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The centre column has dates to assist you in praying daily for your missionaries and associated mission activities. If you would like to receive UPDATES regularly, simply email or phone the National Office (details above).

This Email Update is full of news of **CHANGES**, some **BIG** changes, some small.
They will all have an impact on the ministry of Mission Partners—and so we ask you to uphold this ministry in prayer

THANK YOU DAVID PILGRIM

It is with sadness that we are farewelling **Dr David Pilgrim** from the position of **Federal Convener of the Australian Presbyterian World Mission Committee**. David has served faithfully and wisely as convener of this committee for over eighteen years. **Praise** God for David's sterling service to world mission. **Pray** for him as he takes up 'normal retirement'; **pray** that David and Devona will know the Lord's refreshment.

We are planning a dinner to honour David and thank him for the work that he has done for world missions. To be on the invitation list, contact the National Office.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS:

Two teams are preparing for ministry in Vanuatu in July: A large Tradespartners Team will work **Tanna Island** and an even larger team from Miles PC, Qld, will work at **Talua Ministry Training Centre**. **Pray** for Len Newton and Gordon Gilmore leading the teams.

Betty Murray [Qld] travels to **Talua** in July to teach the students how to teach and write lessons and a curriculuma large task; later, she will travel to **Myanmar** to teach English to Thang Bwee's students. **Please PRAY**

Peter Lee [Qld] in currently in Vanuatu advising re the position of Bursar at Talua Ministry Training Centre.

Elissa McGregor [NSW] is heading to Talua Ministry Training Centre, Vanuatu, in June to teach computers top both students and lecturers.

STAMP Team [Vic] to Malawi and Zambia in July / August 2010 to assist our Partner Churches.

People often comment about Short Term Ministry—
"I would love to go, but I am too old/ have to work/ have children to look after/ have parents to look after
....so .. .what can I do?"easy answer ...

You can **PRAY** for those who do go
You can **FINANCIALLY SUPPORT** those who go.....
(Did you realize that all short termers pay their own way— fares, food, accommodation etc. This is often well over \$1000)

Position of National Director of Mission Partners:

Please **keep praying** for the Lord to provide His person for this strategic ministry, after September 2010. Bill and Jenny Lutton will continue in the position till the end of December, if needed, but are both eagerly looking for God's provision of a new Director.

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW CONVENER

Mr Alex Shaw, a Partner Agency missionary in dual membership with Mission Partners and Global Network Recordings Australia, has agreed to move into the position of **Federal Convener of the Australian Presbyterian World Mission Committee**.

Alex has been a member of the Federal Executive Committee of **Mission Partners** for some time, as well as being the Secretary of the NSW APWM Committee. **Pray** for Alex as he fulfils this important role—that the Lord will give him wisdom, patience and understanding.

Mission Partners IS RESTRUCTURING


At its Federal Executive meeting held yesterday, 20th May 2010, the Federal Executive Committee of the Australian Presbyterian World Mission made decisions concerning the restructure of **Mission Partners** operations.

One outcome is that Ron and Jean Lyons will be become Partner Church Missionaries with **Mission Partners**. To date Ron and Jean have been Associate Missionaries. This change falls into line with GAA regulations re ministry to Indigenous Australians. So from now on please forward all donations to the Lyonses' ministry directly to the National Office of **Mission Partners** (details above) and not to the Qld Presbyterian Church Office.

Another outcome of this restructuring is that **Mission Partners** has discontinued its current ministry to Muslims in Australia. Sadly as a consequence, we have had to thank and release Rev Fayek Iskander from his role with **Mission Partners**.

We thank you very much for your support of this ministry over the years, without which **Mission Partners** would not have been able to exercise this ministry for as long as it did. Should you wish to continue supporting some other ministry of **Mission Partners** the National Office will be happy to assist you to make arrangements to do so.

Another aspect of the restructure is that the position of **Associate Director** has been discontinued. With Phil Simmonds' departure last year, the position of Associate Director was advertised twice, unsuccessfully. At that stage early restructuring steps began. The search panel reviewed the National Office's mid to long term needs. Consequently the Committee decided to discontinue the office of Associate Director and pursue salaried part-time appointments of Office Manager and Finance Manager. These appointments have since been made.

