



NEW NAME-CHANGE “VETERANS OF GLOBAL MISSIONS ASSOCIATION”

It was decided in our recent annual VGMA business meeting to change the name of our association to keep current with the new name-change “Global Missions” which is taking place in the Foreign Missions Division. Our association is now called, “Veterans of Global Missions Association (VGMA).”

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS AND UPDATES

The new website address is: www.vgmaupci.com. Check it out! Notice all the pictures of our recent banquet in Louisville, and the videos containing testimonies from veteran missionaries. If you do not find your name listed under VGMA MEMBERS, it is because we have not heard from you. If you would like your name listed, together with your current email address, please contact me at dhanscom@upci.org. All newsletters as well as important announcements concerning VGMA events will be posted on this website in the future.

VGMA Welcomes Newly Elected Leaders



Lloyd Shirley — Vice Chairman

Lloyd and Nancy Shirley, 1964 graduates of Apostolic Bible Institute, evangelized before taking a pastorate in Worthington, Minnesota. In the early 1970s they felt a burden for the Caribbean area and were appointed as missionaries to the Leeward Islands in February 1973. They arrived on the field with their two children, Steve and Cylinda, in August 1974. In 1975 the Shirleys established Lighthouse Bible School in St. Croix and held short-term Bible school sessions in other islands. They also supervised pastors and AIM workers, evangelized, planted churches, and constructed and remodeled buildings. In October 1991, the GMB recommended Brother Shirley as the regional director for Central America/Caribbean. He supervised 31 missionary families and numerous AIM workers as well as assisted in the oversight of more than 2,000 churches

and preaching points. In addition to his regional responsibilities Brother Shirley was the field superintendent for Guyana, Puerto Rico, Belize, and the Leeward Islands. Brother Shirley became the director of Education and Associates In Missions in 1999. His innovative ideas, burden for the lost, and helpful spirit made him the ideal choice to expand the AIM program and to assist in other areas of the Global Missions Division.

Brother Shirley retired from Global Missions Division in December 2010. He and his wife now live on a lake in Arkansas, where he enjoys fishing to his heart’s content. He was elected vice-chairman of the VGMA at the annual business meeting in October 2011.

Dorsey L Burk - Secretary

Dorsey L. Burk has served as an executive assistant for the Foreign Missions Division since 1982. During that time, he edited and designed the division's quarterly magazine, *OnSite*, prepared promotional materials, oversaw the divisional general conference display, helped to develop training materials overseas Bible schools, and served as the FMD's prayer coordinator. He has written several editions of *Insight* and *Foreign Missions Story* and for the Overseas Ministries Training Course: Bible Survey I, II, and III with Darline Kantola, *Life of Christ* with Arless Glass, *Epistles and Missions*. He has also compiled and edited three collections of missionary stories: *Anchored by the Call*, *How Do You Tell a Hungry Soul She Cannot Have a Bible?* and *Where Angels Dwell*.



Brother Burk is now focusing on developing curriculum and materials for overseas Bible schools in conjunction with the Global Association of Theological Studies (GATS). This is in keeping with the Burks's love of teaching in Bible schools and seminars, having taught in the Caribbean, Europe, and Southeast Asia.

Dorsey and Bev Burk missionary experience began when they were short-term missionaries in Jamaica 1973-1974. They received their full missionary appointment to Germany in 1977. In between Jamaica and Germany, he was the finance secretary for Foreign Missions Division and a field editor for Word Aflame Publications.

VGMA

Executive Committee

Donald Hanscom, Sr.

Chairman

Lloyd Shirley

Vice Chairman

Dorsey Burk

Secretary

Manual Rogers, Jr

GMB Member

Bruce A. Howell

Director GMD

VGMA RETREAT 2012 Trout Lodge Potosi, Missouri April 24-26, 2012

At the request of VGMA membership, and with special thanks to Brother Howell and GMD, the retreat has been extended from 2 days to 3 days. Therefore in the 2008 retreat, the VGMA Committee reserved rooms for all attendees for 3 nights. However, several missionaries did not stay for the 3rd night. The VGMA had to pay for several rooms that were not occupied on the 3rd night. In an informal meeting on the final day of the retreat, the missionaries presented several suggestions of how to save the VGMA expense on these unoccupied rooms. One of their suggestions was the one adopted by the VGMA Executive Committee, described in the following paragraph.

In the interest of good stewardship of VGMA funds, and due to the fact that a contract with Trout Lodge has to be signed for the upcoming retreat by February 24th, and a room-list sub-mitted, the VGMA Executive Committee has decided that a check in the amount of \$100.00 (per family, and will be refunded) must be sent in to the VGMA Secretary by ALL who plan to stay the 3rd night. This check will be returned to you after you arrive at the retreat, and if in fact you stay the full 3 days.

This worked very well for us in our last (2010) retreat. If your check does not arrive by February 15th, we will take for granted that you plan to stay for 2 nights only, and will reserve your room accordingly. If you should decide to stay the 3rd night after you arrive, you are not guaranteed a room for the 3rd night. Please send check for \$100.00 to Rev. Dorsey Burk, VGMA Secretary, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042. If you are planning to attend the VGMA Retreat, and have not yet advised Brother Burk, please do so right away so that he will be sure to get your name on the room-list we submit to Trout Lodge. His email address is: dburk@upci.org and his telephone number is 314-616-3275. If you have any question concerning this, please feel free to call me. 314- 497-9803. Don Hanscom, Chairman, VGMA.