



# AFLC UPDATES

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## **WORLD MISSIONS:** (Director—Rev. Del Palmer)

This past month, flooding in India has been a major concern for the missionaries and workers in that area. See more about this off the World Missions web site. Short term missionaries to Tanzania, Ben Jore and Jesse Long, are praising God for recently installed electricity and power at the Bible School in Waama. Missionaries Nate and Rhoda Jore, are on furlough until January when they will return again to their work in Uganda. The AFLC World Missions asks that you continue to pray for the mission fields of our AFLC. Pray for our missionaries and workers in Brazil, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Tanzania, Uganda and the Ukraine.

## **Ambassador Institute (distance education)**

Pastor Kevin Olson will be returning this week from travels to Uganda and India, helping to set up the distance education training in both countries. Kevin reports *"there have been many good things and some hard things. Focusing on the hard things drag us down where as focusing on the positive things or better yet, focusing on Jesus carries us through those times"*. Kevin is so encouraged to see how the Lord is working in the hearts and lives of individuals in these countries.

View World Missionaries and more off the World Missions' web site.

## **HOME MISSIONS:** (Director—Rev. Paul Nash)

Director Paul Nash and several board members recently returned from a trip to Naknek Alaska. They were able to bring some fresh food and other supplies to our pastors there, Pastor Brian Davidson (who manages the radio station KAKN), Pastor Jeff Swanson and AFLTS Intern, Jeremy and Lacey Crowell. Pray for encouragement and direction for all the Home Missions work, but especially the new work in Hastings, MN as they continue to meet in a private home. Also continue to pray for the parish workers of Home Missions as well as the churches and pastors, of this ministry which are listed off the AFLC Home Missions web site. Pray for safety for Pastor Nash and his wife who are traveling this month to California visiting with Home Missions churches there. If you want to know more about the AFLC Home Missions you can sign up for the weekly email, *Knee Mail* update.

## **SEMINARY—AFLTS:** (Dean—Dr. Francis Monseth)

This past May 16, 2009, the seminary concluded its forty-fifth year in graduation exercises conducted jointly with the Bible school. Twenty eight men were enrolled last year including two part-time students. More than eighty people were registered for classes during the annual Summer Institute of Theology held in August. Enrollment for this year's fall 2009 term have twenty six men studying at AFLTS including part-time. The seminary is so thankful for the gifts given to support the work of training and equipping men for ministry. Through such gifts given for the seminary apartments, the housing fee income, has allowed scholarships to be made available for seminary tuition. With the donated pipe organ, the newly remodeled chapel and altar area, has been a great blessing to our campus, however funds are still needed to help cover the costs involved with the organ installation. We thank you for your prayers and your ongoing support for AFLTS.

## **AFLBS:** (Dean—Rev. Joel Rolf)

The AFLBS academic school year began with blessings of a Revival Conference on campus. Pastor Dana Coyle from Helmar Lutheran Church in Newark, Illinois preached from God's Word on a series focused on the "Fear of the Lord." The entire campus was challenged by the conference and we invite you to take part in the conference by listening to the sermons on our website.

The month of October brings many exciting events to the AFLBS campus. The "Gospel Teams" and Choirs are diligently practicing and preparing music for outreach and upcoming Christmas Concerts in December. Our basketball teams will be starting practice soon in preparation for a successful season. We are also anticipating another great turnout for our fall Campus Days on October 16-18th! On October 30th, we will be hosting a Vision Banquet of Thanksgiving and Praise. We thank God for His provision of our Heritage Hall facility and for the prayers and support of all those who give so generously to this ministry! Please look at our web site for more information and updates at [www.aflbs.org](http://www.aflbs.org).

### **AMBASSADOR PUBLICATIONS / PARISH ED:** *(Director—Mrs. Marian Christopherson)*

The publications office of the AFLC has been busy shipping fall Sunday Schools orders as well as the popular new booklet, *Roots of Freedom*. The new Catechism CD is now available to order. The *Confession of Sin* Bible study will be printed soon, and the department is hoping to have their online bookstore ready yet this fall. The office welcomes Brent Raan, part-time afternoon worker in the publications office, with Sarah Daas continuing her work as part-time secretary. Pray for director Marian Christopherson as she oversees the ongoing production of Sunday school curriculum and many other printing projects as well as the bookstore operations. Pray also for the financial needs of the ministry.

### **EVANGELISM DEPT:** *(Director—Rev. James Rasmussen)*

Evangelism Director James Rasmussen will be heading out to the west coast for evangelism ministry. Pastor Rasmussen plans to visit each AFLC congregation of the Pacific Northwest. Future evangelism workshops are in the making which will include retreats for pastors to help stimulate and encourage evangelism from the local congregation level. To find out more about the AFLC Evangelism office or resources available, email Pastor Rasmussen at [evangelism@afcl.org](mailto:evangelism@afcl.org) or call the AFLC office, and speak with Christie Ballmann part-time Evangelism administrative assistant.

### **YOUTH MINISTRIES:** *(Director—Rev. Jason Holt)*

This fall the youth ministry office welcomes part time staffer, Kelly Emerson. Kelly will help with the youth ministry administrative work along side Naomi Andrews who is pursuing education in graphics arts. Both Kelly and Naomi also act as the AFLC receptionists. Youth director Jason Holt keeps busy with AFLC Youth Ministry work as well as teaching two classes at AFLBS, Intro to Youth Ministry and MTI Harmony of the Gospels. At the last youth ministry board meeting new officers were welcomed and plans considered for future events such as FLY Convention 2011, FLY Boot Camp, Youth Workers Retreat, and Student Missions. See additional information about the AFLC Youth Ministry off the AFLC web site.

### **VISION:** *(The Development office for the AFLC Schools—Mrs. Sherry Mork)*

The schools are excited to extend to you an invitation to gather together to thank and praise God for His provision of the Heritage Hall facility. AFLBS is hosting a VISION Banquet on Friday, October 30, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall. This banquet is a celebration to thank and praise God for His wonderful provision of the Heritage Hall facility. We praise God for how He has provided for this 3.3 million dollar project that has a remaining balance due of approximately \$91,261.

We invite you to unite with us for a time of praise and thanksgiving at this banquet with a program that includes music and testimonies by AFLBS students and a message by Pastor Mark Johnson. There will not be tickets for this event; however, we ask that if you're able to attend, please RSVP to the AFLBS office by phone 763-544-9501 or by email [aflbs@afcl.org](mailto:aflbs@afcl.org).

### **WMF:** *(Nat'l President—Mrs. Lorilee Mundfrom)*

This year's WMF projects are the AFLC Ministries; **Christian Education** (Cradle Roll, Parish Ed, AFLBS and AFLTS) along with **World and Home Missions**, and the **AFLC General Fund**. Our monthly Bible Study writer for 2009 has been Bunny Meyer with her study on "Living Water". The 2010 Bible study writer is Mary Christiansen from Fergus, with a study entitled "Sweet Freedom's Song". To order these studies or any additional materials from the WMF, contact Dawn Johnson the executive WMF secretary. Her address information can be found off our WMF web site. Elections at the WMF AFLC Annual Conference, resulted in Lorilee Mundfrom re-elected as President, Arlys Jorenby, as third Vice President, and Mary Ann Ward as Communication Secretary. The WMF is proposing eliminating the office of the third Vice President pending approval by the 2010 convention. We thank you for your prayers and support of the WMF and the AFLC ministries

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