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BELL FAMILY

FEBRUARY 2025

BRIDGING LONDON



February was another great month for our family. Ashley had the opportunity to attend a London Ministry Wives Conference on Saturday February 1st. It was a great encouragement to her to be with other ministry wives and friends. The men of our church went on a 5 mile ramble (hike) on February 8th at Chartwell. It was a great time of exercise, fellowship, and time in God's Word. We have 5 potential new member's preparing to attend our New Members' Class this month. Three of the attendees will also be coming for baptism after finishing the 7 week course. Terry and Joshua had the great privilege of being invited to fly back to Arkansas to spend time with our sending church First Baptist Church in Vilonia, Arkansas. Terry did a great job teaching the kids and sharing his testimony and Joshua enjoyed the opportunity to preach on Sunday morning. Our friend, Rahul, has been a faithful attender of our church for some time. Unfortunately, he had to move from London up to Manchester this month. We organised a farewell party for him. Rahul is a wonderful cook and spent hours cooking the men a delicious Indian meal. We will really miss him. Though we did not get away, our family enjoyed having time off with the kids during their February half-term break. Daphne celebrated her 10th birthday on February 20th. She is growing up way too fast! Also, Evan has recovered from his eye surgeries. Thank you for praying for him. Each summer in August, our church puts on a camp for our youth group. For many years, we have gone to the same camp site near the coast. Sadly, this camp site has permanently closed. Would you pray that we would be able to find a new site that would work well for us? Thank you for your support and prayers!



Arkansas



Daphne



Youth Camp



Ministry Wives



Terry in AR



Rahul



New Members' Class



Men's Ramble



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BAPTIST MISSIONS TO FORGOTTEN PEOPLES

Mission Possible Asian Retreat 2025



Jonathan & Rachelle Lyons
President

We strive to emphasize the importance of the whole family at Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples! We feel it is our responsibility to provide encouragement, help, and guidance to missionaries, pastors and the sending churches associated with BMFP. However, we also realize that many in the

service of the Lord around the world, that are not directly connected to BMFP, also need help. The Mission Possible Retreats are a way to provide like-minded Independent Baptist missionaries around the world connectivity, encouragement, and help.

Every January, we meet in Bangkok, Thailand. "Lord, Let me Serve" was the theme of the 4th annual Mission Possible Asian Retreat. We had over 70 attendees from many different countries throughout Asia (Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines, South Korea, Myanmar, Taiwan, Guam, India, and the USA). The Lord worked in a mighty way. Missionaries made new friends. Missionary kids enjoyed being around other kids just like them. Church members were encouraged as they learned about ministries around Asia. Visiting pastors were burdened as they saw the need for missionaries to serve in Asia!

There was a great team that worked with the Mk's. The kids learned about John and Betty Stam, missionaries to China, as well as many ways to serve along with their parents. Special activities allowed them to just have some fun together. At the end of the week, they presented what they had learned, as well as a musical special. My heart was blessed to see so many just loving on and caring for the Mk's!

One major thing that was mentioned throughout the week was the fact that missionaries could just be transparent with each other. Many missionaries struggle with things that they feel they can never share with others. Many have wayward children, struggles in ministry, and some feel like they are all alone. This is what the retreat is all about: helping missionaries to continue in their service to the Lord. Make plans to join our next Mission Possible Asian Retreat, which will be held January 26 – 31, 2026!

Learning to laugh

Truly, the call to be a missionary is a privilege and humbling experience. One of the gifts God gives to help cope with the process of being humbled is laughter. Without this (specifically being able to laugh at ourselves), we will struggle on the mission field!



Bobby & Joanna Burdette
Africa Field Administrators

When I anticipated arriving on the field during the early Bible college and pre-field ministry days, the visions that often came to mind were arriving to desolate areas and finding people hungry for the gospel. To whom, in my imagination, I would expertly expound the amazing truths of God's grace. They would then be converted, and from then on live a life pleasing to the Lord (at this point veteran missionaries are already laughing).

I never realized I would spend at least the first term struggling with simple things like putting gas in the car and asking directions. Whom do you tip and how much? What do you do with trash in this country? What did he say the song number was? Is this person thanking me, or asking for money? All this while trying to communicate with the effective vocabulary of a 3-year-old. These things and more will quickly become an overwhelming burden if you cannot learn to laugh. I remember a Sunday morning in the early days. I was deep into a sermon about Noah when an entire pew of women, unable to contain themselves any longer, started laughing; no, cackling loudly. Noah and the great "ear-water." Apparently, that's not in the Bible. Another Wednesday night, while taking prayer requests, I intended to ask an elderly woman, who had been sick, if she was feeling stronger. To my immeasurable chagrin, I publicly asked her if she was naked. Yep, you read that right. If you can't laugh at times like these, well your "laugh-er" is broken.

Thankfully, God is gracious. He knows we are going to make mistakes, cultural blunders, and other things that are down-right embarrassing. God, however, desires to use these things not only to help keep us humble...

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**Continued from front page
by Bobby Burdette**

but also to show others that we are people too. We missionaries are just as much in need of his daily grace as the ones to whom we seek to minister. As the local people see you struggle, laugh at yourself, and continue in the grace of God. It will help them have faith that God's grace will be sufficient for them as well. Hear the heart of the Lord and what He did for Israel in a time of their shame. "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them" (Psalm 126:2).

Truly, the fact that God chooses to use instruments as flawed as humans for His work is something that should at least cause us to smile!

**"I Know Why"
by Rachel Lyons**

(Pictured on first page)

Have you ever heard someone say "I know why they did that?" Or, maybe you have found yourself saying or thinking those same words. Many times, we make quick judgement without knowing all the facts. We say, "I know," when, in reality, we don't.

This feeling of knowing why reminds me of what happened in Joshua 22. Reubenites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh returned to their land on the other side of Jordan (vs. 4). They decided to build an altar (vs. 10). But, when the rest of the tribes saw the altar, they were angry and made accusations against them. In verse 16 they said, "What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel to turn away this day from following the Lord, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye may rebel this day against the Lord?" They jumped to a wrong conclusion.

They were ready to fight. They made accusations without even asking why. They simply began to condemn their actions. Yet, in verses 21-29 we read that the 3 tribes did it, "not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you" (vs. 28). They were totally wrong!

Missionary Leadership
Godly leaders develop leaders. It may be harsh to say, but weak leaders develop followers. No one needs to tell people they are in charge. Show them the road ahead and boldly go. They will follow until they don't need you anymore - rejoice in that! It is the sign you have led them well. If they can never do it without you, you are only half a leader - it is your choice!

"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him" (Proverbs 18:13). So, before you say, "I know why . . ." hear the matter first.

News from the Field

**Eli & Katy Guiltner
Japan**

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In October, Katie's parents came and visited us for a month and were able to experience Japanese life first-hand. Katie's dad said the following, "Wow, you guys have really adjusted a lot!" Coming from a man fresh from America with not much cultural exposure to this country he could see the many differences that we

have adapted to. However as we have been here for years we do not notice it as much since it has become normal for us. We were thankful for their visit for many reasons, one being we were able to do our wedding anniversary trip for the first time in many years. It was also a time for the woman's every other year retreat which gathered in Hokkaido Japan. Katie formed this woman's group years ago to help like-minded believers fellowship on the field, get wisdom, and stay on the field longer. It was a blessed event with many in attendance. Later on in November we did the men's annual retreat, which also had record attendance. It

was a blessing to see other missionaries and minister to them. We believe that this is important for the long-term goal of reaching Japan. It is oft-times difficult to get Independent Baptists together, but it has been working slowly over time. Healthy missionaries stay on the field.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas we had events at the mission to reach the community. Our neighbors were able to experience Thanksgiving and learn about how God provided during a time of need. Many people also came and experienced Christmas. Many testified that they heard about the real meaning of Christmas for the first time ever. Please pray for them. They have never heard about the birth of Christ and its implications! Please pray for these seeds of truth planted to grow!

**"It is high time to
make known the glad
tidings in these dark
regions of sin and
spiritual bondage."
- Samuel Marsden**

**For Thou Shalt Go To All That
I Shall Send Thee**

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February 17, 2025

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Aloha Pastor McNeil,

On behalf of the entire congregation of Grace Baptist Church, I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for Pleasantview's generous financial contribution towards the rebuilding of our church building, which was tragically completely destroyed by the wildfire.

Your gift is more than a monetary donation; it is a symbol of hope, compassion, and encouragement during a time of great need. The devastation from the fire has been profound, not only for our congregation but also for the collective spirit of our community. Your donation provides us with critical resources to commence the rebuilding process and to erect a place where we can gather, worship God, preach the gospel and serve our community once again.

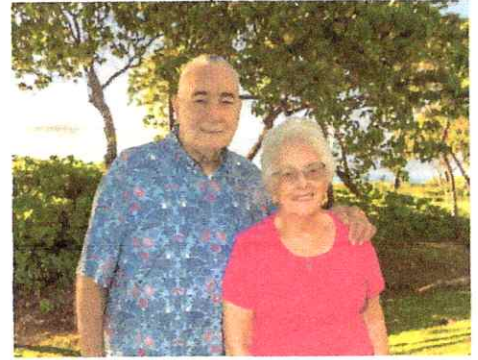
We are committed to rebuilding our church building not just as a structure, but as a sanctuary for all who seek the Lord, inspiration, and fellowship. Your support is instrumental in making this vision a reality. We are fortunate to have individuals who understand the need of preaching the Gospel and ministering God's word to our community and the regions beyond.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the rebuilding process further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Arza E. Brown
Arza E. Brown
For Grace Baptist Church

Arza & Ruth Brown
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February 20, 2025

Dear Co-laborers;

As Lahaina continues its journey toward recovery from the devastating wildfire, we remain dedicated to ministering to those who have lost their homes and are working tirelessly to rebuild their lives. So far, approximately 165 building permits have been approved, but the challenges remain significant, with around 2,200 homes, apartments, buildings, and other structures that were either damaged or destroyed.

