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WORK WHILE
IT IS DAY

AT HOME AND ABROAD

THE NIGHT
COMETH WHEN NO
MAN CAN WORK

Much Blessing Amidst Many Dangers in

Venezuela Today

At the beginning of October, 2014, the Lord gave me the opportunity once more to visit my brethren in the Yaracuy State of Venezuela, a place that is very dear to my heart, where I grew up, where the Lord saved me and my parents served the Lord for fifty years.

The political and economical situation in the country is in very bad shape with 65% inflation, incredible shortages and people having to line up to get some of the basic necessities of life, something unheard of before. Capitalism is frowned on. The result has been that a large number of companies have been forced out of business. This allows the government to import what is needed in order to make the people fully dependent on them. They have been following the same charter that is applied in Cuba, for the most part, except when dealing with criminals.

ASAMBLEAS CONGREGADAS EN EL NOMBRE DEL SEÑOR



EN VENEZUELA

Yet in spite of all, the Christians do enjoy full liberty to gather, not only for the meetings of the 176 or more assemblies in the country but also fifteen regional conferences throughout the year

and three national conferences that host several thousand believers at Easter and at the beginning of the year.

arrived at by counting the meals served for lunch and supper on Friday and Saturday.



October 2014 Conference in San Felipe

The timing of my visit was such that I arrived in San Felipe just as they were preparing for their 94th annual conference. An estimated 650 believers, from 17 different assemblies, were present this year. I was told that numbers were down from last year due to a virus sweeping through the country, called Chikungunya. The symptoms are a high fever, swelling of joints, along with muscular pains and weakness which some call a mutation of dengue fever. Many have been affected by it. A number of bus-loads intending to be at the conference, from different assemblies, had to be cancelled because of it. At the same conference last year there were around 800 believers in attendance. This number was



Samuel Rojas & Alirio Guerrero during Conference

This year a mini-bus in which eight sisters and a young brother were travelling to the conference, was boarded by two gunmen who robbed them



Believers Robbed on Their Way to Conference

of their money, cell phones and ID cards. They managed to arrive but were shaken by the ordeal. At the end of the conference it was lovely to see the believers rally together to replenish their loss and provide them with bus fares home.

In the town of San Pablo, half-an-hour from San Felipe, when the brethren went in with the Gospel some months ago, an interesting and unexpected development took place. The meetings were to be held in a corner house with a large front room which led out to the street. It belonged to Sandy, a sister from the assembly in San Felipe. As they went out with invitations they quickly discovered something that Sandy had not told them. Just across the street from the house was the gathering centre of the so-called “malandros,” a drug gang. They gathered there on their motor bikes to plan their next target, clean and make ready their guns and so on. The town people said, “We will take your tract but not your invitation to that corner!” Undeterred the brethren went ahead. The first night, before the meeting, the Christians served a meal and one of the sisters went over to where the gang members had gathered and invited them to come over and have something to eat. Many of them

did. Some came in and heard the Gospel while others stood at the door; others listened from outside. They were fed every night and never disturbed the meetings nor interfered with anyone who came. More than twenty came every night for a month. Some professed to be saved. During the meetings the girl who lived next door was invited often to come in to hear the Gospel, but never did come. One night, following the meeting, she was over talking to some of the gang members. As one of them was cleaning and working with his gun, it discharged, shooting the girl in the head and killing her instantly.

It was indeed a delight to be with the dear believers and hear their concerns, stories, reflections of former days and other things.

One of the Venezuelan workers, brother Alirio Guerrero, was in San Felipe for meetings before the conference. He and I shared in ministry together, before, during, and after conference. One of the many stories he told was of a man who was father to fifty-two children but never married until after his salvation. He married the woman he was living with. Four of the other women he lived with, in his unsaved days, also were saved, along with many of the children. They are all together in fellowship today in the same assembly. It amazes one what God has done in their lives! (Continued on page 3)

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One dear sister from Acarigua came to the conference with her fifteen-year-old little girl in a wheel chair, crippled from contracting meningitis when she was very young. We drove her to the bus station to get the bus home, a journey of an hour-and-a-half from San Felipe. One is touched by the love and devotion these dear souls have for the things of the Lord.

