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GMC 12 Exceeded All Expectations
by George Akers
It is August. By now, my two children have had about all of the summer break that they can stand. Youth camps are over, vacation is done and there’s only so much swimming in the pool they can do. What was once the anticipation of counting down those last school days has been replaced with long faces, boredom and a heat wave. Enter the dog days of summer.

In the corner of the backyard lies the Hilton pet cemetery. A bunny, a fish, a bird and our most recently departed dwarf hamster have been laid to rest there. Elizabeth, our ten year old, took the loss of Jerry the hamster pretty hard. As such, this particular burial was more elaborate than the others. It was complete with a decorated casket, memorial service, a rose and a headstone.

Not wanting the summer to end on such a sour note, Tonya and the kids began inquiring about getting another small animal to keep inside our home. By now, you have probably guessed that this article has gone to the dogs.

We set plenty of stipulations and for awhile were able to shamelessly bribe our kids into doing more chores and taking better care of our outside dog. Then, it happened. Tonya fell in love with a little dog named Sampson. Half maltese, half poodle, this curly white haired animal is called a maltipoo. After we talked about it and spoke with the staff at the Companion Animal Alliance, we agreed to rescue Sampson.

Rescuing this beautiful dog provided the perfect lesson in compassion for our children. The previous owners had placed a shock collar around his neck, and there were still visible signs of neglect and abuse. Sampson’s caretaker explained that his hair had been shaved in order to treat some of his problems. He came with a medication that he was just finishing up but needed to take for a few more days.

We brought him home, cleaned him up, fed him and loved him as much as we could. Long faces are all gone, and we are all smiles now. After a follow up with the veterinarian and a heartworm preventative, we are still nursing Sampson back to health. The irony of the name Sampson was too much for me. He was a lot like the biblical Samson. Forced to serve a cruel master, he became abused. Having been shorn, his strength was almost gone.

Yet compassion does not allow the story to end there. As his hair returns, so his strength does as well. And while our Sampson will never slay a Philistine, he possesses the power to light up the countenance of all who enter our home. The long faces are no more because two idle children found a worthy cause at the end of the summer break.

Sometimes when I find myself bored with the routine, I pray that God will allow me to experience the compassion of rescuing a lost soul. As we slowly trudge through those idle seasons of our lives, we must always remember that there are those who have been forced to serve another master. Blinded by their own pursuits of wantonness and desire, they lie buried beneath a rubble of their own making or feel powerless because of the betrayal of a loved one.

Equally important is the message we send to our children. Those summer seasons are for more than vacations and leisurely activities. After awhile, that alone will make us grow weary. Out of the abundance of God’s blessings, we show compassion to others.

He rescued us so that we would reach them. Let us teach another Bible study, give someone a ride to church or take time with a church member in need of encouragement. As they find strength, we find joy in their redemption. It’s the perfect remedy for the dog days of summer.
The Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ asserts that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and that the fundamental plan of salvation consists of these major doctrinal truths: Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the one true God; Repentance from sins; Baptism by immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ; Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues.

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MC 12 was one of those memorable conferences that people will be talking about years from now. We thank the Lord, first of all, for His powerful presence that permeated the entire conference. Everything was smooth and well orchestrated, thanks to the superb abilities of our conference coordinators, George and Annie Akers. The singing was outstanding and took us back a few years, even as it took us into the presence of God. It included an old-fashioned quartet with Steve Wilson, Mike Wilson, Robert Wimberley and Greg Harris, along with the Billy McCool Family and a video of Don Johnson singing “I Can’t Complain.” We were also honored to have the choir from First Pentecostal Church in North Little Rock (Pastor Joel Holmes) singing for us on Thursday evening. All the preaching was phenomenal and anointed. The attendance was larger than anticipated, and heightened anticipation filled the congregation in every service and session.

It was simply one of those conferences! One that will live on in our collective memories, and one that will continue to impact us in the days to come. I would like to thank all those who made GMC 12 such a success. Special commendation to the Akers for taking care of all the details of planning and overseeing such a great meeting. Thanks to all the wonderful and talented singers and musicians. And thanks to all the ministers who joined me in bringing the Word of God to hungry hearts: Raymond Bishop, Steve Wilson, Robert Wimberley, Virgil Harris, Billy McCool, Tim Gill and Matthew Ball. Treat yourself to a great blessing and order the DVDs and CDs from GMC. You will not be disappointed.

Our theme was “Continue,” based on Acts 2:42 - “And they continued steadfastly in the apostle’s doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” One of the advertising components, as seen here, properly describes our theme. The first individual seen is a sculpture of the Apostle Peter, with a picture of our first General Chairman, L.A. Parent, behind it. Behind the Bishop is a shadow, which represents those to come after him. Here we are 60 years later preaching the same gospel message that Peter and Bishop Parent preached. Anchored to our rich past, we progress forward with a gospel that worked then and that works now. Let us continue in this grand gospel tradition as we minister on the local, district and national levels. We have much work to do. And we can do it, if we continue together. The gates of hell shall not prevail against this church!

