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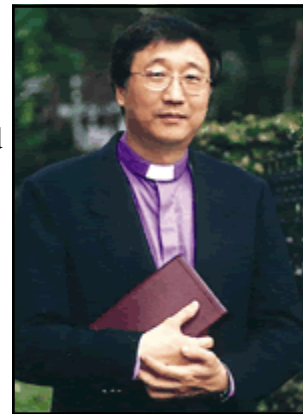


THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS, WORLD MISSIONS

# Where in the World Are We Going?

## A Visitor from Singapore

Singapore stands at the crossroads of religion, race, and culture and is headquarters of the Province of the Anglican Church in Southeast Asia. The Rt. Rev. Dr. John Chew Hiang Chea, the third Metropolitan Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in Southeast Asia and the bishop of Singapore, oversees a vast region encompassing Singapore, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Thailand, and Indonesia.



As a member of the Windsor Continuation Group, Dr. Chew was in West Texas recently and requested time to talk with us about world missions. *For many*, he said, *Christianity is the tool of Western Imperialists*; however, doors are opening in parts of Asia for an outreach of [pure] missionary effort.

There are Christian institutions in Southeast Asia, and missionary effort has been in Asia for at least 200 years, but it has not taken root in the ancient cultures. In essence, it has not deeply impacted the society or governments. There is an urgent need to equip and enhance national Christians to change systems.

According to Chew, developing countries in a globalized age present opportunities for Christians. For instance, if development comes without religion, ethics and morals are lost. The role of [Christianity] and its values must be made evident by sensitive, wise missions outreach and practice.

Dr. Chew quoted from the text in Jeremiah 29 which challenges, “Seek the welfare of the city to which I have carried you...” (vs. 7). He sees the need for a paradigm shift in the way mission is done—away from pushing personal or political agendas and toward blessing the nations.

Currently, there is a great need for teachers of English (ESL) who will see this as a ministry. Other opportunities for service were outlined by Dr. Chew. *Contact Betty Chumney (888-824-5387 or chumneyb@aol.com) for more information.*

### ***RUSSIA/BELARUS INFORMATION EXCHANGE***

***5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m., Jan. 22, 2009***

***Mission Room, Chapel House***

***Bishop Jones Center***

**If you're interested in this ministry, please join us.**

## News from Belarus by Olga Goncharenko, one of our DWTX associates

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We ask you to continue to pray for Springs of Revival (SOR) and for us personally as we continue to have pressure from the authorities: they have made a determination to shut us down. They have done everything possible to do it. We have had all sorts of checkups, starting from local tax police and ending with the General Prosecutor's office trying to find a way to shut us down. But nothing was found, so we are still on. So, a few weeks ago they went to the owner of the building we rent an office from (it's a private place) and talked to him for three hours trying to make him kick us out, and if we were to lose our address they were going to close us. Usually a 30 day period is given to find a new place, but they use a date that has passed (like a month ago) and shut you down immediately. The guy is tough and didn't do it their way. It helps at least for a while, but they may try to do something else. And we do not know what they will do next. It's really very serious and we need prayers. A lot of them, and especially for protection.

Also, we ask you to pray for our projects, and we are still looking for donations. Thank you, dear friends, and may you be specially blessed this season. We continue to put our trust in Jesus and let him rule our lives and SOR.

## 2008 Mission Facts

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**COUNTRIES** reached this past year by short-term missions teams: Belarus, Belize, China, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Uganda, Uruguay, Zambia.

**TEAMS:** 60

**PARTICIPANTS** on 2008 missions teams: 792

**COUNTRIES** reached this year by long-term missionaries: Honduras (1), Israel (3), Liberia (2), Mexico (2), Philippines (2), Uganda (4)

**LONG-TERM MISSIONARIES:** 14



## Mission: Southeast Mexico by Tony Price

This past week we went to see Hogar Infantil Orphanage where Bishop Benito Juarez and Mary Ann Garrett Ashby held a wonderful service for the kids at their nice little chapel after which the bishop blessed the memorials to Tom Whitley's late wife Jane and grandson Andrew. We all stayed for the annual Christmas party afterwards, which was most enjoyable. There are about 85 children at the orphanage now, boys and girls from 5 to 17, who obviously care for one another like a true family. The Mexican board of trustees—some of whom were at the party—includes many who were once boarders there, a very nice outcome. One such alumnus is now the *pro bono* dentist for the kids!