Venezuela has become one of the most lawless countries on earth. Holdups along the freeway have become all too frequent. Spiked pipes, belts or large stones are placed on the road so that when the vehicles go over them, the tires burst. Then the gunmen come out of the bushes and rob the people - highwaymen in the true sense of the word. When they find nothing, often they smack the person over the head with a gun handle.

During one such hold-up, a young man who had attended the Bible class, was shot by the police, along with his three friends when attempting such a robbery on a lonely stretch of road. Because of this we were unable to visit certain assemblies on this occasion.

One Saturday we visited the Alpargaton assembly for a regional ministry meeting. The hall was packed with believers from the six assemblies in the area and other places. Brother Palacios, a local man who has just returned from Peru where some Venezuelan brethren have been busy in the Gospel, gave a great word. This was followed by another local brother and myself. An estimated 300 meal boxes were handed out at the close of the meeting which started at 3:00 p.m. and ended at 5:15 p.m. Following this, a number were baptized and, according to Acts 2:41, were received into the fellowship the following morning. This place is not far from a section of freeway called Trincheras, where a Venezuelan beauty queen, visiting from the U.S.,

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was shot dead, along with her husband, because the malandros could not open the car doors as the couple had locked them from the inside. Their little girl, sleeping in the back seat, was spared.

A brother in the assembly in San Felipe was shot through the cheek when the malandros attempted to steal his motor bike. This is a common occurrence in these parts. The shot missed his temple by two inches, penetrated through his cheek on one side and came out on the other side, shattering some of his upper teeth. Many of these dear believers suffer so much, yet they love the Lord and are so happy and faithful in their support of the assembly.



Driver Luis Durat and Hector Carruido on our Nightly Visits to Yaracuy Assemblies

During the second week of my visit, the believers accompanied me in visiting a number of assemblies in the state of Yaracuy. A dear brother in the San Felipe assembly, who owned a sixty-passenger bus, made it available. We met at the hall and visited a different assembly each night, for six nights. We started with fifteen minutes prayer and the Lord truly helped to minister the word. They sang hymns all the way there and back. This proved to be a great encouragement to these other assemblies, in spite of the dangers, including highway rob-



Brother from San Felipe Shot Through the Cheek

beries at night. There is much appetite for the word of God and fellowship, among the believers.

We visited another assembly in the state of Yaracuy, established back in 1929. It has had its share of trials over the years, but mostly from within. In recent times, due to a newcomer given responsibility as an elder but, sadly, with the character of Diotrophes who likes to have the preeminence, it later came out that he hid past sin in his life, which was never dealt with as it should have been. The result is, as is often the case, he has caused division, resulting in seventeen or more having to sit at the back! This includes a brother who has been an elder in that assembly for many years, before this carnal man appeared on the scene. As a brother once remarked to me, “You cannot win when dealing with a carnal man.” “One must leave such with the Lord.” Romans 2: 1 - 3

The area around this town is known throughout Venezuela for the occult and spiritism. A stronghold of Satan, I did not know of these serious ongoing problems in the assembly until driving home, following the meeting. It so happened that the Lord guided in the ministry given, which was from Romans. 16:17.

On Saturday, October 28th, accompanied by three brethren from San Felipe, we went to the regional ministry meeting in San Estevan, a town near Pto. Cabello. In recent years the growth has been such as to require the brethren to extend the hall by twenty metres. It was packed to capacity and reported later that around 400 meals were served between the afternoon meeting and the Gospel meeting, after which four believers were baptized. Three of us took part in the ministry from 3:00 p.m. till 5:30 p.m., which included half-an-hour of prayer. It is amazing to witness the thirst for God's word.