Make plans now for GMC 13, which will also be held at The Peabody in Little Rock, Arkansas. We will return bigger and better than ever. The dates are June 25-27, 2013. GMC is more than mere fellowship, although fellowship is certainly needed; it is a special meeting with brothers and sisters intent on touching the throne of God. Lives and ministries are forever changed at GMC! You should be there next year.

On the opposite page you will see the list of 64 churches that achieved TOPS status for the 2011-2012 year. I commend all these dedicated churches. Thank you all so much for making TOPS a continuing success. Your financial support of the departments of the ALJC is allowing us to reach more and to reach further with the gospel. Special thanks to Pastor Paul Murray for serving the last few years as TOPS Coordinator. He has done a tremendous job with this program and has brought it to the next level.

As we begin the 2012-2013 TOPS year, please make sure you are a part. TOPS will not only bless the ALJC and the kingdom of God, it will bless you and your congregation. The concept is very simple. It is a means to financially support each of the 8 departments of the ALJC. In summary, it entails the following:

- Monthly Support for World Missions and Missions America
- Annual Offerings for the 8 Departments

There is a listing of the 8 Annual Offerings at the top of the opposite page. The only thing different about TOPS this year is that the annual World Missions Missionary Christmas Offering and the Missions America Resurrection Sunday Offering have been added to the list. Also, the Menistry Department now has an annual offering. Just check the deadlines and send in your offerings. To simplify matters, all offerings are sent to Headquarters, so all you need to know is one address (also found on the opposite page). No minimum amount is required; all offerings, large or small, are appreciated. Do this and you will be recognized as a TOPS church at the next GMC. A checklist will appear in each issue of the Apostolic Witness.
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Financially Supporting All 8 ALJC Departments
Monthly Offerings to World Missions & Missions America
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General Ministry Conference 2012 exceeded all expectations. Here are just a few of the testimonies that were tweeted from this great week of anointed blessings:

- matthew ball “@snpwlsn thank you for being led of the Spirit at GMC12. You could’ve dismissed everyone and said, “I’m preaching to Matthew & Jamie Ball!”
- matthew ball “I believe GMC12 was one of the most impacting General Conferences I’ve ever attended.”
- George_Akers “The pit is not permanent. Your problem has an expiration date.” - Bishop Steve Wilson
- cody mayo “Heard some incredible word at GMC12 this week, feel inspired, challenged, and ready for a harvest.”
- George_Akers “Jacob dug the well, Jesus sat on it. He will rest on what we labor over.” - General Superintendent Robert Martin
- James Chessor “Unity is more important than a personal preference.” - Pastor Tim Gill
- matthew ball “Energy spent on the feud keeps us from focusing on the field.” - General Superintendent Robert Martin
- Chris Leach “When you use 140 characters, make sure you still have character.” - General Superintendent Robert Martin
- Jonathan Vazquez “Robert Wimberly has preached a masterpiece at GMC12”
- Mark Johnson “Leadership is example, not position” – Bishop Raymond Bishop
- George_Akers “If preachers would quote more Bible, more people would quote them.” - Bishop Raymond Bishop
- Kenny Chessor “Great Monday night banquet…such an honor to be a part of the ALJC!”
- Rob Carter “Missionary Edmonds from Taiwan met a Chinese man at GMC. Witnessed to him in Mandarin then baptized him in a pool in Jesus’ name!”

The theme for General Ministry Conference 2012 was “Continue,” based on Acts 2:42. After 60 years, the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ recommitted to continue steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine, prayer and fellowship. The ALJC has enjoyed a wonderful history, spreading the precious salvation message around the world for 60 years. We have a great heritage, but an even more promising future. As we converged on The Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas, GMC 12 was blessed with larger than anticipated crowds and a tremendous impartation of the Word through every speaker.

From the General Superintendent’s Dinner on Monday night through the last message on Thursday night, the tone of the entire week was “Continue.” Powerful, moving and challenging evening messages were ministered by two former general superintendents, as well as our current leader on Wednesday evening. The messages were “Analysis of an Apostolic” by Raymond Bishop, “Forward a Little” by Robert Martin, and “Some Rags, a Rope and a Few Good Men” by Steve Wilson. Great preaching was delivered during special rally times each day by Robert Wimberley and Virgil Harris. The teaching sessions were phenomenal. Billy McCool taught on “Apostolic Doctrine” and “Apostolic Fellowship.” Matthew Ball instructed us on the topic of “Continuing in Prayer.” And Tim Gill enlightened us on “Continuing in Fellowship.” Every speaker was in tune with the Holy Ghost. Do yourself a favor and order the DVDs and CDs of GMC 12. You will be blessed as you hear the anointed word.

Make plans now to attend GMC 13, also at The Peabody in Little Rock, Arkansas. The dates are June 25-27.

