



# Always A Missioner

a newsletter for MKLM Returned Missioners

I want to continue to express our gratitude to the contributors to “Always a Missioner” for taking time to

share stories about your time in mission, as well about your work and life since leaving Maryknoll Lay Missioners. We recognize that you have many commitments, and sharing your story requires time out of a busy life. Please continue sending / sharing your experiences, reflections, remembrances and updates on a regular basis. Also, please note that you may also receive a shorter e-newsletter on a monthly basis.

Please send your e-mail address to [cespinoza@mklm.org](mailto:cespinoza@mklm.org), and please continue to keep us informed of address, phone and e-mail changes so we can keep you in the loop. Stay in touch with us by checking the *Always a Missioner* Intranet at [www.alwaysamissioner.org](http://www.alwaysamissioner.org).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Easter blessings,

Cecilia

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## WORDS FROM MKLM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Easter greetings!

Dear friends,

*Happy Easter to each of you and your families* as we enter this liturgical season of new life and hope!

I write to you from Washington D.C., where I have had a packed week of meetings with other mission organizations. Maryknoll Lay Missioner Joe Regotti and I attended a meeting on collaboration among six lay mission-sending organizations. During the meeting,



Sam Stanton giving a presentation at the Boston Gathering

we formed a committee that will approach church leadership, hierarchy, religious, and laity to gain support for and understanding of the role of laity in the future of mission. I also attended the board meeting of the US Catholic Mis-

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### How Nursing in a Remote Jungle Revolutionized My Life

By Elizabeth Desimone ('77 Guatemala)

Back in 1977, Fay Hauer and I began our contract with Maryknoll Lay Missioners, arriving in the jungle of Guatemala to start a health program where none existed. We lived and worked in Pop-tún, Petén, with a team of Maryknollers: Fathers Mo Healy, John Fay, Fern Gosselin, Brothers John Blazo and Leon Cook, a Guatemalan nun, and lay workers from Nicaragua and Spain. At first, culture shock and living in this ex-

perimental community was extremely trying. Heat, cock-

roaches and the strain of speaking Spanish exhausted me. But visiting the *aldeas* (small villages) with our mobile clinic helped us adjust. And before long, the Kek'chi people, Mayans who were our main patients, had entered into my heart. After a year and a half of classes



Carmen Che and Liz Desimone

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### Easter greetings.....

sion Association (USCMA). (Returned Missioners Vicki Armour-Hileman and Steve Hicken were members of the board in years past.) During the meeting, Sister Madge Karecki, Director of Missions in the Archdiocese of Chicago, led us through a reflection on the *Aparecida* documents of the Latin American Bishops Conference (CELAM). This is a broad-based pastoral plan for Latin America that also identifies challenges faced by church and society in Latin America today. I highly recommend it for your reading.

The document has two main theological organizing concepts: the Theology of Communion and the missionary discipleship of the baptized. Communion refers to not only the concept of oneness in the church but of communion with all peoples and with all creation. Communion both presupposes and contributes to what Catholic Social Teaching calls “right relationships.”

In missionary discipleship, we are strongly reminded that the church is missionary from its very essence; that today we must recognize mission in our own backyard; and that mission across borders can be *entra gentes*, not necessarily *ad gentes*. Contemporary mission must be about promoting communion in our world and building bridges based upon Gospel values.

In its *Aparecida* documents, CELAM also singles out globalization as a specific threat to “wholesome growth.” This issue is perhaps the greatest challenge we face in mission outside of the United States, and raises the question of what it means to be in communion with the rest of the universal church and the world.

*In its current form, globalization is incapable of interpreting and reacting to objective values that transcend the market and that constitute what is most important in human life: truth, justice, love, and most especially, the dignity and rights of all - even those not included in the market.*

As we contemplate what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in today’s world, let us remember the reality of the poor of the world with whom we have been privileged to walk. Our friendships with those who struggle for the basics of life must be our reference point as we strive to build a better world and enter into communion with one another and with our God.

