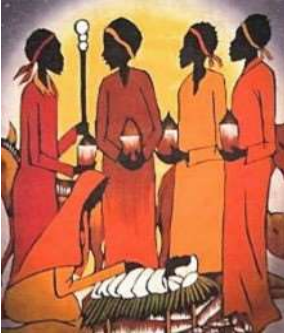


## BITS & BYTES FOR BAGLEY BACKERS

December 2020



### **"I bring you good news!"**

What an honor the band of angels was given to announce the good news to the world that the Savior had come!

As Global Partners missionaries, we too feel honored to be part of the effort to continue proclaiming the very same good news around the globe. And as you pray for and support the work of missions, you too have joined the chorus letting the world know the good news that is for all people.



Although Covid-19 has grabbed the headlines, great things have been happening in the church around the world this year. Here are a few pieces of "good news" that we are celebrating.

#### **1. Sierra Leone Launches Radio Station**

The Wesleyan Church began a radio ministry in Sierra Leone in 1974 which continued until 1998 when the radio station was destroyed in the civil war. The church has hoped since then to reestablish that work, but the barriers seemed insurmountable. However, this year in partnership with World Hope International work began to rebuild the station and in November once again was broadcasting.



#### **2. Uganda Holds Baptismal Service for 75 Candidates**

Over the past few weeks, Rev. Lucas Hamirie has been traveling across the country for District Conferences where many were baptized, babies dedicated, ministers commissioned, and new members received. For example, Rev. James Wakwabubi, District Overseer of Mbale District, Uganda, recently reported they celebrated "the water baptism of 75 members, dedication of 61 babies, commissioning of pastors for preaching points and reception of covenant members."

#### **3. Africa West Churches Help Evacuate Leader**

Recently the former leader of the work in Liberia and his family were threatened and he escaped an attempt on his life as part of political violence. Wesleyan leaders from surrounding countries joined forces and resources to help them escape to Sierra Leone where they are being housed at the Wesleyan headquarters in Makeni. The churches in West Africa formally organized as a unit at the beginning of the year so it is great to see them collaborating to deal with issues they are facing.

#### **4. Zambian Pastors and Spouses Hold Retreat**

This past month 100 ministry couples in Zambia met on the Pilgrim Wesleyan Bible College campus at Jembo for encouragement and training under the leadership of Bishop Alfred Kalembo. What a powerful army of dedicated servants of God who are proclaiming the good news in Zambia!

#### **5. WESCOL Receives Accreditation**

This month the Wesleyan College of Liberia was officially granted accreditation by the National Commission on Higher Education of Liberia with the authority to grant baccalaureate degrees with immediate effect. This is the culmination of many years of prayer and hard work by the President, Dr. James P. Toga, along with his faculty and staff. We congratulate them and give God glory and thanks!

#### **6. Guyana Holds Virtual District Conference**

The Wesleyan Church of Guyana held their District Conference last month — all online. Reports were given, business discussed and elections were held with around 85 people attending on their computers. Bob had the chance to bring a few words of greeting and encouragement at the beginning of the conference. Their vibrant missions vision was evident as they focused on the theme, "Seizing the Moment: Reaching Everyone Everywhere".

#### **7. Suriname to Hold 75th Anniversary Celebration**

On December 23 Wesleyans in Suriname will gather for a thanksgiving service to celebrate 75 years since the church began in their country. They are also celebrating the news that they will be receiving a sizable sum of money left to GP in a will designated for the Suriname Bible College. Bob is working with their leaders as they develop plans for the wise use of the funds to upgrade and improve their training facilities.

#### **8. The Facilitator Missionary Initiative is Launched**

Bob's new role with GP is to serve churches and missionaries in those places around the world where the church is established and growing in maturity. In those places missionaries serve as "facilitators", assisting and advising local people as they lead and do the work of the ministry. To help those missionaries grow in their role, Bob launched a continuing education initiative which provides weekly training and encouragement through, blogs, podcasts, online workshops, and more.

Thank you for standing together with us as we help proclaim the good news to all people that the Savior has come. May you experience the richness of God's presence this Christmas season and in the new year to come.



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