George Akers, along with his wife Annie, served as Conference Coordinators for GMC 12.
GMC 12 - DVDs and CDs

GMC 2012 DVDs ($15 each)

**Evening Speakers:**
- Raymond Bishop - “Analysis of an Apostolic”
- Robert Martin - “Forward a Little”
- Steve Wilson - “Some Rags, a Rope and a Few Good Men”

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**Day Speakers:**
- Billy McCool - “Apostolic Doctrine”
- Matthew Ball - “Continuing in Prayer”
- Robert Wimberley - Rally Message
- Tim Gill - “Continuing in Apostolic Fellowship”
- Virgil Harris - Rally Message

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To order DVDs and CDs from GMC 12 in Little Rock, go to FACtv.org or call 865-982-4901.
Missions America was very involved at GMC in Little Rock. On Tuesday morning we started off with our National Missions America Committee Breakfast/Business. We had district directors present from coast to coast. The hunger and thirst for revival in America was obviously prevalent. We are excited about what God is doing through the Missions America Department of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Immediately following the breakfast/business, we moved to a classroom in the Statehouse Convention Center where we held a session on “Church Growth Strategies.” This was open to all GMC attendees. The room that had been arranged for this meeting quickly filled to overflowing. People were actually standing around the perimeter. The topic of the morning was “The Top Four Common Denominators of Growing Churches.” This session has been made available online at the Missions America website (www.missionsamerica.aljc.org).

The Tuesday evening service of GMC featured Missions America. We introduced our Adopt-A-City churches and pastoral teams, the Prisoner’s Friend Ministry, the Hispanic Ministry and the Native American Ministry. These are all fields of harvest in America that warrant our continual spiritual and financial support.

Thank you to all who gave to Missions America, and for your continued support. Please pray for us that we will reap the harvest and see revival in all our churches. America needs revival, and with Missions America… America is the mission!
We all have a vision for our ministry and our churches. We want to see that vision come to fruition. Yet sometimes there is absolutely no evidence that it is coming to pass. Our vision reaches in us and pulls out our best efforts in the enterprise in which we are engaged for the Lord. There is nothing more mystical and miraculous in all the world than the church of Jesus Christ. The church is not just a monolithic entity that can be singularly described in one man’s phrase. The church is a mass of many varied individuals. Consequently, the church has in it many different flavors of the human family.

As pastors and leaders of the church, we must find a way by the empowering presence of God to blend all of this diversity into one, sweet smelling savor that will come up into the nostrils of God to please Him. In 2 Timothy 2:20 God’s Word reveals, “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.” And they are all in the same house, and God’s Word declares it’s a great house. There are some vessels of honor and dishonor, and they are in the same house. Despite the presence of each, it’s a great house!

Our challenge in our ministry is to blend all of these ministries that we undertake, all of these different people into one body. Even though they are distinctively marked, they are still miraculously one. That’s why there is nothing more mystical and miraculous in all the world than the church of Jesus Christ. That is why the church of Jesus Christ is a miracle. It is a marvel of all marvels in the earth. We must acknowledge and embrace all of our diversities in the pursuit of our mission and in the context of our vision.

Having vision is the key to being successful with our ministry. Vision does two things. First, vision preserves our cherished core ideology. Second, vision stimulates progress and change in anything that is not a part of that core. Our vision should embrace our core values and purpose that never changes. At the same time, it should identify those things from our practices and our strategies that will be constantly changing with the times.

It’s easy to stimulate progress and change where it’s needed when we are clear about what those things are that will never change. Our vision defines who we are, what we stand for and why we exist. Our core ideology is who we are! That never changes. But after vision has defined who we are, what we are about and what never changes, vision then steps up and sets forth how we aspire to accomplish what we want to achieve. This is our efforts, our strategies, our methods and our practices. Those things must constantly change!

We keep our core values irrespective of environment, without any regard to results, in the face of penalty and death. You don’t change your core values to get results. Your core values never change. That’s who you are. That’s why you exist. Our core ideology must remain.

The second prong of vision is strategy. It’s what we do. It’s our efforts. It’s our practices. It’s our methods. And that is something that we must constantly adjust to our environment, adjust to our resources and adjust to the times in which we live.

In the midst of all that, balancing what is core values versus what is strategies, we learn to operate and function in our ministry to pursue our vision.

The facts and situations and circumstances of all our ministries vary wildly from place to place. Each of us individually is more capable of articulating a vision for our assemblies than anybody else could from somewhere else. Don’t let somebody else establish vision for your church. The Word of God gives us our core ideology and core purpose. But in the context of your resources, you abilities, the times we are living in and your environment, you establish your strategy. And those two things become the vision of your church. Vision is what and who you are and how you will accomplish the mission.

More compelling is how to create and how to keep our momentum in the meantime. While we are moving toward the fulfillment of our vision, how do we keep our momentum? We have to keep faith that it is going to come to pass, all the while honestly acknowledging the challenge of continuing to believe in and hold to that vision even when there is little or no evidence that it’s going to come to pass.

Most often, when we go to meetings, conferences and seminars where people are seeking to challenge us, we don’t always hear the whole story. Conference speakers and seminar teachers tend to give you the perfect scenario. But after you have cast that vision, there will be seasons when there is absolutely no evidence that it is coming to pass. So, how do we sustain the vision during those times?