Thanks for all you continue to do to help make Maryknoll Lay Missioners a “community of discipleship” and a force for change in our world.

Blessings of peace and hope in this Easter Season,  
Sam Stanton, Executive Director

## CHURCH TALKS

### A special thank you to all who helped to make 2009 a successful year.

During 2009 Maryknoll Lay Missioners completed 91 church dates in parishes all around the United States, 67 of them were solicited and accepted by Dioceses and 24 were invitationals that missioners, returned missioners, and candidates cultivated and received an invitation.

Those who spoke at all the masses in each of the 91 parishes were: 26 Lay Missioners currently under contract, 22 Returned Missioners, 1 former Maryknoll seminarian and Affiliate, 3 Maryknoll priests and 6 MKLM Candidates. *Maryknoll Lay Missioner leadership and staff want to thank and applaud **Returned Missioners** for your*

*generous commitment with us and we hope to see that number grow during the summer of 2010! Helping cultivate invitationals church dates and doing mission coop dates is a very clear way that you can help Maryknoll Lay Missioners continue to grow. **Thank you so much!***

For a full list of Church Dates scheduled for 2010, please go to <http://www.mklaymissioners.org/> click on **OUR WORK/ US/ CHURCH DATES**. If you have any connections with a parish or faith community where you or another missioner could do a mission appeal, please be in contact with **Ellen O'Connell** ([oconnell@mklm.org](mailto:oconnell@mklm.org)). We welcome any leads you may have.

## How Nursing...

and clinic, Fay and I launched the health promoter program, wherein students studied to become like mini-doctors in their villages. Teaching students so hungry to learn was a joy. Fifteen-year-old Carmen Che was our only Kek'chi girl student. Although shy, she stood out in the group, because even then, her drive for learning was exceptional.

I left Guatemala in 1980, after I'd completed my term of commitment. Fay stayed another two years to finish teaching the promoter course. I bought my little house in south Seattle, and then adopted my Guatemalan daughter, Maria. Between working as a nurse practitioner for low-income Latino patients in community clinics and in the local health department, I stayed connected to the Guatemalans who had made such a deep impression on my heart. I joined Guatemalan solidarity groups, and took part in other activities to promote understanding of what Guatemalans had been suffering for centuries.

Fay and I, with my daughter Maria, returned to Guatemala during Holy Week, 2009. Carmen Che met us in Guatemala City and escorted us over paved roads, through towns so built up that I didn't recognize them. Back in 1977, there were only dirt roads and potholes the size of moon craters. Poptún was nearly unrecognizable, with its lively business section, paved roads, and scads of women on motorcycles roaring through town. But the best thing about our visit was seeing Carmen and the health team continuing the work and advancing it, with imagination and dedication. Carmen instituted classes in Kek'chi, including classes for midwives. Because of the midwives' successful prenatal care, maternal and infant mortality rates have plummeted. There have been eight promoter graduations, with a total of 180 promoters, and 125 still practicing. Seventy midwives work in the *aldeas*. The standard of living has visibly improved, manifested in houses with outhouses or sanitary facilities, pure bottled water, and people's switch to consumption of beef instead of beans and tortillas.

*Aldea* people had health promoters and midwives

in most villages. People sought Carmen at all hours of the day and night. Like a family practice physician in a remote town, she was always on call. Yet she never seemed to resent it. Her attitude was one of compassion for the people. One day, a health promoter and his wife, who was a midwife, came carrying a tiny newborn baby girl, seeking a place to stay for the night. The baby's mother had been admitted to the hospital with a uterine infection. The doctors would not let the mother breastfeed or stay with the baby. . Carmen settled the couple and the baby in the room next to mine in the old convent. We wound up buying formula and some clothes for the infant, and the promoter asked Fay for help with the education of his son. We visited Marcelino Cano in Dolores, who'd been in the first class of promoters. He was still an unassuming man, but now provides dental care and helps Carmen teach more dental promoters. He asked us for dental tools for the future dental promoters. In La Cumbre, where Fay and I had struggled to be accepted by the people, Cristina Xol, who was 9 years old when Fay and I worked there, was now working as a midwife. Her prenatal care has lowered maternal and infant morbidity and mortality rates.