Things continue to happen in southeast Mexico at an exciting pace. Besides the much-valued relationships with West Texas, Chicago, and Arizona, there are several new projects going on such as water purification in conjunction with Rotary International (10 sites near Tuxtepec), and individual parishes.



## Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**HONDURAS** In a rural area where women in labor must board a bus and travel at least an hour, we are establishing a Birthing Center where they can get on-site help.

Teams with the Water Ministry have constructed 40 wells and taught water hygiene and English.

In partnership with Rotary, we have helped furnish a children's oncology clinic for young cancer patients.



**MEXICO** Just across the border in Piedras Negras where extreme poverty impacts the lives of about 80% of the population, DWTX participates in feeding programs, house building, and medical/dental services giving hope through ongoing partnerships and the ministry of *presence*.



**UGANDA** Youth teams visit AIDS orphans and impoverished children resurrecting the fun of childhood through games, crafts, and VBS. Over 1000 children in two locations were part of these programs. Hands of Hope teaches scores of women needlework skills to create much-needed income.

## Upcoming Mission Trips and Prayer List:

DUANE MILLER, missionary to Israel, was hit by a car in London. He continues to have PT in Israel and is limited in what he can do.

From GEORGE OLSON, missionary to the Philippines: “*Our Palawano* friends we live with are without the provision of abundant food and are still without the provision of abundant salvation through Christ. Please pray for the day we will be able to teach them about this incredible gift God has given them!”



The Olsons



The Millers

*The 5 most dangerous of all Christian vocations  
are bishops, evangelists, catechists,  
missionaries.  
Intl. Bull. of Missionary Research, 1/08*

Jan. 8-11. MEXICO, Piedras Negras. Bobby Hausser (St. Luke's, San Antonio) with 20 seminarians from Seminary of the Southwest.

Jan. 9-11. MEXICO, Piedras Negras. Sally Weismann & Sally Scurlock teaching ESL.

Jan. 15-22. HONDURAS. Manos de Dios. Henry Moore & Patricia Perea, Team Leaders. (Plane ticket \$780.00). Rev. Richard Aguilar, Gloria and Dwain Glass, Robert Grafe, Ceasareo Guadarrama, Tatiana Hoecker, Michael Jelf, James Kasterko, Beryl Kenney, Kevin Lee, Amanda Moore, Caitlin Pierce, Patricia Riggins, Emma Rosero-Nordalm, Raymond Thompsett.

Jan. 16-18. MEXICO, Santa Ana. Water Mission. Jeremy Cooper, Team Leader.

Jan. 16-19. MEXICO, Piedras Negras. Elizabeth Allen, Youth, and Confirmation Class (St. Luke's, San Antonio) with Bobby Hausser.

Jan. 19. BELARUS, Minsk; RUSSIA, St. Petersburg. Visiting orphans, transitional homes. Alice Ann Fischer, Pam Gouverne, Gregg Robertson (Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi).

Jan. 23-25. MEXICO, Santa Ana. Water Mission. Jeremy Cooper, Team Leader.

Jan. 29-Feb. 7. HONDURAS. Water Mission. Rev. Don Lee and Terry Hayes, Team Leaders.

January—Summer. MEXICO, Piedras Negras. Sean Koetting, TMI Eagle Scout Project.

Mar. 6-15. RUSSIA or BELARUS. Visit orphanages. Trent Timberlake, Team Leader.

May 16-22. HONDURAS. Veterinary Team. Dr. Bill Campaigne, Team Leader. Rodger Kleisch, Randy Lynn, Victor Mux.