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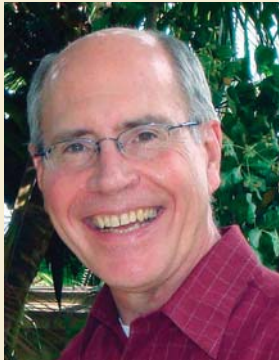
**Free  
Methodist  
World  
Missions**

“I pray ... that they may be **one** as we are **one**: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete **unity** to let the world know that you sent me and have **loved them** even as you have **loved me.**”

John 17: 20-23

**2010 - 2011**





**Dr. Art Brown**  
Executive Director

The worldwide Free  
Methodist family:  
**962,289 members in 81  
world areas.**

Visit with believers from a creative access country and you will quickly understand a new meaning of Christian unity. Here in the United States, denominational identity is sometimes criticized. Not so where following Christ is dangerous. Believers under persecution long for the encouragement that comes from knowing they are related to a worldwide kingdom family.

Go with me to one of the largest nations on earth. You will rub shoulders with many believers but never know it. Few of them can attend worship publically. Their witness must be measured and careful – and is always expressed at great risk.

Go with me to a country where U.S. troops were involved in combat for years. Troop withdrawal did not end conflict and repression. Yet the gospel grew rapidly – just beyond sight of the government. A great movement of the Spirit has taken place there, too. And we find a persecuted church that longs to openly express the reality of Christian unity.

Jesus said, “I pray ... that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me” (John 17:20-23).

This year’s annual report shares again the marvelous relationships the Lord has given us with believers in many countries. We are one because of Christ. Let’s celebrate our unity. May the people of the world then know Jesus loves them and He will bring eternal good to their lives.



# Development

D. Kevin Jordahl,  
Director of  
Development



*Will you partner with us?* Free Methodist World Missions has extended this invitation to Free Methodists across the U.S. Individuals and local churches have chosen to partner with specific missionaries – through Missionary Support Accounts (MSAs) – and with specific country ministries – through Country Support Accounts (CSAs).

Three additional giving avenues,

- mission-READY,
- the Ward Society and
- Global Partners,

have been created to provide services to Free Methodist missionaries and to the U.S. and international Free Methodist Church. These three giving avenues, supporting the general mission, make it possible for FMWM to:

- foster prayer support for global FM ministries and workers;
- provide missionary member care; guide missionary candidates in the application process; coach and encourage both our extended-term and short-term missionaries;
- connect U.S. churches with other international churches; offer local churches teaching and training through Global Impact; resource the local church with annual theme materials, FM World Mission People magazine, Missions Alive! children's curriculum, and Missions Today and Missions Hotline e-letters;
- care for financial needs of our former missionaries in their retirement years;
- manage and oversee the distribution of funds; and much more.

*Will you partner with us?* We will continue to extend the invitation, and we will continue to provide multiple opportunities for individuals and churches to express our "ONeness" with the global Free Methodist family.

## An Education in the 3 Rs

**Relationships.** In my second year as director, I have continued to visit countries and meet people on the front lines of Free Methodist ministry to vulnerable children. I am humbled by the sacrifice of church leaders, struggling financially themselves, yet determined to care for orphans, widows, those with disabilities, and hungry little ones. Their creativity and devotion inspire me. We are privileged to partner with these fellow servants of our King.

**Reimagining.** International Child Care Ministries is blessed to carry on a 44-year legacy of compassionate connection around the world. Now a ministry with more than 21,000 children on sponsorship and scholarship in 30 countries, we have worked to refocus our vision, articulate our mission, and highlight our nonnegotiable guiding principles. Growing out of this re-visioning has come a re-branding – new logo, new letterhead and new website. This clarity has led to a surge of conviction and enthusiasm for our calling and ministry. We love this work!

**Realities.** The global economic downturn is being powerfully felt in the countries where we serve. The cost of goods has more than doubled almost everywhere, and our partners tell us the amount we send every month simply cannot satisfy the needs we are determined to meet. Consequently, we have informed our sponsors that as of January 1, 2011, sponsorship will increase to \$25 a month. Although challenging for us in our own economy, we believe we owe this increase to the children to lift them from their much greater poverty. We pray God, our Provider, will supply our needs as we are faithful to care for the ones He calls us to bless.

## International Child Care Ministries

Linda Adams,  
Director





## Mobilization

Dale Woods II,  
Director of Local  
Church Development

**G**lobal Outreach Seminars, aimed at helping local churches to more fully engage in outreach, are now being offered to FM churches. Through an official partnership,

The Mission Society (Norcross, GA) has provided training to several FM

presenters and has authorized use of high-quality, proven teaching material to be used in weekend seminars. These seminars challenge church leaders and members to see the church as a missionary organization, provide practical ways to help their church engage in mission, and give church leaders direction for follow up. Global Outreach Seminars are designed to help churches transform their identities to incorporate outreach – both local and global – into their DNA.

