



From the Director

More World Missions Summit Results

Most of you have heard by now about the powerful services, great break-out sessions, and strong response of the students who attended the World Missions Summit. What you may not know are the number of applications requested and the varied schools represented: We had close to **700 decision cards** submitted for missions involvement, with **163 different schools** represented (see table on Page 3).

Diverse Students: An Opportunity

One of the challenges before us will be the diversity of Christian orientation and culture represented by these students. Our hope is to connect each student with the proper mentor. This assignment will not be simple; the task requires

patience, flexibility, **humor**, great grace, and **wisdom**. Many of these individuals have little to no idea about the Assemblies of God, including doctrines such as the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Their backgrounds will make the journey interesting.

What these students do have is a heart for God and a desire to serve in missions. We have before us the wonderful opportunity to model and mentor future AGWM missionaries. Years from now, some of them will look back at their “greenness” and be amazed at how they ever got to be missionaries, and then they will attribute this “miracle” to you. Remember **patience**, **flexibility**, **humor**, **great grace**, and **wisdom**—and let’s add **agape**.

Submit Your SOM Workshop Ideas

What types of workshops would be of interest to you? How about sharing a

few of those ideas? Drop me a note listing those topics at RJohnson@ag.org.

GoAG.org Needs Your Input!

Do you have a picture, story, idea, question, or comment for GoAG.org? We want to hear from you. Go to the Web site and click on the “contact” tab. By the end of the week there will be a large button that will immediately bring up an e-mail form. In the meantime, click on any of the e-mail addresses on the contact page, and let us know what’s on your mind.

Remember: The *PFL Newsletter* is also available on GoAG.org under the “resources” tab.

Your brother,
Rick Johnson

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Focus on the Blessings of the Field

Greetings once again from the ISMK ministry office! I recently returned from a ministry trip to Mali, West Africa. I went with seven other alumni MKs to Bamako for an area retreat with Area Director Randy Tarr. We had about 25 young people for the week. It was a great experience.

I know that every missionary has a real passion for their field and that MKs grow up loving their field. Anytime college-aged MKs get together, some playful regional competition goes on. At the annual college retreat, students always enjoy putting on regional skits, which normally try to make their region look like the “best”

region while making fun of the other regions.

While in West Africa, I spent some time thinking about the differences in the regions. Each region has its own unique personality, along with its own unique difficulties. Sometimes MKs can think their region is “the TRUE mission field,” while other places are not. What I have come to realize is that each region has its own challenges.

Let me explain it this way. I have spent almost 20 years of my life in Europe. I could spend several hours explaining the need for missionaries in Europe—the emptiness and lostness of the people. They are in a post-

Christian era and desperately need a fresh outpouring of the Spirit. However, many Europe missionaries have to fight the huge misconception that Europe doesn’t need missionaries. After being in Mali one week, I saw the same lostness in the people, 95 percent of whom are Muslim. The MKs there live in primitive conditions—very hot, no entertainment—overall, a challenge just to live there. Each place has a desperate

need for the gospel, and yet each place has other challenges.

Wherever you are, I am sure you and your children could give me a list of what makes your field a difficult place to live.

Your MKs are growing up with unique challenges that they would not have if you were an employee in some company in the States. Along with those challenges, however, come so many joys. These are what we call the “trade-offs.” I believe that even though we have challenges as missionaries and MKs, we have even more blessings. Encourage your MKs to find the blessings about where they live. What are the great things about being there? I’ll tell you right now that I really loved the people in Mali. They seemed to be a joyful group of people. I also loved how they treasured relationships. You could tell how the Malians enjoyed being with each other.

As you are raising your MKs, be sure to help them find the blessings of your field. Make it a priority to invest time in connecting your children to the field where God has called each of you.

Blessings to each of you,
Bwana Chad and Bwanita
Dargan Phillips



*Upper row (left to right): Dargan Phillips, Chad Phillips, Sarah Wiseman, Sarah Friesen
Lower: Katherine Phillips, Graham Phillips, Bethanie Skipper*