As we pursue our vision, we must pursue it with understanding. In the assessment of Jesus Christ of those seven churches of Asia, there were many statements. These churches are representative of the larger church of Jesus Christ. Amidst all the commendation that was spoken by God to John, there were statements...
Pastor Jones in Saucier, Mississippi – We have been praying for revival and seeing new guests at First Pentecostal Refuge.

Pastor Mackowiak in Mount Washington, Kentucky – We have started some home Bible studies, and God is convicting people to be baptized. Pastor Matt Perdue, Northern Regional MA Coordinator, preached our Installation Service. We had more than 60 in attendance.

Pastor Hembree in Lucedale, Mississippi – We are busy working outreaches and experiencing great church services. We are also witnessing our community growing. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Pastor Williamson in Henderson, North Carolina – We’ve been advertising in the local newspaper and have had guests as a result. Visitors are praying in the altar and we have witnessed the healing power of God. Our new “ladies only” meeting has brought unity and guests as well. We experienced an explosion of first time local guests with 27 adults and young people visiting.

Pastor Hopkins in Zanesville, Ohio – This month we have started walking the streets of our community again and have made many new promising contacts. Some who were just walking by came into the church to listen. We also held a unity service on Pentecost Sunday in our city with all the Apostolic churches in the city with 48 souls being filled with the Holy Ghost. Several were healed in their bodies. It’s exciting to see how God is working!

Pastor Dotson in Blairsville, Georgia – Our website is now up and running. Check us out at therocktv.org.

Pastor Nelson in Coal City, Illinois – This month, three have been seeking the Holy Ghost, and one has been baptized. We see a spiritual breakthrough standing in the doorway.

Pastor Walsworth in Livingston, Louisiana – Five first-time guests visited this month, four of them a result of door knocking and people we have never met before. God has used one little girl to reach her grandparents who are, by their own admission, falling in love with the church. Our church ministries are also growing to reach to men and women.

Pastor King in Monterey, Tennessee – We’ve had a new family start attending church. Our children’s ministry held “Pentecost Junction Puppet Show” with 18 children present. We had 32 present on Pentecost Sunday! Two additional families came because of door knocking. They are expressing interest in the church. God is doing great things in Monterey!
Metal, plastic or even ordinary paper in prisons have one thing in common. They can become weapons in the hands of violent prisoners. But there are others who are nonviolent. They are equally as anxious to obtain something hard enough to slash their own wrists. They want to end the hopelessness they’ve come to know from being caged seven days a week, sometimes for years, often for decades.

The Prisoner’s Friend Ministries was founded to combat situations of fear, dread, hopelessness and despair. And we’ve hugely succeeded in getting the message in to those who so desperately need a message of forgiveness and hope. There is a Jamaican native who spent his whole adult life in the United States. He fell into crime and was subsequently incarcerated. He was eventually released and deported to his native country. He wrote a letter which tells his story best.

Dear Reverend Koonce,

Grace, mercy and peace be unto you and all the members of the Prisoner’s Friends Ministries through the blood and by the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a wonderful feeling and a blessed assurance that even in the most die-hard circumstances we can still find peace, love and a hope of salvation, not as the world gives but through the blood of Jesus.

My name is Michael P. Harrison, and I am a former inmate in Georgia. I am also a student of the Prisoner’s Friends Ministries. The purpose of this mail is to thank you for a job well done. Your lessons were truly an inspiration to me. In fact, the words of wisdom, knowledge and understanding that you have imparted unto me with the help of the Holy Spirit are what kept me safe and “together” throughout my last four years of incarceration. I know that I owe this to God first, but I believe I must also give credit to Reverend Koonce and the Prisoner’s Friends Ministries for your great effort in helping me towards my spiritual upbringing.

I was officially released on December 22, 2011. I was deported to Jamaica where I was born. I was a permanent resident of the United States but was charged with conspiracy to a minor importation of narcotics. As a result, I was deported to my country of origin. I would still like to continue my lessons if there are any outstanding, even if I am required to help with the cost. May we continue to pray for each other that the Lord will lead us into His ways everlasting and that He will be gracious to us in our physical and spiritual endeavor.

Let us be reminded that we should take heed unto ourselves and unto the doctrine. We must continue in them, and we should not become weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. We must also have engraven in our minds that wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat. This is because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life eternal, and few there be that find it. Therefore, let us strive to be among these few.

Michael P. Harrison

Thank you for helping us reach people like Michael. Thank you for supporting this ministry with your prayers and finances. May God richly bless you.

by Bob Koonce, National Chaplain

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HBS 101
The first KidzQuest at General Ministry Conference is gone but not forgotten. Maren Purdue and her Kids Jam team from New Castle, Indiana were fantabulous. Each night the kids were taken to the Wild West and watched and participated as characters - some good, some not so good - would unfold stories with biblical principals.

