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LAGOS, NIGERIA BUILDING NEEDS

The West African country of Nigeria was one of the Church's first foreign missions, established 60 years ago in 1954. During one visit there that year, Brothers William Cadman and Joseph Bitteringer baptized 485 members. Today, Nigeria's five missions serve nearly 3,200 members, along with many children and visitors who seek to learn more about "The church where you are not a stranger."

The Church's building in Lagos, Nigeria's capital, would be considered large compared to many of our branches and missions in North America. The building features a prominent tower facing the road, which houses a church bell and serves as a local landmark, with the Church's name displayed at the top. The building houses a large auditorium.

Time and the elements have taken their toll on the nearly 50-year-old Lagos church building. Portions of the corrugated metal roof need to be replaced, along with some of the sheeting on the soffits and the ceiling beneath, which show signs of water damage. Rainwater collects inside the walls of the concrete block bell tower, and has weakened it over time. The wall's cement outer coat has darkened and become water stained, and its foundation has partially washed out from the seeping rainwater. The church bell, whose ringing served as a call to worship for many years, stands silent now due to the tower's weakened state. In addition to these structural issues, the building's casement windows, which are opened and



Church bell tower in Lagos, Nigeria showing water damage.

closed regularly, have neared the end of their life cycle.

Meanwhile, God has been faithful, and the Church in Lagos has seen growth over the past four years. They are considering forming a new branch in Mafoluku, 5 miles away, but in the meantime, the need to renovate the existing Lagos church building has become an urgent matter.

The church leaders there desire to repair and repaint the tower and foundations, and resume using the church bell. Ideally, they will be able to replace the original steel-framed windows with new aluminum ones. The hope of the Lagos Church is to have the building in even better condition than when it was originally built, to service their growing congregation and act as a beacon to the surrounding community.



Metal roof and windows of Lagos, Nigeria building are nearly 50 years old.

The cost for the needed repairs is estimated at three million Naira, or approximately \$18,500 U.S. Unfortunately, most of the members in Nigeria are very poor, and it is beyond their ability to contribute even 10 percent of this cost.

Please consider asking God if He is calling you to help with this fundraising effort, so that these people in a part of the world very different from our own would have a proper building in which to gather and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **HF**



COLOMBIA MISSIONARY TRIP

An itinerary prepared for a missionary trip sets a goal with hopes of meeting certain expectations. When the trip exceeds, by far, all expectations, it can certainly be considered a success. On November 15, 2013, Brother Lawrence and Sister Sylvia King, and Brothers Richard Scaglione, Sr. and Nestor Gomez left for a 12 day trip to Colombia, South America. Time was to be divided among four cities: Bogotá, Armenia, Santander, and Cali. Not only was this done, but two other cities were visited as well.

Brother Pedro Cuellar, resident Elder from Armenia, met us at the airport in Bogotá. The next day we received word that his brother-in-law was in critical condition in the hospital. We visited him to pray for him and to console his family. He passed away the next day. Later we met with Brother Carlos and his family for lunch and fellowship. In the evening we traveled to the home of Sisters Carmenza and Passion, where we held a meeting with them and their family members. Communion was served, and testimonies and experiences were shared. It was a joyous reunion for Brother Richard, who hadn't

seen them for more than five years! A Sunday morning meeting was held, with 15 in attendance. Later we traveled to the outskirts of the city and met with Brother Pedro's daughter and her family. We then left Bogotá for the one-hour flight to Armenia.

Our first task in Armenia was to purchase items for the church. A portable amplifier and microphone are used in all of the church locations for sending out music and preaching in the neighborhoods. Items for the Sunday School and janitorial needs were also bought. The Colombia Facebook page was updated, and the use of technology was discussed to allow the exchange of photos, videos, etc. between Colombia and the U.S.

The next morning we traveled to Santander, where we met Diego Dagua. As we walked throughout the area, we met people and were able to stir up conversations concerning our mission and our Church. Great interest was shown, and their questions were answered. Diego traveled with us as we visited many of his friends and relatives to share the Gospel message. We were asked to pray for them and bless their homes. Invitations were given to attend our scheduled Friday evening meeting.

The following day we traveled to Cali to meet with several contacts.



Sunday School in Armenia, Colombia

Visits were made to the homes of Jenny Castro and Alba Figuero and their families. We shared good fellowship and conversation about the Lord's goodness and our Church's beliefs, as well as our testimonies. All was humbly received with love and great interest. We prayed for God's guidance and presence in their lives. The taxi driver who was with us in these trips, Luis Alberto, introduced us to several friends, which gave us additional opportunities to share God's blessings. He offered his services on future missionary trips, as well as expressing his interest in baptism.

Additional visits not on our itinerary were made to the towns of Tulua and Caloto. Relatives and friends of Diego and Luis Alberto were visited, prayers and anointings were offered, and friendly conversations occurred. On one occasion, as Brother Pedro was anointing a young boy, he spoke in the gift of tongues. God's presence was evident. We returned to Santander and did more visiting. Invitations were passed out inviting people to the evening meeting. A visit was made to see the property that Brother Timothy Mott had purchased as the potential site for a church building. The location and available utilities presented a positive feeling among us. The evening service had 21 in atten-

dance, including a Baptist minister visiting from Cali. The joy of the Lord was present.

