials have invited us to increase our time spot from three to five minutes. Vida AM has invited us to have our program on their station but we have not accepted it because of our budget.

In the Bogota congregation we have been training small-group leaders, and we have 10 small groups meeting during the week. We also train and send missionaries to visit scattered members over the country.

In **Peru** we have three small groups. In Lima, we have 12 to 15 people who meet weekly with pastor Jose Kasum. This year we had a two-day seminar with attendance of 47, children included. We invited leaders from the Piura and San Benito groups. We plan to continue having an annual seminar as budget permits.

In **Argentina** we have two congregations, one in Bahia Blanca of about 25 in attendance, and the other in Buenos Aires with close to 50 in attendance, whose pastor is Julio Fernandez. Julio works for a Christian publication and is in contact with other evangelical pastors and denominations. We held a two-day seminar in Ezeiza, near Buenos Aires, attended by over 50 people. The Ezeiza congregation owns a nice church hall in the middle of a community. When Mr. Barrero visits Argentina he also visits Uruguay and Chile, where we have friend congregations. We want to keep our commitment to visit members and friend congregations in this area once a year.

## The Caribbean

Charles Fleming is the WCG Mission Developer for the Caribbean region. Within the region, the desire

is to see each congregation become missional—joining other WCG congregations as well as Christians from other denomina-



tions in sharing the love of God with those around them. For those looking for mission partners, here are three values that shape who we seek to become:

*Mission is personal service.* Experiencing God's patient yet insistent determination to set our denomination free from self-imposed legalism has left us with a desire to patiently, but persistently serve others with the hope that they too will come to know the life-changing love of God. We wish to partner with those who understand that mission involves entering into personal relationships with the people we serve.

*Mission is part of life's daily rhythm.* Recognizing that Christ's life was a life on mission, we wish to make mission a natural part of the rhythm of our lives—individually and as congregations. We wish to partner with others for whom a mission is a sustainable part of their own life-rhythm.

*Mission is joint-effort.* Having experienced the way the diverse gifts of the Spirit come together in the Body of Christ to express God's love, we welcome opportunities to do ministry with committed Christians of different denominations.

The Worldwide Church of God has 23 congregations in 15 of the 27 nations that make up the region. For those interested in joining with Caribbean congregations in their mission work, here are a few of our current mission-efforts.

In **the Bahamas**, a group of WCG members and United Methodist members helped upgrade the Bahamas church building to better serve members and the community.

The Nassau congregation is involved in a weekly soup kitchen to the local community. This ministry focuses on members of the Haitian migrant community. The church is also involved in refurbishing the facilities of the Simpson Penn School for Boys. There is a sustained effort to reach out to youth in the community, and an annual basketball tourna-

ment has been a popular feature.

In Trinidad our campus has become a service center to the larger body of Christ. Dozens of Christian groups from a wide range of denominations—along with parachurch agencies—rent the facilities for seminars, retreats and celebratory activities. The campus is one of the training centers for Evangelism Explosion and for Kids' EE. It is also the base for the United Methodists' "Walk to Emmaus," a retreat weekend committed to strengthening the discipleship process of local churches. It is also a site for training persons involved in Prison Ministries. There is a major effort to serve economically challenged families in a nearby community, addressing family needs and providing educational opportunities.

In **Jamaica**, trips by the Orlando WCG congregation to the Christian Pen congregation have led to a working relationship between the congregations. There are construction projects along with continuing efforts to reach the youth in the area. The leadership of the Christian Pen congregation has shown great commitment to meeting the needs of people in the surrounding community, and the Orlando congregation has provided substantial help.

In **Guyana**, an English-speaking nation on the northeastern coast of South America, our Georgetown congregation partners with the Queens, NY congregation in serving our 15-member congregation in Paramakatoi, an Amerindian village deep in the mountainous hinterland of the country. Once a year members from Georgetown visit Paramakatoi to provide training, to minister and to meet with villagers and share the gospel.

The congregation in **Haiti**, in partnership with WCG congregations in Ohio and Indiana, has sponsored a school. We have trained dozens of young people to become bakers and have given them a way of making a living.

**We will discuss Europe in our next issue.**



## 600 pounds of sweet potatoes

In November, three members of the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship (Big Sandy, TX) shared their bounty of sweet potatoes with the Hiway 80 Rescue Mission in Longview, TX. Reba Bond, Nadine VanLaecken, and Sarah Strub donated 600 pounds of sweet potatoes.



## Mexico Church Leaders Meet for Spiritual Formation Retreat

Nov. 21-23, Friday through Sunday, 23 Iglesia de Dios Mundial pastors and ministry leaders from various areas of Mexico gathered together for a time of spiritual refreshment and rejuvenation in the mountains of Mazamitla near Guadalajara, Mexico. It was a mountaintop experience for everyone present.

The theme scripture was Ephesians 1:17: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom



and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Each day was a time of worship in the presence of our triune God. Friday's focus was on the love of God the Father, Saturday's emphasis was on Jesus' invitation to intimate relationship, and Sunday stressed the working of the Spirit through the transforming love of God.

The structure of the retreat in-



involved praise and worship in song and spiritual formational exercises with meditative and group prayer and Communion. Plenty of time was allowed for sharing the love of Christ in Christian fellowship.

