

GLOBAL IMPACT

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES

Vince McCarty, Executive Director

Open Bible Missionaries Rejoice!

Mike Lumbard, Trinidad – I met Lawrence at the soup kitchen at the Open Bible Church in Tunapuna, Trinidad. He kept telling me about how each person needed prayer and even how I should pray for them.

When the others left, he finally said, “I need you to pray for me!” His toes and a foot were swollen with infection and he was in tremendous pain. He said that the doctors could do no more. As we prayed the Holy Spirit descended on him and he leaned back against the wall. (If the wall had not been there, he would have been on the ground.) I could see the peace of God had settled on him. When the prayer was over he said, “I have never felt that before!” I explained to him about what God was doing during prayer. He was amazed.

As he started to leave, he took two steps and his arms shot into the air and he yelled, “I am healed!”



Lawrence rejoices in the Lord's healing touch.



Young people gather in Hungary to worship and fellowship.

Mike Juntunen, Hungary – It was great in November to have a small part in the Open Bible Youth Conference held in Debrecen. Fifty-two young people from Debrecen, Nyiregyháza, Ibrány, and Tomor spent a Friday evening through Sunday morning together in Debrecen. They worshipped, talked, played, and ate together. Most of those from out of town slept in the church. The theme was “Gold in the Master’s Workshop.” I was privileged to be one of five speakers; I preached Sunday morning. Worship was led by youth from Debrecen. The kids all said they enjoyed the weekend and didn’t want it to end. The most exciting part was when 14 young people made a commitment to live for Christ!

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Adopt-a-Church Opportunities

Your Open Bible church has a unique opportunity to partner with one of our churches in Cuba or Ukraine. We encourage you to (1) pray regularly for the adopted church, pastor(s) and outreaches; and (2) sponsor the church with a monthly offering of \$30-\$50, which will help to repair the church building or pay rent, buy Bibles or simple church equipment, and bless the pastor and his family. Any correspondence with the church should flow through the International Ministries office.

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Nelson and Tirsa Gaitan, Nicaragua – Darling Espinoza and her husband, Yader Gaitan, have been waiting to start their family for ten years. She felt desperate while waiting on God's promise and spent a lot of money visiting several doctors. Then she and her husband decided to trust in God. Before we left last year for our itinerary, we prayed for them for that miracle baby. And what a delightful answer to prayer! While we were in the States they called us to tell us that after ten years, she was finally pregnant! The doctors were surprised.



New mother Darling cradles her precious gift from God, Hadassa.

When we returned to Nicaragua in July 2011, the baby was a month old. She is a beautiful little girl, named Hadassa Gaitan Espinoza. There is nothing impossible for God. Aleluya!

Mike and Cathy Brandt, Tijuana, Mexico – It had been seven years since we'd visited the Central Region churches; seven years since we've experienced a true autumn season, and what a beautiful one it was! We started in Rapid City, South Dakota, and by the time we finished we had also visited churches in Montana, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas. The churches and people were so generous and welcoming. A highlight of our travels was meeting Omar and Lorena in Muscatine, Iowa. They and their children came forward for prayer at the end of our service and gave their lives to the greatest missionary ever, Jesus. We were able to visit them when we went through the area again later. We had another time of good fellowship and were excited especially about the daughter's hunger for the things of the Lord.



Mike Brandt (left) rejoices with new Christians Omar and Lorena.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

January

- 3 Grace Obot
- 4 Nancy Wagler
- 5 Fayth McConnell
- 14 Tirsa Gaitan

February

- 24 Nancy Juntunen

March

- 19 Tammy Swailes