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We're Counting on YOU!

By Mark Sunbrook

Since days in Bible college, after sensing God calling me to preach His glorious salvation through Jesus Christ, I have been drawn to missions. I remember the song we sang at Mt. Carmel High School in the weekly missions service, entitled, "The Sobbing of a Thousand Million Souls," by Haldor Lillenas. Many have never heard of this song as it never hit the favorites charts, yet the words are gripping.

Later, the call to Haiti gripped my heart, and Linda and I were appointed to pioneer the work of the Church of God (Holiness) in Haiti in 1967. In the providence of God we have been privileged to visit other countries on the Master's business to represent Him and the Church. My interest in World Missions has never diminished through the years.

It is always with a sense of the need of His presence that we work with and for Him. Now more than ever we sense our need of the prayer support of God's people as we assume the responsibilities of Director of World Missions. It is with joy that I become a part of the great support team to those who give their all to reach some of the "thousand million souls" who need our Savior! You are part of this support team.

Some leave family, friends, and all the amenities of our country to be a representative for our Lord in distant lands and languages. Surely we will support them as they go and pray for them as they face the enemies of the gospel in the power of the Spirit. The time is short, the task is huge. With God all things are possible!



The Sobbing of a Thousand Million Souls
By Haldor Lillenas

*Have you heard the sobbing
of a thousand million souls,
Submerged in darkest heathen night?
Vainly groping for the way
that leads to hope and peace,
They plead and wait for gospel light.*

Chorus:

*A thousand million souls are dying,
A thousand million souls
for whom the Savior died.
Can you still deny their plea?
Can you longer idle be
While a thousand million souls are dying?*

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assume the responsibilities of Director of World Missions.*



The Doyles family: Christy, Lawrance II, Amaziah, Larry, and Jacob



Ashlee Englund, Administrative Assistant, welcomed a little helper, Elina Anne, on July 10.



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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

It was July, only about a month before the Doyles' hoped-for return date to Papua New Guinea. Their return had already been delayed once because they were still raising support; this time, they were closing in on the final goal but still remained short.

But God was looking on, aware of the needs and prompting His people to give generously. Checking a couple weeks' worth of mail to the office revealed just how He was providing: \$1000 here, \$3000 there, and a special offering from one church for \$4817. These (and others) in addition to contacts the Doyles continued to make helped them arrive at 100% funding!

On August 3, tickets were purchased, and on August 18, the Doyle family left Kansas City for Papua New Guinea.

We are very grateful to everyone who continues to give so generously. Please pray for the Doyles as they settle in to their new home and new responsibilities.

HOME OFFICE

The World Mission office has been seeing some changes this summer. On May 31, former Director Steve Elsey ended his service. In July, Administrative Assistant Ashlee Englund began six weeks of maternity leave. And on August 1, new Director Mark Surbrook assumed his role.

Board Chairman Joe Trussell assisted with leadership to fill the gap of a couple of weeks without office personnel, and we're grateful.

Thank you for your patience with some delayed communication during this time. Ashlee is back to full responsibilities with her new sidekick, baby Elina, and Director Mark has already begun traveling to represent World Missions. Thanks to all who faithfully pray for us in the home office.