

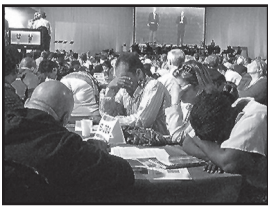
# ACTION Newsletter

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## Cape Town 2010

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Lusanne Conference



Daren Beck & Doug  
Nichols at the Lusanne  
Conference

The Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism was held October 17-25, 2010, in Cape Town, South Africa, attended by nearly 4500 participants from 190 countries. This writer (serving in Cambodia from ACTION USA) attended along with three other ACTION missionaries: Harry Bryans (serving in Belgium from ACTION UK), Susan John (serving in India from ACTION Canada), and Doug Nichols (Founder & International Director emeritus).

The purpose of the conference was to gather people from around the world to encourage them, hold dialogue, and affirm a biblical foundation for seeing the Great Commission accomplished. The first such Congress, held in 1974 in Lausanne, Switzerland, produced the Lausanne Covenant which has become a standard for doctrinal clarity for most evangelicals. Nearly 40 years later we can see how diverse the Body of Christ is, as majority world delegates outnumbered their Western colleagues.

The content of the conference contributed to understanding where the Body of Christ stands on global evangelism and those in attendance were encouraged by the overall platform that was presented. The planners made every plenary session biblically saturated and Gospel-centered.

The global Body of Christ is massively diverse, particularly those who refer to themselves as evangelical. Lausanne 2010 provided a wonderful snapshot of that diversity in terms of ethnicity, language, theological persuasions and affinity attachment. Though technology can bridge some of these gaps, it could not replace the perspective that was gained by assembling face-to-face. It was the best global representation of the Body of Christ possible.

The organizers highlighted key issues such as poverty, social justice, trafficking, unreached peoples, the need for proclamational clarity and the danger that proponents of the prosperity gospel create, specifically in the Global South.

The conference was a worthwhile endeavor for ACTION as a mission, particularly given the unique place Lausanne has in presenting global evangelization.

Let's prayerfully consider how we all can continue to carry out the call God has given us within the framework of the Great Commission!

*Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints*

(Jude 3, ESV).





# Worldwide News Briefs

by Andrea Johnson

## Africa

### Rwanda

Jim and Kappy Robinette recently traveled from their home and ministry center of Uganda to the neighboring country of Rwanda to train local leaders and pastors. Kappy writes, "We were blessed with the opportunity to minister in Ruhengeri and Kigali, Rwanda's capital. Jim taught and preached the Word for 40 hours over seven days of ministry. We taught pastors and leaders in both cities, preached in churches, and lectured at Hope Bible College. We covered the subjects of spiritual qualifications, spiritual disciplines, the attributes of God, atonement, repentance and confession of sin, the solemn assembly, and revival.

"Rwanda experienced massive genocide in the early 1990s. Because of this history, we prayed that the solemn assembly teaching would be useful for Rwandese Christians as they seek to cope with the aftermath of the genocide and issues of reconciliation. The pastors and leaders we spoke with agreed that reconciliation would only come about through Jesus.

"We witnessed the public confession of sin by a Hutu brother and a Tutsi brother for their people's participation in the genocide; we were moved by their repentance and reconciliation as they knelt and embraced each other in prayer. A commitment was made by the people we taught to pray daily for repentance, confession, and revival in the church and the nation. Please pray for God's grace to powerfully reach His church and bring reconciliation in Rwanda. Also pray that He will bring fruit from the Word that we shared in Rwanda."



Kappy & Jim Robinette



John & Georgie Reed

## Asia

### India

John and Georgie Reed serve the ACTION team worldwide through member care ministries. The Reeds took a trip to India in late 2010 to visit the missionaries and ministries there. John shares some of his thoughts about their trip below:

"It was a privilege to minister to ACTION's missionaries in India. These men and women fearlessly share Jesus with Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and masses of people on the streets and in slums and orphanages. While we were in India, we had the opportunity to teach and encourage pastors and Christian leaders alongside ACTION missionaries.

"We also were able to encourage our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in their personal lives and various ministries. As we interacted with ACTION missionaries, our hearts were moved by the hardships they face. Many experience financial difficulties, relational conflicts, death of children, persecution, poor health, and transportation issues. Very few of the missionaries complain, but I am sure they wrestle with God just like I do when encountering hardships. Many just need someone to talk to about what they are going through; this is why we visit them.

"We thank God for these saints who minister to the poor and destitute in India. We marvel at their resilience and commitment. We invite you to rejoice with us as God uses them to build His church in areas so foreign to us. We thank God for the relationships we established and pray that He will guide us as we seek to follow up with each missionary to give spiritual and emotional support in the months ahead."

## Europe

### Spain

Mary Woodward, ACTION missionary in Spain, writes, "When I first began working in Madrid almost 30 years ago, I quickly gained acceptance from the local people. I assumed the pattern of acceptance would repeat itself when I moved to Seville in 2003. Instead I discovered that even though I had worked in Spain for over 20 years, I was still considered an outsider in Seville. While the past seven years have certainly been full of joys, I have frequently felt frustrated about my apparent inability to connect as easily with those from southern Spain as I did with people in Madrid. I have begged God to keep me strengthened and to give me eyes to see the people in Seville as He does.

