



Reaching and Serving the Persecuted Church **IN TOUCH MONTHLY**

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“You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep.” John 4:11 Like the Samaritan woman at Sychar’s well, we often underestimate Jesus Christ. We look at the problems facing us today both personal, national and international and erroneously conclude, “This is too much for the Lord.” Bring your doubts to Him; confess them, “Lord, I have not believed in Your almighty power apart from my own finite understanding of it.” Be honest with the Lord and see what He will do.

New Life in Eastern Europe

Last month ten nations in the former Communist bloc of Eastern Europe joined the European Union, bringing the total to 25 States now. Many are members of NATO. This presents new challenges and expanded opportunities to spread the Gospel. ITMI’s **Bill Bathman** was in Europe for ministry on that momentous occasion and sends us his observation (p.3).

POLAND

Tucker and Meredith Boone



Boone Family

are our new missionaries to Poland – target time for departure is the

first week in September, so they have a lot to do in the next three months. They have been in diligent deputation since their approval by the ITMI Board in March. They will be working with ITMI’s **Richard and Brooke Nungesser** in Poznan. Tucker plans to spend two weeks this month in Poland on a short-term ministry trip with *Joni & Friends*. While there he hopes to scout out housing possibilities in Poznan.

Some snags have arisen in the process of purchasing property for the New Life Center. It is a bureaucratic delay involving a “master plan” for the building. Maybe you’d like to have a quiet word with the Master concerning His plan for this evangelistic and soul-winning venture. God has given this vision to the Nungessers and we believe He will overcome all the obstacles.



Tomek

Remember **Tomek**, the Polish volunteer for Nungesser’s Bread of Life ministry? He has officially joined the BoL staff now. His modest salary of \$250 per month will be covered by some surplus funds which remained after purchase of a vehicle for BoL. There

Wedding Bells in Tempe

.....You never know what will happen when the Lord Jesus Christ is invited to a wedding. In the Gospel of John, chapter 2, Jesus used the joyful occasion of a Galilean marriage to perform His first public miracle – the turning of water into wine.

Across the ages, since that New Testament nuptial ceremony in the 1st Century, Christian men and women have recognized that, “*Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it.*” Two such dedicated young people are **David Blanchard** and **Kristi Messick**. They have put Christ in the center of their lives and their relationship has grown and matured. It has been an inspiration to watch this process develop over the last year. Now it is time to share in their joy as two become one.

Kristi has been an integral part of ITMI’s administrative staff for this entire Century! She has travelled

widely during that time in Asia, Africa and Europe. Now, together with David, she will be travelling into new territory along (for them) uncharted paths. Your prayers for the Blanchards will be a great encouragement.

The wedding ceremony is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday June 11, in Tempe, Arizona. Please mark the date and time on your calendar and plan to pray. Let’s give this precious pair a positive send off.



Kristi and David

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is enough money remaining to cover his salary for a year!

Coralanne Nungesser is back



Coralanne Nungesser

in Poland again this year with ITMI for the entire summer. She had so much joy serving Christ last year in this needy land. Her ministry was very effective with youth and street girls. She joins her brother and sister-in-law; together they make up a

triple dynamic team. Must run in the family!

By now ITMI’s latest appointees **Bob and Sue Taber** are getting settled in to the work God has called them to in Poznan. They left last month with a 5-year commitment. Tabers have been friends of Piotr Zaremba for many years and have served short term in Poland on more than one occasion. They’ve received good training at home in California from the Worldwide Perspectives course and plan to serve in various ministries. Bob’s carpentry



Bob and Sue Taber



Ron and Jane Dissly

skills will be a great asset in the renovations of Bread of Life’s NLC. The Lord will also use them to mentor members at the International Church.

Ron Dissly, ITMI’s Financial Officer, and his wife **Jane** leave for Poland this month and will spend the summer in a variety of ministries under the direction of Piotr Zaremba.

In February this year we introduced **Mateusz Ostrowski**. His

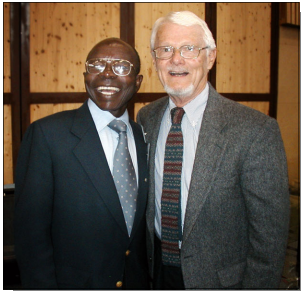
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Dear Team,

Last month's trip to Europe was short, interesting and fruitful. I was invited to be one of the speakers at the European KwaSizabantu Minister's Conference in Kaltbrunn, near Zurich, Switzerland. This was my principal reason for going. There were approximately 350 delegates from all over Europe – East and West – plus Canada, USA, Australia and Africa in attendance. ITMI's European Director **Piotr Zaremba** was also one of the speakers and brought his son Timothy with him. It was great to see them again.