Schools Represented at the World Missions Summit	American University	1	Minnesota State University Moorhead	1	University of Central Oklahoma	1
	Angelo State University	1	Missouri State University	7	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	2
	Arizona State University	4	Modesto Junior College	1	University of Minnesota, Duluth	3
	Ashland Theological Seminary	2	Monmouth College	1	University of Montana-Western	2
	Assemblies of God Theological Seminary	1	Montclair State University	3	University of Northern Colorado	2
	Auburn University	12	Montgomery County Community College	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1
	Bethany University	2	Mountain Empire Community College	1	Union County College	1
	Boca Raton	1	Murray State University	9	University of Alabama	3
	Boston	1	Nashville State	1	University of Arizona	4
	Bradley University	6	Neosho County Community College	1	University of Arkansas	4
	California State University -Sacramento	1	New York University	1	University of California, Davis	8
	California State University - Stanislaus	5	Nicholls State University	5	University of Central Arkansas	3
	California State University	1	North Arkansas Community College	1	University of Florida	9
	Carl Albert State College	1	North Carolina State University	9	University of Idaho	5
	Carroll College	2	North Dakota State University	1	University of Illinois	2
	Central Bible College	7	Northern Kentucky University	1	University of Louisiana	1
	Central Christian College	1	Northern Michigan University	1	University of Louisville	1
	Central Michigan University	1	Northwest University	1	University of Maryland	1
	Central Washington University	5	Northwestern College-Iowa	2	University of Michigan	1
	College of DuPage	1	Northwood University	1	University of Missouri	2
	College of the Ozarks	1	Ohio State University	7	University of Montana	1
	Colorado School of Minnesota	2	Oklahoma State University	1	University of Montevallo	1
	Del Mar College	1	Old Dominion University	1	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	2
	Eastern Kentucky University	3	Oregon State University	4	University of New Hampshire	3
	Eastern Michigan University	8	Ozarks Technical Community College	1	University of New Orleans	1
	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	2	Palm Beach Community College	2	University of North Carolina	6
	Evangel University	20	Peru State College	1	University of North Texas	5
	Fairmont State	8	Plymouth State University	2	University of Oklahoma	2
	Faulkner University	1	Portland State University	1	University of Oregon	1
	Florida State University	13	Purdue University	1	University of Phoenix	2
	Frostburg State University	1	Radford University	4	University of South Alabama	1
	Gallaudet University	1	Rock Valley College	2	University of South Carolina	1
	George Fox University	1	Rowan University	1	University of South Florida	1
	Georgetown University	2	Sam Houston State University	22	University of Tennessee	4
	Georgia State University	1	SLUC	1	University of Texas	1
	Grandview High School	1	Smith College	1	University of Tulsa	1
	Heartland Community College	1	Southeastern University	5	University of Virginia	23
	Henderson Community College	1	Southern California State University	1	University of Wisconsin	2
	Highline Community College	1	Southern Illinois University - Carbondale	19	University of Wyoming	34
	Howard University	2	Southern Union State Community College	1	Valley Forge Christian College	2
Idaho State University	1	Southwestern AG University	12	Virginia Tech	3	
Indiana University Southeast	1	Southwestern University	1	Washington State University	5	
James Madison University	1	St. Francis College	1	West Virginia University	5	
Kansas State University	2	Stephen F. Austin State University	7	Western Illinois University	1	
Longwood University	3	Tennessee	1	Western Michigan University	1	
Louisiana State University	5	Texas A&M University	6	Western Washington University	5	
Louisiana Tech University	3	Texas State University	8	Wichita State University	1	
Loyola University New Orleans	2	Texas Tech University	3	Wilmington College	1	
Meredith College	1	Tomball College	1	Wright State University	13	
Merrimack College	1	University of California, Merced	4	Youngstown State University	1	
				Zion Bible College	4	

SPOTLIGHT on Yolanda Ursery



Yolanda Ursery is a missionary associate to Ecuador.

“Our children’s church exploded after the third week, and I

was blessed to have wonderful teen helpers eager to minister to the children. These same teen helpers were a great help as we began a Junior Bible Quiz program. We had our first meet in September. The pastor of the church was so impressed that we

are now using the program as our main Christian education curriculum for Compassion International. At a recent area meeting of AG pastors, I presented my desire to begin Bible quizzing in all of our churches. It was well received, and we are making plans to begin in the New Year.

“Freedom Valley Christian Center took our Sunday services to the streets. It was a fantastic boost for them to see several make decisions for Christ. I must say Freedom Valley Christian Center is doing well. We had several services in November emphasizing the **Lord’s presence and the baptism in**

the Holy Spirit. It was awesome seeing our members (including the children) hunger for more and receive!

“Week by week my hope of seeing Freedom Valley Christian Center become a true church strengthens. Little by little they are gaining confidence and skills to lead the people of the Chota Valley to greater heights in Christ. However, they still have a long way to go; they are still quite fragile and not ready to ‘go at it’ totally alone.

“I am excited to inform you that I have requested and been granted the go-ahead to extend my term for another year.”



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