Global Connections is back—online, at least.

A year ago we learned that the TRIPS office was going digital and no longer would send out print mailings. What to do? Good ideas that ended in false starts and dead ends have resulted in no newsletter for almost a year. Thanks to all of you who have continued to prod us by asking, “What happened to the Global Connections?” We still want to find a delivery system that will work both for those who are blessed with bandwidth and for those who are internet deprived. Meanwhile, we will publish online and hope that most of you will be able to download such a picture-rich document.

Dear Friends,

For some time now, I have devotionally “camped out” in Luke 8. The chapter begins with stories of mission—the women who support Jesus’ ministry, the parable of the sower and the harvest, the parable of the lamp, and the story of the family ties that result from Jesus’ mission. Then Luke tells four miracle stories that happened, one right after the other—the storm Jesus calms with a word, the healing of a demoniac that eliminates a herd of pigs, the woman cured by a touch of Jesus’ robe, and the daughter raised from the dead. Many insights and lessons can be gleaned from these stories.

What struck me yesterday, however, is the response Luke records to each of the miracle stories. After Jesus calmed the wind and the water, Luke tells us that the disciples “were afraid” (vs. 25). After the demoniac was healed, the Gerasenes “were seized with great fear” (vs. 37). When Jesus asked, who in the crowd had touched him, the healed woman “came trembling” (vs. 47). When the father hears of his daughter’s death, Jesus tells him, “Do not fear” (vs. 50). Fear seems to be a normal response when God’s power is being demonstrated.

How often have I responded to God’s work in my life with fear? When problems pile up like raging waves or my expectations are not met or my anonymity stripped away or loss threatens to overwhelm me, I am afraid. The stories in Luke 8 suggest I am not alone in my response. Yet in each story, Jesus is there restoring life, health, mental stability, and calm. In one chapter Luke has combined mission and miracle, fear and peace. If your life, like mine, seems fearfully stormy, hear Jesus saying, “Do not fear. Only believe…” (vs. 50). Because, along with mission, come miracles and in the midst of fear, Jesus brings peace.

INSIDE... We had another busy year! The IWM team were sad to see Lester Merklin leave, excited to have Cheryl Doss take on the role of Director, and now happy to welcome Rick McEdward as a new member of our team! Along with these changes our schedule hasn’t slowed down.

It was wonderful to see familiar faces at the GC Session in Atlanta! We enjoyed visiting, catching up, and getting reacquainted with all of you at the Adventist Mission booth and the different gatherings!

The Welcome Home and Hello America groups were a delight! We also had wonderful groups of missionaries that attended our Thailand, Andrews, and Avondale Institutes!

Rick has put together a list of leadership resources that will be helpful in the field. MKs don’t miss your feature about fruit of the spirit!

Cheryl Doss

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Welcome Home & Hello America —June 2010

Re-entry participants in alphabetical order: Lydia & Newton Andrews; Yvonne & Leonel Santos; Cathy, Marc, Rebecca & Chelcie Coleman; Dio, Silvia, Giuliana & Guido Cruz; Jose & Rebecca Dial; Kyran, Irvu & Karissa John; Kay Larson; William & Julie McGhee; Valerie & Gabriel Monnier; Gabriela Moskalova; Kristina, Darrel & Harmony Muehlhauser; Michael, Narissa & Oceana Munsey; Brooks & Susan Payne; Marty, Gabriela, Florence & Martin Phillips; Dwight & Donna Rose; James & Mala Trott; Ron & Dorothy Watts; John, Heidi, Daven, Aubree & Kilee Wilson; John & Ivette Youngberg.

Avondale Institute —January 2011

Avondale participants in alphabetical order: Lindsay, Sue, Lindsey & Mitchell Birch; Wayne, Carol, Jacob & Brady Boehm; Brent & Angela Burdick; Gladston, Evelyn, Michaela & Kevin dos Reis; Egil Graf & Silvia Belvedere; Cecile & Deon Hoods; Brayden, Wilaikanya & Aden Howie; Thore, Siri & Robin Karlsson; Roy, Nida & Johan Karuyan; Francois, Monique, Michael, Dean, Shanae & Caleigh Keet; Vladimir Krupskyi & Lila Krupska; Eugene, Windelfe, Oakley & Olley Llamis; Branislav, Marica & Emmanuel Mirlov; Bev & Anne Norman; Sang Eun, Po Young, Esther & Andrew Oh; Ken & Ivanette Osborn; Pia, Eivind, Frida & Filip Reierison; Leigh & Barbara Rice.
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**You Know You’re an MK When...**

“You have a built-in ability to create what you need from what you already have.”

