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Enrollment filling up for first session of CWU-West

By **SCOTT HENDERSON**

Registration for the first session of Clean Water U West is going well, and classes are filling up.

The session will be held at Calvin Crest Conference Center in Oakhurst, Cal., October 4-8.

Calvin Crest is constructing a new building to house the CWU-103 training classes and serve as a year-round meeting or auxiliary dining hall for up to 208 guests. This will help sustain Calvin Crest and provide an attractive space for CWU.

Permits, plans and construction are under way, and we will be utilizing that building for the 103 training in October.

One of the 103 training bays will be permanently mounted in the building to help promote Living Waters and Clean Water U



Calvin Crest's new Lakeview Center, under construction

year-round. The other training bays will be portable so they can be set up for CWU training and taken down when the building is used for meeting, classroom, program or dining space.

The Lakeview Center, as the building will be known, faces Calvin Crest's lake.

Response to a West Coast CWU training center has been enthusiastic. Many Christian denominations, charitable organizations and individuals are eager to participate.

The San Gabriel Presbytery,

near Los Angeles, recently made Living Waters for the World one of their mission partners.

A team from the Central Valley in California is forming to prepare for another installation in Guatemala. A team from Fresno went to Laos this summer to develop the covenants that will open the door to many installations in Laos in the near future.

Being in mission together continues to build healthy connections.

Scott Henderson is executive director of Calvin Crest and a member of the LWW Committee.

Warm Haitian sun energizes LWW's first solar-power unit

By **CHRIS McRAE**

In Arcahaie, Haiti, Living Waters for the World has its first fully operational solar powered system. A team of 14 water and solar people arrived in Haiti on July 4 and traveled to Arcahaie (uh KAL yee) to join with our Haitian partners for this venture.

Even though there were many well trained Living Waters veterans on the team; a sense of uncertainty filled the air. Would our solar diagram work in the field? Is there a part that we have left out or failed to bring? How will the solar panels be mounted? What about security? How would the DC pumps perform? The questions were unending.

On Sunday, July 5, we worshipped with Father Inel and his congregation. By noon Monday the deep well submersible was in place, a third of the water system was installed and Mark Tew was working with his Haitian partner, Manus, on wiring the circuit breaker box and charge controller.

That afternoon a Haitian solar team arrived from Port-au-Prince with four 155 watt photovoltaic panels and a mounting rack. They placed the rack on top of a 15-foot pole sunk 5 feet into concrete. So much for our worries about panel installation and security.

By the end of the day Tuesday, the solar and water crew was putting the finishing touches on both the solar and water systems. The batteries were fully charged from the solar panels and the switch is flipped. Ah..... the sweet humming sound of a pump running 31 feet below the surface of the ground!

As we were settling in for the evening, our survey team returned from Leogane. With tears in their eyes, they told of a trip to an orphanage where a Living Waters plant was installed earlier this year.

The children were hungry and it showed. They needed medical attention where there are no doctors. They are at the bottom of the pecking order in a country that is the poorest in this hemisphere.

One ray of hope, though, is that they have clean water to drink and others, who have seen their plight, are rallying to provide a food link to address the hunger

needs. There is no lack of opportunity to serve in Haiti.

On Wednesday, the 103 water and solar geeks prepare to fire up the system. Everything worked perfectly with only one glitch. The ballast on the Trojan Max ultraviolet system was indicating that the UV tube was not functioning properly.

We called the tech rep for Trojan Max in Canada, who surmised that we had a bad ballast and he would ship one to the dealer in Port-au-Prince.

We knew that we were going to leave the country without a fully operational system. We sucked it up and continued our 102 and 103 training through Thursday and Friday.

On Friday; our last full day in Haiti. many people showed up for the dedication ceremony and much appreciation was expressed.

Even though this was one of the best Living Waters teams that I have had the privilege to be part of, I still felt a little hollow inside. This feeling soon gave way to the upbeat attitude of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti. It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!

After being home for two days, I got an email from Father Inel. He said that the UV part had arrived and that the dealer and his technician personally delivered it to Arcahaie (a one-hour drive). They found the ballast was fully functional.

We had just installed the cap to the UV tube 180 degrees out of phase. This caused the UV tube indicator light to show a malfunction. The system is fully operational and Father Inel has already contracted with 200 residents for the bottle exchange program.

There are lessons to be learned. We found a reliable resource in Port-au-Prince that we can count on for parts. Our Haitian partners are fully capable of "making do" without us; sometimes, I do not have to rely on my own strength to make things happen. In all things God works for the good of those who love Him.

Ke Bondye beni nou (may God bless you).

Chris McRae of Fort Smith, Ark., is coordinator of LWW's Haiti Network.



Outside, a tall pole holds the solar panel.