We are eagerly awaiting the completion of our church plans, which we intend to submit for approval as soon as possible. Given that Hawaii is the most isolated population center on earth (approximately 2,400 miles from the mainland U.S.) most building supplies must be shipped in, and there is currently a shortage of materials. Additionally, we face a limited number of contractors and construction workers. We invite you to pray with us for God's provision so that when the time comes to build, everything that we need will be supplied.

Our church services at the Maui Coffee Attic continue to flourish, with good attendance and new visitors. We were blessed to have two adults follow the Lord in baptism in January, welcoming these new members into our church family.

In December, we experienced a wonderful blessing when our son, his wife, and our grandson along with his wife visited us for Christmas from North Carolina. Their presence brought much joy during this challenging time.

Please keep our ministry in your prayers, as we navigate the difficulties ahead. Much of our town has been destroyed, and many residents have been scattered while searching for housing. Some are still living in temporary accommodations as they wait for the opportunity to rebuild.

We are deeply grateful for your faithful prayers and support. Since our last letter, we have received \$ 200 - from: for 4 months

Pleasantville Baptist Church

By His Grace,

Arza & Ruth

Arza & Ruth Brown
Missionaries to Hawaii

Thank you also for the \$19,520 for fire relief to rebuild the church.

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NEWSLETTER February 2025

Dear Team Member,


We are now in the flow of activities and preparation for this **"2025 - Year of Discovery"** relating to the power and authority of Scripture, especially in it's relationship to science. "Real" science is a friend of the Scriptures, and the Scriptures are a friend to "real" science. Proverbs 25:2 states, *"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings to search out a matter."* This is the pursuit of "real" science; but evolutionary dogma has *redefined* their brand of science to rule out supernatural origins— even in the face of their own experiments that show life could not originate by natural means. We are here to set the record straight, and *your support is vital* in making this happen.

Please take time to read the opening paragraph of the enclosed *LESSON SHEET*. It mentions my late friend Dr. Richard Grove who made one of the great scientific contributions in our Space Program that landed a man on the Moon. Proverbs 25:2 was one of his favorite verses. His nuclear power system is still used in our space exploration. ***THIS IS REAL SCIENCE!***

In keeping with this concept, I have asked Engineer Jim Hoff to give a special "discovery" lecture for our *Director's Discovery Series* on Saturday, March 1. Jim's discovery topic will be *"Who's Teaching Science or Pseudoscience?"* He'll be describing unsubstantiated claims made by the evolution community compared to the scientific facts listed in Scripture— and verified by genuine science. You don't want to miss this "discovery" event!

Team member, I'm personally thankful that you're among our supporters that have made the museum and its impact possible. Your sacrifice has blended with our commitment to make the truth known in our culture that often ignores our Creator. ***But our Creator doesn't ignore them!*** He uses people like you to support the message our culture needs to hear. *Let's make the message known!*

In His Service,



Carl E. Baugh, Founder/Director/Curator, The Creation Evidence Museum of Texas

Designer And Sponsor Of The World's First Hyperbaric Biosphere

DISCOVER THE SCRIPTURES: "Scripture Introduced the Great Disciplines of Science"

LESSON SHEET

Introduction... A close personal friend of mine in years past, Dr. G. Richard Grove, received his PhD in nuclear physics at age nineteen, and was instrumental in representing the United States in our Space Program at Mound Laboratory in Miamisburg, Ohio, the official United States Atomic Energy Commission laboratory. Dr. Grove isolated Plutonium-238 for the first time in history, and used it to power our instruments for the Apollo 11 moon landing. He co-authored the *Materials Development Plutonium Research Report* for the Atomic Energy Commission. One of his favorite Bible verses was Proverbs 25:2, *"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter."*¹

The Scriptures present prophecies that are beyond the realm of human perception to foresee, and are fulfilled in succeeding generations, ultimately for the benefit of mankind. Understanding that the same Scriptures claim to be divinely inspired, it is no surprise that the science that needed to be developed by man—for the comprehension of the world and universe—would be anticipated in these Scriptures.

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isaiah 46: 9,10).

1. Comprehensive Scope of Scripture...

Secular physicist Herbert Spencer outlined the scientific basis for examining the details of the universe, "All physical reality is described in five basic components: Time, Force, Energy, Space, and Matter."² Outside the Bible, no *philosophy*, *religion*, or *scientific concept* explains the origin and function of the Universe, with these comprehensive components appearing simultaneously from nothing. Yet, the Scriptures encompass the design, origin, and function of the entire universe from the outset: *"In the beginning (Time) God (Force) created (Energy) the heaven (Space) and the earth (Matter)" (Genesis 1:1).*

The Scriptures anticipate every primary situation and they are found to be totally "accurate, comprehensive, and current". The composite Scripture *authenticates* itself theologically, scientifically, and personally, as it is exposed to every generation. *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts...So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish*

¹L. J. Wittenburg and G.R. Grove, "Reactor Fuels and Materials Development Plutonium Research: 1964 Annual Report," *AEC Research and Development Report*, Monsanto Research Corporation, 1964

² Spencer, Herbert, *First Principles*, "Space, Time, Matter, Motion, and Force," 1882, 1:171.

that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:9,11). "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5).

"For the Word of God is quick [alive], and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thought and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

The Scriptures **verify their own text** with **prophecies written in ancient times** and **fulfilled in every epoch of human history**. Its Author, the Holy Spirit, **validates its claims** to each succeeding generation, and its living, central figure, **Jesus Christ, personally appeared in history as Creator of the universe—and personally approaches every individual!**³ The comprehensive accuracy and scope of the Scriptures cannot be ignored, nor can it be matched by any other source.

2. Interrelated Creation for Man to Influence and Explore...

Physicists and astrophysicists recently discovered that all physical properties in the universe are so interrelated that none can be changed without adversely affecting the rest. Over 800 parameters have been discovered to date. The Scriptures stated this phenomenon all along!: "*Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together*" (Isaiah 48:13).

The Scriptures simultaneously introduce the comprehensive description of the world and universe that require scientific research on the part of Adam and his descendants to analyze and dominate. "*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion of the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth*" (Genesis 1:26).

3. Collective Sciences Required to Exercise Dominion Over the Creation...

Isaiah Chapter 40 gives a composite reflection detailing the areas of the research that would occupy Adam and his descendants in taking dominion over all the Earth. "*Who hath measured the waters (hydrology, meteorology, oceanography) in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven (astronomy, astrophysics) with the span, and comprehended the dust (physics, chemistry) of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills (geology, geomorphology) in a balance? (isostasy, geophysics)*" (Isaiah 40:12).

³ Light that lighteth every man (John 1:9).

"Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?" (Isaiah 40:21).

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle (sphericity, planetology) of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof (anthropology) are as grasshoppers [insect kind] (biology); that stretcheth out the heavens (astronomy) as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in (cosmological expansion) " (Isaiah 40:22). Dr. Henry M. Morris remarked that emphasis is on the precision of the divinely allocated quantities of each component. First, there is the precise balance of the waters of the earth between the oceans, rivers, groundwater, and atmospheric waters. Hydrology is the science of Earth's waters, and life on Earth is dependent on the fine-tuning of the components of the hydrologic cycle. "He looketh to the ends of the earth....To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure" (Job 28:24-25).

The atmospheric heaven also has been carefully dimensioned in size and composition to make life possible, as formulated in the science of *meteorology*.

The "dust of the earth" is nothing less than the basic chemical elements out of which all things are made. The accuracy with which elements combine with each other is based on their valences, and all of this is involved in the study of chemistry. The principle of isostasy ("equal weights") is the fundamental principle of the science of geophysics, involving the weights of mountains and hills, continents, and ocean basins.

God does not deal in chance and caprice, even with inanimate physical systems such as mountains and waters. Not even a sparrow can "fall on the ground without your Father" (Matthew 10:29).⁴

The New Testament continues to introduce the disciplines requiring human research. *"God that made the world ["cosmos, universe"] [Cosmology] and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven [Astronomy] and earth [Geology], dwelleth not in temples made with hands... seeing he giveth ["to bring forth"] to all life [Biogenesis], and breath [Physiology], and all things [Husbandry]...And hath made of one blood all nations of men [Anthropology]..." (Acts 17:24-26).*

4. Universal Evidence Identifies the Creator...

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?" (Isaiah 40:12)

The answer to this rhetorical question can only be the transcendent God of the Scriptures, the divine Designer of all the intricate interrelationships of His great

⁴ Henry M. Morris, "The Divine Designer", *ICR Acts & Facts*.

creation. Disciplines of natural science are implied here, and in each case a key principle of that science is anticipated.⁵ "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and godhead..." (Romans 1:20).