On my last day in San Felipe the assembly, following the Bible study, held a fellowship supper in the afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until Gospel meeting time at 7:00 p.m. Many expressed appreciation for my visit with them, others told how they were saved, and stories from the past. Ever so many told me how that my father had baptized them or married them. While we were enjoying fellowship together, word arrived that an unsaved son of sister Sandy, in whose house the meetings were held in San Pablo (above), had been killed at the same corner across from where the meetings were held. He was one of the malandros and in a heated exchange another gang member pulled a gun and shot him three times. He died on the spot!

From San Felipe we went to Nirgua, a much cooler place in the Yaracuy mountains, where an assembly has continued since 1925, the 7th to be established in Venezuela. We had a ministry meeting on Monday evening, followed by a Bible reading on Tuesday evening and had planned to visit an assembly further up in the hills around Nirgua, called San Mateo. However, due to so many gang hold-ups after dark, we decided against taking the chance.

One young man who was greatly feared in the area for having shot forty people when they

would not give up their possessions, met a gruesome end by being shot himself. He lay on the ground, his body and face riddled with forty bullets, a bullet for every person he had killed. As is often done in these countries, a picture of his bullet-riddled corpse appeared in the local paper. The authorities are unable to do much for fear of reprisals.

The first week-end of November, the annual elders conference was held in Salom, not far from Nirgua. Around 300 elders, from 87 assemblies, came together, along with 23 full-time workers. Bible studies were held for two days, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., with ministry at night. The subject was John 13 through 16, with excellent participation. With the availability of good books that have been translated from English to Spanish, the Venezuelan brethren have acquired a remarkable understanding of the Scriptures. They truly have applied themselves, and are certainly apt to teach.

Following the conference, I returned to Palo Negro with brother Uel Ussher. He and I were asked to take the meeting Sunday evening. The following afternoon, being as it was my last day before returning home, I accompanied Samuel and Sharon Ussher to Juaniquero, an assembly in a very remote place, high in the mountains, where an assembly was formed in June, 2005. A brother had died and, as is the custom, Gospel meetings were being held every night on the patio alongside the house where he lived. We set off from Samuel and Rachel's home in Palo Negro, at 3:30 in the afternoon and arrived about 6:00 p.m. On our travels there were many gravel roads, bends and potholes. We crossed about three rivers, which are not passable when it rains. The meeting was held from 6:30 till 7:30 p.m. A good crowd gathered and sat on the benches while a similar crowd stood and listened in the darkness, with just the light of the moon on the road in front of the house. A number of

snakes were killed in past nights where the meetings were held. At least six dogs wandered through, during the meeting.

Earlier this year a malandro belonging to one of the gangs was saved and his life changed. It so happened that a rival gang heard that he had been seen attending a certain assembly. They stormed the Gospel meeting one Lord's day evening with guns drawn, looking and asking for him. When they saw that he was not there that night, they took up positions in the audience with guns in hand, waiting for him to show up.

You can imagine the fear and consternation. All the sisters had their heads down, praying. The brother on the platform had stopped preaching, not knowing what to do, when suddenly the leader of the malandros stood up and pointed his gun at him and told him to "keep on preaching," which he did. Can just imagine how the brother must have felt? The malandros sat through the meeting until it ended. The former gang member that they were looking for, did not come to the meeting that night so the incident ended peacefully. Ironically these malandros call each other "brother" also. This is the new Republica Bolivariana de Venezuela today. Your **prayers** are much needed for the saints protection.

T. S. Ashley Milne

BLAZING A TRAIL IN PERU

Gelson Villegas

(Venezuelan commended worker)

Going back to the year 2000, a Peruvian couple, Raúl Elcorrobarrutia and his wife Rosario, converted to the Lord in Venezuela, had a holy determination that we accompany them to their beloved homeland, in order to bring the Gospel to their relatives. Equally, and shortly after, another Peruvian sister, converted in Venezuela, Alicia de Puerta Ollarves, who was 28 years

separated from her father and the rest of his family, understood her responsibility toward the close circle of her own, humanly speaking. This was another link and the idea of going to Peru was gaining momentum. So, with this background, and concluding that the matter was of God, on November 1st, 2002 we set out toward the epicentre of the ancient Inca empire.

