

MISSIONARY ALUMNI

International Ministries News Update

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Produced by Ruben Schwieger especially for Missionary Alumni to help keep us up-to-date on events and people in activities connected to **International Ministries of the Church of God**

Check out these websites:

chogglobal.org (Global Strategy)

titc.co.ke (formerly Kima International

School of Theology, KIST)

Home Assignments

Dan and **Christy Kihm** – Hungary

Jason and **Abby Torgesen** – Latin America

Two-month H.A. June 13-Aug.15

Bobby and **Jenny Mihsil** – Regional

Coordinators for Africa

Mark and **Kathy Fulton** - Haiti

(Still waiting to return for things to clear up and become safe enough) In a camp meeting conference, the Fultons reporte

that the 60+ staff at the St. Ard hospital are able to continue their work, that a new building adjacent to the hospital is prepared to minister to COVID patients, and that a major shipment of supplies and equipment is soon to be sent.

News Notes

Ralph Farmer missionary to Tanzania 1959 to 1972 with the Church of God then independent to the same area for several years. Ralph was 94

Alta (Croze) Jack missionary to Kenya 1996-1997, and 2000-2010. Alta was 89

In Brazil, 8 Seminary students will be graduated on July 4

The Caribbean-Atlantic Regional Convention is scheduled for July 11-15

The Church of God in Thailand celebrated its 50th anniversary in May

Paul and **Kattia Jones** write: (from Bolivia)

We are excited to be ministering in a new way. For more than 20 years, we have ample room for ministry. God placed us in this specific neighborhood to proclaim His Word in an area of great need.

50 couples attended the pastors' retreat in May.

111 are registered for the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference nearly every type of ministerial duty imaginable. Now, God has opened a door for us to work more closely with a few struggling congregations in the state of Tarija. While some might view this as a shift in focus, we see it as a wonderful opportunity to reach the community directly and become more deeply involved in the lives of those attending these churches, it is challenging yet incredibly rewarding to see God working up close and personal. Our first partnership is with traveled extensively - - preaching at anniversary camp meetings, teaching leadership seminars, and engaging in a congregation in Tarija city. A year ago, the owner of the building where the congregation worshipped sold the building. This sparked a frantic search for a new location. God provided a house in the same neighborhood. It is simple yet offers



Kattia teaching the children



We arrived back in the U.S. this past week! First up is IYC (International Youth Convention) for Moore, then Regional Coordinator meetings coming up for me & Bobby.

As we send this, Bolivia is facing severe political upheaval. A protest movement that many believe is financed by drug traffickers is seeking to overthrow President Rodrigo Paz only six months into his term. We had hoped his election heralded a return to democracy, and an end to corruption and lawlessness. Please pray that the good and decent citizens of Bolivia be protected from violence and that a just resolution to this conflict will come about soon.



we are launching an Ebola relief initiative that will support our sponsored families in Goma, DRC, as well as vulnerable families in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement, one of Uganda's largest refugee communities hosting Congolese refugees. The project will focus on promoting health and safety through the provision of essential supplies, food assistance, hygiene support, and community education.

We are especially thankful for the partnership of Kinderhilfswerk Global Care, which is joining us in this effort to help strengthen security, improve access to food, and encourage healthy sanitation and cleanliness practices among vulnerable families.

As the situation continues to stabilise, we ask for your continued prayers for protection, wisdom, and peace for those

affected, as well as for the health workers, community leaders, and organizations serving on the front lines. We are thankful the numbers are staying in the lower digits, and this is due to the cautious approach the government has taken in dealing with large events and border crossings. The women of the Church of God in Uganda celebrated their National Women's Day on the first Sunday in May, amidst the breathtaking mountains of Mbale. This year's celebration was especially meaningful as it coincided with the official opening of the new sewing center in Buwangwa and the visit of our ministry team from the United States and Germany.