As a result of Haiti's January 12 earthquake, Mobilization's VISA Ministries experienced the largest outpouring of volunteer help in its 46-year history. Many who volunteered are still on the waiting list. Of the 85 VISA teams that served this year, 44 of them ministered in Haiti.

In addition to team ministry:

- VISA facilitated 145 Fast Track and Voyager assignments.
- 882 people intersected with the VISA office and were deployed.
- VISA Team Leader Training was offered in March, with more than 80 participants.
- The tenth IMPACT Team was sent in July, led by Dale Woods and Alison Osborn. The team ministered in Kenya to help with VBS, youth programs and cement work at one of the churches.
- Approximately 20 teachers at various universities in Asian creative access areas taught English as way to support themselves and impact students.

## Celebrating a year of redemptive interdependent relationships and new initiatives!

**Celebrating** ... a record number of church-sponsored events where SEED products were sold and partnerships with FM artisans recognized.

**Celebrating** ... new venues for the SEED ministry through creative connections initiated by individuals and churches. (Join us on Facebook to see examples.)

**Celebrating** ... an expanded relationship with FM artisans in Uganda and joy as they begin to see despair replaced with hope!

**Celebrating** ... increased revenue for most all of our artisan partners this year.

## SEED

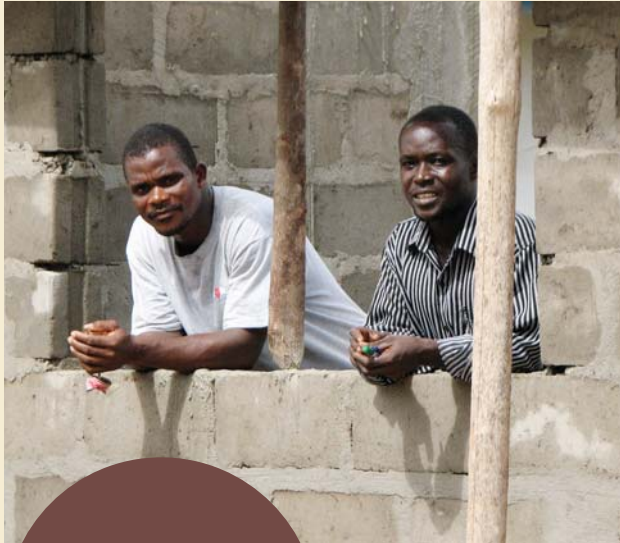
Sylvia Brown,  
Director



**Celebrating** ... the reports of spiritual growth and evidence of the gospel's transforming power in the lives of persons within our livelihood partner groups.

**Celebrating** ... financial partners who made possible the awarding of "development funds," enabling several livelihood partners to expand their micro business.

**Celebrating** ... the beginning of an initiative to integrate more fully the vision and ministry of SEED with International Child Care Ministries and other compassion ministries of FMWM. (Stay tuned.)



# Africa

Mike Reynen, Africa Area Director

Free Methodist World Missions is currently guiding the church in four African countries – Liberia, Togo, Cameroon and Ethiopia – toward organizing as annual

conferences. How have we seen God at work in these places? An old man living in immorality was converted and now the village leaders seek counsel from him as their pastor. A man attacked by demons came to Christ and, as a result, another 20 people made a decision to follow the Lord. After starting six churches, one gifted church planter realized he did not have enough leaders to guide the congregations. He started a training program from which he believes God will raise up the leaders.

Are these the only places we see the working of the Spirit? No. Our missionaries continue to wrestle with unseen forces and everyday issues, such as water and electricity shortages in places like Nigeria and Malawi. In fact, each location on the continent has its challenges for the missionaries who serve there. But by the same Spirit, each of them can declare, “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed” (2 Corinthians 4:8).

We continue to partner with Africa’s six general conferences through International Child Care Ministries, VISA Ministries and special projects. Through these means, children are being well-educated in a Christian environment; instructors and “special taskers” are helping church leaders carry on the work; leaders are being trained; and water wells, church roofs and church buildings are being provided. All this is taking place in the church that has come so far but is progressing even farther because we are working together. And that’s the Spirit, too!

# Asia

David Yardy, Asia Area Director

*Paul and his team preached in the city (Derbe) winning many disciples and then returned to the cities of Lystra, Iconium and Antioch encouraging them with: “We must go through many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God” (Acts 14:21- 22 paraphrase).*

These Asian cities represent the vortex of kingdom work in the last year.