With the passage of time, what began as family visits attracted people not belonging to the circle of relatives of the believers already mentioned. This led us to move to formal preaching and renting public places to hold meetings every night. At the beginning, a good number professed faith in Christ in the city of Huaral, almost two hours journey north of Lima.

At this time, the group has been reduced to eight members who hold a devotional (Sunday morning), preaching at night and two more meetings during the week. The fact of not having their own premises has affected the development of the work. Almost every visit requires us to rent a different local site which has brought criticism among the people. They say that we move too much, seeing this detail as a symptom of instability in us.

Between Huaral and Lima is a town called Aucallama. There live the relatives of brother Marcos Salguero (who belongs to the group in Huaral). During our most recent visit, the Lord granted us to preach the Gospel in that town, seeing every night a growing interest.

The urgency of having to go north in order to start the construction of the new hall in the town of La Arena, did not allow us a greater exercise here at this time. Seeing the interest and the hunger for God's word, which some verbally expressed, constrains us to preach in this town on subsequent visits.

Also, in this town, there operates an institution (Blue House), addressing the treatment and help

of drug addicts. The director of the institute opened a large door for preaching and it was with great joy that we announced the word to 30 young men on each occasion. One of them, Joseph, interrupted the meeting to confess publicly his faith in Christ. We have the news that there has been significant changes in his life, so there is a twofold reason by which we continue to keep our eye on Aucallama.

South of Lima, in a neighbourhood called "Alfonzo Ugarte," we have preached in two different sites and have had Bible classes for children. The people there are astonishingly apathetic toward the gospel, including relatives of sister Alicia de Puerta Ollarves, who at the beginning, perhaps out of curiosity, heard the message live in that area.

A lady of that family, Enedina de Rivera, professed to be saved and has already been baptized. Also a man of about 60, maintains his profession of faith and has recently converted the living room of their house for meetings.

The elderly father of our sister Alicia lives in a remote village of the Andean district of Huanuco. The village is called Retama and the climate is very cold, as cold as the people are towards God. They cling to Catholicism, brought by Spain to this land, as well as the ancient customs of their Incan heritage. Don Ignacio, father of Alicia, during our last visit not only heard the Gospel but was moved by the message. He is already very old and much in need of being saved. Please **pray** for his salvation. Half-an-hour from there is a place called Unión of Huánuco, where we have distributed thousands of Gospel tracts and hundreds of New Testaments. Even though people receive the literature with enthusiasm, it has not been possible yet to rent premises to publicly preach the word. Three women have professed faith in Christ but, frankly, we are not very convinced of the reality of such professions.

Towards the north of Peru, there has been exercise in the town of La Arena. Twelve believers have been baptized and hold public meetings of preaching, prayer, Bible study and biblical teaching, as well as children's activities. Three boys have been developing their gifts and are active in taking part in the meetings.

There is an exercise about the possibility of establishing an assembly during the first visit of 2015, in the will of the Lord. During our visit this year, significant progress was made in the construction of the new hall and, at the same time, we were moved to see that God has been building the walls of the spiritual house with living stones, as well.

In Catacaos, with a large population, just 40 minutes from La Arena, there lives a young believer, who has started a Bible class for children. Their parents have given consent so that the Gospel can be preached to the adults as well. It is an open door, which we plan, God willing, to avail ourselves of, on our next visit.

Similarly, Tumbes, a regional capital city, twenty minutes from the border with Ecuador, offers the opportunity for the proclamation of the word. The family of Segundo Sernaqué, of La Arena, lives in that city and has expressed a desire for preaching. Our **prayer** is for this to be another open door and our desire is to reach beyond, with divine favor, precious souls for our God.

