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SAMS Goes Global

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On October 1, 2009, the SAMS board voted to **adopt a new name that more closely reflects SAMS' ministry vision** among the global Anglican Church. SAMS' new identity stands on the shoulders of our foundational mission and values established since 1976 in the USA and back to the 1840's with SAMS founder Allen Gardiner. **The expanded vision of SAMS will offer more avenues for individuals and parishes to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed across cultures globally.**

SAMS is now ministering with a geographical scope that is extending into Africa, Europe and Asia. Throughout our history we have sought to be sensitive to the changing dynamics in the church around the world and responsive to what the Lord was saying through the invitations that we were receiving to partner in pioneering areas. In 2006, SAMS initiated a strategic planning process to discern next steps and a response to new invitations. We waited on the Lord and watched for where we were **experiencing God at work through the Society.**

One key observation was the fact that God had already grown our sphere of activity beyond our original calling to South America. "At first we resisted this global calling," says SAMS board chair Richard Englander, "but **God opened doors that we never expected** and provided key ministry partners." Within three years of sending the Society's first missionaries to South America in 1978, we began sending missionaries to Central America. Then in 1987 we responded to an invitation to go to the Caribbean. From there we were called to Europe in 1991, to Africa in 2004, and to Asia in 2009.

At the same time, we reaffirmed our identity as a community in Christ. SAMS is not an "agency" that solely provides services. We are a "society" that seeks to build relationships across cultures, ethnic backgrounds, and church connections. As the board considered our identity as a community, it became increasingly clear that we should become **known more by who we are than by what we do.** We are a society of missionaries, serving in partnership

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Our logo expresses a call to be faithful to our core while boldly stepping out in faith. The font and color for "SAMS" you recognize because it represents the continuing commitment to our mission and values. Our tagline reinforces this commitment further through emphasizing our core ministry with missionaries and the church here and around the world of sharing, serving, and supporting. Correspondingly, the visual representation of the globe

stretches the Society to prayerfully consider the increasing scope by which we are called to share the Gospel across cultures. Most importantly, the cross centers the Society on Jesus Christ's atoning death, reveals his overarching love for the world, and points toward his eternal rule of the new heaven and earth. ■

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with the Anglican Church globally. We are also a society of senders of these missionaries through giving, praying, and supporting.

Consequently, **we will become known as the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders.** Yet, to many we will still be, simply, **SAMS!** This new name reflects our growing call. Maintaining the acronym SAMS reflects our continuing commitment to share the Gospel in word and deed, serve Christ through the global Anglican Church faithfully, and send Episcopalians and Anglicans from the Americas who are submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the authority of Scripture.

SAMS stands ready to serve you and your parish. We walk alongside those who are discerning calls to serve as missionaries, partner with dioceses across the Anglican Global South in sending people, create mentored cross-cultural internships, and assist in the equipping and connecting of short-term teams.

SAMS partners with the Anglican Church through the sending of missionaries to eighteen countries in five continents. Currently, seventy-eight missionaries and associate missionaries serve or are preparing to serve. Close to 5000 individuals and churches support these missionaries as senders. ■



What in the World is God Doing?

Join SAMS-USA at the New Wineskins for Global Missions Conference in Ridgecrest, NC, on April 8, 2010!



At 2:30 PM, we will hold a Panel Discussion in the Mountain Laurel Inn, Jim Henry Auditorium, involving Bishops representing several of the international dioceses with whom we partner.



At 4:15 PM we will hold our reception and dinner (5:00 PM) in the Johnson Spring Building, Azalea Room, followed by a presentation featuring several of our missionaries. This brief dinner presentation will conclude 30 minutes before the first scheduled program element of the New Wineskins conference.