Each night a different minister presented the gospel in his own unique way. Nathan Roberts ministered with comedy and magic, asking the question, “How Big Is Your Jesus?” Lil Nate provided music and ventriloquism; and he ministered about not letting the enemy steal your praise. Josh Wilson brought the Word and shared a heartfelt message. He reminded us all to be careful to who and what we give our hearts to.

Our thanks to Annie Akers, Alison Martin and Women’s Esprit for all the help. We look for bigger and better things from KidzQuest. Now we gear up for National Youth Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Hope to see ya there.
DON’T FORGET!

National Piggy Bank Offering

Deadline: August 31
This was not only the title of the message by Bishop Steve Wilson who closed the Evangelist Retreat but this also describes the retreat itself. His message was from Acts 26:8: “Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?” Why should we think of this as incredible? Incredible does not mean extraordinary. In fact, it means not credible or unbelievable. Having experienced the miracles and salvation of God first hand, we sometimes are amazed but definitely believe it is possible. These few words will not do the message justice as we fed on God’s Word that Bishop Wilson ministered. His message encouraged, inspired and convicted the congregation as well the evangelists and their families. The Holy Ghost moved and people were drawn to the altar before he could finish his message. This was a perfect ending to our weekend retreat.

We had just finished a great week at General Ministry Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas and started a remarkable weekend retreat in Memphis, Tennessee with a barbecue and a time of relaxation and fellowship. After encountering traffic delays, we checked into the hotel and were surprised with a little extra sweet treat. Cupcakes always put a smile on the face of the children. When we received them, they also put smiles on the faces of adults. The triple digit temperatures did not discourage the evangelists and their families from the much needed time of camaraderie and leisure. We spent most of the evening in downtown Memphis and returned to the hotel late that night. Some of the evangelists got a surprise visit and time of fellowship with evangelist Lee Stoneking late Friday night. Saturday was a fun-filled day starting with a trip to Pickwick Lake. After a day of boating, laughter and fellowship, the evening was completed with steak, catfish and lots of great stories. As the day came to a close, we found ourselves talking about the good things of God. Many shared revival stories and testimonies. We were encouraged by this great group of evangelist teams that love God and are called to carry the gospel to the lost, no matter the cost.

Evangelist David Walker shared his personal testimony of how God spoke to his heart after a life separated from family and heavily involved in substance abuse. His call was quickened by the death of his grandmother and a miracle for his mother. His passion for souls was evident as he spoke of outreach and soul winning. Every evangelist is desiring to see revival as never before.
In our Sunday service, you could feel a spirit of unity among the evangelists and their wives. These men and women of God were moved by the Spirit of God as many pastors began to pray over them.

The following are some quotes from our evangelists:

We enjoyed a time of refreshing and relaxation at the Evangelist’s Retreat. It was so good to be able to have some fellowship with other evangelists in our department and to get to know them better. What a good time we had hearing testimonies of what God is doing all over the country. Mark Bishop is the Evangelist Department Director, and Mark Johnson is serving as Evangelist Department Secretary. They are doing a tremendous job. They have been helpful and encouraging to all of us. They and their wives went the extra mile to make the retreat unforgettable. We enjoyed the suite and amazing food at the Redbirds’ game in Memphis, but that was just the beginning of what was planned. The next day we went over to the Cooper Cabin for a day of swimming, boating and eating. Sunday ended the retreat at Victory Apostolic Church with a powerful message from Bishop Steve Wilson and a birthday celebration for Frankie Bishop after the service. Wonderful memories have been made, and we are honored and blessed to be a part of this great group of people.

- The Fortner Family

Evangelist Retreat 2012 was an uplifting and empowering experience! From the fellowship on Friday and Saturday to the power packed service on Sunday, every moment of our weekend was beneficial to our growth and the growth of our ministry. What a time! We left relaxed, renewed and ready for a harvest!

- The Mayo Family

We are sharing a burden that we hope will unite us to see God move in epic proportions. Our evangelists are constantly thinking about souls. Our evangelists have seen almost 200 souls baptized in the name of Jesus this year and more than 200 filled with the Holy Ghost. Revival is the heartbeat of the Evangelist Department. We are happy to announce additional evangelists were added into the department at General Ministry Conference. We have accepted four new evangelistic teams.
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The Apostle Paul stepped up to address the men of Athens at Mars Hill, which was at that time the intellectual capital of the known world. In Acts chapter 17, he spoke to them about their “Unknown God” and told them that he would like to introduce them to a God that they could know on an intimate level.

Paul told them that this God was the God who created everything in heaven and earth. He was not a God who lived in temples built by hands, nor was He “worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.”

“This God made from one blood all nations of men to inhabit the entire earth. He determined the very times and places of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us:”

The New International Version says it like this: “From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him” (Acts 17:26-27).

Paul was telling these men at the Council of Areopagus that God had strategically placed men chronologically and geographically throughout time and space to seek Him.

Reflecting back over the years of my childhood, it seems that the majority of prayer warriors and intercessors in our local Apostolic churches were the women of the church. I believe in the power of praying women, and I’m thankful for the women that have prayed for me in my lifetime and continue to do so.