Fay and I were thrilled with the ongoing development of the promoters and program. We are determined to help the promoters as much as possible. We plan another trip in two years. On returning home, I wrote the final chapter of my memoir, "Guatemala in My Blood, How nursing in remote jungle villages revolutionized my life." My book is available at <http://junglenuresing.com/>. Follow link to Amazon.com.

Being a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in Guatemala was the best thing I've ever done. I'm thankful to Maryknoll Lay Missioners for this step which changed my life forever.

*Editor's note: It is inspiring to see the faith and skills shared many years ago continuing to bear fruit!*



Carmen Che and Fay Auer ('77 Guatemala)

## Maryknoll Lay Missioners in Chile.

As you know, Chile suffered an earthquake of great magnitude on February 27<sup>th</sup> of this year.

MKLM has a long history in Chile, and currently has six missioners serving there: Judy Ress, Sarah Burgess, Carolyn and "Bosse", and Ted and Maruja Gutmann Gonzalez. There are also three Returned Missioners, Cori Petro, Dina Mac and David Molineaux, living and working in Chile. I was able to connect with all of them via phone or e-mail and even visit some, and all are doing fine, but are struggling with the impact to their neighbors, especially

those living in the Maule Region, where the earthquake caused the most damage.

In addition, the families of several of our Returned Missioners - Mary Sue Smiaroski, Siobhan Brennan, Simone Charpentier, Rosemary Barbera - are all doing fine.

The Maryknoll Sisters, Fathers and Brothers serving in Chile confirmed that they are safe.

**Let us all continue to pray for and support the recovery efforts in Haiti and Chile.**

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Caritas struggles to reach rural victims of Chilean earthquake

LIMA, Peru (CNS) -- While media attention focuses on looting in Concepcion, the largest city near the epicenter of the magnitude 8.8 earthquake Feb. 27, Catholic Church workers struggle to reach quake victims in rural areas who are far from the spotlight. "We are receiving funds to help the poorest people, who are in the countryside," Father Waldo Alfaro, head of the Caritas Chile office in Linares, told Catholic News Service March 1 in a telephone interview. Linares is in the Maule region, where most of the quake deaths occurred.

"The entire coast was hard-hit, but this is an area where the poorest rural residents live," Father Alfaro said. "Aid is not reaching them because these are very small villages." Three trucks left Linares early March 2 to distribute supplies, especially food and water, to residents of far-flung villages in the farming region. The adobe houses common in the poorest rural regions "are the ones that collapsed," he said. The Linares office of Caritas, the church's social assistance agency, is compiling an inventory of damaged and destroyed homes. Meanwhile, buckled and cracked highways complicated aid distribution. "Roads are passable, but dangerous," Father Alfaro said.

The national government is sending aid to the region by ship to bypass the buckled roads, damaged bridges and crowds of people who swarm vehicles arriving in urban

areas, he said. Between 30 and 40 churches and chapels in the Linares Diocese were badly damaged or destroyed, along with two orphanages. In coastal villages, churches that remain standing have been turned into makeshift morgues.

The official death toll is nearly 730, with 542 of the confirmed deaths in the Maule region. But "many people are still missing," Father Alfaro said. "There are many bodies that have not been identified." The last weekend in February marked the end of summer vacation for students, and many families were spending a few final days on the coast, camping on the beach or visiting small resort and fishing villages. The earthquake, which struck at 3:34 a.m., triggered a tidal wave that was more than 30 feet high in places and which swept more than a mile inland. While some people reached high ground, others were washed away. Cars were left piled on top of houses, Father Alfaro said.

In a statement issued March 1, Bishop Goic said "We love this country, which has recovered from earthquakes, tidal waves, volcanic eruptions and floods, a people that has risen in peace from death and violence so many times in its history," he said. "At a time of understandable desperation, we call for calm and solidarity, and intense family and community prayer."