Our Creator's competence in creating and distributing the interrelated components of His creation is incomprehensible — beyond our ability to conceive. Astrophysicist Roger Penrose aptly comments: "This now tells us how precise the Creator's aim must have been. Namely to an accuracy of one part in $10^{10^{123}}$. This is an extraordinary figure. One could not possibly even write the number down in full in the ordinary deanery notation: it would be 1 followed by 10 to the power of 10^{123} successive 0's. Even if we were to write a 0 on each separate proton and on each separate neutron in the entire universe—and we could throw in all the other particles for good measure—we should fall far short of writing down the figure needed."⁶

5. Comprehensive Conclusion Drawn by History's Greatest Scientist...

Sir Isaac Newton, the greatest scientific mind that ever lived, wrote: "We account the **Scriptures of God** to be the most sublime philosophy. I find more sure marks of **authenticity in the Bible** than in any profane history whatsoever."⁷

As the "**Father of Modern Science**," Newton esteemed Biblical truths above all the concepts of natural man. He wrote many works...dealing with the literal interpretation of the Bible.⁸ Newton's conception of the physical world provided a stable model of the natural world that would reinforce stability and harmony in the civic world. Newton saw a monotheistic God as the masterful creator whose existence could not be denied in the face of the grandeur of all creation.⁹

Conclusion... While he was still in his twenties, Newton invented calculus and wrote *Principia*, explaining universal physics and providing a basis for modern science (Newtonian Physics).

He then spent much of the rest of his life preoccupied with the prophecies of the Bible and wrote *Daniel and the Apocalypse*. This paramount scientist recognized that **in science** we see "**where God has been**" (recognizing His design in physical phenomena); whereas in Scripture we see "**where God now is**" (walking in Person among men!).

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Roger Penrose, *The Emperor's New Mind*, 1989 (cited by Michael Denton in *Nature's Destiny*, The Free Press, 1998, p.9).

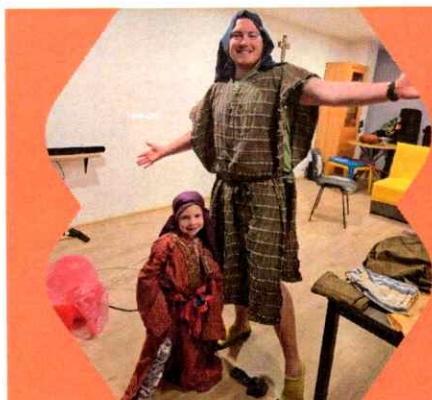
⁷ H.I. Wilmington, *Wilmington's Guide to the Bible*, Tyndale House Publishers, Wheaton, IL, 1981, p.797.

⁸ Professor Bob Eliffe, "Newton's Views on Prophecy," *The Newton Project*, 5 April 2007.

⁹ Newton, Isaac, *Principia, Book III*, cited in *Newton's Philosophy of Nature: Selections from his Writings*, ed. H.S. Thayer, Hafner Library of Classics, NY, 1953.

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Davey's Update

Roma Christmas Ministries



Beau making friends



One of the four Mladice clubs



Reese & the "dancing girls"

We had over 100 kids attend our Christmas Clubs! We held 4 Mladice clubs (5th grade and under). We performed a nativity skit, made cookies, danced and played games! Everyone had a blast and at the end we gave each child a gift from our team. Reese loved participating in all the clubs and Beau enjoyed his role as "baby Jesus" in the skit.



Cookie Decorating



Nativity Skit



Limbo

We had about 50 Klerma (6th grade and up) kids attend over 3 clubs. We did a lesson, cookie decorating contest, and lots of games!



Cookie Contest



1 of 3 Clubs



Balloon games

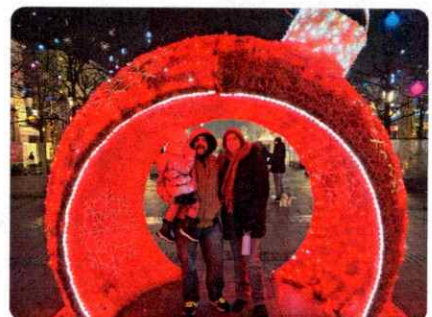
January Family Time



Reese had surprise visitors!



Hard Goodbyes



Enjoying every minute

We surprised Reese with a visit from my (Rebekah) parents! They spent a little over two weeks with us. It was so nice to have family with us, especially so close to the holidays. It was exactly what we needed at this time. We all got really sick while they were here but at least misery loves company! Some of you know that Reese has been struggling with being away from loved ones. She has been doing better since they came and we are praying she starts to feel at home here soon. It was hard to say goodbye but it was amazing that they could visit!

Praises & Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

Language and childcare! Our language studies are going well but we feel more and more that we need help with Reese while trying to focus on our lessons. We ask that you pray God would send the right person our way for this.

Please pray for our teammate, **Lim**. Her health has been poor the last couple months.

Praises:

My **parents' visit** was amazing and a huge praise to God for letting that all work out.

Wesley and Sergej started a **"Fifa Club"** with the high school boys. They had their kickoff club this week and 8 guys attended. Our hope is that this club will help them disciple the young Roma men of this community.



We would love to hear from you!

Feel free to email us back or even message us to setup a video call! We would love to know how we can be praying for you as well. Thank you for your prayers, support & encouragement.

Love,
Wesley, Rebekah, Reese & Beau Davey



Preparing Gifts for Clubs



We had our 6th Anniversary



Reese's 3rd birthday

The Elliotts

Serving in Canada



Dear Pleasant View Baptist Church,

February/March 25

BUT GOD

In our last letter, I mentioned that we had found a building that would meet all our needs. This building was significantly bigger than any we had looked at and was in a great location. However, as of my last letter, the landlord had decided to rent to a different tenant. BUT GOD! A week or so after I sent the letter, we received a call from our realtor. The tenant



was unable to fulfill the terms of the lease and even though the landlord had multiple offers to lease, including some at a higher rent, he wanted to offer the building to us! We were able to complete all the necessary paperwork and we moved into our own building the first of February. **This is a major step forward for Calvary Baptist Church and we appreciate your prayers as we continue to move forward.** As I write this letter, we are currently involved in the necessary renovations. We are very thankful for help from BIMl's Claim ministry in our renovations! We plan on completing renovations the week of February 24th and are planning a building dedication service on March 9th.

We have begun the process of renewing our visas. The paperwork was begun in early February. Based on promised help with these expenses, we have submitted the paperwork and expect to receive our new permits early this summer. **We do not anticipate any problems.** Canada is a wide open field, but with the geopolitical situation,

as always when doing visa work, **we greatly appreciate your prayers!**

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

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Greetings from the UK.

Caleb and Deana

Missionaries to the UK

February/March 2025

The last several weeks have been very busy. On a personal note, even though we moved all our stuff into our flat on December 17th, it took us a while to get settled. The stress of moving was compounded when we discovered that we had a flea infestation, and we had to go to the local council to get the landlord to send out pest control, but now it appears that all the fleas have finally died. With all the fleas gone and the house in order, we feel confident ministering in our new home. As such, New Testament Survey is once again meeting at our house.

Moving to a new house has meant getting new neighbors, and our new neighbors are from all over the world. It is our hope that we will be able to get to know them and give them the gospel. Unfortunately, we have found that so far, they tend to keep to themselves. We hope that as spring comes, we will get to know them better and be able to give them the gospel.

For just over a year, our church has been preparing an addiction recovery ministry entitled "Twelve Weeks to Freedom." Our first class will be on April 2nd. God has greatly blessed us in that Donovan Bangs (the missionary I work with) is an editor in the local paper, "The Cambourne Crier." This is a free paper that goes to every home in Cambourne, which at this point is more than five thousand houses. Thanks to this, we are able to inform everyone in Cambourne about our ministry. Please pray with us that the lost come.

As the time nears for this new ministry to start, please pray for God's blessing, wisdom on our part, for souls to be saved, and for new Christians with the willingness to be disciplined.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

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Dear Brethren:

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE GOD

Our Lord's command was explicitly clear: “. . . preach the gospel to **every** creature” (Mark 16:15b – emphasis mine). I remember as a child hearing my father, Dr. Tom Gilmer, preach on this passage. I did not question the command of our Lord, but wondered how that would be possible. As I have said before, our Lord never asks us to do something that He cannot do in us or through us. It is not our task to question our Lord, but it is our duty to obey Him.

That is precisely what we seek to do at the Trinitarian Bible Society of Brazil, of which I am the executive-vice president, where **our primary purpose is: “The glory of God and the salvation of men, through the propagation of the Holy Scriptures.”**

We acknowledge that in our own strength “we can do nothing,” and that we depend entirely upon the Lord for wisdom, strength and provision. The Lord has given us wonderful partnerships here in Brazil, who have just presented to us their reports:

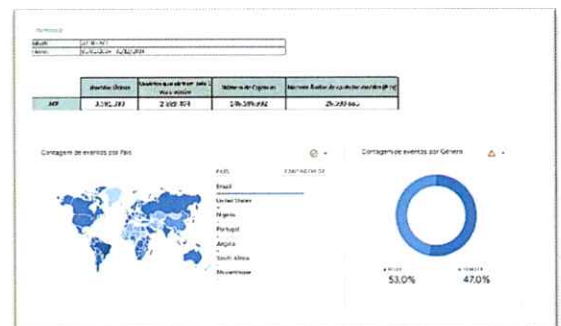
Printed Bibles – One of our key Bible publishing partners here in Brazil just reported the printing of **560.000 complete Portuguese ACF Bibles!** Praise God!

Bible App – One of our key Bible App partners (Biblia JFA Offline) reported that **3,581,390 individual users read 146,586,992 chapters** of our Portuguese ACF Bible in 2024! To God be the glory!

