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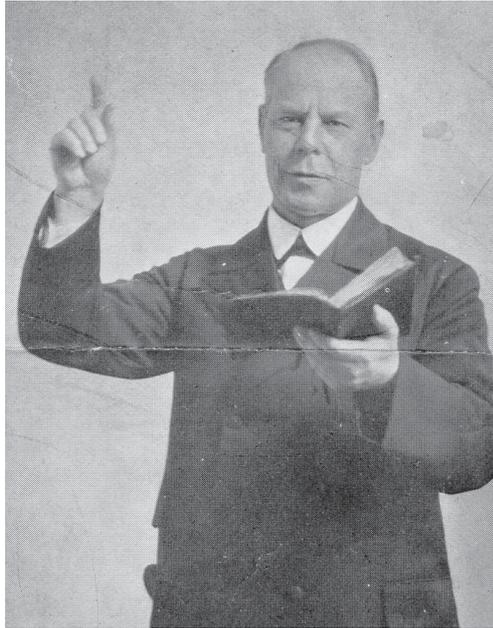
BY DARRIN J. RODGERS

Smith Wigglesworth (1859-1947) was one of the most prominent healing evangelists of the early Pentecostal movement. He was, however, largely unknown outside his town in northern England until he was 48 years old. That was when, in 1907, he was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Born into a very poor family, Wigglesworth started working at age 6 to help support them. He had little formal education and did not learn to read or write properly until married. But Wigglesworth found the gospel message compelling. He accepted Christ when he was 8 years old.

While operating a plumbing business in Bradford, England, Wigglesworth helped his wife with a small gospel mission. Prior to experiencing the baptism in the Holy Spirit, Wigglesworth had spent little time in the pulpit. After he was Baptized, he found himself preaching with uncharacteristic fluency and boldness.

Wigglesworth, who held credentials



with the Assemblies of God USA from 1924-29, died suddenly of a stroke in 1947. His ministry continues to inspire new generations of Pentecostals.

Read "Be Not Afraid, Only Believe" by Smith Wigglesworth and "Awaiting the Resurrection," an obituary by Donald Gee, on pages 3 and 11-12 of the April 5, 1947, issue of the *Pentecostal Evangel* online at [s2.ag.org/april51947](http://s2.ag.org/april51947). 



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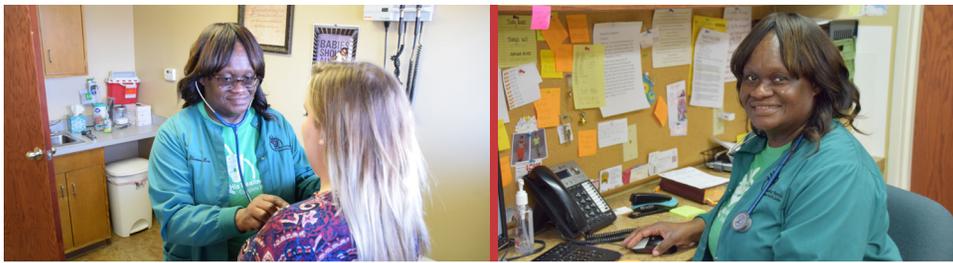
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## THE AMERICAN DREAM TRANSPLANTED

BY REBECCA BURTRAM

After Eleanore Kue first came to the U.S. on her honeymoon in the early 1990s, she and her husband, Simon, decided to leave Cameroon behind to pursue the American dream. Little did Kue know God had a larger vision for her future.

The medical doctor and ordained AG pastor is running a clinic, pastoring a church plant, and providing an outreach program to children in the projects of Lansing, Michigan.

The genesis of her ministry occurred in 2003 when Kue accepted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized in the Holy Spirit at First AG of Greater Lansing.

While at Mount Hope Bible Institute from 2006-08, she went on three mission trips. During a medical mission trip to her home country of Cameroon, Kue felt called to replicate the blending of spiritual and medical care that occurs on the mission field back in the U.S.

In 2009, Kue opened His Healing Hands clinic in inner-city Lansing. The area has almost no access to health care, and a large portion of the residents have no insurance or are on Medicaid. Government health

assistance supplies 80 percent of the clinic's finances, while donations cover 15 percent of expenses.

The clinic, where initially only three to five patients were treated daily, now cares for 5,000 patients a year. The majority of Kue's patients are drug addicts, ex-convicts, and single moms dealing with abusive relationships, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, or anxiety. The need for spiritual healing is equal to the quest for medical treatment.

Kue has weekly prayer meetings in the evening at the clinic, where patients can receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. The clinic also opens its doors for half an hour on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for prayer and study prior to medical exams.

To further meet spiritual needs of the area, Kue planted His Healing Hands Church at the clinic in 2013. Many people come for church on Wednesday morning and stay to be seen as a patient in the afternoon.

Kue recognizes another priority in her efforts to bring healing to Lansing.