But James 5:16 states, “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” Men, we must answer that call to prayer.

I believe that God has placed a loud voice speaking into the lives of men in this generation. That voice is the National Menistry Department. It is calling us to seek God again. In my opinion, this department is one of the greatest tools within the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ. Menistry gives us a way to activate men to step up to the plate and be priests in their homes, and men of God in their churches and communities. We need men to be prayer warriors and intercessors. We need men to seek Him!

We have been blessed over the last several years to enjoy our biennial National Menistry Conference. And now we are excited to introduce an incredible resource that we hope will impact our fellowship in a powerful way.

This fall, September 7-8, 2012, we will be having our first ever Northern Regional Menistry Conference. It will be hosted in Anderson, Indiana at The Pentecostals of Anderson. The theme of the conference will be “That Men Would Seek Him.”

Pastor James Kirk, Pastor Nathan Thornton, Pastor Paul McGee and Evangelist James Chessor will be preaching to us. We want every district official, pastor, church leader and man in the Northern Region of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ to be there. Let’s make this first regional conference a life-changing experience.

Each year Women’s Esprit selects a WE Woman of Wisdom (WOW) Honoree and a WE WOW Scholarship recipient. WE would like to bestow the 2012 WOW Honoree title to Sheila Kay Willis, and award the 2012 WOW scholarship to Keilan Mackenzie Russell.

The WOW Honoree’s life and accomplishments serve as a positive role model for young Apostolic women, and especially for those young women applying for the WE WOW Scholarship. WE encourages young women to further their education, excel spiritually and academically, and become productive members of today’s technologically advanced society by offering the annual WOW Scholarship. This award provides financial assistance for college to a well-deserving high school graduate.

Sheila Kay Willis
2012 WOW Honoree

My life began as a miracle in Dayton, Ohio on November 17, 1946. The doctor had told my parents, Robert and Naomi Raines, that I would need a total blood transfusion as soon as I was born due to me being a “blue baby.” But God had his own plan, and I was born in the ambulance and was just fine!

When I was three days old my mother took me to Dayton Christ Temple where Bishop William Martin was the pastor. For the next eight years a solid foundation of faith, trust, love, stability and respect was instilled in my heart. Then God called him home.

On February 22, 1958, Brother James Stewart (Bishop Martin’s son-in-law) baptized me. I received the Holy Ghost on June 15, 1958. Two years later, my older brother, Bob, asked me to go with him to Xenia Christ Temple in Xenia, Ohio. Our cousin and her husband, Brother Richard and Sister LaVauhn Frum, were pastoring there.
A couple years later during a revival a tall, thin young man named William John Willis was baptized on a Wednesday evening; it was September 20, 1962. Two nights later he received the Holy Ghost. I had not seen a more sincere new convert. Two years and nine months later on July 10, 1965, we were married!

I was not surprised the following September when he told me he felt his call to preach, because I had never met a man more willing and dedicated to the work of the Lord! We sat under the direction and teaching of Pastor Frum for two years. John received his local license with the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ in 1965.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1966, God gave us our first son, John David. Thirteen months later (February 1968), we sold everything we had, loaded our 1963 two-door Ford Falcon (with no air-conditioning) and started traveling on the evangelistic field. During those five years we met some of the most precious pastors, pastor's wives and saints. We built lifelong friendships and traveled through approximately 23 states!

Traveling allowed so many opportunities for me to sing, lead choirs and speak at several district ladies functions. In 1972, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, I was elected at the National General Conference to the position of National Vice-President of the ALJC Ladies Auxiliary. I served with Sister Fannie McGruder for two years.

On April 15, 1973, we were officially off the evangelistic field and opening our first pastorate in Vevay, Indiana. With street meetings and door knocking we watched the church begin to grow. I began teaching and training children, teens and ladies in the ways of God. I taught them how to pray, sing, sew, love humanity and fix Dottie Rambo hair-dos! Weekly ladies Bible studies were carefully planned and taught. I also taught how to work with finances and balance a checkbook after deducting their tithe and offerings.

A very happy addition to the Willis family arrived on January 17, 1974! We named him Joel Anthony. One of the biggest yet most rewarding changes in my life began with working and opening a Christian school in 1980. Both of our sons met their wives (Carrie and Linda) at Apostolic Christian Academy. Now my oldest granddaughter, Alexa (19), has graduated from the school as well. Our other four grandchildren are presently attending ACA. They are Cameron, age 15; twins Collin and Parker, 14; and Deklan, age 6. While working these 32 years we have graduated several successful students, obtained Model Status and Christian School accreditation.

After pastoring Truth Apostolic Church in Vevay, Indiana for 15½ years, on August 2, 1987, we moved to North Vernon, Indiana to pastor First Apostolic Church. We are celebrating our 25th year this summer. That is a total of 40½ years pastoring! We have only missed one out of 48 General Conferences (due to my father passing away) since 1964!