All interested persons are encouraged to participate in these special events. The events will be complimentary for New Wineskins for Global Mission 2010 participants. Please call or e-mail Nita at info@sams-usa.org and let her know that you plan to attend one or both events. ■



Captain Allen Gardiner

SAMS Undergoes Second Name Change

In 1844 Captain Allen Gardiner founded the Patagonian Missionary Society with the purpose of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the peoples in the southernmost tip of South America. Tragically, before Gardiner and his six companions could share this Good News with even one person, they all perished from hunger and exposure in September 1851. When others would have seen only failure and the end of the mission, Gardiner saw hope and expansion, enthusiastically penning in his journal:

Considering the wide field which it is proposed that the society should enter...it would be advisable to alter its present designation to one more comprehensive and applicable, viz: The South American Missionary Society.

Thirteen years later the board of the Patagonian Missionary Society acted on Gardiner's directions, and changed the name to SAMS.

Our second change of name reflects a further expansion, which Gardiner envisioned in the following prayer, written on his last birthday, June 28, 1851:

Grant O Lord, that we may be instrumental in commencing this great and blessed work; but should Thou see fit in Thy providence to hedge up our way, and that we should even languish and die here, I beseech Thee to raise up others and to send forth labourers into this harvest...and hasten the day when the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be manifested, not here only, but throughout every nation, and people, and tribe, and prayers and praise shall ascend, and a pure offering from the hearts of multitudes who are now sitting in darkness. ■

Prayer Calendar

April - July 2010



SAMS/Five Talents missionary Colleen Dyble shares a laugh with some women at the Potato Festival in San Andres, Perú. Colleen was at the festival with sisters Sara and Eva (far left), talking to sellers about joining a savings group they have started.

Please focus on the following as you pray:

- Monday.....for missionary's own spiritual growth
- Tuesday.....for God's blessing for the diocese and bishop
- Wednesday..for missionary's relationships with nationals
- Thursday....for missionary's health, safety and family life
- Friday for outpouring of the Spirit in missionary's church
- Saturday.....for missionary to be used to share the Gospel

April 1 - 3

Lift up missionary candidate **Susan Morris** in Jacksonville, Florida, as she continues to heal from her cancer surgery in February. Pray for God's wisdom regarding the timing of her departure for ministry with the Anglican Church of Uganda in Kampala.

Join **Colleen Dyble** in Lima, Perú, in praying for staff and clients of ECLOF (Ecumenical Loan Fund) in Huancavelica, Lima, Puno and Ayacucho who have experienced flooding due to heavy rains. Pray for strengthened Christian community and fellowship for Colleen, and for discernment regarding whether or not to extend her fellowship with SAMS/Five Talents when the current term ends in July.

Pray for SAMS Missionary Candidates **Mike and Linda Chapman** in Troy, New York, as Mike returns from Perú and the election of an Assisting Bishop. Pray that they will soon reach their fundraising goal and be able to begin their ministry in the region of Ica, Perú, which was hardest hit by the 2007 earthquake.

Praise God with **Curt and Paola Little** in La Paz, Bolivia, for the birth of their first child, Jordan Curtis in March! Pray for their adjustments as a family and for their plans to move to Caranavi (six hours south of La Paz) in June to serve full-time at the "House of Hope" orphanage.

April 4 - 10

Lift up **Summer Twyman** as she travels from Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to speak on the issue of justice and human trafficking at the New Wineskins conference and elsewhere in the United States. Pray for opportunities to connect with family, friends and supporters in this first trip home, and that she will be able to fit right back into her role at the aftercare facility when she returns to Cambodia, without her language studies suffering.

Rejoice and pray with **Brian, Mary Jane, Charlotte, David and Robert Dennison** for the joyous and safe delivery of their baby girl due April 10th. Pray for Brian as he returns to Mukono, Uganda, in May to continue his work at Uganda Christian University, and especially for God's blessing and direction with respect to the clinical legal education program there. Lift up the family in their time apart and Mary Jane and the four children (ages 8 and under) as they travel to Uganda in July.

Pray for good health, spiritual development, and safe travel for **Jeannie Loving** as she travels in the coming months. Pray for her deepening relationships in Danlí, Honduras, with both the Hondurans and the short-term teams that go to work there.