Hector Barrero, WCG Latin American Mission Developer, commented that this experience was very much an encounter with God and not just the receiving of information. Alfredo Mercado, pastor of the Guada-

lajara, Mexico congregation and member of the national leadership team, felt that this type of retreat is very much needed as a "spiritual maintenance" exercise for pastors, especially those with a need to connect spiritually and emotionally with others and who may be dealing with issues of pastoral burnout.

Mary Mercado is excited about taking the principles learned about meditative prayer and Bible study to a women's prayer group in the Guadalajara congregation.

Comments from participants also included appreciation for insights into understanding our relationship with the Trinity as well as how to follow Jesus' example of ministry (John 5:19) to avoid overwork.

The seminar was bathed in prayer (each pastor or ministry leader was asked to choose three to five individ-



uals willing to commit to praying for them during the three-day period), and two women were delighted to report that they had been set free during the retreat from some long-standing burdens and struggles. Throughout the weekend there was a sense among those present of a deep desire to know and experience God in their lives—all of which bodes well for the future of our denominational fellowship in Mexico.

—Larry Hinkle





## Births

**Trevor Aleksander Stonick**, Sept. 27. He is the second child of Gregory and Stephanie (Black) Stonick of Monrovia, CA. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.\*

**Ella May McClure**, May 23, first child of Travis and Jessica (Abels) McClure, of Fort Wayne, IN.

## Achievement

**Stacy (Malwitz) Zachman** (right) from the Living Hope congregation in Champlin, MN, was admitted to the Minnesota State Bar on October 31 during a ceremony presided over by six of the seven Minnesota State Supreme Court Judges in St Paul. This ceremony was considered a "court in session" event, where the Minnesota Supreme Court Justices sat in their official capacity. Stacy graduated from the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul.



1924. Betty grew up in Great Falls and after graduating from high school, moved to Ogden, UT, in 1942 to work at Hill Field Air Force Base, near Salt Lake City.

Her future husband, Eugene (Gene), came to Ogden in 1942 as part of a military operation with the Army. They met at USO dances and hit it off on the dance floor. They married in 1944. After the war they moved to Tucson, AZ, where they bought a home and began their family of three children. In 1954 they moved to Bellevue, WA. After her husband retired from Klineburger Brothers Worldwide Taxidermy & Travel Agency, they moved to Issaquah in 1973. It was that same year that she became a member of the WCG.

Being a seamstress, Betty made many of her own clothes, some with a classic era look to complement rides in Gene and Betty's vintage cars. The cars, with clothing to match, ranged from a 1906 Cadillac to a 1936 Mercedes Benz. She made some of Gene's shirts. She even made a shirt for a family friend, movie actor Roy Rogers, from material that Roy had picked out.

Along with her husband, Betty had many travel adventures around the world, including Africa, Thailand, India and Alaska. They were also active in vintage car clubs, including the Horseless Carriage Club, Mercedes Benz Club and Classic Car Club, and they

were members of the Issaquah Senior Center and Seattle Flight Museum. They attended the WCG in Bellevue.

Betty is survived by her husband of 64 years, daughter Dianna, daughter Judy (husband Kim Simonelli), son Lloyd (wife Jan) and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with her brother, Allen, of Denver, CO.

Special thanks to Evergreen Hospice Services in Kirkland for their excellent care. Donations in memory of Betty can be made to Evergreen Hospice Services, Worldwide Church of God or the charity of one's choice. She was buried at Tahoma National Cemetery. \*

**Jack Leroy Kraft**, 69, of Red Bluff, CA, died August 19 following successfully treated prostate cancer, recent hip-replacement surgery, and a prolonged battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was a loving, willing servant to the Redding, CA, WCG congregation in recent years in spite of his health concerns. He had worked in a wide range of fields over the years, from letter carrier and meter reader to long-haul trucker and heavy equipment operator. Most recently, he was retired from training people to operate earth-moving equipment.

Jack lived most of his life in central and northern California. He became a member of WCG in late 1965 in San José and married Jarith Allen of Cottonwood, CA, in September 1966. He is survived by his wife, a stepdaughter, Dana Bernard, of Napa, CA, two sons, Joel, of Sacramento, and Edmund of El Cajon, CA, and Edmund's wife, Mina, and their children Peri and Cooper.

## Ordinations

- Clement Bewaji**, Ilorin, Nigeria
- Vincent Ekweli**, Awka, Nigeria
- Thomas Etori**, Cherongany, Kenya
- Ray Griffee**, Cadillac, MI
- David Johnson**, Long Beach, CA
- Augustin Kanu**, Mbaise, Nigeria
- Mcdonald Mgunda**, Salima, Malawi
- Rowland Nyangulu**, Lilongwe, Malawi
- Stephen Ochana**, Teso and Bungoma, Kenya
- Vitalis Omondi**, Busia, Kenya
- Mark Powell**, Grassy Park, South Africa
- Charles Shiroko**, Dandora, Kenya
- Solomon Tejumoluwa**, Lagos, Nigeria

## Anniversary

**Tom and Agnes Kowalski**, long-time members of the Living Hope congregation in Champlin, MN, celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 13. The Champlin congregation has five couples who have passed the 50-year milestone: the Fehrs, Rotziens, Skroves, Masons, and Kowalskis.\*

## Obituaries

**Betty Klineburger**, 84, died on Nov. 10 in Issaquah, WA. She was born Betty Thunnan in Great Falls, MT, on Feb. 10,

\* See [www.wcg.org/together/09/jan/announce.htm](http://www.wcg.org/together/09/jan/announce.htm) for photos.



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