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CUBA Today

55 Years After Assembly Missionaries Left

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In January 1961 when Fidel Castro and his men marched into Havana, "the Revolution" was declared a success. The missionaries who were, for the most part from Canada, were forced to leave the island. This year the Work of the Gospel in Cuba is celebrating 75 years since assembly missionaries first arrived and it is most encouraging that the Gospel is still being preached.

In February of this year, my wife and I were able to visit Cuba. After arriving at Varadero airport and passing through Cuban customs, we were met by brother Luis Felipe, a self supporting, full time worker among the five assemblies in Cuba. We then set out on a two hour drive from the airport, and arrived at the Gospel Hall in Vedado, Havana. This brother and his family live behind the hall in the suburb known as Vedado. Jean and I were able to rent an apartment, across the street from the hall. This is very centrally located a short distance from the "Plaza de La Revolucion".

Luis Felipe had requested ahead of time for me to be granted a "religious visitors visa" which allowed me to visit and speak publicly at any church, or assembly registered with the Cuban authorities. This special visa must be requested by a local church in

the country. I was surprised and impressed with the liberty, safety and privileges granted one with such a visa, providing one stays within the requirements of the law.

The Vedado Gospel Hall, where the assembly meets in Havana was built in 1944, and has weathered many storms and trials as well as the Revolution, yet the doors are still open. The believers that meet there today are happy, very welcoming, but at the same time, very poor. It was a Thursday evening when we arrived, and about thirty or so had gathered for a meeting. We sang hymns for 20 minutes, then we were introduced and I shared a word from Psalm 103, followed by a time of prayer for the last part of the meeting.

People live on a government issued ration book intended to allot a certain amount of basic supplies per month. When those limited quantities run out they must buy the extra, if they can find what they need. Much time is spent in line-ups for basic food items, and the stock often is depleted before they are served. Today there are many shortages, particularly of things that we take for granted such as breakfast cereal, and potatoes. We were told that potatoes have only been available twice this year in

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Havana, and the line-ups were a city block long - so French fries are not to be found in Havana. The stores run out of items very quickly, and they never know when more will arrive.

The Airline allowed us to take 50 extra pounds of humanitarian items per person. The only item the Cuban authorities questioned, but let it through, was a new amplifier, microphone and cord, we brought to replace the old one in the Gospel Hall in Havana.



Saturday children's work in Havana, Cuba

On Saturday morning we visited a very poor district of Old Havana where much evil is practiced including, devil worship and Santeria, an African/Cuban form of spiritism. Superstition and witchcraft are widespread in Cuba.

In spite of the prevailing Satanic influence, two brethren from the assembly have carried on a weekly children's work in this district for fifteen years with 15 to 20 children from age two to fourteen who are able to hear the Gospel every Saturday morning. When we arrived, some children were waiting in the narrow street, in front of a narrow passageway that led to the little house where the meetings are held. Luis Felipe and brother Enrique Betancourt went out to tell other kids we had arrived. My son Ashley and grandson Austin, accompanied them. A little while later they returned to the house with a large group of kids. The little room where the meeting was held was about two metres by three metres. They all listened, with so much attention, to the Bible story of the fiery furnace, and the way Luis brought in the gospel right down to their level, was a delight to see. The joyful singing of these dear happy kids, filled the air. Jean gave them all a little bag of candy, soap, toothpaste

and other things they just can't get. They all had a big smile as they waved good-bye.

I could hardly believe that this was Cuba - as many in the homelands seem to think that Cuba is straightly shut-up, like Jericho, of old. Not so! We were reminded, of the words of Christ, "the poor have the Gospel preached unto them." This is certainly true in Cuba today.



Believers in the assembly in Vedado, Cuba

On Lord's Day morning, we met to remember the Lord with the believers in the assembly in Vedado, only a few city blocks from Revolution Square. A total of about 50 were gathered including some from the other assembly in Havana known as Vivora. It was impressive to see and hear these dear brethren one after another, taking part in the morning meeting. The setting was most unique, with the doors and windows wide open to the street outside. Following the morning meeting, as is their custom, everyone greeted one another; they all went around from one to another in a deliberate effort not to miss greeting anyone. There is a very strong bond of friendship and fellowship among these dear people.

It was a great joy for me to translate for my son Ashley and grandson Austin who gave a word in the Gospel, and ministry, followed a time of singing. Lunch was then served, and a group picture taken.