- **DANANG** – Five pastors were ordained on August 23, the FM Church’s 150th anniversary, unconsciously marking significant FM expansion from simple beginnings in Pekin, NY.
- **HANOI** – A house church was planted.
- **MUMBAI** – An indigenous child-sponsorship program was launched in India.
- **CHENNAI** – Fourteen pastors represented the Tamil Nadu Mission District at its first meeting.
- **POKHARA** – Fifteen new churches were planted in two years, bringing the total of churches in Nepal to 40.
- **KAOHSIUNG** – With representation from seven countries, the Asia Pacific Free Methodist Missions Association (APFMMA) elected Rev. Shirish Ahali (India) as the new executive director and Rev. Edna Bacus (Philippines) as associate director.
- **IPOH** – Reaching out 1,000 miles, two churches were planted in the jungles of Sabah, Malaysia.
- **BUTUAN CITY** – The Philippines General Conference sent a family to serve as missionaries in Cambodia. They also sent a ministry team.
- **BANGKOK** – The first South East Asia leadership consultation was held in 2010. As a result, these seven nations will meet again in March 2011 to strategize for a joint church-planting initiative.



The demographics of Europe have dramatically changed over the past decade. While the “traditional” population of Western Europe has become increasingly more secular, at the same time an influx of immigrants from South America, Africa and Asia have brought their own faith traditions with them. Following the expansion of the European Union, a large internal population shift took place as many people moved from the former Eastern bloc countries to seek riches in the West. So the religious landscape of Europe has become a patchwork of secularism, atheism, Orthodoxy, Catholicism, neo-Protestantism, Islam, Buddhism, New Age and more.

These changes have greatly impacted how we minister in Europe.

The mix of religious (and nonreligious) traditions means we can no longer assume there is a common public understanding of even the basics of Christianity. The mix of cultures brings richness to our congregations and helps us realize that we need to focus on what we have in common in Christ, rather than on our personal, cultural, economic or political differences.

## Europe

Jerry Coleman,  
Europe Area Director



## Latin America

Delia Nüesch-Olver,  
Latin America  
Area Director



The goal of the Latin America ministry team is to fuel and sustain an apostolic movement to reach Latin Americans for Christ by:

- empowering and coaching national leaders,
- catalyzing initiatives and partnerships to reach strategic cities, and
- creating appropriate structures and sustainable systems.

Earthquakes in Haiti and Chile galvanized the generosity of the church as Free Methodists were among the first responders in both disaster areas. National leaders and churches led in relief and rebuilding, supported by Free Methodists around the world.

The church in Haiti is rising from the debris stronger than ever as capable national leaders take responsibility for their own destiny. Haiti will become a Provisional General Conference in 2011, just one year after the earthquake.

Steps are being taken across Latin America to shift the focus toward urban areas, with new church starts in Caracas (Venezuela) and Lima (Peru) – and multiplied groups in Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Mexico City (Mexico).

Mission District Director Hiuberth Zapata and the elders of the Costa Rica District accepted responsibility for ministry in Panama and Nicaragua. The churches and pastors in these two neighboring countries have been encouraged by training seminars and retreats for women and youth. The church in Costa Rica has been stimulated by the opportunity to serve internationally.

Pastors Alma and Brent Thompson (Harvest Chapel, Fredonia, NY) are modeling a partnership between a local church in the U.S. and leaders in Latin America, resulting in significant growth and development in Honduras.



## Middle East / North Africa

Pastor BW, Middle East/ North Africa Area Director

The work in the Middle East and North Africa continues to grow despite facing many challenges from religious radicals.

In North Africa, more than 130 house churches have been started in the last two years. Tens of thousands of towns in this region are unreached and without a church of any kind. In these areas of great need, where governmental and religious leaders oppose the establishment of “formal” churches, the Free Methodist Church is able to “fly under the radar” through the ministry of house churches.

The relatively new works in Jordan and Iraq (started in 2002 and 2003, respectively) continue to grow and mature. There are four well-established FM churches, another four church plants and an additional 10 “beach heads” for the kingdom where we are engaging a “person of peace” (Luke 10) and following organic relationship lines to share the gospel and disciple new believers.

The FMC of Egypt, a General Conference, has recently gone through a period of much-needed, yet painful, transition and continues to face severe challenges in the aftermath. We have been able to offer counsel and encouragement to more than 50 pastors who live and minister in an oppressive and discouraging atmosphere. A new day seems to be dawning in Egypt.

We continue to explore open doors in this region, including the very challenging Arabian peninsula, seeking, like the Apostle Paul, “to bring the Message only into those places where Jesus was not yet known and worshiped” (Romans 15:20, The Message).

The 2007 Free Methodist General Conference issued this statement: *We denounce and resist all forms of slavery and human trafficking ... We actively oppose slavery ... in conjunction with existing Free Methodist ministries [we pledge] to combat slavery through prayer, education, advocacy, rescue, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims, and the call for application of justice and opposition to the people and organizations responsible for human trafficking.*

In answer to this mandate, Kevin Austin was approved as a U.S. missionary in April 2010 to spearhead antislavery work within the Free Methodist denomination. Today an estimated 27 million people worldwide are slaves – taken and held by force, denied freedom of movement, forced to work or provide services against their will.