I have had the pleasure of being the Indiana District WE (IDWE) President in 1983-1984, Vice-President in 1997-1998, and President again in 1998-1999. Then I served as IDWE secretary-treasurer from 2005-2010. I also served as a Decorating Consultant for Home Interiors & Gifts for 16 years and attended Liberty University to further my education.

Light-heartedly, yet sincerely, my favorite scripture is John 1:6. “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John!” I have had a very blessed life and have tried to fulfill Ecclesiastes 9:10, “Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.” I am honored and humbled to be selected as this year’s ALJC WE Honoree! Thank you.

KEILAN MACKENZIE RUSSELL 2012 WOW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

My name is Keilin Mackenzie Russell, and I recently graduated as Salutatorian of Apostolic Christian School of Knoxville, Tennessee. I attend First Apostolic Church of Knoxville, Tennessee where Bishop Billy McCool and Reverend Mark McCool pastor. I was baptized in 2003, and received the infilling of the Holy Ghost later that same year. My father’s favorite scripture, Psalms 122:1, has quickly become my favorite, as well. The scripture reads, “I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the LORD.” I am blessed to be part of the music ministry of FAC, as well as play keyboard for the children’s ministry department! Since my home has always been in Knoxville, going away to college will be a challenge and an adventure for me.

I greatly appreciate the honor of being recognized by the ALJC National Women’s Esprit and the financial blessing of the Women of Wisdom Honorary Scholarship. I will be using this award to assist with tuition costs at Lincoln Memorial University in the fall of 2012, where I plan to study Clinical Laboratory Technology. LMU is a private university located about 90 miles from my home in Knoxville. I will be traveling home on weekends so I can remain active with the FAC music department. Just like my high school years, I want my college experience to be a good balance of school and time spent studying and working in the church.

I am thankful today for all that God has done for me and recognize that He has His hand on my life. Please pray for me that I will be successful in my academic life while ministering to my fellow college students.
WE Pray First

FOCUS: ALJC MENISTRY

This is a series of articles for WE Pray First focused prayer. Throughout 2012 we will focus on the leadership of the ALJC. This month WE highlights Menistry

ALJC Menistry

by Kenneth Carpenter

Menistry's primary goal is to equip men to reach their full potential in God. From the opening moment of the inaugural Menistry Conference in 2009, to the last minute of the most recent Menistry Conference in 2011, God has placed His approval by a witness of His presence. Since the first conference, Menistry has been responsible for igniting men's gatherings throughout the fellowship. Additionally, there have been relevant articles in the Apostolic Witness magazine educating men about their role as Christian, husband, father and fellow brother.

The Menistry leadership team's purpose is to facilitate the awakening of God-given power within the men of our great organization. The story of Lazarus being raised from the dead has some relative hidden truths. For example, the name Lazarus means "God's help." A terrible thing happened when Lazarus became sick and died. "God's help" was sick, and "God's help" died. Is this not the same situation in many families today?

The man, "God's help," is either sick or dead spiritually; therefore the family suffers, the church suffers and, finally, the world suffers.

Yet our story does not end there. Jesus went to the tomb, called out the name of Lazarus, and a grand resurrection took place. The news of Lazarus being brought back to life spread; "God's help" is alive again. This news so moved the country that scripture states that Jesus had to move to a city named Ephraim, which means "double fruitfulness." Look at what we have discovered. Lazarus, "God's help," is resurrected, and Jesus moves into the land of double fruitfulness. What a revival! John 11:54 states, "Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples."

Something similar took place during World War II. "I am afraid we have awakened a sleeping giant, and filled him with terrible resolve." This is a famous quote
attributed to Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, one of the most famous Japanese naval admirals, after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto actually studied and lived in the United States for some time before the Pearl Harbor attack. He first came to the United States to attend Harvard University in 1919, after he graduated from Japan’s Imperial Naval Academy. He studied English there, which would serve him later when he returned to the United States for two years in 1926, when he served as a Japanese naval attaché. He worked for a while in London before returning to Japan and the Japanese navy.

During his time in the United States, the admiral learned much about the power of the United States military. He was at first unimpressed, which may have eventually caused him to come up with the idea to attack Pearl Harbor. After the attack, though, Yamamoto said he had made a terrible mistake in planning and implementing the attack. He became frightened by the anger and strength of the United States, and professed the belief that Japan could not win a war against the United States. (Source: www.reference.com)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That the sleeping giants of our movement, the men, would be awakened to their God-given roles.
- Pray as we work and plan that God will give us insight to unlock the hearts of men.
- Please pray that Ministry will bring to pass this scripture passage found in Malachi 4:5-6: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

KENNETH CARPENTER
PRESIDENT

Kenneth Carpenter preached his first sermon at age 17, and shortly thereafter began traveling and preaching across the United States. He became pastor of the First Apostolic Church of Maryville, Tennessee (FAC) at age 23 along with his young bride, Penny Carpenter.