We visited a number of other assemblies during our second week. One of these was a place called La Salud 40 Kms. from Havana. La Salud is an agricultural area, where they grow sugar cane. The work in La Salud was established by David Adams during the years, 1938 to 1940. George Walker and his family also worked and laboured there until 1961 after which all the missionaries were forced to leave Cuba. The oldest brother, who was there from the start of the work, Cilvano Fleitas age 83, died recently. We also met Francisco Estevez (a self

supporting worker who has spent 25 years in the work in this area and who also lives in La Salud.) His father, now with the Lord, was an elder in that assembly. About 45 attend regularly.



Gospel Hall in La Salud, Cuba

From La Salud, we continued on to Gabriel, a town of about 2000 inhabitants. We arrived at the home of brother Alfredo Capote and his wife Maria. Gabriel is about 50 kms from Havana. Capote, as he is called and his wife and family gave us a great welcome. They had invited us for dinner and what a feast they had prepared. After dinner we sat around the table and shared many stories together; we sang for a long time. It was really encouraging to see how these Christians love to sing.

and three from the assembly in Gabriel were rounded up and sent to a "forced labour detention camp." Capote was one of them. They were taken by rail, in box cars, on a journey of 23 hours to the other end of Cuba, where they were incarcerated for seventeen months, before being released. Brother Capote's best friend during the ordeal was a Baptist fellow his own age, Alberto Gonzales who years later wrote a book, describing their experience. The book is entitled "Dios No Entra Mi Oficina" ("God does not Enter my Office"). It has been translated into English and is now available through "Amazon. com". Capote told us, that all of the five guards that rounded them up from the town of Gabriel, came to a very bad end. They all died a most agonizing death and were despised by the people of the town.

The Gospel has flourished in Gabriel and they expect to baptize four new believers in the very near future. The afternoon we were there, the brethren arranged a meeting, as brother Luis did not want to drive back to Havana at night in the dark, due to recent eye surgery. Yet in spite of the time change for the meeting, 36 gathered for fellowship, singing and ministry. They have a very nice Gospel Hall.

On the Friday, of the second week of our visit, two brethren came to Havana which is a three hour journey (about 180 Kms) from Pinar del Rio, to take us to visit the assembly there. When we arrived in



The assembly in Gabriel, Cuba

At the time of the revolution in 1960 around forty young people from different Evangelical churches,

Pinar, they had arranged a Welcome meeting for us. Brother Ivan, a full time worker in Pinar who is well informed, well read and keeps in touch with

assembly brethren in different places was very happy to see us.

This part of Cuba has not changed much since 1960 when David and Agnes Adams lived there. We

brethren worked and laboured in Cuba before the Revolution. Brother Pedro Flores, now 85 was a young man of 18 who worked with David Adams in the print shop and also knew Doug and Kay Reid, during the years they spent in Pinar del Río. He

remembered when he and brother Doug Reid travelled with the Gospel through many towns and country places before they were forced to leave. In those days the Reid's lived in a trailer as they went from town to town with the Gospel. We also saw the house where they lived in Pinar del Río after brother Arnold Adams and his wife moved East in Cuba.

At the end of the breaking of bread meeting, on the Lord's day that we were in Pinar, brother Ivan Hernandez gave everyone in fellowship five or six tracts each, to distribute during the following week as

they continue to spread the good news to others.



Jean with three sisters in Pinar del Río, Cuba

stayed in the very house, where they lived; my wife Jean and I occupied the actual room that housed the printing press in those early days. Life goes on



much as it did, back then. The next morning we awakened to the sound of roosters crowing, and the galloping sound of horse drawn buggies on the road adjacent to the house.

While in Pinar del Río we met a number of older believers, that remember the days when missionary

**Do pray for the assemblies in Cuba.
They are worthy of our support,
as they continue to reach out
with the Gospel.**



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Tucupita, Delta Amacuro, VENEZUELA William and Veronica Turkington

Report from William Turkington of Venezuela, youngest son of Joe Turkington. He and his Venezuelan wife, Veronica, have three small boys.

The state of Delta Amacuro in eastern Venezuela is the only one where there is no assembly of believers gathered to the Lord's name. As it is the delta of the large Orinoco River it is mostly jungle, rivers and marshland. Indigenous people, the Waraos, live in extreme poverty along the shores of the rivers.