"I have to be involved with the children if I want to stop the pattern of

## AG FORMS ANTI-TRAFFICKING PANEL

BY MARK FORRESTER

As a special World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF) committee assembled in a major European metropolis in March, members saw firsthand the harsh world of sexual exploitation. Young girls scurried along the streets in frigid weather with no pants.

In the midst of this tragic environment, the girls soon saw how God was at work. Fiona\* hosted the committee and showed members how her ministry is fiercely combating the ills of trafficking, freeing these young girls from their captors and providing them with a new life.

"Seeing the safe house was very touching," recalls committee member Brad Walz. "It showed us the hard work it takes to change these lives."

The committee, comprised of ministers, professionals, and academics, presented its findings to the WAGF executive committee, which convened at the eighth triennial World AG Congress in Singapore, March 29-31.

This led the WAGF to establish the

newly formed Commission on Sexual Exploitation, Slavery, and Trafficking.

The new commission is chaired by WAGF Secretary Dominic Yeo, general superintendent of the AG in Singapore.

"We want churches to be aware of what is happening in their own backyard," says Yeo. "We think of missions happening in a different area from where we are. Trafficking is happening right next to everyone."

The commission is made up of an array of Christian workers spanning five continents and has a fourfold mission of awareness, adoption, activism, and advocacy. A 20-point action plan also will jump-start the work of the commission.

Fiona — who also will serve on the new commission — remains hopeful about the progress this effort can bring.

"This new commission is essential for the work of the WAGF as we are facing a real global problem of organized crime," she says.

\*Full name not given to protect her identity. 

### THE ABCs OF SALVATION

**ACCEPT** that you are a sinner, and God's punishment for your sin is death and separation from God forever.

**BELIEVE** that Jesus paid God's price for your sin when He died on the cross.

**CONFESS** "Jesus, I believe You are who the Bible and history declares You are — the Son of God. I humble myself and surrender to You. Forgive me. Make me spiritually whole. Change my life. Amen."

# STRIVING TO REACH YOUNG ADULTS

BY JOHN W. KENNEDY

Emerging adults trend watcher Tim Elmore says the average young person unengaged in religious activity believes the Church is a negative, judgmental place — even if that reputation is undeserved. While no one from the pulpit may declare gay or transgender people as evil, many young people believe such moral pronouncements are paramount on the minds of church leaders.

“Kids today want to belong before they believe,” says Elmore, 57, founder of Growing Leaders. “They want to feel accepted and loved. Once they feel they belong, then they align their beliefs.”

AG National Women’s Department leadership development specialist Jourdan Lunsford, who is 24, says many of her Christian peers who have experienced liberalized sexual attitudes now question the authority of Scripture.

Some young people who have searched the Scriptures see Jesus focused on compassion and justice, not repeatedly addressing topics such as tithing and premarital purity.

“The message preached in some churches is no longer attractive because it’s a message Jesus never preached,” says AG National Youth Ministries Senior Director Heath Adamson.

Teens and young adults are craving grown-up mentors who are well-adjusted and authentic, Elmore says. The tricky task for leaders is to operate a church that appears organized, yet



genuine.

Lunsford urges pastors and lay leaders to be willing to invest in a relationship with young leaders. Young people are seeking more than pat answers on difficult topics such as homosexuality, Lunsford says. She believes they want conversations, not merely admonitions to obey what the Bible says.

Adamson, 39, notes that young people view culture through a different grid than their elders. For instance, a church that promotes itself as pro-family needs to understand that today’s society features dozens of nontraditional households considered family. Some young people won’t listen to an obese preacher railing against the evils of drinking alcohol because they figure overeating is just as wrong, if not more so. Sermons on the importance of stewardship — that is tithing to the church — are met with resistance from young people anxious about stewardship of the environment.

“People want to know who the historical Jesus is,” Adamson says. “If there has ever been a time to consider strongly preaching the Word in an expository fashion, it’s now.” 

# WAGF REAFFIRMS BIBLICAL MARRIAGE

BY MARK FORRESTER

As the executive committee of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF) convened in Singapore for the eighth World AG Congress, March 29-31, leaders approved a theological paper on the redefinition of marriage and human sexuality.

The document, states, “The main intent of this paper is not only informative concerning the biblically based position of the WAGF . . . it also attempts to approach hermeneutically and theologically key biblical texts that relate to this sensitive subject.”

“Fidelity to Scripture and dependence on the Holy Spirit have characterized this Movement from its earliest days,” says George O. Wood, WAGF chairman. “More than an affirmation, this paper will serve as a tool for ministers facing difficult questions about the vast cultural redefinition of marriage from people they are trying to reach for Christ.”

The new 17-page WAGF report provides a biblical response and also addresses various errant views espoused by those who seek to incorporate LGBT views into a Christian lifestyle. The paper concludes, “The Church has the responsibility to be the conduit of proclamation of God’s grace and hope for all who struggle with broken families or homosexual temptations, orientation, and conduct, and who desire to align their lives with God’s declared intent for marriage design and sexuality.” 