April 11 - 17

Pray with **Bob and Meg Jepsen** in Cochabamba, Bolivia, for growth of the healing ministry at *La Trinidad* and in the Diocese of Bolivia, especially for the lay leaders who are being trained to pray for inner healing, which is much needed.

Please join with **Cathy Donahoe** in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, in praying for the Haitian people as they continue to rebuild their lives and shelters following January's earthquake. Thank God for her financial and prayer supporters and pray for increasing skills of the local therapy staff.

Continue to pray for **Veronica and Dennie Flowers** in La Ceiba, Honduras, as they continue to work with children and youth through Dennie's sports ministry and Veronica's work with *Santísima Trinidad* School.

April 18 - 24

Join with **Ian and Polly Montgomery** in Lima, Perú, as they thank God for their ministry among the clergy, the Cathedral, the seminary in Lima, and Villa el Salvador. Pray for traveling mercies and fruitful visits to Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield, Massachusetts, this week and throughout New England this summer. Pray for Ian as he supervises the Cathedral during the Parks' absence, especially during a large ordination service on May 1st.

Praise God with **Bishop Frank and Shawnee Lyons** in Cochabamba, Bolivia, for the new buildings in Cochabamba and Tarija and for the return of Raphael and Michelle Samuel to Santa Cruz.

Praise God with **Russ, Heidi, Joshua, Joyanne and Jocelyn Smith** for their new home and ministry in Calera de Tango, Chile. Pray for Juan Bautista Church's Bible classes and other strategic activities being planned, including a Women's Encounter in the Spirit and a Marriage Encounter later in the year. Also pray for the end of the school year at Santiago Christian Academy.

April 25 - May 1

Pray for good health and safe travel for **Shirley Morris** as she returns to Hartley Wintley, England, after several weeks of speaking in the United States

(North Carolina, Washington, and Pennsylvania). Pray that she would hear what God would have her say in her address to the Mothers' Union in May, for wisdom and sensitivity as she prepares a team mission trip to Uganda departing October 14th, and for the armor of God to protect her daily as she battles spiritual attacks.

Pray for **Ron and Debby McKeon** in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, as they discern when to return to northeast Brazil. Pray for continued translation work on the curriculum "In the Presence of the Father" and for the plans to translate a John Wesley Study Bible, which would help get God's Word out to the churches and individuals, provide income for the translators, and help support diocesan social ministry with any profits earned.

Praise God for the return of **John and Ninfa Dixon** to Alicante, Spain, and for their faithful supporters who made it possible. Pray for their neighbors who were so glad to see them return, and who are beginning to ask them questions about spiritual matters. Pray for Ninfa's witness to her English students, and for John's lessons in Valenciano, French and Arabic, which allow him to converse with the many African immigrants he encounters.

May 2 – 8

Pray for traveling mercies for **Juan and María Marentes** as they continue visiting churches in North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, West Virginia, Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina, returning to San Ignacio, Belize, on July 28th.

Pray with **Shaw and Julie Mudge** and their daughter **Lydia** in Lima, Perú, for the seminarians they teach at *Seminario Santos Agustín* (Sts. Augustine Seminary) as they finish their semester mid-month. Pray for their family and all whom they minister with (especially the short-term team from the Diocese of Albany which will be joining them July 19th through 31st) that they would keep their priorities straight, that God would continue to provide for them financially and in other ways, and that their ministries would be fruitful in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for discernment for SAMS Associate Missionaries **Betty and Larry Colletta** in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, regarding their next mission-related ministry and their ongoing job search.

May 9 – 15

Join with **Sandy and Gloria Johnson** in praising God for their son Kevin's graduation from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago, Illinois on May 15th. Pray for their continued visits to supporters and supporting churches this month, for their readjustment when they return to Arequipa, Perú, without the Robertsons, and for their plans to bring Cursillo to Perú.

Pray for **David and Lucy Chaves** as they work with Church Army Africa in Nairobi, Kenya and prepare for the birth of their first child next month. Pray for the many Kenyans suffering from famine across the country, and for the Somali Christian community in Nairobi which suffers from physical persecution and overwhelming poverty.