Venezuelan preachers have visited the capital of the state, Tucupita, with the gospel and a few had been saved and four have since been baptized. In 2010 we went for the first time, accompanied by a Venezuelan couple, a journey of 14 hours from our home. We distributed John 3:16 texts in the city. One morning we walked down to the river and met a group of Waraos, only one of them could speak Spanish but we tried to explain the gospel using a little "Two Roads chart."

The Lord put a burden in our hearts for these people. For three years we prayed for guidance and in December of 2013 we were commended to the grace of God and we moved to Tucupita.

Meetings are held in our home for the believers as well as gospel and children's classes. As in many places the gospel finds entrance into the homes through the children. Meetings have been held in other parts of the city, but sadly because

of the bad testimony of some sectarians most people show no interest.

The Lord has enabled us to go by boat to visit a number of communities and the children gather to hear the gospel. So we would greatly value your prayers. "That utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel".

Ciudad Colon de Mora, COSTA RICA **Douglas and Kathleen Reid**

A few months ago a young girl, who has attended a Sunday School in a private home has now asked for baptism. She seems to be the only one in the family who is saved although at the beginning she thought maybe her father was a Christian. She is a very sweet girl and just loves to be around the Christians in the assembly.

Two teen aged boys have been received into the assembly here in Ciudad Colon the last few months. Both these boys have grown up in the Sunday School with their mothers in assemblies. It was a joy to hear Edwardo get up and give out an appropriate hymn at the Breaking of Bread. The other boy, David, has many members of his family in the assembly here. We were thrilled to hear him get up and give out a hymn on a Lord's Day recently.

Also a couple of young men who have professed to be saved in an outreach work have asked for instruction on baptism.

Some family members of a man in the assembly have started coming out on Lord's Day Evening. They professed years ago, but live at a distance, and because of transportation have not been coming out. Now his sister has a car so we are happy to see them again more often.

A man, whose wife and some family members are in the assembly, is dying. He was in the assembly at one time, but we really do not know

where he stands now. His life recently did not seem to prove he was a Christian.

Things in the assembly seem to be getting a little brighter. Pray for us and trust it will continue.

Doug still does not have too much eyesight and it does bother him, that he is not able to be as active as before. Kay just had her second cataract operation last week and the doctor says it turned out real well.

Palo Negro, VENEZUELA **Samuel and Sharon Usher**

We are now well into another year and we believe the coming of the Lord is near. We have little time left to spread the good news of salvation and gather in the lost. May the Lord help us all to be faithful in the charge He has given us.

Regarding the work of the Lord, we started off the year with ministry meetings in La Pica, our home assembly. The brethren had requested this in view of the baptism of four believers and the response to the Word of God was encouraging. A gospel meeting was held on Saturday night and the baptism took place at its close.

The following week we held ministry meetings with the Santa Rita assembly, looking at the progress of the gospel through the book of the Acts. The believers supported the meetings well and decided to go out around their hall, on the Lord's Day after the Breaking of Bread, to give out tracts and invitations to their Sunday School and Gospel Meeting. What a joy when 103 children and some parents arrived at the Sunday School! They have an exercise to start Gospel Meetings in their Hall, preaching the gospel themselves.

We have been preaching the gospel in San Juan de los Morros, over an hour's drive from our home. The brethren had an exercise to preach in the front yard of a sister's house. A good number of their family and neighbours are attending,

some every night, so we look to the Lord for fruit that will be for His glory.

The editing and publishing of books and tracts for the Assemblies in Venezuela continues, and we are thankful for the privilege of serving the Lord's people in this way. We look to the Lord for wisdom in this aspect of the work, that the up building of the saints and the salvation of sinners may result from these exercises.

In closing, we request your prayers for Venezuela. Pray that the Lord may keep us by His grace and use us for His glory.

San Salvador, El Salvador

Kevin & Patricia Flett

We enjoyed our time in Washington State last summer as we celebrated mom and dad's 50th wedding anniversary. Tony & Danelle from Nicaragua and Steve & Brenda from Cyprus made it as well. It was the first time we had all been together in eight years. It was good to spend some time with family and renew fellowship with different Christians.

With our three boys now out of the house: Allan married and living in San Salvador, Bryon finishing his fourth year at Western Washington University, and Derek in his first year at Cascadia Community College, we have entered a new stage in our lives. Over the past few months Patty and I have been trying to visit the six assemblies in the western part of El Salvador. Some of these are small in number and lacking men with gift to be able to teach God's Word; so any time spent with them is an encouragement.