*By Barbara J. Fraser '89 Peru*

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## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

### 25 Years Serving the Indigenous People of the Andes as a Couple.

Since the mid 1960s, “Bosse” and Carolyn Bosse have lived with and served the indigenous people of the high plains of Peru and Bolivia, and since the late 1990s, they have shared their skills and commitment with the Mapuche people of Argentina and southern Chile. Bosse was one of the first Maryknoll Lay Missioners, and Carolyn too was involved with Maryknoll. After their long-term friendship brought them together as a couple, they lived in the Toledo, Ohio area where Carolyn worked as nurse, and Bosse in the missions office of the Toledo Diocese. The call to mission beckoned, and they entered Maryknoll Lay Missioners as a couple in 1985, when they were missioned to the *Altiplano* (high plains) of Peru.

Since then they have dedicated their lives to working with Latin American indigenous people. They have served the Aymara people in the Peruvian and

Bolivian *Altiplano*, the indigenous people of the Argentinean Patagonia, and currently the Mapuche of southern Chile.



*Bosse teaches the children of Ramos Mexia*

Bosse says, “To us, mission is bridge building. Our role as missioners has been to encourage movement and two-way traffic on that bridge by people of all backgrounds, all cultures, and all life experiences. Building that bridge hasn’t always been easy. We’ve lived amongst extreme poverty. We’ve witnessed the suffering of those we serve and have come to embrace them as friends. Upon reflection, we realize that, although our work and our projects were appreciated, it seems that, more than anything, our companions on the bridge appreciated our presence. We

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## SPOTLIGHT ON RETURNED MISSIONER CLASS OF 1985

### Long Term Friendships from Peru.

*By Ellen Turgasen ('85 Peru)*

I was a Maryknoll Lay Missioner for only one term, but I have continued contacts and friendships with the Peruvian people with whom I worked. I am happy to share with “Always a Missioner” newsletter readers how I stay united and connected through stellar organizations in my on-going work in Peru.

During my time in Peru as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner, I worked on the outskirts of Lima, in a parish pastored by Maryknoll Father Martin Murphy and Maryknoll Sister Peggy Hennessy. Using my skills as a Registered Nurse, I served as coordinator of a parish-run community health clinic which provided basic health services and education and low cost medications.

After my return to the states in 1989, one of the first things I did was contact Dr. Jane Vella, who taught Popular Education to our class of '85. I did a fellow-

ship with Jane and became much more proficient at learner-centered dialogical adult education. Jane is now retired and her Dialogue Education Training and Consulting service is now Global Learning Partners



*Ellen Turgasen with Seraphina*

[www.globalearning.com](http://www.globalearning.com). I highly recommend this training and Jane Vella’s books.

I took a training with Capacitar\* ([www.capacitar.org](http://www.capacitar.org)), founded by Patricia Cane. Capacitar uses a hands-on popular education approach to teach wellness practices that lead to healing, wholeness and peace in the individual and in the world. Capacitar is committed to communities affected by violence, poverty and trauma, uniting people across borders in solidarity, understanding and reconciliation. Capacitar publishes manuals and workshop resources in English, Spanish and other

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## A Letter from Cathy!

By Cathy Breen (Bolivia '89)

Dear Friends,

Affectionate greetings to all of you. Be assured that you are not forgotten. On the contrary, I hope this letter finds you keeping hope alive.

I recently returned from a visit with Kathy Kelly and the Voices folks in Chicago. The days were special ones as we had ample time to speak and share together. One of the things we explored was the need to maintain contacts within and outside of Iraq, as so little news about the situation there reaches us. We spent a lot of time remembering old friends and trying to reestablish communication with those with whom we have lost contact.

I am planning to travel to Jordan and Syria in mid-April, this time for a shorter two-month period. I hope to spend the bulk of the time in Syria where the majority of Iraqi refugees are. The borders between Syria and Iraq are still open, and this allows us the opportunity to meet

with Iraqis going back and forth. We don't want those bonds of human friendship to be severed. We don't want Iraqis to feel they are forgotten and abandoned as their own situation becomes more and more desperate.

