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CHRISTIANS IN ACTION MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

LIBERIA FOR CHRIST

Written by: David Konold, Assistant to the President

Taking the Gospel message to a Muslim village in West Africa.

Missionaries Christian and Augusta Kallon's plan was simple. First, win the hearts of the people with the kindness and compassion of Christ. Then as they share the salvation message, the people will gladly receive the message because they've already seen Christ's love in action. And the plan worked.

Just four years ago the Kallons moved to Robertsport, Liberia. This needy town of 4 to 6 thousand people is located on the western end of the country near the border of Sierra Leone, the Kallons' home country. They now have a church building nearly completed which already houses their newly planted church, a small elementary school that is ideal for an occasional conferences or workshops.



The deadly Ebola disease almost caused ministry to come to an immediate stop, but carefully, Christian and Augusta continued to reach out to people with love, food and medicines. The country's economy went into a nose dive as foreign businessmen left and other businesses were forced to close. Food was difficult to find at an affordable price. So, the Kallons raised funds, purchased food and delivered it to people in need. They even delivered several large bags of rice to the

local mosque not knowing what kind of reception they would find. The Muslim Imam was very encouraged and the people were shocked that Christians would treat them with such kindness. On the spot, the Imam made a huge event out of the food delivery, making speeches and giving thanks to their Christian benefactors. Christians in Action saw the stress and trauma of the church members and the heavy workload on the pastor's and Sunday school teachers to counsel them. CinA conducted an all-day seminar for Sunday school teachers from churches in Robertsport, ten churches sent representatives. The impact and effect of this seminar on the churches and the community of believers has become an open door for the future seminars and workshops.

Upon arrival in Robertsport, the Kallons noticed so many unwed mothers whose needy children roamed the streets. This village is a stop-off for seasonal fishermen who bring their boats once a year, meet young women and leave them, pregnant and without resources to provide a proper upbringing for their children. Augusta was moved with compassion and began bringing some of the children into her home to feed and care for, but the need was too great. So they raised more funds to sponsor certain children to attend school and provide a small investment to moms to start a cottage industry in their homes. They did this by founding the Judy Zinser Memorial Foundation (JZMF) named in memory of one of their ministry donors in the US who passed on to glory.



Happy New Year



Stephanie Anderton
Administrator/Missions
Facilitator

Christians in Action welcomes their newest employee, Stephanie Anderton, Administrator/Missions Facilitator. Stephanie comes from 19 years at Northwest Church, with 9 years in Missions. She's traveled on 6 short-term missions trips; Africa, Indonesia, Haiti 2x, Cambodia, and Guatemala. She is married to Joe has 2 children, Parker 20 and Daley 17. She's excited to be a part of the Christians in Action team and looks forward to her new challenges in the future. Contact information: stephanie@cinami.org, office 370-4103.



Rauna Sarno
Financial Accounts
Manager

Meet the person behind the name, emails, and Month End processing. Rauna Sarno has been a part of Christians in Action since December 23rd, 2013, as our Financial Accounts Manager. This was a job provided by God for her and her family. She enjoys working for the CinA missionaries making a global impact for Jesus Christ. Rauna is married to Mike Sarno, her husband of 38 years. She has a daughter, Melissa, who also helps in the CinA office.



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Finally, in September 2015, the JZMF was able to open a school, kindergarten to 1st grade. Augusta makes a wonderful school principal because her education and experience was in teaching and school administration. They have 75 students and 5 teachers and helpers. Next year they hope to expand to 100 students and within a few years construct a school house on property right next to the church building. These development projects are funded through the JZMF to which gifts are matched at 100%. If you'd like to help—visit the CinA website at www.cinami.org.

As God continues to supply resources, their plan is to evangelize in two other towns, Sinje and Fallie. Christian is training up a disciple to take the Gospel message to these villages nearby. With a solid Christian message, great vision and the love of Christ, this ministry under the Kallons' oversight has great potential. We invite your prayers and your encouragement.