Santa Tecla, where most of our time is spent, continues to grow at a slow pace. In June of last year they had two weeks of gospel meetings and a good number of young people are still attending most of the meetings as a result of that effort. There is a lady, Marta, who professed during those meetings and has been very faithful

ever since. She comes to the meetings with her three little girls. Pray for her husband who is not saved but does come off and on. We were encouraged with about 40 parents that attended the year end program for the Sunday School. Classes will resume the middle of February. At least three young men who have been brought up in the Sunday School have asked to be baptized. It is a joy to see these young lives grow and mature spiritually. For anyone working with children, *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love", Hebrews 6:10*

In January, John 3:16 text distribution started in and around the town of Caulotillo in the eastern part of the county. The assembly in Caulotillo was established in the late 90's and has maintained itself over the years with little growth, so we look to the Lord that this effort will be an encouragement to them. There has been a good response to the invitations and distribution of the literature. There are at least 40 young people from different assemblies that have come to help in this effort. During the morning hours they have children meetings and so far the attendance has been on an average of 140. The gospel meetings in the evenings have been well attended as well. We trust that many will come to the Saviour during these meetings. Patty and I wish to thank you for your interests in the Lord's work here in El Salvador.

NICARAGUA

Kyle & Allison Wilson

God's faithfulness towards us is never shaken but there are times where our faith in Him is pushed to the limits.

As 2014 came to a close it is only normal to reflect on the year that had past. We look back and rejoice in the baptisms we have had and those who have obeyed the Lord in baptism and coming into the fellowship. We rejoice at hearing of some who have come to Christ and long to see them grow. Many of these new believers have

challenges and difficulties. Please pray for Bryan, Modesto, Rosa, Anyelca, and Maria that they will show the evidences of new life. We rejoice in men who are willing to help in the responsibilities of the assembly, learning to minister and share devotionals and speak in the gospel. We are thankful for a willingness to visit and encourage those who need it and for the desire to gather and pray together. The assembly only has eighteen in fellowship but there has been a maturing in the past 12 months that was not evident at the beginning of the year. We ask that you remember the assembly in El Valle and pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen and build up His church.

As we look forward in 2015 we have plans, desires and objectives that we would like to see come to fruition. We pray for the advancement of the gospel in El Valle and we are praying that another door will open for a new work. We don't want to become stagnant or lose focus. We must move forward, work and wait on the Lord. We are looking for doors to open in regards, to a move into a more suitable home. We are praying about the future of our children's schooling. We believe that the Lord is able to do, that which we could never do so we long to see revival.

Specifically we would ask that you pray for a series of meetings that we are currently involved with in the city of Masaya, which is 15 minutes away from the assembly in El Valle. There are decent numbers coming and we are looking to the Lord to bless in Salvation. We are also beginning a new project, that of building a few homes for some of the believers, who find themselves without suitable living space. There is a growing need among those we come in contact with for practical help and we are starting up a program to hopefully be able to build a few houses a year for those who desperately need them. There is so much to do in the gospel and in helping the believers, we appreciate your prayers and support.

San Felipe, CHILE

Margaret Jones

One Sunday recently, the San Felipe assembly held an afternoon tea, followed by a testimony meeting. The first brother who spoke had recently come to San Felipe for high school. Both he and his brothers came and never stopped, and soon were attending other meetings of the assembly as well. Eventually all three of them were saved. The speakers made it clear that there was a specific time, when each of them accepted Christ as Saviour. The last one to speak is the son of one of the elders here in the San Felipe assembly. He told of how he grew up in the assembly and tried without success to get out of going to the meetings of the week. Also, how he did not like it that a brother was always asking him if he was saved yet? He went on to say how it bothered him at the time, but now he does something similar himself and is going to continue to do it because the matter of salvation is so important. He then went on to urge us not to give so much importance to material things such as: work, earnings, health, family and other things that do not have eternal value. His own job hangs by a thread because the economy of Chile is in a down slide and he has to trust the Lord day by day about work. I know that for the last year and a half this has been so. Yet while they have cut hundreds of other engineers, they have not cut his position. The Lord knows what He is doing in his case. He is an excellent gospel preacher and in the three open air meetings in Santa Maria held before the gospel meeting, he had the major responsibility for the preaching.

My next task is to prepare lesson materials, crafts and activities for a week of all-day classes for a group of teens soon to commence. I may have mentioned previously about starting this with Evelyn years ago and of how it has now expanded to include other sisters, who help in different ways.

