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## 100 Years of Pentecost


**NICARAGUA:** About 100,000 people gathered April 21 at Plaza de La Fe in Managua to culminate a three-month-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Nicaragua Assemblies of God. "With a powerful Pentecostal anointing, Claudio Freidzon, Argentine pastor and revivalist, and his wife, Betty, challenged believers to embrace the work of the Holy Spirit," says missionary Terri Triplett.

In 1912, B.A. Schoenich and his wife, Rosalie, were sent from Stone Church in Chicago, Illinois, to Matagalpa, Nicaragua, as the first Pentecostal missionaries to the nation. Several years later they were appointed with the newly formed U.S. Assemblies of God.

When Loren Triplett, former AGWM executive director, and his wife, Milly, arrived in Managua in

1954, the Fellowship had 26 fledging churches. For 12 years they evangelized, planted churches, directed the Bible school, and wrote and published Spanish literature. The couple's sacrificial lives were examples to the growing Fellowship.

On Friday, April 20, the Triplets were presented with a plaque to commemorate their missionary service in Nicaragua. The Fellowship also dedicated the newly completed men's dormitory at the Loren Triplett Missionary Training Center.


According to its website, the Nicaragua AG has grown to more than 1,600 churches and preaching points with 400,000 members. Its general superintendent, Saturnino Cerrato, says, "The Fellowship is exploding and becoming a powerful force to be reckoned with during the upcoming years." 

## Training New Workers

**MEXICO:** To prepare new staff, Global Teen Challenge launched its first training school for Latin America and the Caribbean. Located in Mexico City, the school hosted 18 students from five ministries in Honduras and Mexico for three months of intensive training sessions that began in February. Most of the students had been delivered from addictions and lives of crime.

Pedro lived on the streets before

he encountered Teen Challenge. "God forgave me, restored me and gave me back my family," he says. "Now I'm learning to fulfill His will for my life."

Fernando was a drug addict and alcoholic for many years. He testified that the Lord spared his life twice before he entered the Teen Challenge program. "Today I'm free of the heavy burdens of all of the sin and addictions," he says. 

## Missions News

**ITALY:** Seventeen years ago, Marco was a drug addict and suffered with HIV/AIDS. "He stumbled into a church, accepted Christ and began attending the singles prayer meeting

in our home," says missionary Terry Peretti. Today, now healed of AIDS, he is a faithful follower of Christ. "Only Jesus can transform a life that way," says Peretti.

## URGENT PRAYER requests

### Physical Needs

- A missionary in a sensitive country is battling cancer. In an email, she says, "My recent surgery went well and, to the doctor's surprise, I have needed almost no pain medications. The doctors have no more chemo that can help, so I need your continued prayers as I look into alternative treatments."
- Mike Gaither (Japan retired) will have a pacemaker and defibrillator implanted May 18.
- After further tests, doctors report that Ron Iwasko (AGWM retired) is a candidate for less aggressive treatments and will not need an extended hospital stay.

### Ministry Needs

- Pray for God's anointing on missionaries and students participating in this week's special studies at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary in Baguio, Philippines. Pray that students will return to their homes empowered to be greater witnesses.
- Pray that God will provide financially for students attending Patagonian Bible Institute in southern Argentina. Several have been unable to pay the full tuition.

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