Lift up Associate Missionary **Margarita** and her daughters **Gabriela and Hannah Grachen** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as she prepares to lead a short-term mission team to Honduras in June. Pray that the Lord's hand would be seen in the preparations, in the team while they are on the trip, and through their ministry to the children of *Los Amiguitos de Jesús* daycare center and elsewhere.

May 16 – 22

Please pray for **John and Susan Park** in Lima, Perú, as John continues his work as dean of the cathedral and Susan works with the visiting teams, mentoring the women seminarians, and teaching English in the seminary.

Join with **Doug and JoEllyn Fountain** in Mukono, Uganda, in praying for their daughter **Alyssa** as she takes her British exams (IGCSE – International General Certificate of Secondary Education) this month and next. Pray for Uganda Christian University as they seek a new Vice Chancellor to replace the retiring Steve Noll, and as the new Library progresses. Pray for the Church of Uganda, that it would be strengthened by young leaders able to adjust to a changing society, that the nation would have peace leading up to the National election next year, and that God's light would pierce the darkness and break the bonds of witchcraft in the region.

Please lift up **Sonia and Peter** in South Asia, as they continue to reach out to their neighbors and balance, work, family, and personal time.

May 23 – 29

Please pray for **Mike and Betty Kaszer**, in La Ceiba, Honduras, as their term of full-time missionary service ends the beginning of June and they re-enter civilian life in the United States. Join them in praying for missionary teachers to go to work at *Santísima Trinidad* (Holy Trinity) Episcopal School and *La Linea* Episcopal Church plant, and pray for sustained relationships across the miles.

Join **Anita, Michael, and Elizabeth Dohn** in San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic, in praying for Haitian immigrants who lost friends and family in the January earthquake. Pray for the health promoters they work with as they seek to raise awareness in their neighborhoods and overcome the fears, taboos and misinformation in the community that hamper prevention and diagnosis of illness.

Lift up **Cameron and Roberto Vivanco** in Quito, Ecuador, as Cameron directs the Quito Quest and staff training beginning May 26th. Pray for the 21 teams that will begin arriving on June 6th, for the places they will serve, their sending churches and for a lasting impact in both the ministry sites and in the individual team members' lives. Pray also for Roberto's seminary studies, and especially his classes in Greek and Hebrew.

May 30 – June 5

Praise God with **Gail White** in Gardiner, Maine, for all those who have continued with prayer and support while she seeks God's will for the next step she should take in missions.

Join with **Todd and Patsy McGregor** in Toliara, Madagascar, praying for the short-term teams and interns coming from Downline Ministries in Memphis, Tennessee and Ursinus College this month, and from St. David's Episcopal Church (Glenview, Illinois) and St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Geneva, Illinois) next month, that all will be transformed in God's love while serving in Madagascar. Pray for Patsy and Todd as they share their vision with those in the United States and England, that many ministry partners would be added, and that they would find time for rest and work on doctoral theses.

Please pray for SAMS Associate Missionaries **Jack, Mary, Ashby and Jack McDonald** in Blacksburg, Virginia. Lift up Mary as she works with Christian Veterinary Mission recruiting, training and following up short and long term missionaries, and pray that the Lord would bless and bring fruit that will last.

June 6 – 12

Lift up **Joe and Tina Rhodes** and their daughter **Abney** in Sumter, South Carolina, as they minister in Honduras this month, running VBS and retreats for St. Mary's Episcopal School, *El Hogar* Orphanage, and El Cruce, leading a Happener's Retreat in La Paz and a Teaching Mission on Prayer and Healing in La Ceiba, Roatan, and Tela. Pray for wisdom, safety, finances and resources for the team.

Pray for **Matt Anderson** in Cairo, Egypt, as he continues teaching at the Alexandria School of Theology, adapting to his cultural surroundings and building lasting relationships with those he teaches and works with.