Before going to Jordan/Syria last year, a single mom from Chicago emailed me that she wanted to send me a letter, photos of herself and her little boy, and, of all things, an iPod to give to an Iraqi woman I had put her in contact with the year before. She sent the iPod to me by mail. Some weeks later my trusted Iraqi Moslem translator and I arrived in Aleppo (some hours north of Damascus) to visit the family. They would not think of our going to a hostel, and put us up overnight in their humble apartment. In the letter which accompanied the iPod, the mother in Chicago spoke of the healing effect music has had in her own life. She wanted this Iraqi mother, her husband and two little girls to enjoy the same healing music! The young Iraqi mother was overcome with emotion as she finally got to see the faces in the photo of this faraway friend and her little boy.

I would ask you to walk with me once again as I prepare to journey to our Iraqi friends in the Middle East. My gratitude to you for your friendship over the years.

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were with them in times of turmoil, unrest, and sadness. We are grateful that we were also with them in times of joy and celebration. We are very grateful to all the people who have participated in our mission work through their prayers and donations. We are grateful to Maryknoll Lay Missioners, which has enabled us to serve in overseas mission for so many years. We feel much graced by this opportunity.”

Bosse and Carolyn worked first in Peru with the communities of Juli in a remote area 2 1/2 hours by jeep from the parish center. Bosse worked with animators of the faith, leaders who lead services, pray with the sick, give sacramental preparation, and animate the community in their faith and in their commitment to the well-being of its members. Week-



long courses, focused on people's spiritual, emotional, and basic needs, were offered in remote zones. The courses also included talks on the Catholic faith, health, agriculture, and legal rights. Experts provided information and consultation. Carolyn was health coordinator of the Juli Prelature. She worked with LHP (Lay Health Promoters), making home visits and acting as a liaison in making referrals to the local clinic and to the Regional Hospital in Puno.

In Argentina, Bosse participated in CAI (Christian Associates International) meetings, which fostered development within the culture. Carolyn was part of the health group in the parish. Both did home visiting and made periodic mission visits to Ramos Mexia, which was a four-hour journey by bus from the parish center in Jacobacci.

In Chol Chol, southern Chile, they currently serve the Mapuche indigenous people. They visit with marginalized people such as the elderly, the physi-

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 languages. When I go to Peru, I teach these practices such as Tai Chi, Acupressure, Thoughtfield Therapy and Breathwork.



*Ellen and a group of friends from Peru*

In 2008, I taught Tai Chi for elders at a center funded by HelpAge International ([www.helpagela.org](http://www.helpagela.org)) and coordinated by a friend, Consuelo Rios, with whom I had worked in the parish health center.

I have participated with Books For A Better World ([www.booksforabetterworld.org](http://www.booksforabetterworld.org)) to bring colorful, engaging, modern children's books to the remote highland communities of Huancayo, Peru. Five Peruvian communities now have libraries in their schools. I have been working with my friend and brother German Hilares who coordinates CEPROM (Center for the Promotion of the Mujer) in these highland communities. Literacy is the dedicated purpose of Books for a Better World. They seek to inspire, to empower and to motivate children

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cally or mentally disabled, or the chronically sick. They spend time with them, listening to their problems and life stories. According to Bosse, "our motivation for being in mission has always been one of service to others, stemming from our belief in a God of Life." "It hasn't always been easy being a missionary," he says, "but we have been humbly surprised and gratified by the generosity of the people we served who have reached out to us and enriched us by sharing their lives and rich cultures. We are very grateful for that interchange of mission and dialogue."

Maryknoll Lay Missioners congratulates and celebrates Bosse and Carolyn for their lives of service as Maryknollers, and for their continued construction of bridges of understanding that help unite our world in appreciation of one another. **Happy Jubilee Bosse and Carolyn!**



in rural communities of developing nations by establishing libraries.