Moshi, Tanzania, EAST AFRICA

Ron and Maria Cunningham

We have been heartened to know that you have been faithful in praying for us and the work in Tanzania. The schools ministry has continued to be a wonderful experience to be engaged in. One Thursday in late October, I was invited to share in a special occasion in the main central hall of a local school. On this occasion, there must have been between 800-900 students present. I so much enjoyed sharing the word of God. There was a quiet reverence as the word of God was spoken. Saturday, of the same week, was the school graduation when the number of students was some 800 students and to my great surprise, I was invited to attend with special stress on — "you be there." I was the only foreign person present and was given an opportunity to address the students. I was sitting almost overwhelmed with the whole occasion when one of the academic staff sat down beside me. A few minutes later he whispered into my ear, "I know you." I was very surprised with these words and quietly I asked, "how is that?" He whispered, "14 years ago I was one of your students". I was taken aback. He said he had decided to follow the Lord all those years ago and was going on in his faith. The Lord has encouraged us much in this special ministry over the years. Thank you for your continued prayer for the work in the schools as we continue to seek to avail of every opportunity to bring the word of God into the schools around Moshi. In the past months, I have been able to sell Bibles to students at a much reduced price, enabling them to enjoy the word of God. We have sold 424 bibles and we stand back and give all praise to the Lord.

We had our yearly Conference at Moshi for Elders and Evangelists from the northern regions of Tanzania. They travelled from: Manyara, Singida, Mwanza, Kagera, Kahama, Kigoma, Rukwa, Kilimanjaro and Tabora, areas I have

visited often to share the gospel. There are Assemblies in all of these places for which we would value your prayers.

Spiritual growth was evident at the conference as our Tanzanian brethren took an active part in the ministry, teaching, discussions, and gave reports of spiritual progress from a number of regions. Some travelled over 1,000 Kms. each way, and took several days to make the journey from these distant regions.

During the past few weeks we have been able to visit the assemblies at Kahe and Mawala. Both visits were encouraging to witness the continuance of these two assemblies who have not had visits from others. The assembly at Mawala was meeting under the shadow of a great tree as their assembly hall is not yet completed. It was well-worth the visit. There is a third assembly about to be established at Wareta in another location. We value your prayer for the continued development of the work here.

Maria continues to enjoy her work amongst the women. This takes various forms. Some days she leads English language Bible studies, on other days Swahili language Bible studies. She is to have another check up on her pace maker. Thank you for your prayers for her.

Please pray for the safety of national workers here. Recently, brother Ombeni was phoned by two men and asked to meet them outside the Bethel Assembly. When they went inside the building they pointed a gun at him and threatened to kill him if he did not hand over money. Having robbed him, they fled on a motorbike. He was badly shaken and is still affected by the shock of having his life threatened. He needs our prayers.

This year, through the grace and mercy of the Lord, we have completed 50 years of missionary service. We praise and extol the Lord for His faithfulness, yet we are so conscious of the need for new workers. Please pray that younger

couples would come to this wonderful country to serve the Lord.

MALAWI

Stephen and Gail Harper.

Malawi, affectionately known as “The Warm Heart of Africa,” is a small land locked country in Central Africa, bordered by Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. A former British colony (Nyasaland) it has been an independent democratic state since 1964. One of the poorest



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Open air preaching in market place

countries in the world, Malawi’s economy is almost entirely agricultural, with around 80% of the 16.5 Million population engaged in subsistence farming, and an estimated 90% surviving on average daily incomes of less than two dollars US per day.

The country has a long tradition of Christianity, dating back to the mid-1800s when David Livingstone

and others pioneered the territory. Today there is much nominal Christianity (RC, Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, etc.) although genuine believers are “few and far between”. The cults are almost all represented: Jehovah’s Witnesses, SDA and Church of Christ, particularly so. Extreme forms of Pentecostalism are in the ascendancy, and there is a significant Muslim minority.

Information about the history of assembly work in Malawi is patchy, and although there are quite a number of groups loosely associated with early assembly missionaries, after passage of time, reality of conversion and genuine desire for the truth of the Word of God are now uncommon among them.

Gail and I have been associated with the work in Malawi for over 12 years, residing there between 2003 and 2011. We were engaged at various stages in rural and urban work, latterly operating a Christian bookstore in the small city of Zomba, from which a range of Gospel activities were conducted. Although we still maintain a rented house in Thondw (Southern Region), for the past 3 years, family obligations have required that we be based in N. Ireland, although I have been privileged to make regular visits to Malawi, about 4 times each year.