Heavenly Treasures, a team of seven U.S. missionaries, was invited to the 2010 Daytime Emmy Awards as the charity organization in the Gift Suite. The team was able to distribute gifts, share about Heavenly Treasures and take pictures to endorse the organization. Heavenly Treasures’ mission is to equip and assist people in developing countries to break the cycle of poverty, and to show them God’s love in practical and effective ways. Coming alongside gifted artisans, Heavenly Treasures works with 50 projects in 13 countries.

United States



# Our Mission

*To serve Free Methodists as together we make disciples of Jesus Christ among the peoples of the world*

# One

## Our Vision

*Multitudes becoming disciples of Jesus Christ as Free Methodists plant hundreds of healthy reproducing churches around the world*

- 1. Every local church sending ...  
... to the ends of the earth*
- 2. Every disciple ministering ...  
... in God's chosen place*
- 3. Every missionary supported ...  
... financially, emotionally and spiritually*
- 4. Every ministry interconnected ...  
... for maximum Kingdom impact*

## Our Core Values

*We fully support the mission, vision and values of the Free Methodist Church.*

*We are committed to every Free Methodist's privilege to give radically, pray fervently and serve sacrificially in our global mission.*

*We are committed to developing indigenous, culturally relevant, reproducing, missionary-sending churches.*

*We are committed to full obedience to Jesus Christ, disregarding personal comfort and security.*

*We believe fully devoted disciples of Christ develop best in healthy local congregations; therefore, we seek to plant churches through evangelism, leadership development, and ministries of compassion and community transformation.*

# Experience a Global Outreach Weekend

*With Free Methodist World Missions, in Partnership with The Mission Society*



**Whether your church is already involved in outreach** or needs the vision, tools and strategies to become involved, Free Methodist World Missions, in partnership with The Mission Society, will help you chart a course for maximum global impact. Using New Testament principles, we present God's plan for igniting your congregation for effective outreach.

As your strategic partner, we assist you through dynamic training and provide resources that will equip you to accomplish the unique missional purpose God has for your church.

## **What is a Global Outreach Weekend?**

The Global Outreach Weekend is a catalyst for missional transformation in your church. It includes the six-hour Global Outreach Seminar, which you can incorporate along with other activities into a Global Outreach Weekend.

## **Why the Global Outreach Weekend?**

Jesus gave His disciples a clear command in Acts 1:8 when He said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

More than 1.8 billion people around the world still live beyond the reach of the Gospel. The unfinished task seems overwhelming. Here at home, as the communities where we live and work become increasingly diverse, opportunities for cross-cultural outreach are becoming more plentiful.

**Discovery:** Help your church discover God's heart for the world and join God on mission through a personalized and strategic plan for local, national, and international outreach.

The event will bring a deeper understanding of the biblical basis of global missions, a greater awareness of the world, and a challenge to greater involvement in outreach – locally, nationally, and internationally.

**Vision:** Regardless of your church's current degree of involvement in mission, this event will cast a greater vision for outreach that provides opportunities for every member to be personally involved.

Additionally, congregational leaders are engaged in applying proven principles that will enable the congregation to be a truly effective Great Commission church.

# Global Outreach Seminar Overview

The seminar addresses three major components that are involved in mobilizing the church for mission:

**Biblical Foundations:** The seminar teaches the biblical basis of global missions and God's passionate desire that all the nations would come to know, love and worship Him. Compelling teaching is presented on the biblical mandate that the Church – especially the local church – is the primary instrument to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to all the peoples of the world.

**Worldview:** The seminar helps your church identify with the world God loves. Mobilizing the body of Christ for mission requires a perspective on the world that includes a clear understanding of the nature and scope of the unfinished task and recognition of the local church's role in global outreach.

**Essential Strategies:** Practical implementation strategies are provided to mobilize your church for effective outreach in your community and around the world.

## Additional Resources

Although the Global Outreach Seminar is a catalyst to further empower your church for global impact, it is just the beginning of a longer process of greater missions mobilization for your church. Your presenter will offer an ongoing mentoring program as well as a variety of workshops to assist your church in becoming fully mobilized in mission.

**Mentoring:** An experienced missions mentor is available to help your church fully implement the concepts and strategies developed in the seminar. As a part of this partnership, you will receive hands-on guidance in incorporating a global vision into every area of your church's life.

**Workshops:** Weekend workshops are available that will develop in-depth understanding of essential strategies taught in the Global Outreach Seminar. After attending a workshop, each participant will be fully equipped to implement these strategies in their own church.

## Want to Learn More or Schedule?

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