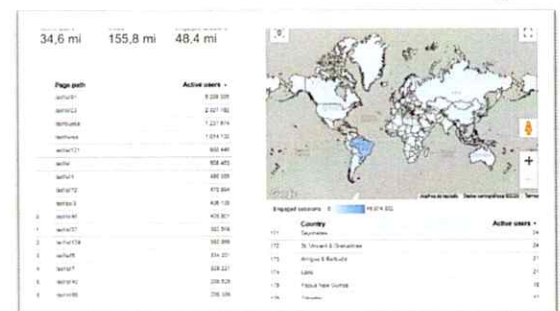
Online Bible Search – Our online Bible search partner (bibliaonline.com.br) reported that in 2024, **34.6 million active users, in 200 countries read 155.8 million passages** of our Portuguese ACF Bible. Speechless!

Yours fellow servants in Brazil,

Harold & Lillian Gilmer
Harold, Lillian, Raphael and Danielle



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Video Presentation (3½ min) – Harold and Lillian Gilmer in Brazil

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 "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Ps. 122:6

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February 2025

Dear Friends of Zion:

Thank you for making our ministries possible with your prayers and offerings. My plan for this year was to spend my mornings working on projects related to the Bible and education ministries, with the afternoons and evenings dedicated to personal evangelization, discipleship, and mentoring. So far, unplanned, unscheduled ministerial needs and opportunities very often change the order of my day.

A prayer partner wrote asking how to contact missionary to the deaf, Dan Bennett. He will be available as of March in the USA at email pastordaniel.brasil@gmail.com. Please pray for Ailton, a man who is very useful in the deaf ministry at our first church, Templo Batista de Indianópolis (TBI). He has partial hearing and, with the help of a hearing aid, can speak and communicate between deaf and hearing people. He is a Bible Institute student, being developed to help at the Vila Guacuri church and TBI. His wife can neither hear nor speak. Unfortunately, Ailton's hearing aid is giving problems. Without it, he is totally deaf. Attempts to solve the problem have been unsuccessful to this point. Please pray the Lord will help that the right hearing aid can be found quickly at an accessible price.

Some years ago an atheist, who inherited a Christian bookstore from his aunt, saw our projected 730-page Bible, typeset to motivate a person to read two pages a day in order to read the entire Bible from cover to cover in one year. The atheist ordered 20,000 copies in the first printing and gave our Bible ministry about 1,000 copies (50,000 have been printed so far). To our surprise, Harold Ralph and I met up with this man recently at a special launching of the Portuguese ACF Study Bible, promoted by Thomas Nelson of Brazil for booksellers, store owners and distributors. This is basically the Jerry Falwell Study Bible, which became the King James Study Bible. When he saw us, he exclaimed: "I AM NOW A CHRISTIAN!" and asked Harold Ralph to take a picture of us (see photo).

I am looking forward to showing him another amplified edition of the 730-page Bible that will help the reader to locate inspirational thoughts and guidelines even in long lists of names and technical instructions, such as building the ark and decorating the Tabernacle and Temple. I trust he will print the first copies. Many times, one million or more ACF Bibles have been put out in a year because of publishers who are glad to be able to publish at no, or very low, royalties. Such Bibles are found wherever people in general look for something to read. May the Lord continue to bless.

Yours for the Messiah,

Tom & Linda

Tom and Linda Gilmer



Tom and Tiago, now a believer

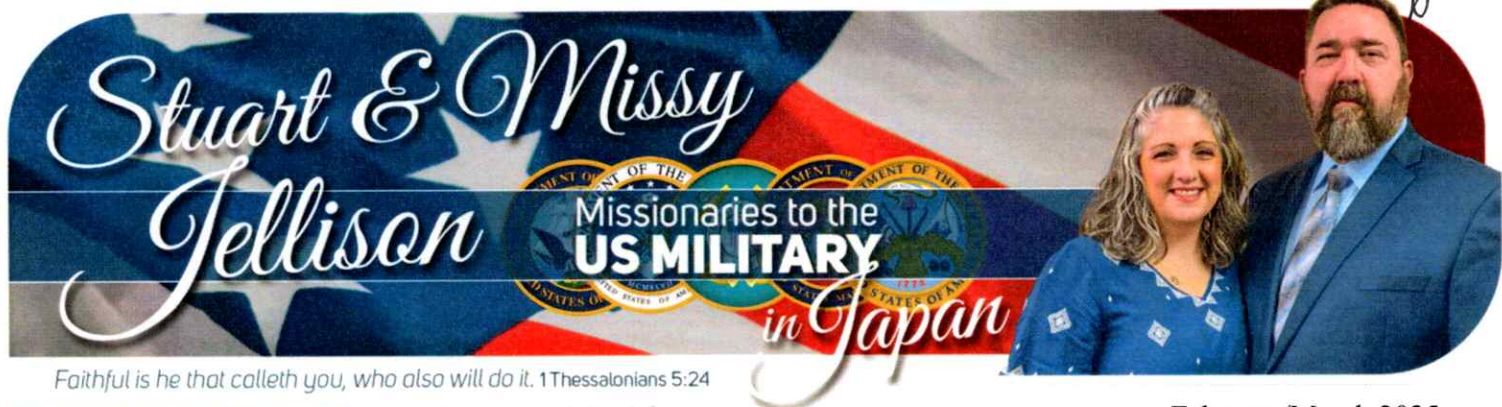
PRAISE:

1. Professions of faith: 5
2. Atheist bookstore owner saved!
3. Arab ministry ("Luz para o Oriente," or "Light for the Orient") with Pr. Ricardo Brito developing well
4. Book table at Templo Batista de Indianópolis also developing well and becoming a dependable, official Christian Book Store

PRAYER:

1. Salvation decisions of Jews and Gentiles
2. Ongoing Bible projects and study helps, digital and printed
3. Church Ministry – (deaf, music, bookstore ministries)
4. Jewish Ministry – tour to Israel in August 2025 led by Pr. Alexandre, plus a time in Israel after the tour
5. Education Ministry – theological and general education
6. Samuel, son of our daughter Ruthie—health issues

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Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1Thessalonians 5:24

Dear Pastors and Co-laborers,

February/March 2025



Greetings to each of you, as we pray for each of your ministries we thank God upon every remembrance of you. We are not just thankful for your faithfulness to us as your missionaries but to our Heavenly Father and the local communities you minister in. As you continue to grow where you are planted, it enables us to keep ministering to the dear men and women of our U.S. Military and the local community here in Yokosuka. Again, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you and pray for you.



We kicked off February with God blessing YBC by bringing in many new visitors. We had a new visitor each Sunday service throughout the whole month. From those visitors we have had several families continue attending services and taking part in church activities. This has grown the congregation, Sunday school classes, and the nursery. We thank God for those He is bringing in to build the church. We were also blessed to host BIMI missionaries Ron and Barbara Johnson. We were able to enjoy some time together and constantly thank God for their heart to help and be a blessing to military missionaries and their ministries. Please pray for this dear couple as they travel to Asia and Europe each year to work with military missions, and for YBC as new members join with us and continue to grow the work.



In March we held our annual Missions Emphasis Month. We were blessed to focus on a different missionary family each week and show a video update from their ministries. On the fourth weekend we were able to host the Knight family and were blessed as brother Knight brought the missions messages. We were able to treat the knight boys to some special time on Saturday as we toured Yokohama. We went to the Cup Noodle museum, a local petting zoo, and a pop-up Minecraft store. They had a great time and we were blessed to treat these guys special. Too often, missionary children are lost in the shuffle. Please pray for the Knight family as they raise funds for a new building.



Finally, we are excited to announce the salvation of a young man named Fern. He is a young Filipino man living/working here in Japan. He is growing in the Lord and is constantly taking part in church ministries and local outreach. Additionally, we had another baptism, a young sailor who had been saved for a little while. However, as he visited YBC, he started growing and desired to follow the Lord in Believers baptism. He has joined with us and continues to grow. God continues to bless us with more new members and we are thankful that God is bring these in. In closing, please pray for our military and the local nationals in our area as we get the Gospel to them. Pray that they see their need and accept Christ. Thank you for being faithful to our Heavenly Father and to us as your missionaries to the U.S. Military and local community. Keeping you all in our prayers, God bless.

Because of Calvary, Stu & Missy Tellison

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Taking the Gospel of Christ to those who volunteer their lives for our freedom, so they can know the ONE who died for their eternal freedom.

The Kerr Family

KERRS
TO
ZAMBIA

Missionaries to Zambia, Africa

February - March 2025

Dear Pastor & Friends,

It is a blessing to tell you that we have been in Zambia for almost a month now. God has been good and has orchestrated a beautiful start to our time in Zambia. All of our luggage made it to Zambia safely and on time. Even better news than that is that Eden and Elisabeth did wonderful on the flights and the long nine-hour drive between the capitol and Livingstone. We are grateful for Emily's parents as they traveled to Zambia with us to help with the girls and a few projects around the house. Emily's father was able to help us build shelves in our pantry, install our appliances, as well as help us with a few other projects. As many of you know, we shipped a container here with all of our belongings within it. It has made it to Africa, and as I write this letter it is on track to be in Livingstone in a few days time. Please pray for the trip to go smoothly and that the truck does not break down!

