



VISIT TO BRAZIL

Peter Vincent and Ian Ross were in Brazil from 1st - 11th June. They stayed with Pastor Laerte (President of the AC Brazil). The purpose of their visit was to facilitate autonomy for the Apostolic Church there. They visited many of the churches and were very excited about what God is doing in Brazil. There are real signs of significant numerical growth in most of the churches. They were in Brazil for the main convention in Itabirito. This was held in a large cinema in the city and around 1,000 people were in attendance. During the morning service there was a ceremony of autonomy. Pastor Laerte led the church in appreciation that the UK church sent missionaries to Brazil 35 years ago. There then followed a wonderful prophetic word through the deputy national leader. The Lord spoke to the church about the need to move away from the past and into new things. The prophetic word covered the main points that Ian was about to preach! As part of Ian's message he asked everyone under the age of 25 to stand as he had a word to share with them. He thought the translator had made a mistake when around 80% of the congregation stood! It was a truly significant moment. Peter and Ian left Brazil with a real sense that things were looking very exciting indeed for the church there. Peter and Ian say a big thank you to Elwyn Williams for being ready at just three days notice to step in when they received news that their translator in Brazil had fallen ill. They also thank the Mozambique supporting churches, who had to have their visit from Elwyn and Liz changed, for their understanding. Pastor Laerte and his wife, Ana will be in the Swansea Convention.

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The main news from Latvia concerns Margaret and an opportunity that has arisen for ministry in Latvia. John writes – “In January of this year, Margaret began attending night school, and through “tri-lingual appreciation” embarked upon a course of study. This, allied to her

already long portfolio of counselling accreditations has resulted in her finding an opportunity to meet and minister to women, young and old, in a “Pregnancy Crisis Centre” shortly opening here in Jelgava. Please remember Margaret in your prayers for this ministry.”

Continue to pray for John and Margaret as they seek to take the work forward in Latvia. Remember to pray for the ministry links/contacts that have opened up for John and Margaret in recent months (see April – June newsletters.)



Firstly, an event which Alan and Sandra would appreciate prayer for. From the 9th – 14th July a Sunday School training week will be held at the centre in Blantyre. This is a first and Sandra writes – “Pray for the success of this week as we hope to run one each year if possible.” Fifteen Sunday School teachers, from all areas in Malawi are expected.

Child Evangelism Fellowship will undertake the training.

Secondly, Alan and Sandra write about severe flooding in the Lower Shire area of Malawi – “This year most of the country has had good harvests and we were looking forward to a year without being asked for food aid. But in the Lower Shire there was severe flooding and many people lost all their gardens. This means that they lost not only what they would have eaten themselves, but also what they would have sold to have money for other needs like clothes, medicines etc.” Sandra and Alan specifically ask you to pray for them that “we will have compassion, wisdom and resources as we try to help in this situation.”

Finally, the container has arrived in Malawi. In February the Elim Churches in Northern Ireland sent a container goods to Malawi. Pastor Ray Cotter, Elim's Missions Director in N.I., gave us some space on the container. Various items were put on the container for Sandra and Alan e.g. keyboards, bedding, and threads. The container has arrived and Alan and Sandra are busy unpacking the boxes. A big thank you to all that donated items and to Pastor Ray Cotter.



World Mission Service

Monday 30th July, 7.30pm

Swansea University Campus



WORLD NEWS

ISRAEL –

“Israel Today” reports that the ultra-Orthodox Shas party has declared war on Messianic Jews and Christians by proposing a bill stating that anyone attempting to “convert” Jews should be jailed. Shas sees believers who share their faith as missionaries out to convert Jews to Christianity.

NIGERIA -

Muslim extremists in Gombe, Nigeria, in March set fire to a church affiliated with the Evangelical Church of West Africa. The arson occurred two days after Muslim students clubbed a Christian teacher, Christianah Oluwasesin, to death in the same town for allegedly desecrating the Quran by touching a copy, reports Compass Direct. The state of Gombe is governed by Sharia (Islamic) law and this isn't the first time that churches have been torched.

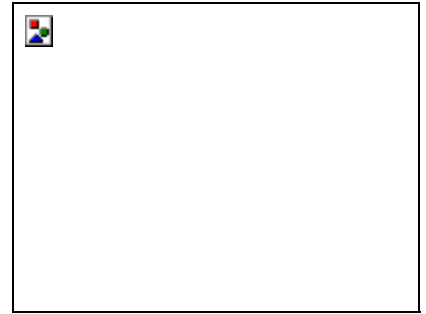
PAKISTAN –

Five Christians in Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan, were charged under the country's blasphemy laws in April, according to the Voice of the Martyrs. Sources say an 11 year old boy named Daniel Masih refused to play with his Muslim friends. The Muslim children beat him. The Masih family complained to the Muslim parents. The Masih family find themselves now accused of blaspheming Muhammad. If convicted they will face fines, imprisoned or even execution.

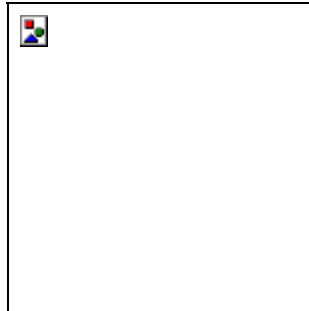


Chile

Peter and Janet now have their own flat and it is in the next tower to Vic and Lyn's. Below is a picture of Peter and Janet's welcome in Villa Alemana.



Peter has been preaching in all our churches in Chile. Everyone has enjoyed his preaching and Peter says that he and Janet are looking forward to getting to know the people and working with them in the future. Some more news from Vic - “Later this month there is going to be a worship seminar in the Villa Alemana church and we are commencing English classes on Saturdays in Villa Alemana. On the 16th July we will again be working on the feeding programme in La Toma. Please pray that the weather will be kind to us and that the roads will be passable.” Vic and Lyn continue to lead various Bible Studies and they are getting ready to welcome Esther and Becca from Glynneath on a short-term mission to Chile.



REMEMBER to pray for Pastor Patricio and his wife Elba (see across) who lead the church in Quilpue. In March Vic wrote – “Pastor Patricio continues to build the church in Quilpue. It was encouraging to take the services there in February and see the way God is moving in Quilpue.” Pray for the continued growth and development of this work.

Pastor Ivor writes, “We have three tremendous pieces of news to share with you this month.” The first piece of news is that Pastor Michael Feder has been brought on to the salaried staff in South Africa. Pastor Ivor writes “This is a particular joy for us as we have watched Michael develop and mature in his ministry.”



The second piece of news is that the South African National Missions Committee have taken on the responsibility for developing the work in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pastor Ivor writes, “ This means that for the first time South Africa will be participating in a practical way to international missions.”

The final piece of news is that the money required to put a roof on a church in Luanda, Angola has been raised. Pastor Ivor and Alice say a big thank you to the individuals and the local churches that gave to this project.

On the 4th July Pastor Ivor and Alice leave for Namibia, Angola and the DRC. Please pray for them.