I return to Peru every other year for a 2-3 week visit. I visit all the people with whom I have maintained contact. I provide massage therapy (my current profession), teach wellness practices (learned from Capacitar), and try to help people as I am able. The long-term friendships are what mean the most to me and to my Peruvian friends. Even though I only served with Maryknoll Lay Missioners for one term, my relationship with Peru and Peruvians has been enriching and transforming for me, and will endure for the rest of my life. For this I am most grateful to Maryknoll Lay Missioners.

**\*note:** Many Maryknoll Lay Missioners ministries today partner with Capacitar. We applaud Ellen for the work she has continued to carry out with the people of Peru that she started in her years as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner. As we say, **"Once a Missioner, Always a Missioner / Once a Maryknoller, Always a Maryknoller!"**

## DONORS VISITS

# Travel Schedule

**Dave Loretan**, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving, and **Ken Preston**, Major Gifts Officer, will visit the following areas to meet with our major donors to thank them for their support, to update them on the work of MKLM, and to ask their continued support.

If you would be willing to host Dave or Ken while they are in your area, please call Dave at **914-944-0300 ext 217, 914-450-2915** (cell) or e-mail him at **dloretan@mklm.org**. If you would like to refer them to friends and family you have that would like to learn more about us, please let him know.

**APRIL 4 - 9:** N. Orleans-Dallas-Fort Worth

**APRIL 26 - 30:** Northern California

**MAY 10 - 14:** New England

**MAY 24 - 28:** North and South Carolina

**JUNE 7 - 11:** New York (Down State)

**JUNE 28 - JULY 1:** W. Ohio - Indiana - Michigan

**JULY 12 - 16:** Western PA - Eastern OH

**JULY 26 - 30:** Connecticut

## Always a Missioner Applies to Our Children Too!

By Kathy Morrison (Mexico '88)



Participants of the Boston Reunion,

At a recent Boston-area gathering of former Maryknoll Lay Missioners, I was struck with the realization that the motto "Always a Missioner" not only aptly applied to the adult

returned missioners, but also to many of their offspring. Looking about the room, I was aware that many of the children born into these mission families have grown up and chosen lives of service. Now that cycle is beginning in my own family.

My oldest, Noah, was born Oaxaca, Mexico when my husband and I were Maryknoll Lay Missioners. He was the finest missioner in the household, linking his parents to a new culture. Far away from our biological families, we had an adopted family of "tios" and "tias" to spoil our son. A whole community em-

braced him as he was passed from loving arm to loving arm at church gatherings. We often joked that Noah would have won a mayoral election because he was so popular.

When Noah was four years old, we returned to the U.S. Our family continued to make pilgrimages back to Oaxaca every five years to rediscover our mission experience and renew enduring friendships. As Noah has grown up, he has observed and has been included in our volunteer activities. Noah is conscious that we

have tried to impart a desire to share his time and talent. So it was not a surprise when he expressed interest in joining a diocesan volunteer program upon graduation from high school. Noah has chosen to spend at least a



Noah, Gabriel, Kathy, Josiah and Mark Morrison, Christmas '09

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## Reflections of Western Samoa

by Carol Zuccarino ('75 Samoa and Bolivia)

Since world attention has been focused on the South Pacific this week, our six years living in Apia, the capital of Upolu, Western Samoa is a present memory.

The Samoan people have a beautiful sense of humor and also are appreciative of the delight in eating a hearty meal. When we arrived in Apia, Peter was ten years old and Heidi was seven. They adapted easily to the *fa'a Samoa*, or the lifestyle of the Samoan people. They made friends quickly, learned the language, and were accepted lovingly into the next door *aiga* (extended family). I recall one evening after we had returned from a family outing to a neighboring beach - we had filled our pick-up with as many of the children's friends as could squeeze aboard and had spent the day picnicking, swimming and sunning along one of the idyllic tropical coastal beaches. As we were eating our din-

ner, Peter, a little disturbed, said to Joe, "Do you know what the kids were calling you this afternoon?" Unaware of any disrespect, Joe replied negatively. "Well," Peter responded, "they saw the scar that is on your belly and said you were a *manava zippi!*" We enjoyed the translation, which means "a stomach that is zippered".