We are currently taking the time to explore the city, visit different churches, and get settled in our new home. God has been good during this time and has allowed us to build some relationships. Within the first twenty-four hours of arriving in Livingstone, we went to a restaurant for breakfast and quietly discussed future ministry plans amongst ourselves. A few minutes into our conversation, we had a woman from New Zealand walk over and ask us some questions. She concluded the conversation by asking us to start a church here. All I could think of was Acts 8:31 where the Ethiopian eunuch talks to Philip: "And he said, how can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him." We have met a few times over the past few weeks just to build a relationship with them. Please keep this couple in your prayers.

In Christ,

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Kylar Kerr
MISSIONARY TO
ZAMBIA, AFRICA



Prayer Requests

- Our work permit to be approved soon
- All details concerning our container
- Learning the language of Tonga
- God's continued guidance and safety
- Eden and Elisabeth to accept Christ as their Savior at a young age
- Continued good health for all of us
- Continued rain in Zambia

Praises

- Safe travels
- God providing in miraculous ways
- Good time spent with family
- Our minivan sold



**World Harvest
Baptist Missions**

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The Langleys

Ben and Nan

Director of Pastoral Training

February 2025

And He said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Dear Friends and Partners,

This directive to God's people is still in effect today. It is His command, His instruction, His plan. That is the reason World Harvest Baptist Missions exist today.

I want to share some of the work our staff is accomplishing around the world. In Myanmar Bro. Solomon from Pakhukku and Mindat area shared the Gospel with a Buddhist family after months of building relationship and friendship and the whole family came to know the Lord. Now a Baptist Church has been planted there.

Bro. Jilly went from Nairobi, Kenya to Uganda and presented the Gospel to the Pokot men they found at a pond taking a bath. These people had not been open to receive the Gospel before. In fact they had kept our people out of their area. I believe the number of these men was 10-12 and they all received Christ that day!

You see, if we follow God's orders, He blesses and saves. It is not our work but His work and He will give the increase if we will plant the seed and hoe the weeds!

Thank you for having a part in this great work of telling the world about Jesus. Because of HIM,

Ben Langley Romans 1:16



JERRY & ATALIAS

THE LANTZ FAMILY

MISSIONARIES SERVING IN SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

An Extension of the World Wide Mission Ministry of The
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Bill Riffie - Pastor

Dear Prayer Partners,

February 28, 2025

The new year has started out with many blessings and answers to prayers. Our preacher boy Jarbas, who we have mentioned many times, on January 11th inaugurated the building they had found to officially hold the services of the new church they are planting in São Gonçalo dos Campos. They had greatly outgrown the space in their home for services and needed this extra space. God has been blessing this new work with already more than 12 people saved. The evening of the inauguration had 58 present for the service. Please pray for their continued growth and souls saved.

The last weekend of January on the 24th and 25th we had an event for the children in the area called "Tarde Alegre" or "Happy Afternoon". It was a time of fun activities, games but most important the Word of GOD. On Friday the 24th we had 17 children in attendance whereas on Saturday we had 13 that returned. In all, there were five children who trusted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Two were from the family that had begun visiting in December. Another was the granddaughter of one of our member. Then the following Sunday we had a lady return for some assistance during the 5:00 Ladies and Men's Fellowship meetings. She was invited to come in and participate and during that time with the Ladies she heard the Word of GOD and also trusted Jesus as Savior. She has already been back to begin a Discipleship course with Atalias. Please pray for these six individuals as they begin their new life in Christ that they will grow in the Lord and grace.

Secondly I mentioned in our last prayer letter about the hacker who managed to transfer an extremely large amount of money out of our bank account. Thank GOD the bank security team was able to determine where it went and recover it for us, and it is now back in our account. Thank you to all of you that prayed for us in this matter.

In February one of our ladies returned after spending nearly a year in northern Brazil with some of her family. We are thankful for her return as she was greatly missed. Please pray for Irmã Vera as she gets back into the routine here in São Paulo.

All of us have probably noting the signs around us indicating the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. One such sign is the increase in persecution. Of course, many of us have already experienced that in our own personal Christian lives. As such we would ask you to remember Gabriel in prayer. Due to the hostility towards believers by his boss, Gabriel was let go and is now driving a UBER vehicle to try to make ends meet. He worked in the field of technology. Please pray that he can find another job in this area so as to be able to better provide for his family.

Lastly we would ask that you pray for God to send more laborers into His field. We had to cancel our scheduled furlough for this year due to not having anyone to care for the work in our absence. As it looks now, we will need to wait for 2026 to come home. We know that God has a purpose in this so in the mean rime we will remain faithful to do the work to which He has called us.

Once again, as always, thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us financially and/or prayerfully through the years. The churches in Jardim Varginha and Vargem Grande are here today because you prayed and invested in God's work. Please continue to pray with us that we will see an even greater Harvest of souls for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2025.

Thankfully Received

All Because of JESUS,

January - February 100.00

Special Offering or gifts _____

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TIM LEE MINISTRIES

Patriotic Partner Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2023

Greetings, in the name above every name, the name of Jesus Christ! What a beautiful name it is! Just to say His name brings a certain peace.

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*"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11*



SPECIAL NEED - It is time to reprint our Gospel tract, "DEADLINE VIETNAM: The Day My Running Stopped." The Lord has blessed this tract over the years. Many Gospel tracts are glanced at and then discarded. People actually read this one! Many churches, and even some businesses, use our tract regularly. We send them free of charge to prison and military chaplains. Our ministry also covers the postage and shipping for these chaplains. The costs, since we last did a reprint, has gone up significantly. I would like to print 100,000 tracts.

At 18¢ each tract, we would need to raise \$18,000. Please be in prayer with me about this important project.

We would appreciate prayers for my wife, Connie. She had a small amount of cancer removed from her nose. She is recovering well. She will have reconstructive surgery in a couple of weeks.

Connie and I were privileged to travel to our Nations Capital for President Trump's inauguration. Our oldest daughter, Jana and her husband Steve traveled with us. Senator Ted Cruz arranged for us to have seating that would have been about twenty feet from the stage. But then came the cold frigid winter weather and the inauguration was moved into the Rotunda of the Capitol, so we lost our place. Obviously, we were disappointed but it was still a great experience. We met so many wonderful people and were able to attend other inaugural related events.



With our Senator and good friend, Ted Cruz

On Sunday, January 19th, I preached for my good friend, Pastor David Rhodenhizer at Calvary Road Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Alexandria is right next door to Washington, D.C.. The building was comfortably full on a cold winter morning. **There were ten adults who called upon the name of Jesus for salvation.** Praise the Lord!

The last Sunday of January, I spoke at Cross Church in North Richland Hills, Texas. They had about 225 men in attendance. When I gave the invitation numbers of men moved from their seats to the front. **Sixteen received Jesus as their own personal savior!** This NEVER gets old. There are churches that go months and even years and never see sixteen adult men saved. I'm grateful for Pastors like Scott Maze who have a burden to reach the men of their community with the gospel.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.
John 1:12

Let's continue to pray for America, especially the spiritual needs of our great Nation. Politically, things seem to be headed in the right direction but we also need a return to righteousness.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34

TIM'S SCHEDULE		
February 2 Aurora Baptist Church Aurora, TX Pastor Jimmy Withers	February 16 Metro Church Goodlettsville, TN Pastor Ryan Hill	February 21-23 Crossway Church Springfield, MO Pastor Eddie Bumpers
February 27-March 1 Sharing Hope Conference Aurora, CO Franklin Graham Ministries	March 13-14 Hank Parker Shoot Lancaster, SC	March 16 Union Grove Baptist Church Oak Ridge, NC Pastor Steven Roberson

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES		
Ken Beasley asks that we pray for his wife's arm.	Karen Disher reminds us to continue praying for East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.	Neil Tenney asks that we pray for Linda who has breast cancer and will one having surgery. Pray for Don with Lymphoma..
William Pickett asks that we pray for his family in the loss of his son who leaves behind his wife and 7 kids.	Norma Carmichael asks that we pray for Josh who had a house fire, Jay who had a stroke, and Jan with pneumonia.	John Snyder asks that we pray for the salvation of a family member.
Travis Don Burgess asks that we pray for family members salvation and to get back in church.	Patrick Clark asks us to pray for his two sons and reminds us to pray for our own country, Israel, President Trump and for lost souls to be saved.	
The following are pastors, pastors wives & friends of TLM who are having health issues: Addien Pike, Analisa Castillo, Ergun Caner, Debi Hamson and Pam Stewart.		

REMEMBER...

**Please remember to pray for
Tim Lee Ministries**

- Pray for Tim and his wife Connie as they travel.
- Pray for souls to be saved.
- Pray for the financial needs of Tim Lee Ministries to be met.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- If you have prayer requests to submit, please fill out the enclosed card (include your name on the card).
- We take your requests very seriously and will pray over them.

WE NEED YOU!

Please pray and consider helping TLM by supporting the ministry on a monthly basis.



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Ministering to Australia

Inter-Australia Baptist Mission

MARCH 2025 UPDATE

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Dr. Don Crain, USA director

Dear IABM partners and friends, *Pastor McNeil and PBC family,*

Thank you for your prayers for me for my visit to Adelaide for most of December to be with my family, daughter Rebecca and two grown grandchildren, and loved ones. It was an important, needed and precious time. There were some talks with ministry partners while there, and Rebecca and I had the privilege of sharing a lunch with Andrew and Jacqui Downes. Andrew was the former pastor of Aldinga Bay Baptist Church pastor for nearly 25 years and now is an army chaplain. Those of you receiving these letters for years would remember them. It was a blessing being back in Australia! Now for some news about the churches we support and pray for in Australia as a mission. Please continue in prayer for them.