Pastor Carpenter’s heartbeat is souls. He is passionate about giving to missions and leads by example to other Apostolic churches. He is involved in outreach 21st Century style with “The Apostolic Connection”, a weekly telecast that airs daily throughout East Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Alabama; as well as the church’s webcast ministry. All services are live webcast and archived on the church’s website at www.factv.org.

Pastor Carpenter and his wife founded Apostolic Christian Academy and Preschool. This ministry has grown through the years and currently has an enrollment of 240 students.

Pastor Carpenter is a recognized leader in the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ organization and a highly sought after speaker for special events, conferences, camp meetings and revivals. His compelling burden is to awaken the largest sleeping giant in our church today - the men.

THOMAS FRIEND
VICE PRESIDENT

Thomas Friend is a graduate of Indiana Bible College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible/Theology. He evangelized for eight years and was a member of the National Evangelist Department of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ. He served as youth pastor/assistant pastor at New Life Apostolic Church in Watkinsville, Georgia before moving to Dayton, Ohio. Since January 2006, he has been serving as pastor of New Life Worship Center in Dayton, Ohio. He and his wife Nicole have two sons, Jonas and Silas.

JAMES CHESSOR
SECRETARY

James Gregory Chessor Jr. was ordained on December 5, 2007, by Pastor Robert Martin in Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife Renée have been evangelizing for more than eight years. They have one daughter, Tori, who travels with them. Not only have they traveled in the United States but in other countries as well. James is a current member of the National Evangelist Department of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ.
This year at General Ministry Conference, the Thursday evening service was dedicated to World Missions. The offering received during the service went to needs in countries where we are involved in missionary work. We are thankful for the tremendous offering that was given by those gathered at GMC on Thursday evening. So much more will be accomplished for the work of reaching souls in foreign countries by taking care of needs that will assist the missionary in reaching out to the people of the country they are working with. We will be helping with the student needs of those attending Bible college in the Philippines. Missionary Mark Naimy starts another Bible college on the Island of Negros this year! We will also help with the needy in Africa and will supply the needs for those in the South American countries that are struggling. Just a few examples of what these funds will help fulfill for the work that World Missions is involved in around the world.

We were blessed to have several missionaries with us this year at GMC. In attendance were the Stumbos from St. Petersburg, Russia; the Speers from Norway; the Potters from Ireland; the Edmonds from Taiwan; the Moorefields from India; the Naimys from the Philippines; and Armando Roca from Cuba. We were also blessed to have Bishop John Wayabire from Uganda, the Filiburtos from Venezuela and Simon Saliba from Lebanon.

During our World Missions business sessions, we met and appointed the Snows to India. We look forward to great things happening in India and Nepal through this couple who have been working in India and Nepal for the past several years. They came to us asking to become part of our World Missions team. We welcome them to World Missions.

A large group under the direction of Josh Wilson, AIA Coordinator, left in July for Ireland and Poland on a missions trip. They will be a blessing to the works in Ireland under the Potters as well as making their way to Krakow, Poland where they will be a great blessing to the Adams as they help them establish a work for the Lord in Poland.

This has been the greatest and most successful year yet for the World Missions Department of the Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we look forward to even greater accomplishments this year as we reach out to our world with the only saving message of Jesus Christ. Together we are making a difference!

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by M.L. Walls, World Missions Director

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God is so good to his people. One of the brothers in the Reynosa church works in construction on high rise buildings as a welder. He has a wife and four little girls. Last week he was working several stories in the air welding on a metal frame when a fellow worker above him dropped a heavy beam. It fell from two stories above and struck him in the back. He was left hanging unconscious from his harness. The other workers scrambled to bring him down via a large crane. They carefully placed him in an ambulance because they knew his back was broken.

Things go very slowly in Mexico. It was over two hours before he reached the hospital. He woke up in excruciating pain and began earnestly praying, “Lord Jesus, I can’t be disabled. I must work and provide for my family.” Later he testified that he remembered the words of his pastor when he was told, “Nothing is impossible with God!” As he and the church were praying, he was prepared to be x-rayed. As they rolled him into the room, he felt God touch him. The pain was gone! They did the x-ray, and when the doctor read it he just stared in disbelief. There was a picture of a perfect back! Our dear brother walked out of that hospital as if nothing had ever happened! He is a timid man and had never testified. Yet, when Sunday came, he was the first to come to the front of the church and testify with many tears. To God be all the glory for His miracle working power!

We know there is great power in the Word of God. I felt it was the will of God to read the Word in the street outside the church. So one Saturday, we had an eight-hour chain of reading the Word. It was a great blessing to the saints and to the people passing by the church. People in cars, on wagons, bicycles and horses, stopped to hear what the Bible has to say! We are presently working diligently to prepare to have camp meetings at four of our churches. The schools are out for only six weeks in July and half of August so we must do as many camp meetings and vacation Bible schools as we can in that time frame.

We so appreciate all those who sent supplies for these camps. We especially want to thank Bishop Mitchell Shelby and Israel Garza in Sarasota, Florida along with Glady Roberts and the church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Please pray that many souls will come to the Lord. May the Lord Jesus bless you for your continued prayers and support.
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