Apart from the above-mentioned, sometimes when the group of visitors from Venezuela has been relatively large, we have been able to reach Huaquillas, a border town with Ecuador with much commercial activity and where the Lord has granted us to do a task of distributing Gospel literature with good receptivity on the part of the local population. We wait on God's guidance as we hope at some point to proclaim the Gospel there in a public way.

It is necessary to say that many brethren and sisters have made a great effort from Venezuela but, as time passes and the economic conditions in Venezuela are deteriorating, it becomes much more difficult to travel. It is time to depend more on the Lord, despite the circumstances.

Brethren Noel McKeown, Alcímides Velasco, Emisael Alvarado and Rubén Mendoza, full-time workers, also helped much. Brother Gerardo Palacios, a Colombian-born preacher, has worked greatly and made more visits to Peru than any.



Brother Gerardo Palacios - Centre

Finally, Raúl Elcorrobarutia, the brother who first encouraged others to go to Peru to speak the word to his family, recently went to be with the Lord. Without a doubt, he occupies a place in the holy service of our God. He has not lived in vain and, certainly at the judgment seat of Christ, our Lord will reward him because He is not unjust to forget.

El Vigia, VENEZUELA

Paul & Daphne Chapman

Since our arrival in June, I have been occupied in buying the materials needed to finish the back section of the hall, kitchen, toilet block, platform with baptismal tank, etc. Although it has

involved a lot of running around, the Lord has wonderfully provided, despite the worsening shortage situation in the country. For various reasons, we have decided to pay Noel, a local builder, to do the work, so the next stage was to complete two toilets in the top section of the hall, which will later be used for accommodation. This enabled us to knock down the hut that was on the land when we bought it, to be able to start on the bottom section.

Noel has been very busy with various houses but none have been able to buy cement so he started work on Tuesday, as we had 83 bags stored up over the past months. In three days they have dug the hole and blocked up the baptismal tank, levelled and poured the floor on the whole back section and have all the walls blocked to half height. This has kept me on my toes, buying blocks and doors, etc, as I was not expecting him to start so soon. I will also have to do some plumbing and electrical before they plaster the walls. There was no water in El Vigia for eight days, due to repair work, so I had to connect up the pump to the underground tank with the 12v - 110v inverter, as the power at the hall is too low to run the pump. Noel has given me a price to do the whole section, up to painting and tiling stage, so that will be a big step forward.

We continue to value your **prayers** regarding spiritual building as well, as we feel, along with others, that the time is near for the assembly to commence. We are thinking of January next year, so **pray** that the believers will each understand their responsibility in the fellowship. Some of the new believers have things to sort out in their lives, before baptism, so **pray** for them also. We are presently studying 1st Corinthians, which will be a big help to us all.

Daphne arrived in Australia on a surprise visit to the family. Ben and Rebecca gave us our first granddaughter, three weeks ago, Natalia Joy, joining her brother Jacob, and Anna's two boys

in our growing family. Daph's Mum has not been well of late but we are **thankful** for some improvement in recent weeks.

Recently we were in El Cenizo for their annual ministry meeting. Then we spent a few days together on Margarita Island to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary, before Daph left for Australia. The end of this month is the elders conference, followed by the conference in San Cristobal, so I purpose going, Lord willing.

Our sincere **thanks** for your continued **prayer** on behalf of the Lord's work here in El Vigia, as we look forward to the day when another 'golden lampstand' will be shining for His glory in this darkening world. His promise is, "I will dwell among them, they shall be my people."

NICARAGUA

Tony & Danelle Flett

Arriving back in Nicaragua, we almost immediately began a short gospel series in Dolores, with some help from a brother from El Salvador as well as another from Managua. The meetings were well attended, and many seemed to be sincerely interested. We are grateful to see the Lord's hand in blessing and **pray** that God's word will continue to bear fruit.