My host family in Switzerland quickly captured my heart. Othmar Voser and his wife, Maja, and two daughters, Dorothee and Stephanie made me feel "at home" immediately.

There were several unexpected opportunities for ministry. On my first Sunday in Europe I preached at the Swiss KSB base in Kaltbrunn. My interpreter was Jurg Laderach (the chocolate maker), who had just flown back the day before from Japan. On the second weekend I was invited to preach at the KSB center in Lindach, Germany, about a 4-hour drive north of the Swiss base. My dear friend Christoph Morger arranged for me to have a car. The drive was spectacular. Europe is beautiful in the spring; fruit trees are in full bloom, flowers are bringing colorful joy everywhere after the drabness of winter and farmers are preparing their fields for sowing. Rev. Erlo Stegen and his daughter Elizabeth were at the Lindach base. It was a privilege to have some quality, one-on-one fellowship.



ITMI organized a \$1,100 grant for a Zambian pastor/evangelist Bishop Bwanali Phiri to attend the Conference. It was a life-changing experience for him; his first sight of snow, making new friends in Europe and generally blessing folks with his radiant smile.

The EU incorporated 10 former Communist states on May 1st. There were lots of celebrations. I was amazed at the growth of Islam, which is subverting Western culture in Europe. Europeans are aborting their children and experiencing negative population growth, while Muslims are

Bishop Phiri and Bill rapidly multiplying and becoming a strong political force.

An important highlight of my trip was a quick 4-day visit with our family in Austria. There I got acquainted with our first great-grandson, Johannes Gaderer – six months old and already built like a football player! His mother, Lenora, is our daughter Deborah's second child. The picture shows all four generations.



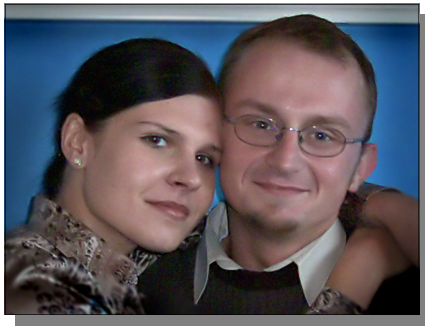
Four generations

You've been wonderful to help our South African exchange student, **Alicia van Huyssteen** with her room and board at Moody. She now needs funds for next year.

Yours in His grip,

Bill Bathman

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Mateusz and Magdalena

ond blessing (it's on our website: www.intouchmission.org). Mateusz and his wife Magdalena have been vetted and approved by the ITMI Board of Directors to work with the Nungessers in their Bread of Life ministry. If you'd like to have a part in this young couple's vital, soul-winning life-changing work please designate your tax-deductible gift to ITMI for "M.O."

Kristi Messick, Administrator

remarkable journey from carnal drug addiction to Christian discipleship activity was outlined in Brooke's article: "Walk a Mile in My Shoes." Read it again for a sec-

Through an inquiry off of our website, ITMI has put a young lady from New York in contact with Dr.

ROMANIA

Adrian and Ema Ban in Oradea. She is prayerfully considering a short-term mission trip this summer. Stay tuned.

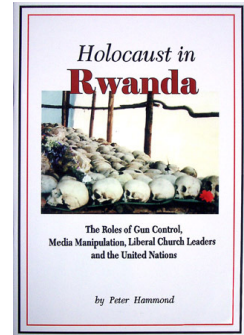


Ban's Young Married growth group

Holocaust in Rwanda - The roles of Gun Control, Media Manipulation, Liberal Church Leaders and the United Nations

On 6th April 1994, one of the most dreadful campaigns of mass murder was unleashed upon the Tutsi people of Rwanda. In just 100 days, more people had been slaughtered with machetes and clubs than had died from atomic weapons in all of history. The horrific massacres in homes, hospitals, churches and on the streets, are documented with shocking photographs in Holocaust in Rwanda.

Missionary, Peter Hammond, also examines the disgraceful involvement of liberal church leaders, gun control, media manipulation, the French and US governments and the United Nations in the crisis.



by Peter Hammond

For Praise . . .

Authorized to Accept  

1. Charl van Wyk's US itinerary a blessing, with new interest in his African ministry.
2. Bishop Bwanali Phiri's good reception at the Pastor's Conference in Switzerland.
3. Renewed fellowship with Piotr Zaremba and new friends made for ITMI in Europe.
4. Capable leadership for continuation of Harriett's prayer group while we're in USA.

For Prayer . . .

1. New missionaries to Poland: Tabers, Boones, Coralanne, Ron & Jane and Mateusz.
2. Old missionaries (Bill & Harriett) working in the US this summer.
3. ITMI's Administrator Kristi and her new husband, David, in their journey together.
4. Financial difficulties in Africa due to devaluation of US dollar against the Rand.



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