In Wesburn, Victoria **Pastor Andrew Leng and wife Jessica of Wesburn Baptist Church** shared the praise that the ministry there is going steady. In the last update prayers were requested for youth Nic, Conner and Lowen for their commitment to the Lord. **Conner who is just starting university has made that commitment and thank you for your prayers!** His parents, Jason and Melissa are to be baptized soon. Please pray for them to grow in the Lord as Pastor Andrew disciples them and for Nic and Lowen's spiritual needs. The signing ministry has kind of dropped off as the deaf ones coming have moved further away and **they are asking for prayers for God's leading in this signing ministry and outreach.** A big praise for the church is that they are making plans for a second addition to the church building for extra seating and for food and fellowship after the services! Please pray the process of obtaining a building permit would be swift as this is a notoriously difficult and lengthy process. They send much appreciation for our support in their gospel ministry.

In Melton, Victoria in the western suburbs of Melbourne, **Pastor Robert Apps and wife Katie of Open Door Baptist Church** had Katie's parents, Dr. George and Darlene Matzko, visiting from the States in December and January. Over Christmas and New Year the Lord gave them good programs with many of their young people going off to junior camps. The Lord worked in hearts at the camps and no major incidents happened...like the venomous snakebite of last year! **Pastor Robert made a solo**

Gratefully received for Jan. - Feb '25 - \$200 for IABM. Thank you for your prayers and care for these Aussies and for me. You are a blessing.

*Love and prayers,
Emme*

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ministry trip to India 27 December to 13 January while his father-in-law filled the pulpit for three Sundays. He was in at least three churches in the states of Goa, Hyderabad, and Punjab and spoke more than twenty times. This was a blessed time of ministry and teaching for him. The church has seen steady growth over the last couple of years and the **community center where they are meeting has become "squeezy"**. In conjunction with this, the council is doing repairs in April and May and has asked them to find a temporary meeting place for these two months. Then they will be shortening the Sunday hours it will be available. **Their main prayer request is that the temporary place they find for April and May will be larger and more permanent venue for the church.** They send their thanks for the prayers and encouragement from this mission.

In Dalwallinu, Western Australia, at Dalwallinu Baptist Church, **Pastor Danny Wojcik and his wife Robbie** did not have the best start to the New Year when Danny came down with laryngitis Christmas day and then Covid in January. He is better now but still has a dry cough. They had stretches of 104 degrees F plus in January that were also challenging! **New ones are coming to DBC and this is very encouraging.** Pastor Danny asked prayer for God to bless their gospel outreach. The school year started back late January with a new principal where Pastor Danny serves as chaplain and he is helpful working with Danny and that ministry. Unfortunately this principal will only be there for one term. **Please pray that this position will become more permanent for this principal who is positive towards the chaplaincy.** Youth camp is coming up in March and prayer is asked for safety for all, and that they would be challenged from the Bible. On a family note, **Robbie who is Danny's wife is in need of hip replacement** and is in a lot of discomfort. The surgery is not scheduled until August. **She is in need of prayer.** Our prayers and support are a big encouragement to them.

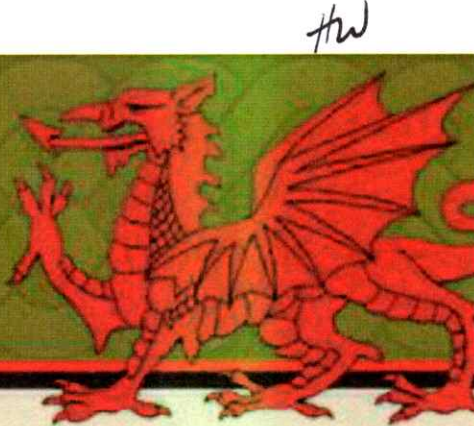
In Gawler, South Australia, **Gospel City Church and Pastor Nick Nicolettos and his wife Melesa** had hoped and been praying and negotiating with the Lutheran fellowship about leasing a larger Lutheran hall two miles away. ~~In the end their proposal was not~~ accepted. Now they have renewed their lease on the Anglican hall, so they will stay where they are for now. **Please pray with them for the Lord's provision for their needs for more space.** Thank you for your prayers for these churches and ministries. Each one expresses their appreciation for our prayers and support. You are a blessing!

Love and prayers,

Emma Napier & the IABM Team
Emma Napier and the IABM team

The Omicks

Winning the Welsh for Christ



February 2025



Thrive in 2025! With this theme in mind for the New Year, we want to take the time to share with you how this past month got us started off on the right track. To begin with, Richie was finally able to have a much needed hernia surgery on his stomach that he had been waiting several years for. Due to the challenges we face with health care, the surgeons were telling him it would be 3+ more years before he could get the repair done. It was then that we decided it was time to go with private health care and we were so pleased to learn that our international insurance would actually cover the surgery 100%! Richie has been healing well and is ready to thrive pain free for the first time in a very long time. Praise the Lord!



The following week we were able to have our first Youth Night of the New Year. The activity for us was thriving as we had 20 youth attendance. Praise the Lord!

Another ministry opportunity that helped see our church thrive was our Men's Prayer Breakfast. There were 17 that attended and it was such a blessing and so beneficial to be able to spend time with each other. During the breakfast, we started an "I Love My Church" Bible reading plan.



As we look ahead to the next several weeks, please be in prayer for a busy "I Love My Church" month. We have so much planned with special attendance gifts for each Sunday, a Bible reading plan, a Lady's Valentines Breakfast, as well as a Camp Bake Sale to help kick start fundraising for this summer's camp fees.



Speaking of camp, Richie has once again been asked to be the Senior Camp Director. Over the last several years we have witnessed over 40 youth give their life to Christ through Senior Camp and we are praying and preparing to thrive once again in 2025! That being said, we are already working hard on raising the funds needed and would ask that you prayerfully consider helping. Our first initial need is for \$4,000.00, which will help with providing t-shirts, printing, banners, fireworks, supplies, and inflatables. The other initial need involves camp fees, which are going to be \$350 per person. As in the past, we are hoping to help get as many to camp as possible this year and any help with these needs would be so greatly appreciated!



As we close out this month's letter, we want to express our absolute appreciation to all those who sent us a special Christmas gift this past month. It truly was and is a blessing to our family. We would ask that you continue to pray for Briton's driving lessons and test as well as for Bella's provisional license as she is now 17 and able to begin the process as well. Please also pray for the salvation of Kevin, Leanne, and Emma.

Serving Christ Together,

Richie, Missy, Briton, and Isabella



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"Neither is their salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

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Dear Prayer Warriors,



Good tidings to you from La Romana, Dominican Republic! It is our prayer that everyone has had a great beginning to the year. Before we begin our update, we want to thank all of you for always being such an encouragement to us through your prayers and support. Many of you contact us personally sharing how you read our letters and reminding us that you are lifting us up in prayer. The means a great deal to us and we thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. **Primera Iglesia Bautista** is looking for a national pastor. Please help us pray as interviews are lined up and names are considered. They are in need to purchase an addition to the property to use for parking. This is the reason the final building permit has been held up. Please help us pray as they meet with the current owners and for the negotiations. They have been involved in neighborhood canvasses and a new public school ministry that kicked off in January. We have been able to teach Bible to the students and share the Gospel with them! We thank the Lord for this opportunity to plant seeds and have an impact in their lives. We have also has two professions of faith since our last letter! Pray for these new believers as they grow in the . faith.

Our family has also been busy with ministry, school, sports, etc. It is a reminder how hectic the lives of many of you are, especially during the years of raising young children (or in our case, three teenagers!) The Lord always blesses when we put him first! We thank all of you again for "holding the ropes," for us here in the DR (even though many are juggling with many other different things everyday). We love you and appreciate all you do!

God bless all of you and Keep Keeping Onr!!

The Pattons

Matt, Flor, Andrew, Steven, and
Jonathan Patton

In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, we would like to send our prayer letter to you via email. If that is acceptable to you, please email us at floormat02@yahoo.com

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Tarl & Adrienne Reeves

Reaching the World from London



Did you know that London Black Cab taxi drivers have to memorize every single street in London and new candidates usually train for 2-4 years?

TEACHING, HELPING, AND GROWING!

In this issue, our church had two incredible Christmas carol outreaches, Tarl commences our new Sunday sermon series on the Gospel of Luke, and the Reeves celebrate Lucy's 17th birthday.

Our Ministry

We praise God for all the souls saved, baptized, and disciples over this past year as our church continues to grow in southeast London. We are thankful for the opportunity to minister in England as well as help other churches and pastors. We also appreciate all the many churches across the U.S. that welcomed our family and allowed me to preach and share our missions ministry. As we continue our work as full-time missionaries, we want to thank you for your partnership in spreading the gospel. As we look back over the years, we are grateful for the wonderful privilege of living out His calling placed upon our lives so many years ago. God is faithful!

As we finished out 2024 and began 2025, we are blessed by all that God has done. Our Christmas carol outreaches were a success with over 170 new guests attending both services as they heard the gospel message. Every Christmas our church takes up an annual offering to help a local church plant or revitalization in Greater London, and this year, we were able to give to the needs of a new church plant in Catford.

We had an amazing turnout for our men's breakfast the beginning of this year. Each man shared a personal blessing of God's grace in their lives from the previous year, and Tarl gave a message from the book of Jonah.

