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SECTION - THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



Church Building Destroyed by Flooding Being Rebuilt

Flooding in Malawi and Mozambique

by Brother Owen Wilcoxson

Have you ever sat in a meeting and just closed your eyes, soaking in the beauty of the Gospel? Have you ever felt the warmth of the Spirit as it flowed through the room during a Sunday Service? These moments and many more are the things I think of about Africa.

In saying this, it is very hard for me to picture that this past February there was massive flood-


ing that went throughout many parts of Malawi and Mozambique. Hundreds of church members were displaced as the result of the flooding and one of our church buildings was destroyed. With so many members affected, several of our church buildings were used as shelters for the brothers and sisters - some of whom lost their homes and all of their possessions. Several children were missing for some time, but thank God they were all located and returned to their families!

This disaster created great hardship both naturally and spiritually and was very discouraging

to many. As soon as we heard of the results of the flooding, the Malawi-Mozambique committee immediately sent financial assistance to help our brothers and sisters get back on their feet with basic needs, such as food, clothing, and cooking utensils. We also asked the Quorum of 70 Evangelists to assist and they provided funds from their Disaster Relief Fund to help reimburse what the committee had sent. Thank you Q70!

Many families are still struggling to rebuild their homes and their lives. Our Church building

is need of great repair as seen in the picture above. Whatever you can do for the brothers and sisters in Malawi-Mozambique through prayer and financial assistance is greatly appreciated.

In the end, we ask that you pray with us as we remember those in Malawi and Mozambique who are repairing and rebuilding their lives, homes, and churches. It is our prayer that, as they go through this time of hardship, they too will be brought to remember the warmth of the Spirit and the sweet comfort of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's Blessings! 



Miracles in Oaxaca, Mexico

by Brother Joel Gehly

The NAOC/IMOC have joined together to begin an exploratory outreach in Oaxaca, Mexico. For many years, a mission in Oaxaca was the dream of Brother Eddie and Sister Evelyn Purdue. Numerous trips have been made to Oaxaca since the mid 1980s; but, to date, the church does not yet have an established mission in this location. Our prayer and desire is that this is the time for the Lord to work on the hearts of the people to see the dream of our late brother and sister fulfilled.

An initial three week trip was made in March/April of this year, involving brothers from Mexico and the USA. Prior to the trip, as is customary, we have various conference calls, planning discussions, and much prayer. During a conference call concerning the upcoming trip, a brother had this vision as we were in prayer: "While on the call tonight for the

trip to Oaxaca, as the Brothers were praying, I had a vision where I saw a lush green valley. I then saw the Brothers on a road walking through this valley and the Lord Jesus Christ was walking before them. The vision ended."

Brothers Abelardo Granados and Teodoro Arguelles from Mexico were the principle missionaries on this initial trip to Oaxaca. They found Sister Juanita Martinez (baptized in Tijuana a number of years ago) and her family living just outside of Oaxaca City. Therefore, they concentrated their efforts with the Martinez family and the surrounding community. Many hours were spent singing hymns, praying, teaching the children, sharing scripture, and explaining the gospel. After a couple weeks, Sister Juanita's husband, Antonio, was touched by the Spirit of God. After dinner one evening, we began to converse with Antonio and the spirit of repentance fell on him. He wept many tears as he repented and asked to be part of the church. It was a beautiful and blessed time. To my knowledge, Brother Antonio's baptism was the first baptism under the Restored

Gospel in the area of Oaxaca since the apostasy of the Nephites/Lamanites many years ago. What a miracle and joy!

The Testimony of Angela Martinez

Angela Martinez is Brother Antonio's aunt. She was very attentive to our brothers and joined in during every service. She especially enjoyed the hymns, liked to sing, and became especially partial to the Song of Zion hymn, "The Sea So Great, Lord, My Boat So Small". During the missionary visit, she was suffering with severe back pain; but throughout the three weeks she would never consent to being anointed. Angela said that only a priest could pray for her, the missionaries did not have the authority to do so. The brothers continued to invite her to all the activities and respected her decision.

The day that Brother Antonio asked for his baptism, Angela thought, how they are going to baptize him if there is no water in the river? She made that comment to Brother Abelardo and he answered, "God has a plan and

He will provide the means." The very night she wondered about the water in the river, it rained and stormed for a few hours. The rain came down so hard we had to stop our service early that evening because the storm was so loud and strong. Angela was amazed and the next day as there was adequate water in the river. She recognized the miracle that was performed, as this was not the season for rain in Oaxaca.