Inside, an array of batteries and electronic gear are distinguishing features

California group spearheads mission to bring clean water to war-torn Laos

Fresno team has relationship with Lao Evangelicals

By SHARON STANLEY

Located in strategic position to the north and west of the “Ho Chi Minh Trail,” Laos became the most heavily bombed area in the history of the world during the decade of 1964 through 1973. In Xieng Khouang Province alone, the U.S. “secret war” against Pathet Lao Communist Forces produced 580,000 bombing missions — equaling one bombing mission every eight minutes around the clock over the nine year period, and resulting in two tons of bombs per inhabitant!

At least 80 percent of the victims were civilians, and tens of thousands eventually entered areas like the Central Valley of California as refugees. Laos remains the fourth least developed country in the world.

Although the first mission worker to enter Laos had been an American Presbyterian named Dr. Daniel McGilvary (who came through the jungle on an elephant in 1884!), no foreign missionaries are allowed by the Lao Communist government to work there today.

Instead, the deep strength of the Lao minority Christian population is grown through the leadership of Dr. Khamphone Kounthapanya and others from the government-approved Protestant church structure of the “Lao Evangelical Church” (LEC). The LEC was only allowed to re-open its churches in 1990.

Just a decade later, University Presbyterian Church (UPC) and Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM, Inc.) began a long-term ministry partnership with the LEC, which has now led to its first planned water project with LWW.

This summer, Rev. Wil Howie of LWW travelled with UPC Engineer Cordie Qualle and UPC Pastors and FIRM Staff members, John Bosavanh and Dr. Sharon Stanley, to seek supplies and negotiate agreements for a fall installation.

Thanks to Bill Zierer’s work last year in Thailand, “big blues”



That’s Sharon Stanley on the first elephant, Wil Howie on the second.

can be available on the continent and shipped into Laos from the InterWater Company of Khon Kaen, Thailand.

The chosen premier installation site within Laos is on the grounds of the Teacher Training Center in the ancient Lao capital of Luangprabang, a world heritage site.

Students who learn of water purification there through LWW’s system will have opportunity to spread their understanding throughout the nine-province area served by the school.

The Laos Partners group of Fresno, Calif., is seeking financial support for its first installation and training of Lao nationals and church leaders.

You are invited to help bring healing to the war-scarred hillsides of Laos by becoming a future partner and helping to train Lao nationals for ongoing LWW expansion in Southeast Asia. Please e-mail Rev. Sharon Stanley, soulhikr@aol.com, for further information, or contact “Laos Partners” at UPC, 1776 E. Roberts Avenue, Fresno, CA. 93710.

Pray for God to spread the gospel through purified water throughout the Communist world!

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley, a CWU graduate, is parish associate for mission at University Presbyterian Church in Fresno, Calif., and executive director of the Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries.



By the Mekong River at Luangprabang are Laos Partners engineer Cordie Qualle, Rev. Sharon Stanley, Rev. Wil Howie and Pastor John Bosavanh.

World Council president boosts LWW

Living Waters for the World has been asked to send 50 of its DVDs, "Living Water for All of God's Children," and a hundred of its brochures to headquarters of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland.

How did that come to be? The story was told by Jerry Goode, leader of a team from First-Trinity Presbyterian Church in Laurel, Miss., that in June installed the first LWW system in Cuba.

There, at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, they renewed an acquaintance with Dr. Ofelia Ortega, one of eight regional presidents of the Central Committee of the WCC, representing the Caribbean and Latin America.

This month, she will be addressing the WCC assembly in Geneva on ecology and water issues. After observing the water system work during the week and learning additional details about LWW and its model, she has decided to make the seminary installation (and LWW) the major emphasis of her presentation.

Dr. Ortega will be drinking the system water daily, and will be accessing the LWW web site.

The seminary hosts a lot of international groups each year and is going to include a tour of their water system to all



Rev. Dr Ofelia Ortega Suárez

groups visiting the seminary. The system bears a very nice plaque and is very presentable in appearance.

"I believe this is an exciting opportunity to promote LWW in the WCC globally, as well as in the Caribbean and Latin America," Goode said.

Dr Ortega, a member of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba, was the first Presbyterian woman to be ordained

in Cuba. She served as the rector of the seminary in Matanzas from 1996-2004, leading it to a multi-faceted ministry of social service and community involvement.

Ortega worked at the WCC from 1988 to 1996 as executive secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Programme on Theological Education, and before that, from 1985 to 1988, as professor at the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, Cuba.

Beyond her responsibilities with the seminary, she served as volunteer in the rural areas during the national literacy campaign, as well as for the Ministry of Public Health.

A seminary newsletter item about the installation had this to say:

"The vice-rector Pablo Oden Marichal appreciated in behalf of our community, all the effort this group has made, recalling that since a year they have been working in this project. During the ceremony all presents drank water and remembered the moment where we made a commitment with God in our baptism. The participants in the workshops and the community engaged themselves to take care of the water as a wonderful present of our Creator."