Our children easily learned to love canned spaghetti sandwiches, raw fish prepared in coconut milk, *palusami* (a divine preparation of coconut milk baked with taro leaves) and most of all, *coco Samoa*. The warm drink is made by coarsely grinding dried cocoa beans, mixed into a paste, then diluted in boiling water, with sugar added. After sipping the heavenly liquid, the grinds are chewed to prolong the aromatic flavor.

*Carol and Joe Honerkamp and their children, Heidi and Peter, were a part of Maryknoll Lay Missioners from 1975 to 1996 and served twice in Bolivia and once in Samoa as well as at Maryknoll, NY. Joe passed away in October of 1994.*



Brian McLaughlin, Steve Paone, Mark Morrison and Meg McLaughlin

year working with the Diocese of Providence's Acts 29 program (There are only 28 chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 29 is what we as modern day disciples are

helping to write). The program focuses on ministering to youth in retreats, sports, social activities and prayer meetings. Noah's work involves being a bridge between youth and the church and faith in a Good and Loving God. Being a bridge is a role with which many missionaries are familiar. "Always a Missioner", in addition to being a term that lends itself to us as former lay missionaries, may often describe our children as well.



Fernando, Laura, Simone and Martin

## RECRUITMENT Recruitment Event Held in Boston Area

On January 24<sup>th</sup> of this year, Returned Missioner Simone Charpentier ('89 Chile) and her husband Fernando Torres hosted a recruitment session with three applicants from the Boston area. MKLM Executive Director Sam Stanton and Returned Missioner Manager Cecilia Espinoza met the applicants and participated in a Q&A session.

This event was a wonderful show of support for our recruiting needs from our Returned Missioners. We thank Simone and Fernando for hosting this event and for sharing their mission experience.

We encourage all of you who can to help support MKLM's recruitment activities by hosting events and/or sharing your experiences with potential candidates. Please contact:

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## UPDATES: RETURNED MISSIONERS

### Special Good Byes

Maryknoll Lay Missioners wishes to thank the following members who transitioned from contracted membership since May of 2009. We wish you the best in your new endeavors and ongoing ministry. We invite you to stay in contact with Maryknoll Lay Missioners. You continue to be an important part of us!

- \* Steve Chinnvaso, East Timor '05
- \* Tara McKinney, Tanzania '05
- \* Sarah McLaughlin, Brasil '05
- \* Kim Nagy, El Salvador '05
- \* Tom Scott, Tanzania '05
- \* Joe and Becky Sherman, Bolivia '05
- \* Rose Anderson, Kenya '05

- \* Dee Barlow, Nepal '99
- \* Judy Helein, Cambodia, US '02
- \* Marie Masotya, Zimbabwe '02
- \* Susan Weissert, Peru, US '87
- \* Cati Williams, Peru, Bolivia '89
- \* Bill & Eileen Velicky, Tanzania, East Timor '92 and '02
- \* Merwyn DeMello, Japan, Tanzania, Zimbabwe '94
- \* Michelle Goetz, Bolivia '08
- \* Claudia Chin, East Timor '08
- \* Celina Campas, Cambodia '05

We appreciate your ongoing support and willingness to help with church dates and other activities that support the various initiatives of Maryknoll Lay Missioners.

## CHILE February 2010 Service Learning Experience

This past February's Chile Rural Experience will stay forever in the memories of the 24 students who participated, not only because of their cultural experience, but also because of the major (8.8 magnitude) earthquake and ensuing tsunami that struck the country while they were there. After the earthquake, the students recalled the various places and people they met during the program, and were sobered by the realization that many of those places were now devastated. It certainly brought present the mystery of life in a very profound way.



