

ON THE ROAD...



Pursuing God’s call to encourage, exhort, and equip leaders and congregations
 A newsletter from Henry and Millie Buckwalter to family, friends, and prayer partners

NEWS FROM AROUND THE HFC NETWORK: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Disciples International Christian Church, Portland, ME – Pastor Lawum Kayamba in partnership with Harvest Fellowship of Churches, launched Portland Bible Training Institute (PBTI) on April 3. The purpose of PBTI is to enhance the spiritual understanding and leadership capabilities of pastors and church leaders in the city of Portland and beyond (Ephesians 4:11-16). The teaching materials are obtained from the *Bible Training Center for Pastors* (BTCF), Atlanta, GA.

PBTI consists of 10 courses for the pastoral track, and five courses for the leadership track. Both courses are offered in French and English. Each course requires approximately 52 hours of classroom training. Classes are held each Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. Twenty-six students are in attendance, which includes several Congolese pastors from various congregations in the Greater Portland, ME, area.

Picture below: Some of the students plus instructors Pastor Lawum Kayamba and Pastor Rick Francis.



[UPDATE] Gospel Light Missions International (GLMI), Bridgeport, CT and Haiti – Missionary Anita Charlestin, who resides in Bridgeport, CT, reports that the School of Ministry

that began last September with assistance from HFC continues to have a lot of support. There are approximately 200 students, including 30 pastors, from 40 congregations that meet monthly in three different locations to receive the training. Teachings are recorded here in the United States and sent to Haiti. All students receive extensive notes of the teachings. This enables the pastors to pass



on what they are learning to others in their sphere of ministry, thus reaching hundreds of people with this training.

Pictures: Above – Sister Anita Charlestin, President of GLMI and missionary to Haiti

Below – Students taking a break for mid-day lunch in Marmont

Below – Class at San Michel



After 30-40 minutes of teaching, students get into small groups and discuss questions given to them in their notes. These discussion times are under the supervision of local leaders. Some students walk more than two hours to attend the class and then

walk home. We praise the Lord for the strong interest in receiving this training.

The first year of training will end this June. Our GLMI mission team is prayerfully discerning how to continue into year two while also accommodating many new students who desire to participate in the training. Please pray God's ongoing protection, provision, and anointing over this ministry.

Building 103 Church, Canton, PA – Pastor Mike



Gaiotti recently reported that quite a number of members from their congregation participated in spiritual encounters over the past few

months. As people are revived spiritually, it brings new life to the congregation. It is a bit more than a year since Debi experienced a major heart attack. Praise the Lord for her recovery! They are grateful for everyone's prayers.

Willie and Rodi Longenecker, Morson, Ontario – Willie and Rodi, HFC Music Evangelists,

have not been able to travel very much during the Covid-19 lockdown. In fact, they still have significant



restrictions on what they can and cannot do. However, their vision for ministry has not ceased. They took this time to develop a YouTube channel to share their ministry online. Since December, they have posted 48 new songs, have 65 subscribers and over 6700 views to date from eight countries! Most of the beautiful photographs accompanying the songs were taken by Willie. Praise God for their vision to bless others in this way! **Below is the link to the YouTube channel.** Please check it out and pass the word along to others.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-3u3i8MDp4&list=PL4oIB5OlgHOFA2KugUGFGNXFqQQG7ihXf>

RECENT VISITS AND MINISTRY

- February 28 – ACTS Covenant Fellowship, Strasburg, PA
- March 14 – ACTS Covenant Fellowship, Lancaster, PA
- March 21 – Love Truth Chinese Mennonite Church, Philadelphia, PA
- March 28 – Good News Christian Church, Bronx, NY (Celebrated 11th anniversary)

PLEASE PRAY---

-For a couple of congregations that are still closed because of Covid. Please pray that they can soon open and for the revitalization of other congregations that have been affected by Covid restrictions.

-For the ongoing transition from our primary leadership of HFC to Pastor Joshua and Lauren Miller on October 1. We are so grateful for fresh vision God is putting on their hearts for HFC.

To HFC/ANF pastors, leaders, and members:

Words cannot express our gratitude for your faithful and sacrificial service over the past 14 months. We've heard your many challenges but have daily prayed that God would flood you with his grace to persevere. You have done that and we are very grateful! Be encouraged!

Another praise item is that offerings and support to HFC remained constant throughout 2020 and to the present. For that we are also very thankful!!

**MINISTRY ITINERARY
Coming Months**

May

- 22-23 – Visit and minister at Gospel Light Community Church, Bridgeport, CT
- 27 – Kingdom Life Network discerning and planning retreat

June

- 6 – Building 103 Church, Canton, PA
- 12 – Spiritual Enrichment and Fellowship Day for New England via Zoom
- 20 – ACTS Covenant Strasburg, PA
- 27 – Love Truth Chinese Mennonite Church, Philadelphia, PA

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