



# News and Needs of the Missionary Society

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## Missionaries Attend Annual Meeting



*L-R, Helen Cunningham, Juana Santos, Matthew Oladele, Charles Sagay and Detrice Johnson*

There was a good representation of our missions at the Annual Meeting in Anchorage. We had Juana Santos from Panamerican Institute, Mexico, who visited churches in Northern California and Washington on her way to Anchorage; Rev. Matthew Oladele from Christ to the Villages, Nigeria, recent CFTS graduate and new director of the mission; Detrice Johnson from Piney Woods School, MS; Rev. Charles Sagay, from Mission School of Hope, Cameroon; and Helen Cunningham, representing Bethel Ministries International, Central Africa. They all enjoyed sharing news and stories from their missions with the delegates who were in attendance. Many people from FCC Anchorage helped to make their stay memorable by planning, hosting, being tour guides and helping with transportation. The Missionary Society thanks all who were involved.

## Work Groups *Do* Make a Difference

*Argentina Mission:* Rev. Harding Stricker reports: "I just thought that I should mention to you that we had a group of eleven young people from Wichita, Kansas, visiting our mission for ten days only recently. It was a wonderful group and a great experience to host them. **We wish more people would dare to do the same.**"

*Honduran Mission* hosted Rev. Robert Fredrickson and a group from WI churches to work in their clinic and their elementary school classes.

*Morgan Scott Project* hosted eleven work groups totaling 90 people this summer.

*Mission Mazahua* hosted Rev. Jack Brown and his annual work group from Olivet, MI.

There are many opportunities to visit and volunteer at our missions. Please call Linda at the NACCC Office, if you are looking for a place to take a group.

## Flooding in Mexico



*Indian Trails:* Heavy rains from Hurricane Alex flooded rivers in northern Mexico. Dr. Tom Gossett reports some of their Bible School students are ministering in the most devastated areas. Some have lost their entire crops, livestock, belongings, etc. The churches that are affected by the flooding are: Iglesia en Santa Cruz and Iglesia en la Moderna. 36 families in Monte Flor and 16 families in Chinantilla also need help and prayers. Indian Trails plans to furnish aid to these areas. Please keep them in prayer. Any donations can be sent to OGHM Mexico flooding, NACCC office.

## Mission News

*Bread of Life:* They are seeking funds to transport a van to our Honduran Mission.

*Maine Sea Coast Mission:* A Big Thanks and Good luck to Gary DeLong who is retiring Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. His successor will be Rev. Scott Planting, a Presbyterian currently serving a church in Western Maine that has had a very strong rural outreach ministry. Gary says "He is a terrific guy and I will urge him to get out of his Presbyterian cocoon and hang out with some Congregationalists!" Keep the mission in prayer during this transition.



*Group from Big Spring Congregational Church in WI Dells*

*Morgan Scott Project:* Volunteers have worked very

hard this summer building 4 wheel chair ramps, putting in a bathroom, doing an extreme make over for a family who had no running water or no stove. MSP gave out plants, vegetable seeds and fertilizer to 405 families through the Good Earth Program, and 544 food boxes providing food for a week to 1,663 adults and children. They also provided help with utility bills, rent, co-pay on medication; helped 36 adults go back school for training and much more.



*Ship's View*

*Seafarer's Friend:* Their First Annual Seafarer's Friend Crow's Nest Cruise was a huge success! Thanks to all who attended. Your support of Seafarer's Friend and their ministry is much appreciated and they will continue to work to help the seafarers who ensure so many of our comforts with their sacrifices. Their First Annual Seafarer's Friend Chaplains' Award was presented to Ronald Strauss who has made a significant and positive impact on the welfare of merchant mariners visiting New England ports the previous year. They are grateful to Ron and Schnitzer Steel Industries.

*Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational:* They are hoping to build a Bible training Center.

*Christian Mission in the Far East:* Due to the successive storms that hit the Philippines, the mission work has been in rehabilitation ministry for the past few months. They have distributed relief goods and provided transportation to the victims in the Evacuation Centers. CMFE is developing a Mission farm by planting a variety of crops to subsidize the needs of the ministries and projects. In May, the Philippines had their first time ever automated election. It was credible, peaceful, and the quickest election ever in the history of our nation.

*Travancore Church Council:* The Congregational Christian Hospital Pharmacy was opened on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Their Christian Middle School was renovated. They are planning to start new churches in unchurched areas.

*Congregational Churches of Myanmar:* Their local churches are needing to find buildings of their own. There are problems arising between the home owners and the pastors. The landlords do not want their houses used for worship and prayers. They are planning a new water project for Thaukyat law village.

*Pilgrim's Presence:* Geoffrey Lipale reports they purchased seeds for 200 households. Since women are the one involved in small-scale farming, they distributed the seeds to women and some few men who represented their families. Everybody planted the seeds and most of them are in the weeding stage.

*Happy Life Children's Home:* They have purchased five acres of land about 12 miles from their current property that will be used to pursue the plans for Phase III.

## Christmas Needs



Before you know it, we will be entering the Christmas Season. Our missions do a variety of celebrations during this time. Giving gifts and food to families and pastors is important to them. For a complete wish list for our missions, please check our website at [nacc.org/missions](http://nacc.org/missions).

Some of our missions are on a quarterly distribution schedule. The following missions are quarterly/semi-annually: Argentina, Bulgaria, Christ to the Villages, Word Alive, Myanmar, Maine Sea Coast Mission and Piney Woods, Seafarer's Friend, and Morgan Scott Project. If you want to support these missions for the Christmas season, please get your donations to us by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The rest of our missions are on a monthly schedule. Please send your donations to them by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> so they will receive the funds in time. Thank you for your support.

**Check out the individual Mission pages on our website for updated information on your favorite mission.**

For more information on any of these missions, or to make a donation to any of the above, please contact Linda Miller at the NACCC office, (800) 262-1620 Ext. 13.

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