<p style="text-align: center;">CHANGES TO YOUR RECORDS:</p> <p>Richie and Bernie AXON (Moruya PC, NSW) with MAF to PNG, have a new email address: CONTACT: rbe.axon@gmail.com</p> <p>Rick and Kayleen MANTON (Clarinda PC, Vic) with <i>Mission Partners</i> in western Sydney have a new phone number: 02 8678 4197</p> <p>Michael GRAHAM (South Yarra PC, Vic) <i>Mission Partners</i> Assoc working with New Age people. CONTACT: michaelgraham99@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>For those who live in Sydney:</p> <p>A public lecture by Mike Goheen on Tuesday 25th May 2.00—3.15 Presbyterian Theological Centre (77 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood). \$10.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For the Sake of the World: A Missional Ecclesiology</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Returning Home Soon:</p> <p>Sandy (Epping PC, NSW) in Asia. Pray for Sandy as she goes through the hard transition of leaving her fostered children Katie and Isaiah. Pray that those who plan to adopt these children will form strong bonds with them very quickly.</p> <p>Nerida and Yass SHIMIZU plan to be back in Australia in early June for twelve months Home Assignment .</p> <p>Sarah and Ashley MANLY (Croyden Hills PC, Vic) with MECO in the Middle East return to Australia in July 2010. CONTACT: samanly@virtualnet.net.au</p> <p>Lazlo and Eva MIHALYI (Donvale PC, Vic) in Australia with Pioneers will be home in Nov 2010. CONTACT: mihalyilaszlo@hotmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p>Jason and Renee BUDDEN (Dalby PC, Qld) with WEC working in drug rehabilitation ministry. Plans are in place for Jason and a team to go to India on 1st October, to build an Orphanage for children directly affected by having drug affected parents. Currently there are 70 children living in a very small building and sleeping on the tables and floors. ...the team is ready to go and now are seeking finances to cover the building costs. The cost is roughly \$900 per child and this will provide a child with a safe, warm bed, and pay for part of the building costs. If you are interested in being part of this project. CONTACT: Jason: jasnea@hotmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Missionaries returning to the field:</p> <p>Paul and Carol LUKINS and family (Condobolin PC, NSW) serving with SIM in Ethiopia, plan to return to the field in June 2010. CONTACT: paul.lukins@sim.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BREAKING NEWS: ISAAC Yat is engaged</p> <p><i>“Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ the one we trust. I’m happy to write to you in every occasion to express my affection and my fiancée to you. Last Sunday May 9th 2010 I got engage to lovely girl call Nyariek David Koak in Malakal .She schooling in Kampala Uganda but now she in Malakal please continue praying for us to marriage in God time.”</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A NEW MEMBER TO THE MISSION FAMILY</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Rejoice with Warwick and Natalie Short on the safe arrival of Japeth Henry Short, on 26th April. Weight 3.4kg. Japeth is a new brother for Hudson and Sahara.</p> <p>Pray for the family, as they establish new routines; and also as they now begin their application process for full time ministry with SIM in Niger.</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<p>Isaac (Clayton PC, Vic) is a Partner Church missionary of <i>Mission Partners</i>, serving in Sudan. Pray for Isaac and Nyariek as they plan their future life together. CONTACT: Yat.mission@gmail.com</p> <p>There will be a photo in the next Mini Mag ED.</p>
<p>Praise God that Rev Kalsakau Urtulo (Clerk Presbyterian Church Vanuatu) is out of hospital and recovering at home. He plans to be back at work early June.</p> <p>Pray for Don Lewis following the death of his brother Trevor [17 May]. Don is improving well after his knee surgery and will be accompanying the team from Miles PC to Talua Ministry Training Centre in July.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Missionaries on Home Assignment:</p> <p>Daniel and Tammy PRIEST (Westlakes PC, NSW) With Pioneers in PNG are home till the end of June 2010, when they return to Rumginae probably until the end of 2011. CONTACT: nofat@mailshare.net</p> <p>John and Lynette ELLIS, (Clarinda PC, Vic) <i>Mission Partners</i> Associates in India, are home for 2 months. CONTACT: johncliffordellis@hotmail.com</p>
<p>OPPORTUNITIES: In the Middle East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers of TESOL for a minimum of 1 semester —fares and living costs needed (accommodation provided). Qualified Motor mechanics, Electricians, etc to teach Trades Skills— a long term commitment is preferable for these positions as 18 months language school would be an initial requirement. <p>CONTACT: Len Pearce lendy@generalmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p>Warwick and Natalie SHORT (Bundaroo PC, Vic) with SIM in Niger. CONTACT: wnhs.lifeisshort@gmail.com</p> <p>Graham and Sue HAMMOND (Croydon Hills PC, Vic) with WBT/ SIL. CONTACT: graham-sue_hammond@sil.org</p> <p>Paul and Anthea PEARCE (South Yarra PC, Vic) with Pioneers in the Middle East are home for Paul to have surgery on his hand. CONTACT: pantheal@generalmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A gentle reminder from our treasurer: There are some charges that have not paid the requested \$20.00 for the Mission Partners Directory 2009... We would appreciate it if you could pay asap. Many thanks in anticipation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p>Len and Wendy PEARCE (Reservoir PC, Vic) <i>Mission Partners</i> Associates, working in the Middle East, are home for all 2010 on sabbatical leave. CONTACT: lendy@generalmail.com</p>