In January Tarl began our new Sunday series on the Gospel of Luke. We also integrated studies on baptism and the Lord's Supper into our in-house 1-to-1 discipleship material. Those wanting to know more as well as learn how to disciple others attended Wednesday classes taught by Justin. Over 40 people attended each night and will soon be discipling others! We've also been able to teach other church leaders how to use this material.

Please pray for us and our church as we look ahead to the next few years. With limited ministry workers and space, we are thinking through our next steps for our growing church.

Our Family

In December we celebrated Lucy's birthday and Christmas.



Our church has outgrown our building!

PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD TO BLESS THE USE OF OUR DISCIPLESHIP MATERIAL



Carols by Candlelight Music Team



Tarl speaking at the men's breakfast



Meeting Pastor Steve of Chiswick Baptist



Our Church's In-House Discipleship Material



Justin teaching about baptism/communion



Planning Ahead with Johnny Prime



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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

February 2025

The faithfulness of God continues to shine brightly across the islands of the Philippines as churches stand strong, grow, and reach souls for Christ. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for His hand upon these ministries, and it is with great joy that we celebrate His mighty works in the lives of His servants and their congregations. In Capitangan, Bataan, we rejoice with Pastor Tom Guevarra and his church family as they celebrate seven years of God's faithfulness! From humble beginnings to a thriving congregation, this church has stood as a beacon of truth, proclaiming the Gospel with passion. The seventh anniversary is a testimony of endurance, love, and the unshakable foundation of Jesus Christ. Souls have been saved, lives transformed, and the Lord glorified through their unwavering dedication. May this milestone serve as a launching pad for even greater things in the years ahead! Down in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental, Pastor Noel Bajan leads his congregation in rejoicing over nine years of God's unchanging grace! Nearly a decade ago, a small group gathered with a vision for reaching their community, and today, that vision continues to flourish. The power of the Gospel is evident as hearts are stirred, and the light of Christ shines ever brighter. This anniversary is more than a number—it is a declaration that God's work is unstoppable, and His church will prevail! Meanwhile, in the remote village of Kinalagti on Polillo Island, Pastor Rodel Trinidad presses on, ministering faithfully in challenging circumstances. With limited resources but an abundance of faith, this healthy and growing ministry continues to see lives changed. What a testimony of God's provision! In a place where hope may seem distant, the love of Christ is reaching into the hearts of men, women, and children through the faithful witness of His servant. May the Lord continue to strengthen Pastor Trinidad as he labors in this harvest field! Another bright light shines in the village of Manggahan, where the Lord has blessed Pastor Jerome de Castro with a thriving church plant. What began as a small gathering of believers has blossomed into a strong and growing work for Christ. Seeing souls drawn to the cross, families restored, and faith deepened is nothing short of a miracle. We praise God for the open doors He has provided and pray that many more will find salvation through this church's witness. And what a tremendous outpouring of God's power at the Pastor/Workers Conference where Pastor Barry Goodman and Pastor Cody Zorn had the privilege of preaching! With the presence of God moving in such a mighty way, 27 precious souls were born again! What a victory! The fields are white unto harvest, and the Lord is still calling men and women to Himself. We stand in awe of what God is doing through His churches, His pastors, and His people. Thank you, dear friends, for your faithful giving and fervent prayers for this church planting ministry. Every soul saved, every church established, and every life changed is fruit to your account. Let us continue pressing forward, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord!

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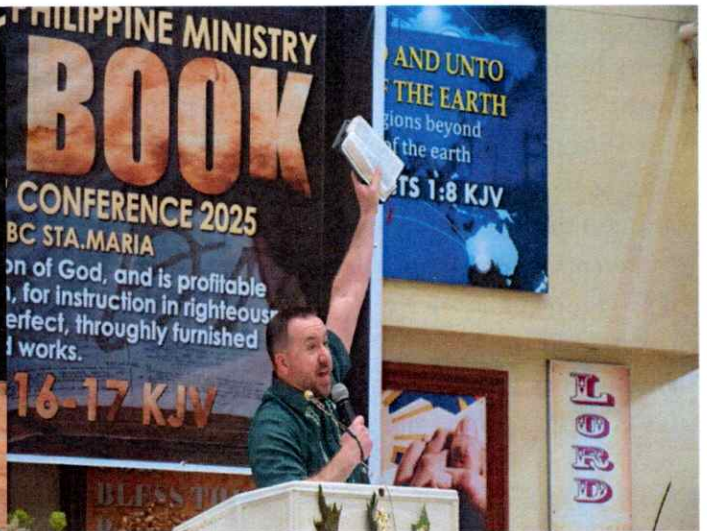
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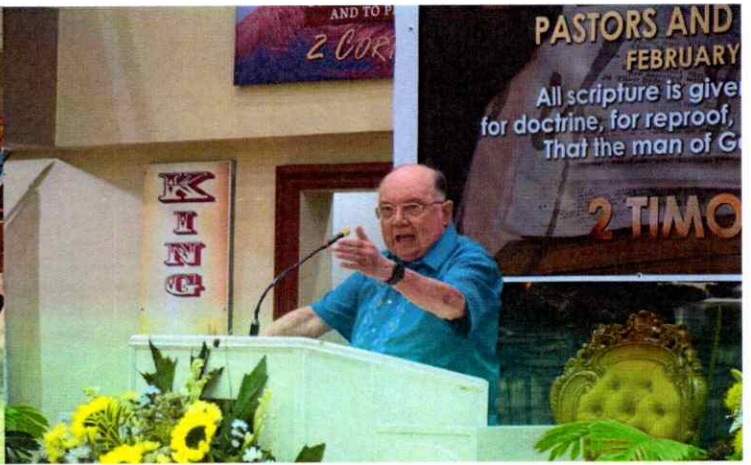
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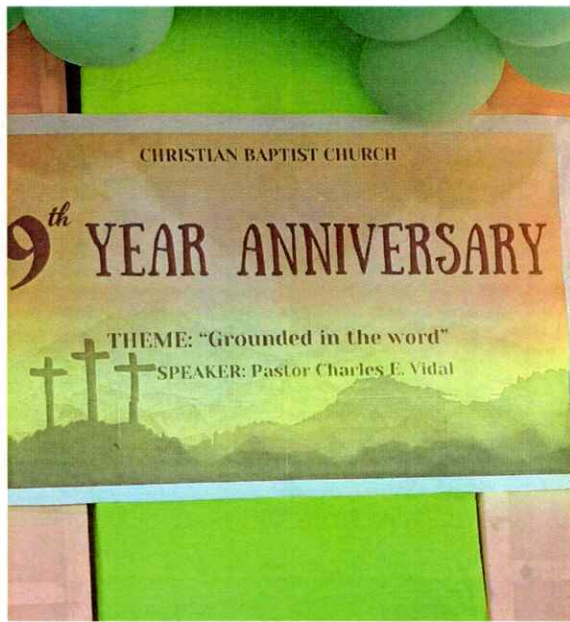
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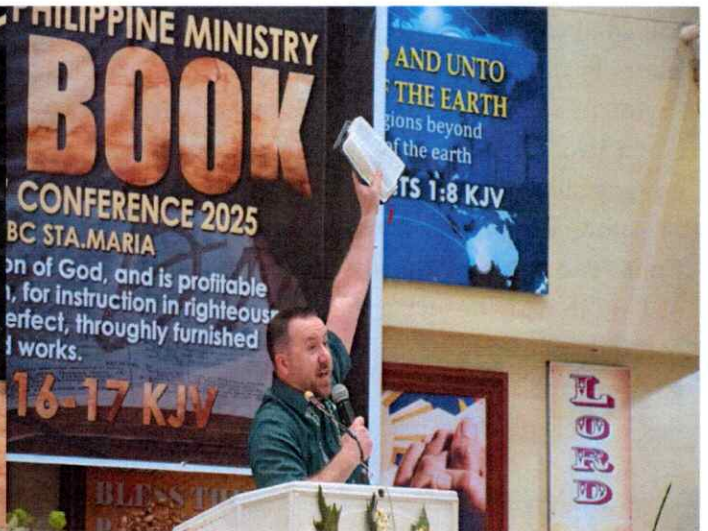
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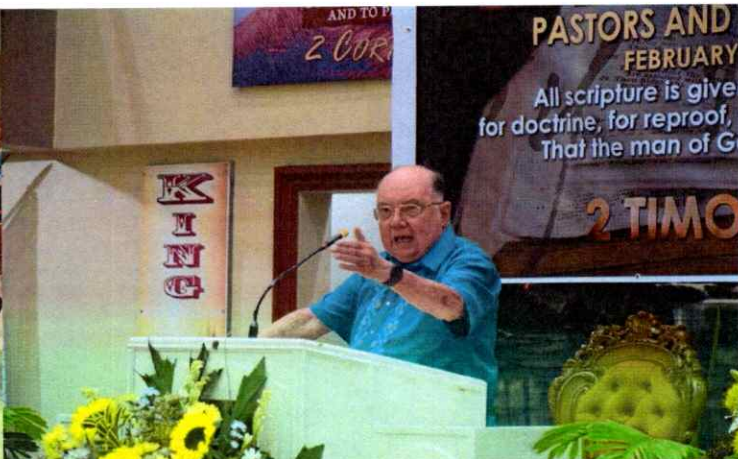
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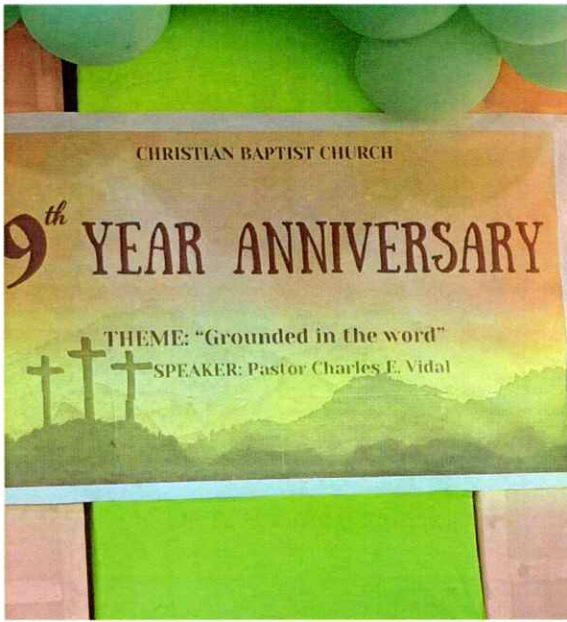
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From: Info
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 9:17 AM
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From: Mike Starling <mikeandchristiestarling@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:39 PM
To: Mike Starling <mkgatorguy@aim.com>
Subject: Mike and Christie Starling Camp Season is upon us!!!