Our burden is for the spread of the Gospel and our efforts in recent years have focussed very much upon publication and distribution of sound Gospel literature and open-air preaching. We produce a regular bi-lingual Gospel magazine, a variety of English and Chichewa (the principal vernacular language of Malawi) Gospel tracts, and bi-lingual Gospel calendars. These are circulated in most regions of the country, and although a rough estimate of the number of items of which we have shipped and distributed in the past couple of years is approaching 500,000, we feel that we are only “scratching the surface”. We endeavour to supply literature to individuals

with a desire to reach the people in their own communities, and there is great demand. A shipment of almost 150,000 tracts and 50,000 calendars which arrived in November is now almost entirely finished, and at time of writing (March) we have already used nearly half of the 75,000 magazines which arrived mid-February. Lord willing, I hope to print and send a further large consignment of tracts within the next few weeks.

A recent highlight has been the “Seed Sower” type events which took place in August 2013 and again in 2014. These have proved to be very beneficial and of great blessing to those who took part. We are looking forward to a similar venture in August 2015, Lord willing, and will value the prayers of all, and the help of any who may be able to take part.

Looking forward, we continue to be burdened about the need for Gospel literature, and for

material to teach the basics of the Christian faith and assembly truth to those who belong to the Lord, as this is almost non-existent. We are exploring the possibility of a number of significant translation projects, and will value your prayerful interest in these efforts.

Brasov, ROMANIA

David Weir

The assembly in Brasov was encouraged by a visit from a group of believers from the UK from October 18 to 25, 2014. Approximately 4,000 John 3:16 texts were distributed throughout the week and we pray that the seed sown will bring forth fruit for the glory of God. A similar visit is being planned for the first week in October 2015 and we are praying about possible opportunities in the gospel for that occasion in addition to the

distribution of gospel texts. We long to see the Lord’s hand blessing in salvation that the



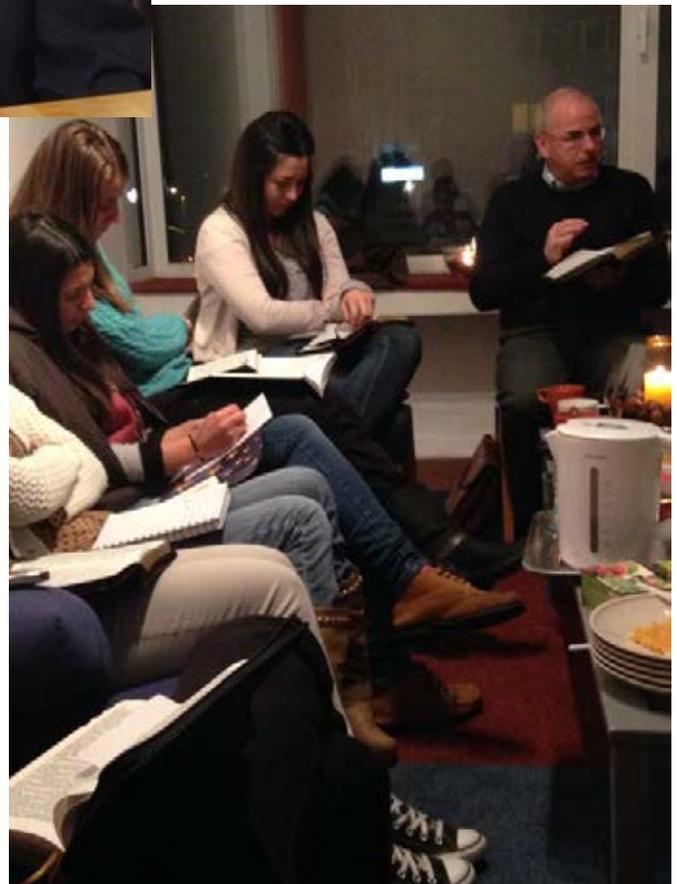
attend (they live out of Ploiesti and depend on transport timetables). Judging by the increasing numbers attending, this new arrangement seems to have suited others better as well. We are going through the life of David as a young man during the reign of Saul, with the desire that the many relevant lessons for young people from this section of the Word of God will lead to His workings in the lives of those who attend.

assembly may be built up both numerically and spiritually.

