

Stephen and Alisa Walton Kontaktmission

Did you know:

- Ireland has the lowest percentage of evangelical Christians in all English-speaking countries in the world? Only 30,000 (that's less than 1%) people in Ireland would even call themselves evangelical Christians.
- Ireland ranks in the top of the European lists in reference to teenage suicide, drinking alcohol and unwed mother rates. Cocaine and heroin use is rapidly on the rise amongst all socio-economic levels.
- Divorce (previously illegal until 1997) is a new difficulty for families, with a 70% increase over just four years.
- Ireland is young, growing and global. Forty percent of the population is under the age of twenty-five, and sixty percent is under age forty. Due to the now-defunct economic boom known as the "Celtic Tiger" many had experienced newfound wealth and jobs, which attracted others from the European Union and various nations. Construction, employment, and immigration rapidly changed Ireland in 15 years into a cosmopolitan nation.



There is a hunger in Ireland to know the grace of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ. God has called us to plant churches in Ireland that will spread that good news.

We, along with Kontaktmission have teamed up to reach out to this Post-modern community. Ireland has been put on the shelf when it comes to missions, but we have committed to reaching out to those forgotten.

Many Irish are fed up with the Catholic Church they know and the god they have associated with it. It is time the Irish find relationships with Jesus Christ, the One who frees us from sin and gives us hope for this life. The church in Ireland must no longer be a museum, but an active community that is reaching out to the lost.

- **want to get involved?**
- **feeling called to serve as a missionary?**
- **want to know more information about a specific missionary or missionary organization?**
- **want to become a missionary sponsor?**
- **feeling called to serve as a missionary team member?**

contact our missions team by phone or by visiting us online at forumchristian.org

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Quarterly Update

THE SENT

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Forum Christian
Church sent 32,832
bottles of water to
Joplin.

Thanks for your help!



TRAGEDY HIT JOPLIN...

and God's people responded. In June, the Senior High students spent a week in Joplin to help rebuild - in July another team will head down to help...will you join them?

Windward Islands School of Evangelism (WISE) was begun in 1979 in order to minister to the people of the Caribbean. Located in St. Vincent, about 200 miles north of Venezuela, WISE trains church leaders in the Bible to return to their countries to minister to their own people through church planting, preaching, teaching, shepherding and leadership within the church.

WISE now offers a one-year certificate in Ministry, and a three-year Bachelor's Degree in Theology/Christian Education. A new computer course was started this spring to help with the need of many students to be certified programmers, able to work on computers in order to help supply income when they return home. In addition to the on-campus program, WISE assists its graduates with

advanced classes, evangelistic efforts, counseling and encouragement through retreats, classes, evangelistic meetings and programs, and personal visits to their various countries.

Brice Wurdeman, whom we've supported at Sonlight in Haiti for four years, is the new Administrative Director of WISE, and will also be one of the instructors. Brice's wife, Amanda, will be helping in the financial area and day-to-day needs of the mission. They plan to move to St. Vincent in late December with their three children. Six from Forum were able to work alongside Brice and Amanda in Haiti last September, and witnessed their abilities as teachers and their love for God and the people of the Caribbean. Forum is happy to support them in this new role, and confident in the future of WISE.

Brice and Amanda Wurdeman WISE



Ways to partner with WISE

- Financial assistance for students
- Participating on Work Teams
- Contribution of notebooks and general supplies for WISE students
- Send adjunct teachers (three-week commitments)
- Pray for WISE, the Wurdemans, and the people of the Caribbean

Caleb and Jackie Sellers Pioneer Bible Translators

Caleb and Jackie Sellers are about to embark on the last leg of a journey that has been a decade in the making. Beginning with Caleb's decision early in college to prepare to be a Bible translator, continuing through a marriage that began halfway through school, taking them through Tennessee, Texas, France, and the birth of three children, their preparation is culminating in this month's move to Guinea, West Africa to bring God's word to the Kono people.

The Sellers have been fortunate to be able to spend the last few months stateside preparing for their move and visiting friends, relatives, and supporting churches. Their move to Africa will come on July 11. While their monthly support needs are currently being met, any new gifts or pledges will be put to good use as they meet the spiritual and physical needs of their family and those around them.

Please pray for the Sellers family as they begin this exciting new chapter in their lives. Pray for their safety in travel, their effectiveness in the translation process, their spiritual needs as a family, and for the Kono people to be ready and receptive.



Good News Productions

Thirty five years ago, Good News Productions, International was called into existence. GNPI has become a worldwide ministry in partnership with churches and individuals striving to achieve the purpose of accelerating global evangelism through media.

In order to accelerate the Gospel, GNPI has put into place project NOMaD. This acronym stands for "equipping Nationals for Outreach using Media and Discipleship." The original goal was to develop five teams in the next five years. The need and interest is so great that fifteen different groups have requested training and assistance. To succeed at equipping nationals with today's effective audio and video tools ministry partners are being challenged to financial support increases in staff, updating equipment and starting new NOMaD teams.

The original NOMaD team from Eldoret, Kenya is reaching one million youth per month as their Saturday morning Kids' program is broadcast on a local television station. They are also producing Swahili discipleship videos that were recently used among the Pokot people of Kenya. The videos drew hundreds and many have been taught and baptized, and several churches have been started. Forum is a ministry partner of GNPI. For more information on Good News Productions International, check under international missions on Forum's website.



A note from Susan:

Many have asked, and I am glad to say that the LATM staff is fine. None of us have lost our homes, which are located a few miles north of where the tornado went through. Doug and Carol Reed ran to the basement of the Blendville Christian Church as the storm approached and when they came upstairs again, the church building was gone.

Living in Joplin during this history making storm HAS affected all of us to some extent. Phone service, boil order, our Doctors' offices blown away. Many of us have been "in the field" working to recover anything we could at homes, offices or churches of friends. All of us have felt some of the "Traumatic Stress," which is the name for the feelings of "guilt, helplessness, why was I spared" that often affect survivors of catastrophes. But we are all fine. Primarily because of "Whose we are." We KNOW Who is in control. We KNOW Who is more powerful than the 200 mph winds that tore a 1/4 mile wide, 12 mile long piece of Joplin from us, taking more than 142 lives with it. But also because of the MANY calls, emails Facebook posts and written notes that we have received from you, our LATM family! You have encouraged us, prayed for us, even sent trucks and trailers of water and blankets and food to Joplin, along with workers who helped dig out the rubbish of our fellow Joplin friends anything they had worth saving. THAT is what the Family of God is all about. THANK YOU for all who have expressed their concern in one way or another.

THANK YOU and bless you for your help, encouragement and concern. We Praise God for each one of you. Keep up the good work!

*Because some have never heard,
Susan Casey*

Phil and Susan Casey

Literature and Teaching Ministries

LATM, a ministry dedicated to producing quality Christian materials in the heart languages of the people of the world. They have produced books and other Christian literature in many languages, by translating, formatting, and getting materials press-ready. They also help missionaries on foreign field to raise funds they need for the printing and other expenses for getting the materials into the hands of national workers and leaders throughout the world.

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DID YOU KNOW?

LATM has helped publish...
559 projects in
56 languages for a total of
1,338,400 books printed.

CIY Christ In Youth



CIY is still standing! The May 22nd tornado that ripped across Joplin spared CIY's headquarters. Some of the staff lost homes and cars but all were kept from harm through the tornado. Please pray for Joplin; the community and the ministry of CIY, that God brings healing to the broken and openness to the lost, If you'd like to donate you can do so here: <https://s2.ciy.com/donate/form/>