We are **thankful** for the help of two Dolores brethren, Jose Alfredo and Nelson, with the weekly gospel meetings and Bible study which continue in the rural community of El Panama. On September 15th, a national holiday, Mark Bachert invited all the assemblies from this part of the country to gather at his house on the lake for a time of fellowship. Most of the assemblies are still fairly small and benefit from connecting with other Christians and sharing with each other. The end of September found us in Honduras, giving ministry at the wedding ceremony of a young Honduran missionary who

has been serving in Nicaragua for several years, including helping establish the work in El Panama. Daniel and Ruth both have a heart for the Lord and the wedding not only was a celebration of their love for Him and each other, but an opportunity to share the gospel and teach God's word to the guests who had gathered.

We value your continued **prayers** for our family and the work of the Lord here. We are hoping to soon resolve the legal and financial details arising from my traffic accident in June. Tomorrow we are travelling to El Salvador to speak at a youth conference and are looking to the Lord for guidance in messages that will turn these young people wholeheartedly to Him. Also for protection on the roads and from the Chikungunya virus which is rampant in El Salvador. We ask for guidance for intensive Bible studies held annually in Dolores, in December. Two local missionaries and I will be sharing the teaching responsibilities. **Pray** for blessing for those who attend.

NICARAGUA

Mark & Brenda Bachert

I am cautious to share with you the grand news of a new fellowship being formed in Managua, a couple of weeks ago. God alone is worthy of the glory. Nevertheless it is the type of news that needs to spread like wildfire among the people of God. Our God is still engaging human hearts. He is actively calling out of the nations a peculiar people unto Himself. He is still gathering saints together around the person of His worthy Son.

There is yet another local community of believers in the south of Nicaragua giving visible expression to the awesome fact that Christ is building His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. The more experience the Lord graciously allows me to have, causes my heart to bow in worship before Him. Please understand

that it is impossible for man to convict a heart. It is impossible for man to save a soul. It is impossible for man to cause another to grasp



spiritual truth. It is the Lord's work, and we are thrilled that God has worked and is working in our midst. God has been pleased to establish another local Church.

PANAMA

Marcos & Sara Sequera

We say, as the apostle Paul said, "I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." Romans 15:30. With this text, we want to share with you some matters for prayer.

1. Please **pray** for the assembly in Dolega. We are now a little more than one dozen in the fellowship but the people in the village, where the assembly is, prove to be hard and indifferent to the invitations to the meetings. We do see receptivity in the children and some adolescents.
2. Sergio and Sandra, a married couple, are attending meetings with much interest but have not yet confessed the name of the Lord. Sergio is an army major and feels sorrowful for his sins.
3. Natividad is an older lady who attends the meetings faithfully. There is much confusion in her mind by the false teaching left by the

denominations in the past. We do not think she is saved but want the Holy Spirit to convict her with His perfect work. She has suffered greatly after the death of a child a few months ago.

4. Gonzalo is the husband of a new believer who lately has been attending very frequently and listens with interest but is not saved.
5. Bernabé, our second son, is eight years old and has not yet confessed faith in Christ. We know that he is a child but believe that he is already responsible. We try not to put pressure on him, since we want it to be the spirit of God who will lead him to Calvary.
6. The assembly has acquired a plot of land to build a hall in the village but we have had problems with the neighbour who is opposed to the construction, which has stalled the project. The cause is very unfair and legal processes are slow. The neighbour is called Glen Bocharel. Please remember him in your **prayers**.
7. Please **pray** for the work in Ciudad de David. There are now two sisters baptized and in fellowship in the assembly in Dolega. We want to begin a Bible class for children, in the home of one of them, in the will of the Lord.
8. Please do not cease to **pray** for a group of boys that attend the Bible class in the assembly. The majority are not saved and have many family problems, drug issues and some in gangs. Sometimes there are twenty of them gathered.
9. Please **pray** for Javier Quintero, a believer in the Dolega assembly but lives in the city of Changuinola, a four-hour drive across the mountain range. It is very difficult for him to attend the meetings. His wife is not yet saved.
10. Please **pray** for a sister called Hilda Saldaña, who lives very close to the hall where the assembly meet. She professed faith two years ago but when she decided to obey the Lord in

baptism, something happened and, overnight, she stopped attending the meetings.