2015 CINA BIENNIAL WAS A JOYOUS TIME.



This past November was one to remember, 30 missionaries gathered for a week in Fresno for the 2015 CinA Biennial. The 3 day conference took place at the beautiful Piccadilly Inn. The week began with a chartered bus trip to one of the natural wonders of the world, Yosemite National Park. It was a cold winter day with some snow which made for a true winter wonderland experience. The missionaries enjoyed a nice relaxing day followed by dinner where the group shared stories and ideas with one another. Thank you ARK Church for helping make this day memorable. The 3 days of the conference

were an inspiring and learning experience with 3 keynotes from local pastors in the morning and 7 workshop presenters in the afternoon. Some of the workshops included "conflict resolution", "spiritual warfare", "strengths and gifts", and "social media and technology". One of the evenings was spent at president Donoho's home with a delicious catered dinner and a time of worship provided by David Toledo, missionary from Guatemala.

The week ended with a GALA Dinner where our missionaries had an opportunity to meet many of the CinA supporters.



It was a blessing to host each and every one of our missionaries during the Biennial-Banquet week, their feedback was nothing but thankfulness and praise.

ACTION BANQUET

November 12, 2015... The tables were decorated, the violinist was setting the mood and the room was buzzing with 200+ guests. The Christians in Action Gala Dinner was a huge success. The evening kicked off with a delicious meal followed with homemade desserts. We were blessed to have 35 missionaries in attendance, representing 10 countries. Missionary and recording artist in Guatemala, David Toledo, led the audience in song, and one of the many highlights of the evening, after Pastor JR Coleman interviewed some of our missionaries he asked the audience to surround all of our visiting missionaries, lay hands on them and offer up prayers for their ministries. It was a beautiful moment. Fun, laughter and fellowship, another evening honoring those who serve our Lord Jesus. Please "Save the date" September 15, 2016 for next year's... "FACES AROUND THE WORLD", dinner, you won't want to miss it!



THOUGHTS FROM OUR VISITING MISSIONARIES...

From Missionary David Toledo, Guatemala...

The speakers were exceptionally great and each one was an expert in the subject that they gave, many of them investing over 20 years or more in their ministries. I came back home refreshed and with new ideas and insights on vital matters. It was my first time to Yosemite, couldn't have been better! It was the niftiest mission's banquet I have ever been present at. The best time spent with the other missionaries was at Gordon's house for dinner, can't forget it!!

From Missionary Edwin Duenas, Philippines...

The words that came to mind "ENCOURAGED & REFRESHED!"

I was encouraged after speaking and spending time with other fellow servants in the field. I am encouraged of what the Lord has done and is doing. One particular missionary that encouraged me is David Toledo with his songs and his servant heart! Refreshed because of all the teachings, tools and of course food. The keynote speakers reinforced and strengthened my faith. The workshops were excellent and gave me tools to be more effective out in the field. I appreciate the Conflict Resolution & Strengths & Gifts workshops as I was able to immediately put them into practice as soon as I came back to the Philippines. And lastly, the opportunity to promote our ministries in the Philippines both in the local church and at the banquet was a great blessing!

From Missionaries Tom & Irene Hodges, United States...

My biggest highlight of conference was meeting again with Paul Chandran after 36 years! Paul was one of my missionary trainees when we were helping train missionaries at the European HQ in England in 1979! I especially enjoyed the fellowship dinner at Gordon's house. Another highlight was meeting Nick Guerra for the first time who turned out to be an ex-Marine like myself. Irene was also delighted to have fellowship with all the missionaries, and especially the Marquardts, special old time friends. We were both delighted to meet Rauna and visit the CinA office where she serves. She has doing a great job handling the financial responsibilities.

TRIBAL CHIEF GOT SAVED, SHARES LAND!

By Edwin Duenas, Field Director - Philippines



Edwin and Chief

After receiving Jesus Christ as his Lord & Savior, Chief Falizardo Tugnao (second from the left) shares his conversion with his family and tribesmen. Rey (wearing red shirt) a drunkard and known to be "the troublemaker" of the community is the chief's brother-in-law also received Jesus Christ in his heart and desires to become a pastor.