Hygiene training impresses local officials

By SUSAN BRADISH

When swine flu broke out in the community of San Antonio Cardenas in the Mexican Yucatan, local authorities knew where to look for hygiene training.

They called on members of Jesus, El Buen Pastor Presbyterian Church who had received Living Waters for the World training.

Three instructors from the church spent two weeks in May teaching health and hygiene principles in an elementary school to help stem the outbreak.

Impressed authorities have asked the three to go again to teach kindergartners.

The teachers had been trained by the LWW installation team from Chapel Hill Presbyterian in Lexington,

Ky., and Troy Presbyterian in Versailles, Ky.

In May, the team made a follow-up visit to install a new reverse osmosis membrane and leave money for a hundred more water bottles.

The building was immaculate and improved since the team's last visit. The church has added another raw water tank and is piping water from three additional private wells.

The system serves 150 to 200 families, more than doubled since January.

About half of San Antonio Cardenas now uses LWW water, the team was told. The church provides free water to a local clinic and elementary school and to several elderly and sick residents.

Even a group of soldiers from a nearby nitrogen plant

come and buy 10 to 20 bottles at a time.

Susan Bradish of Lexington,

ton, Ky., is a CWU instructor, a member of the LWW Education Team.



Teachers, operators and initiating partners celebrate together at Iglesia Jesus, el Buen Pastor in San Antonio Cardenas, Mexico.

In new 'boxed' system Ultraviolet goes portable

By FLOYD GROVES

LWW has a new TUV (Transportable, Ultraviolet) system, designed to be transported to a selected site and set up quickly.

While the standard UV board system is mounted on a 4' x 8' sheet of plywood requiring an assembly time of three to five days, the TUV is pre-assembled in two plywood "clam-shell" boxes weighing about 150 pounds.

Pre-assembly enables operational configurations of the trash filtration, pumping, micro-filtration, and UV disinfection, with connections already in place and ready for hookup to the outside functions such as a raw water tank, clean water tank, and a bottle cleaning/washing/filling station. The dimensions of the boxes can vary depending on requirements of specific situations.

The standardized functions of leak testing, super-chlorination, and rinsing are identical to the procedures outlined in the 103 handbook, with the operations of the systems differing only slightly due to installation of additional valves to control the inflow/outflow from the pre-assembled box.

Additional supporting equipment such as spare parts and PVC fittings, tools, collapsible water bottles, spare filters, UV repair kits, will be required and some of which will be carried in shipping "trunks."

An additional pump might be necessary if the raw water supply is at a considerable distance. A portable gas or diesel generator could be considered along with the requisite fuel tanks based on requirements.



This is one of several possible configurations of a portable system using ultraviolet.

The details of construction and operation of the TUV will soon be part of the 103 handbook.

Transportability and rapid installation/operation are just the latest capability that LWW has to offer in its arsenal of equipment, to provide clean water to all of God's children.

CWU instructor Floyd Groves of Advent Presbyterian Church in Cordova, Tenn., is LWW's leading developer of portable water treatment units.



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Christian water groups join to work together

By WIL HOWIE

In the Washington, D.C., offices of World Vision, the first-ever meeting of Christian organizations working in water was held on June 18.

Hosted by David Douglas, director of the D.C.-based group Water Advocates, 25 representatives attended from these 18 faith-based organizations:

BloodWater, Catholic Relief Services, Christian Connections for International

Health, Edge Outreach, Episcopal Relief and Development, Food for the Hungry, Healing Waters International, Lifewater International, Living Waters International, Living Waters for the World, Lutheran World Relief, National Council of Churches, New York City Council of Presbyterian Men, Salvation Army, Water Advocates, Water Missions International and World Vision.

Each group shared its par-

ticular areas of interest and work in the WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) sector.

A team volunteered to work on drafting a joint statement on water for consideration and possible adoption by all of our organizations. Such a statement would be particularly helpful in the advocacy section by demonstrating to our elected officials shared common ground on WASH issues.

There was strong consensus that we needed a second meeting next year. Michael Watt of the Lutheran World Relief volunteered to host us at their headquarters in Baltimore on May 25, 2010.

A Kenyan proverb says, 'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.'

The Rev. Wil Howie of Water Valley, Miss., is founder and director of Living Waters for the World.

LWW present at major national church events

By PIERCE BUFORD

Living Waters for the World continues to participate in national PCUSA events.

The most recent conferences were Big Tent and the Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering.

At both, the General Assembly Moderator, Bruce Reyes-Chow, visited the exhibit and expressed an interest in visiting during a Clean Water U session if his schedule permits.

Future conferences include the Montreat Women's Connection in August and World Mission Celebration, Cincinnati, in October as well as a number of presbytery and Presbyterian Women area events.