We leave with you these burdens, for **prayer**.

Lviv, UKRAINE

Edmund & Agnes Johnston

The war in the east of Ukraine intensified during June and July and, at the last report, the number dead has reached 3,500 souls, thousands injured and many with loss of limbs. We feel God has answered many **prayers** with a present cease-fire announced at the beginning of September which is holding, although “very fragile.”

In June we had Max McLean from Oil Springs assembly in Canada, with us for ten days. Our brother has been here many times before and again, on this visit, proved very helpful both spiritually and practically. Max was a great help in the assembly, with choice ministry, and preached the Gospel fervently in many orphanages. Also we had Doug and Debbie Yade from Kirkland Lake assembly, Ontario, at the beginning of July. This couple brought with them much encouragement for all of us here.

We were very pleased when the prison authorities contacted us to resume our monthly Gospel meeting – God again has answered prayer.

To facilitate the MOT of our vehicle, we drove back to N.I. (1,700 miles) and spent the month of August there. While there I had a number of report meetings and enjoyed fellowship with five different assemblies each Lord’s day. On our way back we enjoyed a Lord’s day with the assembly in Mechelen, Belgium.

We are **thankful** for the opportunity over the last four months to continue our fortnightly children's meeting in Sosnevska. We average twenty-five children and up to nine parents in

attendance. Please **pray** that the scriptures learned will bear fruit in salvation.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

1. Commencement of Sunday School/Children's meeting in Lviv assembly. (Currently we have five boys who attend the breaking of bread and after the meeting is over we have a short time for singing choruses and learning verses).
2. Sasha (25) who interprets in the Gospel outreach in Ivano but is not saved. We have planned, D.V., one week of Gospel meetings in Lviv where he has indicated he would be interested in attending.
3. Two cousins of Vladimir (Lviv assembly interpreter) who are showing an interest in salvation – Olenka (19) and Maria (26).

We would like to acknowledge the value of your prayerful interest for us and the work of God here in Lviv.

ANGOLA

Samuel & Elizabeth Simonyi-Gindele



August, 2014. L-R back: Zachary, Samuel, Elizabeth, Ethan. L-R front, Jesse, Abigail, Seth.

The last number of months have been incredibly busy and have included what we hope is our final move and settling in at Biula. During June and July, Samuel was occupied with helping in medical clinics in the Saurimo area, three times a

week, daily Portuguese study, and making trips with supplies to Biula where Jonathan Singleton and helpers were able to build a water tower, plumb running water into our house, expand the



Camandumbala Conference

existing bathroom, install a shower and expand a small office that we will use as a bedroom. We are deeply grateful for the hard work of Jonathan and Matthew Jenkins, from England, and all they accomplished in six weeks to make the house more livable for our family. I was able to finish up the school year with the children, start a new academic year and begin to pack up and prepare for our move from Camandumbala to Biula.

The first two weeks of August we were blessed to take a break in Zambia, hosted by Mark and Pam Ronald at Sakeji School and then moving on to the Orchard Getaway at Kalene Mission that is managed by Bruce and Marilyn Poidevin. This was a much needed time of rest and refreshment for our family and we were encouraged by the kindness of good friends and the fellowship we enjoyed there. We arrived back at Camandumbala to 10,000+ people camped on the mission for a conference marking the 130th anniversary of missionary F. S. Arnot's arrival in Angola. The conference was five days long and one session was six hours in duration! It was definitely an educational experience for Samuel to listen to the various messages, all in Portuguese; some Bible teaching, some history

of the assembly work in Angola, and some on the growth of Islam in this country. There is a definite push in areas of Angola towards church hierarchy and a forsaking of assembly autonomy and this message came through at the conference in many subtle and not so subtle ways.

