

# The Vanguard

veterans of foreign missions association

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## “A Word From The Chairman”



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Most of us Veterans are at the age where we welcome the warmer breezes of Spring and Summer. (For those of you who live in Canada, be patient, they are on the way!) We rejoice over the wonderful reports from the Foreign Fields. The Veterans have done their jobs well – training and mentoring those who have followed in our footsteps. Let us continue to support and pray for the Harvest! We are happy to report the implementation of the following initiatives:

“**Christmas Cheer for Retired Missionaries**” has been turned over to the VFMA, by the FMD, as our own fully funded program. This program fits beautifully into our original charter and we happily assume full responsibility for carrying it out.

The **VFMA Web Site** is currently up, running and under continuing construction,

at the following address: [www.vfma.net](http://www.vfma.net). (Note: If you have any additional photos you would like to have added to the “Photo Galleries” page, please forward them, digitally, to [JLBurns47@aol.com](mailto:JLBurns47@aol.com).)

The date, time and location for the next **Annual VFMA Business Meeting / Banquet** is Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, 2007 at 2:30 PM in Tampa, Florida. (Most likely at the Marriott Hotel. We will keep you updated.)

The dates and location of the next **Biennial VFMA Retreat** are as follows: Wednesday evening, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, through Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2008 at the beautiful Trout Lodge in Potosi, Missouri (Departure will be Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>.) The Trout Lodge is a part of the YMCA of the Ozarks. You may access their web site at:

[www.ymcaoftheozarks.org](http://www.ymcaoftheozarks.org).

This will be a great time of fellowship. There are lots of activities available in Potosi. (Note: We are pleased to announce the expansion of our **VFMA Retreat** to three nights and two days! Please make your plans to attend.)

We have received approval to produce a **DVD Project** involving our Veterans. We will attempt to record as many of you, as possible, on digital video tape relating experiences, both poignant and humorous, for inclusion in this DVD. Much of the footage will be gleaned from our time together at the next biennial Retreat in Potosi, Missouri. So, please plan on attending!

The **VFMA has adopted the MK Ministries** (Formerly the MK Association) as Partners in Missions. We encourage all VFMA members to do so individually, as well.

In closing, please allow me to express what a joy it is to work with the other members of the VFMA Executive Committee. **Brothers Larry Blake, Dorsey Burk, Bruce Howell and Manuel Rogers** are all committed to the success and continued progress of the VFMA.

### Did you know?

China, the world’s 4th largest country after Russia, Canada and the USA, has only one time zone ?

2nd Trimester, 2007

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The VFMA welcomes the following new members:

1. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Scott
2. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Dennis
3. Rev. and Mrs. Mark Drost
4. Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Hall
5. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Arthur
6. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Drake
7. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Forbush
8. Rev. and Mrs. Brian Henry
9. Rev. and Mrs. John Nickerson
10. Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Sloan
11. Rev. and Mrs. Craig Sully
12. Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Sullivan
13. Rev. and Mrs. Sam Latta
14. Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Miller
15. Rev. and Mrs. Loren Miller

Does anyone have contact info for the following members?

Mrs. Loretta Moreau  
Rev. Ruben Chicaiza  
Mrs. Debbie Morgan

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**VFMA Executive Committee**

- Jerry L. Burns—Chairman
- Larry D. Blake—Vice Chairman
- Dorsey L. Burk—Secretary
- Manuel W. Rogers—FMB Member
- Bruce A. Howell—General Director FMD



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**Overseas Travels by VFMA Members**

Dorsey Burk – Myanmar, April, 2007

The Jerry Holts – Hong Kong, November, 2006

The Sidney Purdues – Colombia, 2006 (3 times)

Jerry Burns – Madagascar, September, 2006 and France, November, 2006

**We Know Where They've Been - Where Are They Now?**

**Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Hall** (Liberia, Kenya, South Africa) – Pastoring New Life Tabernacle in Mexia, Texas. Mexia, is about 40 miles east of Waco. They live within a two hour drive of all their children and grand-children!

**Rev. and Mrs. Walter Droke** (Kenya) – Pastoring First UPC in Hohenwald, Tennessee. A long-time, great Missions-Minded Church that many of us well remember visiting.

**Rev. and Mrs. Brian Henry** (PNG and Norway) – On the staff at Christian Life College in Stockton, California.

**Rev. and Mrs. Gabriel Cruz** (Dominican Republic) - Retired, living in Greenfield, Indiana, attending Calvary Tabernacle in Indianapolis. Enjoying their children, grand-children and great-grandchild!

**Rev. and Mrs. Steven Well** (Chile) – Pastoring the New Life UPC (Hispanic) in Miami, Florida.

Please keep us informed of your overseas comings and goings at [JLBurns47@aol.com](mailto:JLBurns47@aol.com)

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