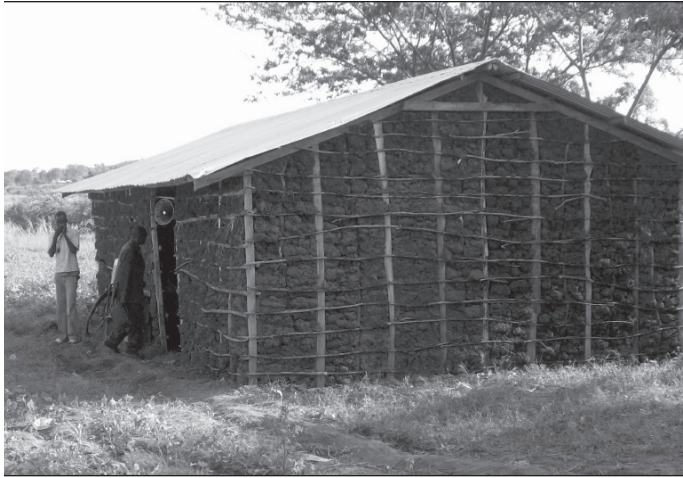
On Saturday, we returned to Armenia. The Sunday service saw a small attendance, but God's Spirit was there. The Sunday School, which followed the preaching service, saw 18 beautiful children present. As many as 25 to 30 usually attend. A good lesson and crafts were enjoyed. People passing by looked in and showed a curious interest in our meetings. Some promised to visit in the future.

On Monday we left for Bogotá. Brother Carlos met us. Later, we visited Sister Oliva, who had returned from Belgium to visit Colombia for several months. She is a Deaconess in the Church. Her family and some friends were there; 14 people in all, including us. We held a meeting and spoke of the Gospel and God's blessings. Several were anointed.

In summary, strangers soon became friends and brothers and sisters in Christ through God's Spirit. Invitations were given in anticipation of future visits. Wonderful people and loving children brought great blessings that were enjoyed by all. God's love and His wonderful Gospel were openly discussed. Many seeds were sown; as they are nurtured, we can expect to see an abundance of fruit. HF



Home meeting in Bogotá, Colombia



Church building in Ayego, Kenya

FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK-A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

by Brother Art Gehly, Sr.

Dear brothers, sisters and friends of The Church of Jesus Christ, I greet you in His Holy name. Bwana Asifiwe, Praise the Lord! Amen!

As I write this I am sitting in a modern hotel in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya, after enjoying a wonderful HOT shower as Brother Randy Lee and I near the end of our missionary trip to the African nations of Kenya and Tanzania.

As I reflect on this trip and any of the other trips I have made to the Philippines, Malawi, and these two countries, I am humbled to know the true blessings that God has for the people of this world. I know God is alive and is bringing His good tidings to all who will listen and desire to obey Him. For those who have never had the opportunity to travel to the bush of Africa or the mountains of the Philippines, I would like to give you some feeling for the power of God no matter where we may be. God is the same everywhere throughout the world. His Spirit and His saints are all one, even as the Father and Jesus Christ are one. From time to time, I picture the smiling faces of the saints in these different countries and I am blessed with God's Holy Spirit as

He manifests His Glory whenever the brothers and sisters gather together to praise and honor our heavenly Father. It is no different from what you experience in your home branches.

Included with this article are some pictures of the places where your brothers and sisters meet in Kenya and Tanzania. All but one of the ten missions in Tanzania meet in a place called by them "without shades." That means under a tree without any protection from the weather. We met with them in these places, and the Spirit and Power of God were there. The word is preached and taught, the sick are anointed and healed, the singing (African style) is overwhelming, the testimonies are wonderful as they tell how God blesses their humble lives, and mostly, the Love of God flows abundantly.

Hopefully, you can see that they

live in a land that has the beauty of God's creation at their very doorstep. What you can't see or feel is the poverty and neglect of basic human necessities of life that surrounds their existence. Small mud houses with dirt floors and a thatch roof where a family with four, five, or more children live. No running water, no flush toilet, no electricity, and where you have to go to some river or other body of water to wash your clothes and yourself, if perhaps you are inclined to wash your body. As you seriously think about what I have said, do not pity them, because they are blessed by God and He is working with them to improve their lives.

But there is something that you can do to help, or I will say there is something you must do help. First and foremost, you must continue to fast and pray for these brothers and sisters that you are connected to throughout the world.

We are all one in the body of

Christ. Let me tell you, they are praying for you!

One of the pictures is a very humble church building that the congregation in Ayego, Kenya has built. As you can see, it has mud walls and a metal roof. This is the type of building we encourage the saints to build. They provide the land, and construct the building, and we (the Church in the U.S.) give them money for the metal roof and some other items. This is where you can help. The cost of what we supply is \$600 per building. Currently, we are hoping to build three buildings in Tanzania, with the others to be built in the future. Donations can be made through the HFF with the designation: To be used for Kenya/Tanzania buildings.

May God bless all the saints throughout the world with love, peace, and His abundant Holy Spirit! **HFF**



Outdoor meeting in Mirare, Tanzania

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Question: How can I donate to the worldwide Missionary Efforts, rather than one specific work?

Answer:

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If the work is a specific Humanitarian Project not necessarily related to Church activities, such as:

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 - Native American fundraisers, such as the Catawba Indian Nation Layette Program;
 - Rice campaign to feed those in Africa where Ebola is prevalent;
 - Desire Daycare Center in India bringing aid and proper care to children aged 3 to 5; or
 - Community Aid Outreach activities
- Checks to support these programs should be made out to THF and sent to:

The Humanitarian Fund (THF)

P.O. Box 1892

Mount Laurel NJ 08054

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Friends, colleagues, and businesses


can donate to this fund on the website.

Question: Are all donations tax deductible?

Answer:

Both of these corporations, HFF and THF, have nonprofit 501(c)(3) status. All donations are tracked in detail, and must follow the tax law guidelines. All donors will receive certified year-end tax statements.

We hope this helps you define how donations can be distributed. If you have any questions please email or call.

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