On September 4th we made the move as a family to Biula. It has been an intense five weeks since then! The living conditions here are very basic and the most challenging that we have ever experienced. Abigail, Samuel, and I are still sleeping in a tent as we are trying to sort out a final bedroom. Samuel and our older boys have done a great deal of work so we now have hot water in the house and they have chiseled channels in the walls so the house can be rewired properly when we get the help of an electrician. For me the days are full with schooling five children and getting everyone fed three times a day with limited kitchen facilities. Samuel's days are occupied from sun-up with everything from keeping the ram pump pumping water from the river to our tank, to doing laundry to help me in the twin tub washer, to chasing pigs away from our house (a huge nuisance and health problem), to nailing up ceiling board and preparing messages in Portuguese. He has deliberately refrained from making a commitment to starting work in the medical clinic here as the priority is to have us all sleeping in the house before the rains come in earnest. Simply living and "surviving" takes a great deal of time and effort at this point. Then there is the huge amount of energy needed (especially for Samuel who is in frequent contact with people and sorting out of issues) in getting to know our neighbours and trying to navigate the Chokwe language, culture, and manner which are so foreign to our way of thinking, and even very different to what we grew used to in Zambia. Simply put, it is called "culture shock" and it is very real! Veteran missionary, Ruth Hadley, advises us that it will take about two years before we feel at home here and the people take us into their hearts!

When we first arrived in Angola some of our children were beginning to show signs of stress as a result of the unsettledness and many moves. We are so **thankful** to the Lord that they have settled well at Biula and are flourishing here. This setting really could not be more ideal for a family that is mostly boys! They have found friends who are proving to be good company and, not being able to rely on English at all, they are picking up a mix of Portuguese and Chokwe. Our older boys, who are 14 and 13 years old, are willing workers and have been a tremendous help to Samuel with the physical work here as there simply is no one else to help.

As a family we have been reading through the book of Daniel and have been impressed with this remarkable man - taken to a culture and circumstances radically different from all he had ever known - who “trusted in His God.” **Pray** that trust in “our God” would grow as we seek to make a home and face the daily challenges of life in Angola. **Pray** that we would have wisdom and understanding and an attitude of humility as we get to know the Chokwe people in the community and local church and begin to learn their language and culture. Please continue to **pray** for our family, particularly for safety and for the growth and development and blessing of our five children.



Logos School, CYPRUS

Steve & Brenda Flett

We had a very busy but profitable summer. Two weeks of Gospel meetings and VBS in Moses Lake, Washington, time with family for Mom and Dad’s 50th, the Ark at the Lynden fair and Arlington Conference to rap it all up. It was a great blessing to share with so many people the

Gospel of Jesus Christ and what God is doing at Logos School.

We have had an excellent start to the school year with just over 310 students, a number of them coming as refugees from Egypt and Syria. There is also a good number of new students, most of which do not come from Christian homes, where



Steve, Brenda, Katriona, Kristina Bella and Kora

the Gospel and the Bible are foreign concepts. Please **pray** for Neneh (Nay-naw), a girl in 12th grade who is full of soul-searching questions and is very open to the gospel but has yet to put her trust in Christ’s death and resurrection for herself.

Our high school clubs have started already in full force, with a number of teachers giving up their afternoons for various activities and Bible studies. The Vice principal and I had our first cooking club for the 10th to 12th grade boys. We had a good group of boys and started a character study on the life of King David, with the overall theme of becoming a “man after God’s own heart.” It is a very challenging topic, not only for these late teen boys but for myself as well.

Brenda has started meeting with some mothers for coffee, tea and a chat once a week. It is a good opportunity to witness and show Christ’s

love and kindness by opening up our home and our lives to others. In the past this has given her opportunity to share the Gospel with them and we **pray** it will be so again this year.

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