We have also been enjoying having Robert & Sally Beckett from England with us. They are a blessing to the assembly and Robert has been giving regular teaching on the epistle to the Colossians. I am going through the Acts of the Apostles with the assembly.

We are grateful to the Lord for a new opportunity which has opened up with a group of students here in Brasov. They are mostly believers from various backgrounds and I have completed a series of weekly studies with them on the will of God. A new study has now been commenced on future events. Between 10 and 15 attend and there is a good interest for the study of Scripture, with many questions and subjects raised. We look to the Lord to make His Word a blessing to these young people and that they will be led more fully into the ways and truth of God in their lives.

The bi-weekly Bible Class meeting at Ploiesti continues, with some encouragement. The time of the meeting was recently changed to make it easier for the teenagers from the orphanage to



If the Lord will, our annual camp will be held this year from August 17-22. We are thankful to the Lord for His blessing upon the camp held in August last year. There were 82 who attended, many of whom were young people. Three different subjects from the Word of God were dealt with throughout the week. Robert Beckett spoke on "Heart issues in the life of Hezekiah". Daniel Enea (my Romanian fellow labourer)

took up, "Holiness and its motivations," and I spoke on, "The transformation of a life". The interest shown was encouraging and we look to the Lord to draw many hearts closer to Himself. More have started attending the Bible Class meeting since the camp, including a young woman who had no assembly background. She has since been baptized, together with a young married sister who also attended the camp.

We praise the Lord for an open door to labor among several small assemblies in the Republic of Moldova. There are a small number of companies of the Lord's people in Moldova, which despite some pressure to be affiliated to an evangelical denomination based in Romania, are maintaining autonomous ground. Robert Beckett and I have an exercise to go once a month, especially for consecutive teaching on the epistle to the Ephesians which was requested by the assemblies in Dorotcaia and Miresti. We also have made encouraging visits to the assembly in Balceana and we are happy for the opportunity to serve the saints in the Word there too. In addition, we visit a brother and his wife from a village where there is no assembly and we plan to continue doing this as time and opportunity allow. Our next visits are planned for the last week of April and the last week of May, if the Lord will. Please pray that the teaching of the Word of God will be unto the blessing and edification of the saints and that the work in Moldova may expand and develop.

Our magazine work is now entering its 22nd year. It consists mainly of articles which have previously appeared in assembly magazines in English. These are translated into Romanian as part of the process of the production of the magazine. My own personal involvement is doing the initial translation correction — making sure that the same sense that is conveyed in English comes across in the same way in Romanian — and the final proof check before the magazine goes to print. It is distributed bi-

monthly, free of charge to any who request it. There are currently around 2,500 copies of each issue being distributed in Romania and in the Republic of Moldova. It goes to a wide variety of people, most of whom we do not know. While it is difficult to ascertain what impact the teaching contained in the magazine has on its readers, we did recently receive an encouraging note from one reader who said he was a passionate reader and collector of the Green Pastures magazine for 20 years". We trust that many have been helped spiritually over the years as a result of this work.

Prayer would be much appreciated for every aspect of the work, that strength and wisdom may be given in the doing of it and that, above all, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in many lives through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Lutsk, UKRAINE

Timothy & Rhoda Sloan



Since last April the official death toll of people killed in Ukraine is 5,700 but the German intelligence released a figure recently closer to 50,000! Last Tuesday, the official death toll of Ukrainian soldiers killed in Debaltaseve was 22. The true figure is over 3,000 Ukrainian soldiers killed. Last Thursday evening I had a meeting with a business man in Lutsk who supplied us with materials when we were

building the hall. He told us his nephew of 24 who was serving in the Ukrainian army had been injured when the terrorists were bombing Donetsk airport. The nephew was evacuated and put into the hospital in Debaltaseve. When that town was taken by the Russian backed terrorists on Tuesday they went into the hospital and tortured the soldiers to death. This young man's eyes were taken out and his ribs smashed with a hammer. He died as a result of the pain and his body was returned to Lutsk on Friday last. Many are also dying on the Russian side. They reckon between 57 and 70 Russian soldiers a day! The dead bodies being carry back to Russia were becoming an embarrassment for Mr. Putin so he introduced mobile crematoriums just to burn the bodies! Many of his soldiers do not want to fight in Ukraine and to make sure there is not a rebellion they are sent to the front line with elite Russian soldiers behind them to shoot them in the back if they rebel.