"After finally giving up my efforts to be accepted as a local, God has suddenly surprised me with positive response from the people around me. When I returned to Seville in September after my furlough of three months, the local people graced me with an entirely new level of acceptance. Several people have told me that I am becoming more like them and less like an outsider. Please pray that this new affirmation will result in greater opportunities to share Jesus with people in Seville."

## Latin America

### Brazil

Jonas and Iria Braun live in Goiânia, where they train Brazilian church leaders and minister through recordings and publications. Jonas writes, "Iria has been teaching a weekly course in Christian counseling for 18 months. Her students have been 12 ladies from a church in Goiânia.

"The course is about to conclude with a special dinner and program at which the

group of women will be presented to the church. These women will be introduced as leaders prepared to deal with spiritual problems and give emotional assistance to struggling church members. Please pray that these women will encourage many people toward healthy relationships with Christ and others."

### México

Timothy House is a home for boys ages 5-12 who are orphaned, abandoned, or otherwise need a permanent home. Bob and Joy Huber direct Timothy House with the goal of providing a safe, loving home as they mentor these young men to become godly men, faithful husbands, and responsible fathers. Bob shared the following in a recent newsletter:

"We currently have 16 children living at Timothy House. Four boys recently ran away from the orphanage. Our hearts ache to see them return to the streets, but there is nothing we can do other than pray for them. We do not understand why they chose to return to the streets, but we pray the Lord keeps them safe until they return to Him someday.

"God has been faithful through many trials as we attempt the humanly impossible task of rescuing hurting children. Only by God's grace does this mission continue and bear fruit. The Lord deserves all the credit for the miracles he has done. We covet your prayers that God will bless our efforts. Winning hearts and minds is difficult. Intense pressure from media and peers surrounds the young men at Timothy House. The culture of alcoholism, promiscuity, and selfishness is hard to escape.

"We realize that only God can give the boys at Timothy House a different vision for their futures. We pray they will catch the vision to be a generation of men who fear God, love their wives, and raise children to serve the Lord."



**Thanksgiving dinner with Mary Woodward**

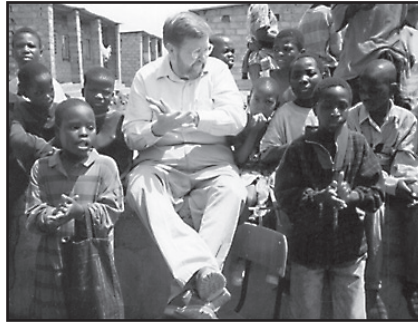


**Ladies trained as leaders by Iria Braun in Brazil**

## Obituary

**Mike Meaney**  
1940 - 2010

Mike Meaney, former ACTION missionary, passed away on December 11, 2010. Mike was born March 18, 1940. He and his wife, Marie, served with ACTION from 1998 through 2003. A memorial celebration was held on December 27 at Westminster Chapel in Bellevue, Washington.



In June 2010, Mike and Marie made a ministry trip to Kampala, Uganda, to deliver computers to schools and to assist Pastor Paul Ssekabira at his new church. Mike and Marie had made many similar trips to Africa in past years. Mike, who was a double amputee, always looked for people who were hurting and for medical facilities where disabled people could get help.

As the Meaneys were driving along a village road, they spotted a man who was walking with great difficulty. They stopped the car and called the man over. As he always did, Mike pulled up his pant leg so the crippled man could see that he had metal prosthetics instead of feet. Mike said through a translator "I have trouble walking too. God has sent me all the way from America to tell you that He loves you." Before they left, Mike made arrangements for the crippled man to travel from his remote village to Kampala to receive medical care for his leg. This was a typical day's work in Africa for Mike Meaney.

That final interaction with a disabled African man was the epitome of what drove Mike. Loving other people was his passion; members of his family were direct recipients as well.

Jeff Meaney, Mike's son, wrote the following about his father: "The last day of my dad's life was Saturday, December 11. Our entire family

and some very close friends gathered in his room to sing Christmas carols and hymns. We all said goodbye to our beloved father, husband and friend as best as we could.

"Thankfully for this world, my father left many fingerprints. He left fingerprints on the hearts of beggars in Africa who now have wheelchairs and no longer have to drag themselves along on the ground. He left fingerprints on the hearts of his family; we now also demonstrate a love for serving other people. And he left fingerprints on his well-worn Bible, where he came to know the source of his strength."

## Prayer Corner

### *Please Pray*

- For reconciliation among the Christians in Rwanda and ultimately the entire nation.
- For the Reeds as they seek how best to encourage and minister to ACTION missionaries in India.
- That Mary Woodward will be able to reach more people for Christ now that she is more accepted as a local in Seville, Spain.
- That the 12 women who have been trained by Iria Braun in Goiânia, Brazil, will be bold in sharing their training and skills to encourage many people.
- That the Lord will draw each child at Timothy House closer to Himself.
- For the young people at Timothy House, that they will turn their back on their old ways of life and seek God.
- For comfort for the Meaney family as they grieve the loss of Mike.

*—Andrea Johnson*

### **Memorial Gifts**

#### **In Memory of**

Jim Jones  
Pastor Rick Satkowski  
Matt North

#### **From**

John Rickard  
Phillip Satkowski  
Gloria North

#### **Designation**

Uganda where needed most  
Christmas Outreach  
Bicycle for a Cuban pastor

### **In-Honor-of Gifts**

#### **In Honor of**

Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith  
Hendersonville Soc-  
ial MAH Jongg Club

#### **From**

Randy & Sharon Greene  
Steve & Sharon Johnson

#### **Designation**

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