Join SAMS Associate Missionary **Sharon McCririe** in Asunción, Paraguay, in praising God and praying for the workers at *La Puerta*, a residential community for drug rehabilitation.

June 13 – 19

Thank God with SAMS Associate Missionaries **Pepe and Amanda Zubieta** in Cochabamba, Bolivia, for the opportunity of serving in the Diocese of Bolivia, and continue to pray for Amanda's health.

Please join with **Mike and Kim Miller** and **Liliana** in Villanueva Cortés, Honduras, in praying for the safety and protection of the future children of *La Esperanza de Jesús* (The Hope of Jesus) Children's Home. Pray for the Lord to shepherd these precious little ones through the many transitions ahead as they are rescued from situations of extreme poverty, abuse, and homelessness, and pray for the Millers as they prepare to welcome them into the home.

June 20 - 26

Praise God with SAMS Associate Missionaries **Tom and Linda Waddell** in Flintstone, Georgia, for Tom's installation as rector at Anglican Church of the Redeemer in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and continue praying for God's blessing on the work of the savings and loan groups they have worked with around the world.

Thank God with **Ron and Vicki Robertson** in Dallas, Texas, for their time of service in Arequipa, Perú, for their Peruvian family in Christ, for their family and all of their supporters over the past years, and for Ron's continued improvement in health.

Pray for SAMS Associate Missionary **Chris Feuillade** in Santiago, Chile, that he will receive clear guidance this spring regarding his future as a missionary, and for continued fruitfulness in his current work with students at the University and at *La Iglesia del Salvador*.

June 27 – July 3

Pray with SAMS Associate Missionary **Dotti Gleason** in Denver, Colorado, for the ministry of the Health Guardians of the Danlí deanery of Honduras, that they would continue to learn and serve the people in their communities. Pray for safe travel, quick recall of Spanish, wisdom and discernment for Dotti as she travels to Honduras July 5th through the 16th.

Pray for SAMS Missionary Candidates **Townsend and Dawn Cooper** and their daughters, **Lucie and Robin**, in Brunswick, Georgia, as they begin building support and making plans for their medical ministry.

July 4 – 10

Pray for **Hilda and Eduardo Monzón** in San José, Costa Rica, as they continue to work at Ascension Church (which they planted 15 years ago) and help the bishop to develop lay and ordained leadership for the Diocese of Costa Rica.

Praise God with **Janine LeGrand** in Masindi, Uganda, for her recovery from malaria and other ailments. Thank God for the Rev. Francis Mulinzi, who covered for her at the clinics while she was sick, the progress made in surveying for a new clinic, and the Palmetto Medical Initiative (PMI) team of 30 who treated nearly 1500 patients in five locations.

July 11 – 17

Lift up SAMS Missionary Candidate **David Alenskis** in Escondido, California, as he raises support for his vision to help disciple leaders and grow the church in South America.

Thank God with **Rachel, Allen, James and John Hill** in Lima, Perú, for the students coming to the end of their studies at Saints Augustine seminary in Lima and Arequipa, and pray for those who are preparing for ordination. Pray also for the Lord's provision for their family, the ministry of the seminary, and the Diocese of Perú.

Continue to pray for **Malcolm Alexander** in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as he ministers to children and impoverished adults at *la Cruz Roja*.

July 18 – 24

Pray for SAMS Missionary Candidate **Kelli Brazzel** in Fort Worth, Texas, that she might have clarity and find the place God is calling her to do his will.

Pray for **Sebastián Marentes, Hannah Mudge, Peter Jepsen, Rebecca, Tracy, and Natalia Dohn, Justin Lyons, Robert and James Park**, as they pursue post-secondary education. Ask the Lord to protect **Francis Lyons IV** and his wife, **Audra**, as they serve in the armed forces.

July 25 – 31

Pray for the SAMS home staff: **Lynn Bouterse, Denise Cox, Nita Dempsey, Ron Kramm, Sarah Kramm, Dana Priest, Bonnie Walker and Stewart Wicker** as they support and encourage missionaries and the church here in the U.S. and globally.



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