Sunday, after the baptism, she got up with tears in her eyes asking to be anointed, seeking relief for her back condition. The ministry prayed for her and the Lord healed her of the back pain immediately. What a powerful testimony of the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please diligently pray for this new mission field and that the Lord will bless the efforts of all the brothers and sisters that labor in Oaxaca. We also request that you will continue to give generously to the Church that the resources that are required to move all the missionary efforts of the Church forward will be supplied. God bless you. **HF**



The Baptism of Brother Antonio in Oaxaca, Mexico



Baby Blessing at Ikot Ukpog Akpa Edem Branch Location

DREAM THAT BUILD THE CHURCH

A letter from Nigeria

Dear Bro. Mark, greetings to you and all brethren.

On the 5th January, 2012 I, brother Mfon William Akpan, had a dream at 4:00am that morning as follows: I saw two men wearing white overalls who approached me saying "You are planning to build a church, The Church of Jesus Christ?" I said "Yes" and they said to me "Start it, but when you start digging the foundation, give to me a basket full of oranges and a basket full of pawpaw fruits, that I should share them into four corners of the church building." When they finish their discussion I woke up from the sleep. Then I went to the president Pastor Okon P. Akpan he told me that the Lord had confirmed the Branch (should be built). We invited the president to come and pray for us at the site. Since that day we started clearing the bush. As we are clearing the site, five brothers came and asked us what we are

doing. I told them that we were opening a new Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, and they said that they will worship with us as a full member. They asked us what shall we do after clearing the site. I answered them saying, let us start with temporary structure by using old zinc and the size of the room is 12 feet by 12 feet. They ask me how do we get the money. I made known to them, if you are serving the Lord, voluntary donation is what we are using.

We started donating until the

Afaha Obong district and the Area came in and help us build, what you have seen in the pictures.

One brother at Abak Township Branch, Bro. Friday Robert Udoekpo, used his bricklayers and carpenters voluntarily. He is the son of Late Elder Robert Udoekpo.

We are using six weeks to the level of work you see in that picture. We are now good dutiful members of 36, baptized. Another stage of work will start by October ending 2013.

This is Brother Mfon William Akpan's Branch. The length of the building is 56 feet and the width of the building is 35 feet.

Please, pray for the Branch, The Church of Jesus Christ, Ikot Ukpog Akpa Edem, my teaching to this group is "Voluntary Service to the Lord".

Thanks and God Bless,
Bro. Okon P. Akpan
Bro. Mfon W. Akpan



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YOU Made A Difference

by Brother Frank Natoli
– IMOC Chairman

In December of 2012, the International Missionary Operating Committee (IMOC) asked Sunday Schools via the Humanitarian Foundation Fund (HFF) Newsletter to consider helping fund and sponsor small projects that could “Make A Difference” in the lives of members who live in foreign countries where the restored gospel has been established.

In less than four months, Sunday Schools from across the U.S. stepped-up, including: Monongahela, PA; Herndon, VA; Forest Hills, FL; Detroit Branch 2, MI; Redford, MI; Fredonia, PA; San Diego, CA; Greensburg, PA; Detroit Branch 1, MI; Inner City Detroit, MI; Aliquippa,


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PA and Levittown, PA. Numerous individual donations were also received. Our greatest hopes, that started with an inspired modest idea, were far exceeded.

Not only were each of the 28 small projects completely sponsored resulting in over \$11,295 being donated, but an additional \$8,502 was donated from individuals. The generosity of Sunday Schools and private donors of almost \$20,000 is just one more

testimony of how a small effort can “Make A Difference”. Your donations will be providing Bibles, song books, windows for church buildings, Sunday School supplies for children, medical equipment, folding chairs and furnishing for church buildings, bamboo mats for children to sit on in church, small parcels of land to grow vegetables, church literature, Casio keyboards, funds for a youth retreat, guitars, etc., etc.

On behalf of the foreign missions and congregations throughout the 21 countries – thank you for your love, prayers and support and may the Lord continue to bless you with a generosity toward the great work of the Lord Jesus Christ and His church.

A humbled and overwhelmed,
Brother Frank Natoli – IMOC
Chairman. 

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