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Six new Mission Society missionaries approved

(Norcross/Atlanta, GA - January 16, 2009) – Six new missionaries were approved for service with The Mission Society at the conclusion of the Missionary Candidate Event (MCE) on January 14, 2009. The week consisted of time for the candidates to get to know the staff and other missionaries, meet with The Mission Society's staff counselor, and receive some introductory instruction in cross-cultural ministry. Interviews were held with each candidate to assess his or her readiness for life overseas. This group of cross-cultural workers will join other teams of Mission Society's Orientation Training and raising their own financial support, the missionaries will then attend language school for a period of time before departing for their field of service.

Gary and Tula Crumpton

Gary and Tula Crumpton joined The Mission Society's Global Resource Team to work in the area of agronomy. Hailing from Reidsville, North Carolina, Gary earned a degree in Agronomy from North Carolina State University. Tula holds a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and a M.A. from A&T State University in Counseling Education.

Wayne Burgess

Wayne joined The Mission Society's Global Resource Team to serve as a physician in areas of need around the world. He currently works for WellSpan Medical Group in York, Pennsylvania. Wayne earned a B.S. in Biology from Randolph-Macon College and a M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia. He is married to Teresa and they have one daughter, Faith.

Three other missionaries are not listed for security purposes.

Founded in 1984 in the Wesleyan tradition, The Mission Society recruits, trains, and sends Christian missionaries to minister around the world. At present, The Mission Society has 216 missionaries in 32 countries. The Mission Society develops diverse programs and ministries in accordance with its missionaries' unique callings and gifts, ranging from well-drilling and the arts to more traditional ministries such as teaching English and church planting. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops, and mentoring for congregations in the United States and overseas, helping equip churches for strategic outreach in their own communities and throughout the world. For more information on The Mission Society, call 1.800.478.8963 or visit www.themissionsociety.org.

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