Some of the worlds press talk about a ceasefire, but all that is happening is a regrouping for a major offensive by Russia in March! Sadly, many in the West are doing little and Mr. Putin is taking advantage of this.

The economy in Ukraine has been devastated due to the war in the East. Factories are closing, people are not being paid and prices have rocketed. All in the assembly are seriously affected but Rhoda and I count it a privilege to help where we can. Most in the assembly have very little. They survive by growing everything they need and selling a little to pay for essentials. Our new website is www.nta.lutsk.ua

Brazilian people, South of Ireland Harry & Jean Reid

Recently we had a good visit to the South of Ireland to the little town of Gort (South of Galway) where there are still a good number of Brazilian people who live and work there.

As in previous years, we were able to visit four housing areas and distribute tracts, CD's and calendars in the Portuguese language. As before we had no refusals and the materials were well accepted. We certainly would now very much value the prayers of the saints that the Lord will bless His own word and the precious seed of His word will produce much fruit to the honour and glory of our Lord Jesus.

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Tribute To Jean Milne

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Proverbs 3:10, 12

I have arrived at heaven and home

I have arrived at heaven and home

And what do I behold?

The radiance of my Saviour's face

And arms to welcome home.

I hear the song of heaven's choir

Around the sea of glass.

No ripple there, no, not a care

For fears and tears are past.

This is my home, my heavenly home

Of joy and peace and love

Where ceaseless praise to Him I'll raise

Through endless years above.

First of four verses written by — Jean Milne in 2008



Since September 1969, Jean was involved in the editing of this HORIZONS magazine. For nearly 46 years, she faithfully typed, proof-read and assisted in the editing of this publication. But on March 16, 2015 in Cuba, the Lord suddenly called her home.

In March of 2015, Jean and I made a visit to Cuba, it was our second time there. We visited five assemblies. We went seeking to help, encourage and strengthen them in the things of the Lord. It was a wonderful, happy experience. Our son Jonathan Ashley and two of our grandsons Austin and Carter were with us for the first two weeks. Jean and I stayed on for another week.

The Lord however, had a different plan for my dearest Jean. On March 16 at 10:20am, just hours before getting on the flight home from Cuba, the Lord took her on a different flight to be with Himself in heaven. The Lord saw fit to bring Jean, my soul mate and dear wife of forty-nine and a half years, home to heaven, rather than for me to bring her home to Vancouver. I met Jean for the first time in a missionary meeting in February 1965 and we parted on a missionary visit to Cuba in March 2015. I was richly blessed to have known her and loved her during all the years the Lord gave us together.

It was on March 17, 1966 that Jean and I moved to Vancouver from Northern Ireland, just six months after we were married. Three years later we were both involved with other brethren in the very first publication of HORIZONS missionary magazine. Since the beginning, Jean worked on every single issue published, including the last one to be sent out: Issue 165 - FALL / WINTER 2014.

She was a very busy lady, but she was diligent and devoted to the Lord. At times when I was discouraged because letters had not arrived, deadlines to publish another issue had slipped by and I was ready to give up, she would always remind me that we were not doing this service for men, we were doing it for the Lord!

Jean was a spiritual lady. She was a lady of prayer. She kept a notebook of things she asked the Lord about and so many times they were answered. She loved the Lord and began each day at the dining room table reading her Bible, which was well noted and underlined. She would often share verses and thoughts with me. Scriptures that the Lord had directed her to and often applied so well to what we were going through at the time.

She was a lady of music. She had a passion for music! She was an accomplished musician and song writer. She taught and encouraged others with music. She wrote poems and matched lyrics to tunes for our sons and grandchildren. Jean carefully selected hymns and prepared the revision to "The Gospel Hymn Book" in 2000 increasing the number from 256 to 407 published by the Western Gospel Publishing Foundation. She worked with our son J. Ashley Milne on four volumes of CD's of the first verse and chorus of hymns for the Gospel Hymn Book.

Jean was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to so many. She touched a lot of people lives and this was evident and expressed by the hundreds of cards, calls, e-mails and close to eight hundred friends and family who attended her memorial service on 28 March. I have only given you a small word picture which describes Jean's personality and Christian character. Jean sparkled with a golden glow. One of her friends said, "She hugged you with her smile." She was always genuinely interested and thinking of others. Jean loved colour and always dressed like a lady. As a family we will miss her. Her many friends will miss her. I miss her terribly. We are comforted in knowing that: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble Psalm 46:1.

T. S. Ashley Milne