Nirivilo is one of the towns that suffered much destruction. This village was the first mission site of Sam Stanton

and Cecilia Espinoza (Chile, '85). The family of Javier and Maria Caceres, good friends of Sam and Cecilia's, where the students had lunch and where they visited the traditional wine



cellars and indigenous weavings, lost their house and vehicle.



Constitucion, another town we visited during the trip, where we saw a

parade of folk groups in the central plaza near the beach, was devastated. Recent images show boats in



the plaza, and no trace of the coastline or beach.

The maturity and compassion of the students after the earthquake has been impressive. They immediately expressed their interest in helping in the re-



*Yuni Castorena from Seattle University distributing water to the people*

building efforts. Some got involved right away. Pat and Conor, Marquette students, helped collect food through the work of Campus Ministry in Santiago, and Yuni, a Seattle University student, was involved in the distribution of food and water through the work of Caritas, Diocese of Linares. These young people have had several life-changing experiences in a short time.

*Friends Across Borders* works with universities, including Notre Dame, Marquette, Villanova, Holy Name, Ohio Dominican, Ohio State, and Seattle University, to offer students Serving Learning experiences with the poor. If you know of universities that would like to partner with Maryknoll Lay Missioners, please put them in contact with *Cecilia Espinoza*, [friendsacrossborders@mklm.org](mailto:friendsacrossborders@mklm.org) or call 914-762-6364 ext. 207.



## Welcome New MKLM Staff:

- **Rosana Carravone** began her part-time position as MKLM's Human Resources Manager at Bethany on February 1. Equipped with an M.S. in HR Management from Long Island University at Mercy College, Rosana is experienced in a range of HR-related activities, including employee relations and staffing, coordination of recruitment programs, organization of outings, and benefits and orientation.
- **Kenneth Preston** (Oakland, CA) has been hired as our new Major Gifts Officer to work with David Loretan, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving. He began his work on March 1. Ken comes to us from Pace e Bene where he was a Training Co-coordinator and Board Member for the past 10 years. At Pace e Bene, Ken did major donor work, foundation and grantwriting, and event coordination. Pace e Bene is formed in the Franciscan charisma, and its mission is to foster a just and peaceful world through non-violent education. Ken holds an M.A. in Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.

## New Board Member Elected

The Governance Committee of the MKLM Board of Directors announced the selection of **Dave Kane** (U.S.) as an active missionary member of the MKLM Board of Directors. Dave replaced **Phil Dahl-Bredine** in that role.

Dave joined MKLM in 1995 from Seattle, Washington, where he had worked with the homeless and mentally ill. His first ministry in Brazil was with street children. Since June 2005, Dave has worked at the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns as Associate for Latin American and Economic Justice. Drawing on the experiences of MKLM missionaries in Latin America, Dave works to educate the U.S. public and influence public policy on issues that affect our overseas partners.

## MKLM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **May 16 - 28:** Mission Integration Program (MIP)
- **June 8 - 11:** Transition program for transitioning regions
- **July 8 - 23:** MKLM Service Orientation (MISO)
- **July 29 - August 1:** Maryknoll Vocation Encounter
- **August 28:** 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Maryknoll Lay Missioners
- **September 12 - December 11:** Orientation Program
- **October 1 - 6:** Global Council
- **October 7:** Mission Assembly
- **October 8 & 9:** Board of Directors' meeting

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## CLASS OF 2009

In December of last year, members of MKLM's Class of 2009 celebrated two important milestones in their journeys to becoming missionaries. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, they signed their contracts and covenants in the Bethany chapel. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, they received their mission crosses during the sending ceremony in the Maryknoll Sisters' chapel.

We welcome John and Cindy Korb (Kenya), Mary Oldham (Kenya), Lindsay Doucette (Cambodia), Nancy Tyrolt (El Salvador), Erica Olsen (El Salvador), and Minh Nguyen (Bolivia).

Let us keep each of them in our prayers.

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a newsletter for MKLM Returned Missioners

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*Cori Petro Fuenzalida ('99 Cambodia) with her two sons Santiago and Emiliano at her apartment downtown Santiago, Chile*



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