

# World Harvest Outreach

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## Persecution Is Renewed In Russia And Republics

Renewed persecution in Russia and the former Soviet Union has created a sense of urgency among those who are laboring there. Let me quote from a recent newsletter sent to me by missionary friends. "Newly ratified anti-Christian legislation in Moscow, angry militia groups, a new outbreak of religious persecution, new government bans on open air meetings, the closure of schools for preaching the Gospel—these are clear signs that the night is falling on the former Soviet Union. As this is being written, there are Christian leaders that are being beaten and jailed on falsified charges, Christian meetings are being broken up, and threats as well as actual acts of violence, are being perpetrated against believers."

I recently received a letter from brother Paul in Armenia. He is one of the two workers we sponsored there. These men know what commitment and dedication is all about. The letter was heartbreaking, as Paul shared the renewed persecution in Armenia. Let me share some of his statements with you. "Now in Armenia hatred is developing against the church. The Armenian Apostolic church (this church is steeped in idolatry, it is the national church) does its best to hinder. It puts the government against us, and imprisons believers and sends them to the war. They don't allow us to use the halls for religious purposes. The only way out is to buy a building. It would cost from ten to fifteen thousand dollars." (When I was there last September, the average monthly wage was three dollars!)

This closing of the door in Russia was predicted by the church when the door first opened. In light of all this, can we say that we have done our best to evangelize these hungry people? Time is running out, we must hurry and do all we can. Brother B.H. Clendennen has returned to Russia to operate the original school in Moscow until the end of the year. This may be the last opportunity. I am in the process of making plans to return this summer. Please pray for all involved in the work there. Even if the door closes to us from the west, what has been put in place there (new churches, Bible schools, etc.) can not be closed out. If you've ever had a burden to go or help with the work there, please do something about it now, while the door remains open!!

**Guayaquil Ecuador Crusade, Success** 



Ministering in an outdoor service in the "Bronx" of Guayaquil. Here, drug addicts, thieves and alcoholics roamed the streets bound by the powers of darkness. Here, the light came!

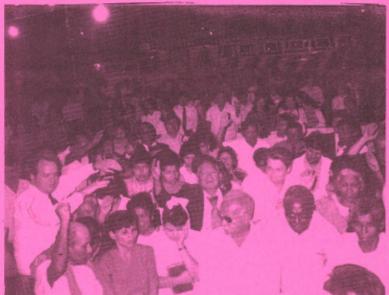
The Lord gave us some powerful meetings in Guayaquil, Ecuador in our May crusade. Guayaquil is located on the coast of this South American country. While not the capitol of the Republic, it is the largest city, with around 1,200,000 people. The Pentecostal Expressions (Danny, Wendy and Shanna) from Florida worked with me in the crusade. We were also assisted by David Rameriz and his wife, Fernanda.

Our services (except the street service on Saturday night) were held in a large church building. The cost for a convention building was a few thousand dollars a night. This was certainly out of our reach. Several hundred people attended the services nightly. There were numbers of sinners who accepted Christ in the meetings.



Ministering to the needs of sinner and saint alike. The hunger for God was so great! Tears flowed like a river!

The people filled the front nightly seeking God. I was told that healings took place. I know that lives were changed. In the South American churches the young and young adults outnumber the old. This is quite a contrast to the churches here in the states.



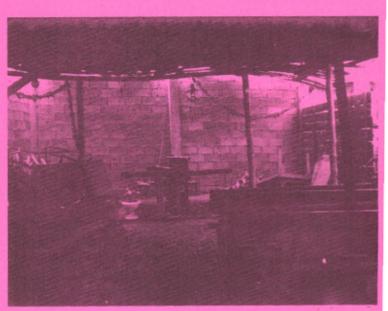
Praying for the people in an outdoor service in what I was told was the "Bronx" of Guayaquil. Thank God people were saved and delivered in this service. Demons were manifested and dealt with in Jesus' name.

During the day, we visited some of the churches and pastors in the city. Friend, I have been to some poor places in the world, but I don't think I have ever seen it any worse. In most places, it hasn't been as bad. The people live in such poverty. Some of the church buildings look worse than animal pens. Precious pastors who have labored for years in the heat and harsh conditions, are living in bamboo shacks. Water has to be carried in by trucks, on roads that are almost inaccessible. Most pastors do not own a vehicle or a bicycle! Many get around \$25 a month salary from their churches. They have to work secular jobs just to survive.

We plan to continue the work God has sent us to do a Ecuador. I hope to build a Missions Center there. This wingserve as an office for our South American ministries, as the School of Christ (yes we plan to put the same school as in Russia here) and living quarters while in Ecuador for our missionaries. This will cost around \$25,000. We need a construction team to go down and help with the block laying, etc. We plan to direct aid to many worthy projects there, as well as the Bible School already operating in Ouito.

### Want To Visit The Mission Field And Experience Missions First Hand? What About Taking Your Young People Or Other Church Groups?

I am planning to take groups to Ecuador for mission evangelism and humanitarian work. Pastor, youth leader, if you feel like this would be what your church or group wants to be a part of, then call me soon. We can handle groups of up to forty-five. Cost is low! Rewards are indescribable!



Project: Trinity Church—This photo and the one below show the terrible condition of this church in a poverty stricken area. It will take around \$2,000 to finish the walls and roof. The Pastor here, (with me below) is precious.





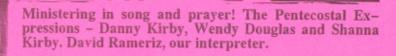
Here we stand in what was a church building. A fire destroyed this bamboo construction. The people must now worship in the hot sun. The day this picture was taken it was 105°. It will take \$1,500 to construct a new building. The picture below shows me standing with the pastor (and his wife) of this church. He gave up another larger church to take this one. His wife is pregnant and they must travel by bus for one hour to their church for services. She has already lost one baby, which died last November at eleven days old!

If you, or your church would be interested in sponsoring one of these or many other worthy projects, please contact me at the number on the back. You will receive pictures and if you wish you can make contact with those you help. You could even visit them and see for yourself what your giving has accomplished. PLEASE PRAY ABOUT IT!



I visited these children that are attending a church school. Their needs are great!







This picture of a shack next to the burned out church, this shows the poverty of the area. No wonder it is hard for them to come up with the \$1,500 to build the building!

#### Friends, We Desire Your Prayers

Please keep us in prayer on a daily basis. I cannot continue without them. Also, pray for the Missionaries around the world who labor for the Kingdom of God. The night is soon coming and no man will be able to work. If you have ever considered supporting missions in a greater way, then now is the time. There are needs all over the world. We hope to do something in China as soon as the door opens. We also have a Cuban attending the Bible School in Ecuador. I am told that he was the only one Castro has ever let out of Cuba to study the Bible. He is staying in our rented facility there. I believe he well be our door into Cuba. There are many opportunities, so little funds. Pray and give!

#### REVIVAL AND CRUSADE DATES

May 21-24 Pace Assembly of God Pace, FL

May 28-June 2 Church of God Mt. Dora, FL

June 11-15 Missions Conference Defuniak Springs, FL June 21-25 Full Gospel Assembly Rockport, Missouri

July 6-9 Campmeeting Living Waters Chino, CA

July 23-30 Bethel Holiness Jacksonville, FL

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