# CATASTROPHIC FLOODING KILLS HUNDREDS

BY SCOTT HARRUP

At least 273 people were killed in Mocoa, Colombia, as floodwaters and landslides devastated the city of 40,000 people on March 31. Hundreds more have been injured. By some estimates, more than 14 million cubic yards of mud and rocks swept through the city. Some boulders weighed as much as 12 tons.

“The wall of mud reached up to 6 feet coming through the town,” says AGWM Area Director David Woodworth. “Half of the state of Putumayo, in southern Colombia along the border with Peru, is without electricity.”

Among the victims, a family of four from a local AG church was missing, and three others from the church were injured. Several families were among those who lost their homes.

“A group of pastors is on site trying to assess the situation and help the churches there,” Woodworth says.

Earlier flooding in Peru resulted in more than 100 deaths.

“We finally made it to Catacaos, which has experienced historic flooding,” missionary Bill Shrader reported from Peru on April 3. “Our Betel Casa de Dios school is being used as a refuge for families who have lost everything. Tonight, we handed out food, mosquito nets and repellent, water filters, and soap. Please continue to pray.” 

# MIRACULOUS DONOR HELPS MISSIONARY

BY DEANN ALFORD

Without a new kidney, Jim Gutel faced certain death. But the waiting list for a donor organ was at least 10 years that the founding director of the AG Southern California School of Ministry did not have.

With no hope left, Gutel experienced a miracle. He received a kidney transplant from a 16-year-old boy in Texas whose parents specifically requested the organ be donated to an AG minister.

Gutel, 66, who with his wife Karla, 63, are AG U.S. missionaries, learned three years ago that he had both prostate cancer and kidney failure.

Yet to qualify for the transplant, Gutel would have to be cancer-free at least two years. No family members could donate the organ, but they created a Facebook page to generate prayer support and spread the word of the need.

In Texas, on Nov. 21, 2015, Dylan Galila of Humble First Assembly sustained mortal wounds in an accidental shooting. Milton Pool, Humble First pastor, was in the room when a hospital representative told Dylan's parents their son was brain dead and asked if they wanted to donate his organs.

"I turned to my husband and said wouldn't it be great if (Dylan's organs could go to) a missionary or somebody who preached the gospel?" Cathy Galila, Dylan's mom, recalls.

But she didn't know anybody in



need. Pool mentioned the family's offer in a staff meeting. Pool's substitute assistant, Misty Scott, filling in for his secretary on vacation, had moved to Texas from California. Jim Gutel's need for a kidney was on Scott's prayer list. The two were a match. Gutel received the kidney transplant on Nov. 25, 2015.

"The Lord told me when Dylan died he would be a grain of wheat that would fall to the ground and produce much grain," Galila says. Not only did 45 of Dylan's friends surrender their lives to Christ when his mom gave an altar call at his funeral, Gutel is once again training ministers.

"I feel great, like a new man," Jim Gutel says. "It's been such a miracle."

With current protocols, the transplant surgeon told Gutel, he never would have been offered as healthy a kidney. Had the Galilas not bequeathed Gutel the kidney, the organ would have been reserved for a young person. PE

the destructive behaviors their parents are currently experiencing," Kue says. "I'm passionate about the children, because I see what they are going to become if we don't intervene."

On weekends, Kue and her team go to community room centers in the projects to serve around 50 students with food and the gospel.

Somehow Kue finds the time to run the clinic, the church, and the children's ministry in the projects.

"I don't see this as a job; I see this as a passion," Kue says. "I'm doing what I am supposed to be doing."

Twice a month Doug Carr, a member of First AG of Greater Lansing, shares

the preaching load at the clinic, and members from both churches participate in the ministry to the projects.

"It has been exciting to teach and preach to these folks with their severe physical needs," Carr says. "When we talk about getting set free, they totally get it and are ready for prayer and deliverance."

Carr also identifies many areas in which Kue has overcome obstacles, such as insurance carriers pulling funding, the local housing authority attempting to keep her out of the projects, and the basement of the clinic flooding. PE

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## AG CHURCH IN LOUISIANA DESTROYED BY APPARENT TORNADO

BY DAN VAN VEEN

It was 1 a.m. March 25, and Martha Grigg, pastor of Ringgold (Louisiana) Assembly of God, was where no 73-year-old woman wants to be — standing outside looking at what remained of her church.

"[The church] was completely demolished," Grigg says. "The building had no roof, what little roof was left, had caved into the inside of building. One side of the building was down, and there was debris in the trees, in the ditch, in the parking lot . . . it was just devastating."

When John Ashbrook of First Assembly in West Monroe, Louisiana, heard about the church, he contacted the district to offer his help in

walking Grigg through the insurance challenges.

"When I met with Pastor Martha on Tuesday, she was a bit distraught," Ashbrook says. "But I reassured her that a lot of help will come in, a lot of people will help."

"We have teams through our Louisiana Disaster Relief ready to go," District Superintendent Scott Holmes confirms. "We're just waiting on the green light from the insurance adjuster."

Despite all the challenges, Grigg remains steadfast in her faith.

"God is so good," she says. "He's been so faithful to me all these years; He's just been totally faithful." PE