With the assistance of Pastor Ricky Dela Cruz (wearing green shirt & ball cap), these two men desire a church building for their community. Chief Faliz shared a portion of his tribal land to be used for a church building!

To God be all the glory for all the things He has done and will continue to do with the Batak tribe in Timbuan, Palawan, Philippines! This particular Batak tribe is one of the four CINAMI, Philippines ministries. This is also the newest tribe/community we have and the only one that does not have a church building. The Chief is leading the tribe by example by completing the Alternative Learning System (ALS) course which certified him to be "high school graduate" equivalent.

Christians in Action Missions International (CINAMI), Philippines is raising \$4,000 for the materials needed to construct a



Church Building

church building with Batak culture design. The building has to be culturally sensitive, meaning it should fit into their traditional dwellings. Elevated from the ground, mostly wood with the exception of the roof (see example picture). In addition to using the church building for worship service, the building will possibly be used to facilitate ALS programs directly into their community. This will help those 17 years old and up who have not finished high school to earn a certificate equivalent to high school diploma.

If you would like to donate online go to: www.cinami.org, click Donate, click Projects, and then click on: CINAMI Philippines, in the comment field add: Acct #785 – TCB (Timbuan Church Building)

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MARQUARDTS, RETIRE AFTER 44 YEARS OF SERVICE...

His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matthew 25:23



One evening in 1969 as they were listening to Christian radio, Jim and Miriam Marquardt heard about Action Night. This was a door-to-door witnessing program held on Tuesday evenings at CinA headquarters in North Long Beach near their home, so they decided to try it out. They had no idea how this would change their lives.

Not only did they learn to share Christ, they linked up with CinA Missionary Tony Heredia heading for Colombia and decided to help with his financial support. Continuing their involvement with CinA, they themselves sensed God calling them into missionary service. So after their own CinA missionary training and support raising, in 1972 they left for Guatemala for language training then headed for Colombia to work with Tony and Margaret in evangelism and church planting.



When asked on their missionary applications, "Explain your view what a missionary call is..." Jim answered, God has a need for a witness somewhere. He has a person for that job. It is revealed to the person thru some means that God wants him to go there, and Miriam's answer, it's a "command" from the Lord to work for Him full-time – not as a pastor of a church, but at large, starting churches, doing medical work, or performing other services. However, always with the purpose of bringing others to the Lord. The call is given through scripture, feelings and circumstances.

Now over a period of 43 years, the Marquardts have been missionaries serving in Colombia, Chile and for a while even heading up the missionary training program at the CinA US headquarters.

For the past 14 years they've taught at the Bible seminary in Medellin, influencing an entire generation of students for Christ in godly church and missionary ministry.

This past October the Cartagena CinA central Church celebrated its 40th anniversary since it was officially recognized by the Columbian government. Approximately 400 were in attendance to honor the families and former pastors. It was a special blessing for the old-timers and everyone present.



Marquardt's praying for Elders and missionaries

In January 2016 the Marquardts will officially retire from the mission field. This is not necessarily farewell, but well done and smooth sailing. Thank you Jim and Miriam for giving 44 years of dedication, fruitfulness, faithfulness and resolve in serving Christ as missionaries to South America.

END OF AN ERA: Christians in Action Sells Woodlake Property



1986 Christians in Action moved their headquarters to the small rural community of Woodlake. Located at the base of the foothills which provided for a beautiful backdrop. Approximately 60 acres became: home to hundreds of missionaries, a training center, and it created memories for many youth who spent summers at the Youth Camp. After nearly a decade on the 'for sale' market the property is ready to close escrow before the end of the year. We believe God had been holding back the sale, waiting for the perfect buyer. Crown Valley Youth Ranch will be moving in. This organization's greatest desire is to serve God by the demonstration through "living example" to those they work with. It is their greatest honor to serve children and families of all backgrounds with the same loving grace that has so freely been given to us. We wish Crown Valley many happy years out on the Woodlake property, and we praise God for His faithfulness.



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