From “You Know You’re an MK When” by Andy & Deborah Kerr, 1997.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. All of these fruits are good to have and the Spirit wants to give them to us. God wants us to try to be good and have the fruit of the spirit in us. We can try to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control but the Spirit will give us the kind of gifts he wants us to have. It's hard to do it on our own, we need the Spirit to help us with each of these things. Just remember that with all these gifts we need help from God to be able to use the gifts properly. We need to remember that God made us and he is perfect. If you want the fruit of the spirit first you need to ask God to live in you, and then the more you get to know him the more fruit or gifts he will help you have.

*Unscramble the letters to find the words that are connected to the fruit of the spirit lesson. Each word uses the letters from the title “Fruit of the Spirit Anagram”.

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We welcome Pastor Rick McEdward, the newest member of the IWM team to the campus of Andrews University. Rick McEdward has been appointed as the new Associate Director of the Institute of World Mission. Rick and his family join us from Texas Conference where they have been church planting following their time as career missionaries.

When he was in 7th grade Rick's parents decided to move overseas, "We are moving to Saudi Arabia," his parents announced one day. Rick was not at all interested and told his parents, "I am staying right here," at their home in Burlington, Washington. Rick was eleven years old, and had no intention of saying good bye to his friends, family, pets, and all that America had to offer. Eventually the family departed for Saudi Arabia, Rick included.

Riding a run-down motorcycle on the beach of the Red Sea was one of Rick's favorite pastimes but he also learned conversational Arabic, and enjoyed the cultural flavors and festivities of Middle-Eastern culture. "My life has never been the same, from that point I was wired for mission!" Though his parents were not missionaries, the three years spent abroad as a youth, were instrumental in helping the McEdward family make the decision, years later, to become missionaries to the beautiful country of Sri Lanka.

Rick graduated from Walla Walla College (now University), meeting Marcia Campbell along the way. Both Rick and Marcia served overseas for one year. Rick was a teacher in Palau as a Student Missionary and Marcia taught nursing at Karachi Adventist Hospital as an AVS volunteer. Rick and Marcia were married in September of 1990. After getting married, Rick and Marcia attended Andrews University while Rick was studying for his MDiv. During that time Rick and Marcia were part of the team that coordinated G0 91, a young adult mission conference, and were influenced by it to serve God as missionaries. After Andrews University, Rick was a pastor and church planter in Washington Conference for several years. Rick and Marcia have two children, Julia (14) and Joshua (13).

In 2001 the McEdward family moved to Sri Lanka where Rick was the Global Mission director for the Sri Lanka Mission. While Marcia homeschooled the children and built valuable friendships in the village, Rick trained church planters to work in the predominately Buddhist and Hindu areas of Sri Lanka. The McEdward family was in Sri Lanka during the 2004 Tsunami and worked for both the church and ADRA during the disaster response. In 2005 Rick was appointed director of Adventist Mission (Global Mission, Urban Mission, Buddhist Ministry, Adventist Muslim Relations) for the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.

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headed in the Philippines. Marcia worked in the community doing health education projects, while Rick traveled throughout the division coordinating work among the unreached people groups of SE Asia. Rick and Marcia returned to the United States in 2009. Rick is currently working on a Doctorate of Missiology at Fuller Theological Seminary in the area of Contextual Missiology.

Training and mentoring have been part of Rick’s pastoral ministry, but the main passion that burns in Rick and Marcia is a passion for sharing God’s love and preparing people for the Second Coming of Christ. For Rick this means sharing the gospel in ways that are practical and culturally relevant, removing common barriers to those hearing the gospel. “The good news should be a whole life experience, one where people can see good news come alive in the practical and ordinary details of life, not just in what is preached.” On behalf of the IWM team and scores of the church’s missionaries, we extend a warm welcome to Rick and his family!

Wagner Kuhn serves as an associate director for the Institute of World Mission located in the Seminary at Andrews University.

Prayer of a Missionary

Use me as a paintbrush
To make a stroke
On a colorful picture
Of this world.

Help me to let others have a chance
To be of service just like me,
Moved with your creative hand.
Give me peace in my heart
To calm storms
That rock my boat.
Help me cry and pray
Instead of solving every pain.
Help me to listen,
And listen again
To what others think and know,
Your Spirit to unite me
With their speed and flow.

By Marica Mirilov