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Through the Lens of APC/TCC Missionaries

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Tony & Margaret Baker serve at Trinity Christian College in Hyderabad, India

Recently, we were in some of the remote villages ministering first at a youth rally and then a baptism service of 26 new believers, the last of which was the elderly village witch doctor, who is of course now retired from that profession!



Baptism of a former witch doctor

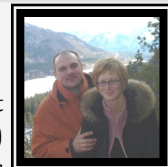
We then visited a village school that is run by volunteers to educate grade school aged children who would otherwise be denied an education, because they were either orphans or because their parents forced them to work.

The school is supported by our church planting pastors and we had the joy of handing out new uniforms that had been provided by the Pentecostal Assemblies of India pastors. ■

Alexey & Tonia are PAOC Missionaries in Siberia

Friends are so important in life, and I'm (Tonia) blessed beyond words to have the kind of friend here that 'gets' me. I first met Sveta a couple of years ago when we started English classes in the community, and lessons with her soon turned into coffee and long talks. We'd talk about life, faith, God, our dreams for the future. I was praying for God to reveal Himself to her, and over time she started asking questions! My dear friend is now family - a few months ago she gave her heart to Christ!! It's so exciting watching God work in Sveta's life, seeing her worship at church, praying together, having someone to share this journey with! I know God has big plans for her life, and will use her in ways she'd never imagine!

Praise God for the opportunity to go to schools and the orphanage to teach abstinence programs!



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We've been welcomed into and have connections with three schools, an orphanage and a college. Each time we talk about premarital sex, alcohol, or moral values. It's really opening their eyes and they start thinking about their choices. Some come to me afterwards and shake my hand, thanking us for the lesson.

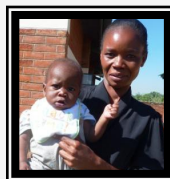
This past winter Alexey started a boys' club at the orphanage once a week for ages eleven to fourteen. We had great times talking about men's issues, character-building, etc. based on Bible characters.

We're looking forward to more opportunities to pour into their lives! ■

David & Connie Buzikievich are the Directors of Village of Hope Malawi

Chisomo is an 11 month old boy. When he was nine months old, his father murdered his mother. His father is now in prison. Chisomo was left in the care of his grandmother, who tried her best to care for Chisomo, but could not afford to adequately do so. She relied on a crisis nursery for assistance, and then realized that she could not care for him long term. In her desperation, she appealed to Television Malawi for assistance, who contacted Village of Hope (VOH). Our VOH staff worked with the Lilongwe Department of Social Welfare to give Chisomo a safe, loving home.

Now, Chisomo has nutritious food, medical care, a loving family, and will grow up knowing about the love of Jesus. As he matures, he will receive his education and have the opportunity to make a difference in Malawi. ■



A note from Hector & Ruth Aragon

Thank you APC for your generous giving through Missions Convention toward the building of a children's church in Guatemala City. There are few adults in this church but your giving made it possible to expand their influence in the community.



The church in Guatemala which APC helped to fund at MC 2010

SHORT TERM MISSIONS 2011

PRAY FOR OUR TEAMS ...

Cape Breton, NS - July 7-14

Pastor Carlos Castro & the high school missions team will be helping Pastor Dave Sawler reach out to the Glace Bay community by promoting the church's summer activities, hosting a parking lot party, and sharing the gospel in one-to-one evangelism.

El Salvador - July 7-15

Pastor Jan Mokund and a team of young adults will be doing humanitarian work and children's street ministry in San Salvador with Scott & Melissa Williams.

Czech Republic - September 9-22

Pastor Dale & Cathy Tollefson will lead a team of adults to the city of Pribor, Czech Republic. They will work with church planters, Ivan and Katya, to raise awareness and influence of the church in the community.

The Czech Republic team is still accepting applications. Please contact Pastor Dale for more information [dtollefson@apchurch.com or x.284]