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Newsletter Laid Down

More than 15 years ago, the NCYM Missions Newsletter became a regular publication of the missions committee. There was a need to get information about missions before members of the yearly meeting and committee members believed a newsletter to be the answer. The idea was to send a packet of newsletters, or one if a meeting had the capability of making copies, to each monthly meeting for distribution to members. The desire was to get one into each home in the yearly meeting. It so happened that I was on the missions committee at the time and just so happened to be working as a freelance writer, so it was approved that I write and edit the NCYM Missions Newsletter. I have enjoyed the task. Now, however, we are living in a different world. One where our best means of distributing information is not through the mail but through the web.

In today's world, each meeting can download information from the various missionaries and can even print it out to distribute to members who prefer not to have computers, and who do not have access to the internet. With the web, one can keep up to date and have access to much more information than can be put into one single issue of a newsletter.

With today's technology comes the "laying down" of the NCYM Missions Newsletter. For me, after so many years as editor, I find it hard to accept, but . . . as we read in Ecclesiastes, there is a time for everything . . . , and the time for a Missions Newsletter is no more.

I encourage you to keep up with the latest missions news by going to the various web pages listed below. You will want to check often, because they are frequently updated. I also ask that you help your fellow church family members who do not have internet access stay informed about missions by printing out the news you find and make paper copies available in your meetinghouse.

Web Sites of Interest

www.fum.org has information on all the FUM missions and current missionaries. At this site, you will also find various newsletters as well as links to each missionary web site.

www.ncym-fum.org is of course the web site for North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Here you will find information on some missionaries that you will not find on FUM's site. Solely North Carolina Yearly Meeting supports Mexico and MOWA Choctaw and you will only find information about those missions at this web site.

<http://carter.with.sim.org> is the web site for Bob and Hope Carter, who many North Carolina Friends like to keep up with because they are Friends although they are serving through SIM. Many of us remember that they began their missionary career serving in Lugulu through FUM. Through SIM they are again in Kenya and Bob, along with his many other duties there, serves on the Board of the Kaimosi Hospital, that was begun by Friends in 1911. Read the history on the FUM web site.

www.reeftooutback.com/profile/JonathanSpainhour is the web site for Jonathan Spainhour, who is now with Youth with a Mission. Check out his site and see where he is what he's doing.

<http://davidandkimlehmann.blogspot.com> is where you can learn about the work of David and Kim Lehmann. You may more easily recognize her as Kim Hedrick.

There is a time for everything,
And a season for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1