

Then I heard the voice of the Lord
saying, "Whom shall I send? And who
will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I.
Send me!" Isaiah 6:8 NIV

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Missionary Retreat 2019

Almost 30 current and former missionaries representing 9 different fields with a combined total of some 382 years of ministry for the Church of God (Holiness)—what an excellent group of people came together for the 2019 Missionary Retreat. Including children, board members, and helpers, our total attendance reached almost 60 individuals.

We wish you could have been at Harmony Hill earlier this month to participate in this first event of its kind. You would have taken many walks down memory lane, heard stirring music, joined in prayer for the nations, and received exciting updates from current missionaries, both those present and those who joined by Skype.

The focus was “Celebrating the Journey,” and one highlight was presenting awards to all the missionaries present, tokens of our appreciation for their sacrificial service for the Master. We also paused to remember many workers from the past who paved the way on the field and now have gone ahead to their eternal reward.

Those present included:

Lois Ann (Query) Bunn (not pictured)—Eastern Caribbean

Paul, Lois & Jeanette Confer—Bolivia

Rod Davis—Board Member

Joe & Sherrel Dodson—Jamaica and Nigeria

Larry, Christy, Lawrance, Amaziah & Jacob Doyle—Papua New Guinea

Dennis & Shirley (Womack) Gordon—Eastern Caribbean

Jere & Ruth Ann Gowin—Cayman Islands and Ghana



*We were blessed by this wonderful group of current missionaries, former missionaries, former directors,
and current board members. The identities of one family are hidden for security reasons.*



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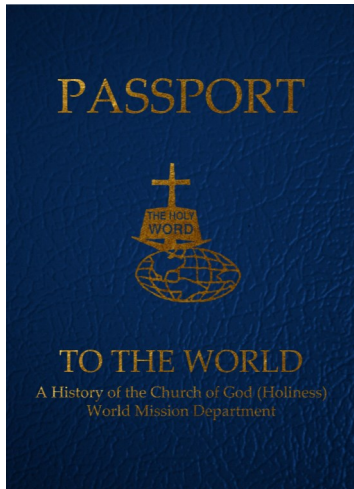
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Passport to the World

For the first time since the early 1970s, the World Mission Department has published a history entitled "Passport to the World."

The pictures and text take the reader back to some of our earliest missionaries, such as Amelia Bueker and Oather and Ruth Perkinson, and also describe some of our most recent ministries, including Ghana and Albania.

We are making these books available to you as our gift for a donation of any amount. If you would like to receive a book, please make mention of it along with your gift, and we will see that you receive one.

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Mervin & Judy Hershberger—Haiti

Ray, Sharon & Amber Mauck—Jamaica

Silas McGehee—Former Director

Dan & Jeannie Merkley—Board Member

Ken & Betty Peterson—Eastern Caribbean and Cayman Islands

Dwight & Dorothy Purtle—Board Member

Wayne & Mary Lou Sams—Jamaica and Cayman Islands

Wayne Sumpter & Richard Sumpter—Cayman Islands

Mark Surbrook—Haiti and Current Director

Ed Tatum—Cayman Islands

Bob & Cinda Thompson—Jamaica and Cayman Islands

Joe & Faith Trussell—Bolivia and Board Member

Ralph Wheeler—Former Director

David, Zenia, Joseph & Noah Woods—Cayman Islands

We are also grateful for the indispensable help of the following:

Colleen Taylor and Dustin Taylor, Cooks

Janice Witt and Maddie Taylor, Children's Activities

Dwight Purtle, Sound Technician

Larry Goodwin, Videographer

Crystal Billington, Photographer

One attendee responded with a note to Director Mark, saying, "Words fall way short for the heartfelt expression of gratitude to you and your incredible team in making this event one of a lifetime." Many others also seemed to appreciate the event. And, most importantly, the Lord crowned the sessions with His presence and blessing.

In all, it was a brief but wonderful time together. The laughter, testimonies, and worship were surely a small taste of heaven.

In fact, the fellowship together reminded us of the glue that binds all those who know the sense of a calling from God to leave behind family, home churches, and associations to go to another culture and people to spread the greatest news known to man and win souls to Christ. The ministry and influence of these missionaries will go on touching lives until Jesus returns.

We are praying that others will hear the call of God to "go into all the world and make disciples." Who will answer, "Here am I. Send me"?