The Big Tent, attended by over 1,500 people, was a first-of-its-kind event held June 11-13 in Atlanta. It has been called

"a denominational happening" and "a big Presbyterian family reunion."

Clergy, elders, deacons, educators, musicians, representing USA and ecumenical delegates, as well as GA leadership and staff, had the opportunity to learn more about this important and growing mission of the Synod.

The Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, July 11-15 drew more than 2,500 Presbyterian women (and a few men).

A large number of persons visited the booth — most, unlike other years, already familiar with LWW, having attended CWU, participated in an installation, or seeking information for future installations and attendance at Clean Water U.

Several of the International delegates came by the booth because a LWW wa-



General Assembly Moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow of San Francisco.

ter system was in their village or school.

Pierce Buford of Birmingham, Ala., wears many hats for LWW, including promotion.



Steve Young and Mary Weber

Crochet a necklace, raise \$15,500

When LWW administrator Steve Young prepared a keynote address for Presbyterian Women of Synod of the Living Waters at the PW National Gathering (see story above), he didn't know he'd wind up modeling a crocheted necklace.

He can thank Mary Weber of Harrodsburg, Ky., who is the synod's PW moderator.

She had learned about crocheting necklaces at a homemaker convention and adopted the craft as a fund-raiser for LWW.

It began in the spring of 2008, she said, when she decided to give necklaces as thanks tokens to people who had contributed.

"I bought quantities of yarn, taught oth-

ers to make necklaces, and watched the miracle unfold," she said. "Two friends offered necklaces to their co-workers. The first friend brought me \$200; the second collected \$340!

"Another friend says, 'I am not comfortable evangelizing, but your necklaces have started many conversations that allow me to tell about clean water and God's goodness.'

"I have given necklaces as a thank you for over \$5,000 in contributions, and students from my classes have started supporting other mission projects. Altogether, through this thank you necklace project, over \$15,500 has been raised for various missions to date, and the numbers are still growing!"

For helping bring gift of water, we thank these, our contributors

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Churches



Pastor Rumaldo Lopez Ortiz greets visitors at Getsemani Church in Guastatoya, Guatemala.

Note to self: Stay flexible, always

By TODD JENKINS

In real estate the key words are, "Location, location, location." In church it's, "Communication, communication, communication." In family it's, "Relation, relation, relation." Living Waters for the World integrates all three: finding a **location** where strong **communication** facilitates the development of a healthy **relationship**.

A 5:30 a.m. Nashville Airport arrival for security baggage check is always an adventure, especially when you are carrying-on water filtration components.

As my carry-on went through X-ray, a flurry of airport employees assembled to greet its exit from the machine.

"This your bag?" "Yes sir." "What you got in there?" "Carbon water filters and ozonator bulbs." "Looks just like pipe bombs to us, so we're going to take a closer look." "Okay."

I suddenly realized that the pound of Hawaiian coffee I had purchased from my favorite hometown barista as a gift for our Guatemalan host might trigger an additional search for hidden drugs. *Note to self: Let someone else carry the coffee next time.*

Once the explosive-residue swabs

produced negative results, I was allowed to re-pack my bag and proceed toward our one-year system check-up in Guastatoya, Guatemala.

Our Guastatoya friends were waiting outside the Guatemala City airport, eager to catch up on old friendships and establish new ones. The next morning we undertook an in-depth analysis of the system and a querying of its operators to determine their operational proficiency and adherence to a business plan.

Before the trip I was skeptical about the need to carry several repair parts, including an extra bulb for the ozonator. My skepticism was erased when it was determined that every spare part we brought was needed to restore the system to full functionality. *Note to self: Bring ALL the parts that 103 suggests.*

Our check-up completed and friendships renewed, we set out to do it again.

Templo Evangelico Presbiteriano "Getsemani," 30 miles from Guastatoya, was where we hoped to negotiate another system covenant. Pastor Romaldo and members of the Getsemani Consistory (Session) were waiting for us with open arms.

They had done their homework, hav-

ing visited several nearby LWW installations, and given some creative thought toward a suitable location on their own property.

We spent the first afternoon getting to know one another personally and explaining the workings of both the system and the covenant partnership of LWW. Their water was from a reliable and high pressure source. The next morning, however, the municipal water system was shut down. *Note to self: Always collect samples at the first opportunity.*

Convenio is the Spanish translation of "covenant." It describes the document that evolves from a relationship of mutual trust and respect, in which partners agree regarding the specific components of a project for which they will take responsibility.

There are multiple physical and fiscal resources to consider, as well as important human ones. Negotiation is the key word. In a covenant, partners do not all necessarily contribute equally. God is the principal contributor. The rest of us give what we have and who we are.

Rev. Todd Jenkins is an instructor in Clean Water U and pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, Tenn.