Hey Everyone!

As the first camp of the new year draws near (Easter week), we are encouraged by the churches and campers that are coming this year. Mike will be leaving for Mexico soon and will be continuing in the clean up and repairs of the ranch. Mike is taking down a couple of tank less water heaters the camp was blessed with as well as some supplies that are here for the ranch!

The current need for the camp is paint, stain, tile, wood for repairs among other supplies. For this trip Mike will need to drive to have the excursion for the work involved and to take the water heaters. To do that, the excursion will need insurance (\$345 one year policy), travel permit for the excursion(\$375 six month renewable permit),and a couple of tires (\$650) and travel expenses.

Mike and Christie are asking you to consider partnering with them both financially and in prayer for Mike's travel crossing the border (with the heightened cartel activity) and beyond, as well as to have the funds to do some work before Easter week arrives. It is a great opportunity for you to be a part of what God is doing among the Mexican youth at Rancho La Paloma!!!! If you would like to partner with Mike and Christie, to help complete this mission, please let them know by email, text or call.

Thank you for your prayers and for partnering with them in this matter! They can not do it without you!!

On His Mission,
Mike and Christie Starling

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February 2025

New Van Arrives!

After over a month of delays largely because of weather in the Gulf, the ministry van finally arrived! The vehicle has been put to use moving students from the dorms to the church as well as to soulwinning opportunities and events. The students are very thankful they no longer have to ride in the back of a pickup truck! Thank you to all who have given to make this a reality.

New Families in the Churches

As the Lord allows the outreach of the works to grow, more families come to know Christ as their Savior. A young mom, Abigail, came to know Christ as Savior while we were making visits at the church in El Paraiso. She has become very faithful at Faith Baptist Church. Please pray for this single mom as she raises her 4-year-old daughter who is deaf. There are very few resources for families like hers in Honduras.



Start of a New School Year

Bethlehem Baptist Seminary started the first week in February! This year we are starting new extension ministries where the students will be broken into groups to visit local churches in our area to minister in those areas while gaining much needed ministry experience.

Alejandro's Surgery

We flew to the States the last day of January to prepare for Alejandro's surgery which takes place on February 12th. I will be staying for a week after his surgery before returning to Honduras. My wife and kids will stay at our sending church a few months while the medical team begins teaching Alejandro to hear with his new device.

Please Pray for the Following:

- 1) For growth for the 9 churches that have been started.
- 2) For Walter Enrique Miranda as he raises support to start a new church in the city of Catacamas.
- 3) For the finances to build classrooms on the conference center property for the Bible college. Praise the Lord for the \$50,000 already given towards this project.
- 4) Alejandro to recover from his surgery and regain his hearing.

Thank you for your prayers,

Jason, Cassy, Matthew, Alejandro, and Marjorie

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The Kingdom of Thailand



THOMAS & KANNIKA TUCKER

Dear Pastor and Church,

February - March 2025

Greetings once again from Thailand. We had our Valentines Banquet Saturday February 15 at the church. Each table was packed as we had Thais, Americans, Filipinos, Pakistanis, Kenyons, Chinese, English, Lahu and a Canadian. These special days help connect those attending the Saturday English program with our church members. With these connections they feel less nervous to attend Sunday services. Please continue to pray for our English, soccer, and children outreaches.

On March 4th we attended funeral services for Pastor Somboon. He was training for the ministry under missionary Tim Ekno when I first arrived in Thailand over 30 years ago. No matter what ministry or business endeavor he was involved in, he had one goal, 'What opportunities would this open up for me to tell others about my Lord and Savior?' He left this world after a long battle with diabetes and gout.

We were hoping to set up a week block course (Old Testament Survey) in Huey Saa during the month of May. The rain has come a little early so many will start preparing their fields. We just finished this course in Bangkok. We taught Sunday afternoons. It went better than expected with many nationalities (8 Thais, 2 Filipinos, 2 Pakistanis, and 2 Americans). I ended up with over 900 powerpoint slides for this course. The goal was to cover four books each Sunday, 30 minutes a book. We will start New Testament Survey first week of June.

On a Saturday in the middle of March I had just finished teaching the Bible to the English students when I noticed an elderly woman standing outside the front door looking in. This happens quite often as people are walking by and they see a foreigner inside. They stop (curiosity) to see wants going on. Most of the time as soon as you get to the door they get an embarrassed look on their face and take off. As I opened the door she just stood there staring at me. I said 'Hello' and asked if I could help her with anything. By this time I was thinking that she was waiting for one of the students. She asked, 'Is this a church?' I replied in the affirmative. She then asked, 'Can I come?' 'Of course,' I said. 'We would love to have you come.'

The next day, Sunday, after the service had started I noticed her and another woman standing outside the door looking in. We invited them in and Kannika sat with them in the back of the church. They have attended every Sunday since. Her name is Gung and her friend's name is Dtuk. Gung is a nice lady but can have a hard and stand-offish attitude about her all at the same time. She will not talk about her personal life and can get obnoxious with, 'Why does it matter?' Or 'That's none of your business.' She pushes a cart and goes through peoples trash for recyclable items to sell at the recycle center. Kannika has spent time witnessing to her one on one. Although she won't talk about it you can tell she has lived a hard life and has been hurt deeply. Because of this she has put a wall around herself and will not allow anyone to approach that wall. Please pray Kannika will have wisdom as she witnesses to Gung and that the Holy Spirit will work in Gung's life that she may see the love and healing God has for her..

We thank you for your prayers and support.
God bless you all.

Thomas & Kannika Tucker



Kannika, Dtuk, Gung

LEVI & CHELSEA WILSON

MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH SUDAN



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FEBRUARY 2025

We hope this letter finds you safe and warm. Our goal is to focus on warmer climates during the winter months, but even that was unavoidable for us. While in San Antonio, we experienced some snow! Our travels this month have taken us from coast to coast. In fact, we have traveled a total of 4,397 miles as a family during the month of February! It has been a fruitful month. We have spent time with two of our supporting churches and partnered with two new churches. Praise the Lord!

South Sudan Update

There have been great reports from South Sudan! One of our young men, James, has been thankful for the opportunity to teach on Mondays for the staff devotion time. He said it has helped him to study the bible and research it for understanding before each lesson. This past week Peter sat down with a young man named Jacob and showed him from the bible how he could be saved. He put his faith and trust in Jesus that day! Please pray that this young man will come to the weekly discipleship. Our children's Sunday school added two new Sunday School classes this month. Now, we have two classes taught in English and two taught in Juba Arabic. What a blessing it is to have enough faithful teachers willing to teach these new classes!

A Call to Go!

At the end of February, we were in a missions' conference in Florida. The youth did a powerful drama called "Auction for Souls". In the skit, six countries were represented. Each of these countries had a person who talked about the culture and what their traditions say will get them to Heaven. Then Satan puts a bid in for their soul, but if someone else puts a bid in saying they will go to that country and share the truth of the gospel, then Satan loses that soul. However, one of these countries represented had no one willing to go. The drama ended with a young woman from the middle east, pleading for her life. She wondered why no one was willing to help her, as Satan won her soul. Who is willing to Go? Who is willing to tell the truth of the Gospel. Maybe it is to your neighbor across the street or maybe it is to someone who needs to hear across the World. Where will you go?

A Wonderful Blessing on the Way

We are happy to share with you that we are expecting an addition to our family! Chelsea has enjoyed sharing this great news in person with churches and friends. Now, we want to make it public. Mom and baby are doing well and have reached the halfway point, as baby is due July 17th! This means, we will stay in America until baby is about six weeks old instead of returning to the field in May as we planned. We will find out the gender at the end of March while we are home for a couple of days. We ask you to pray for a continued healthy pregnancy.

Pillow Case Dresses Needed

On a more practical note, we are in need of more pillowcase dresses for the girls in our feeding program. These simple dresses are a wonderful Christmas gift every year, and we are so thankful for everyone who has donated in the past. If you have the ability to help us, you can mail them to the following address by July 2025:

3809 Delaware Ave Springfield, MO 65803

Please email pillowcase.dresses.4.south.sudan@gmail.com to let us know you are willing to help.



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- FOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN IN SOUTH SUDAN
- HEALTH OF CHELSEA AND THE BABY

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- MORE LABORERS TO GO AND TELL THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL
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FEBRUARY UPDATE

Here is what has gone on the past month. You can find the PDF to this letter at the bottom of this email.



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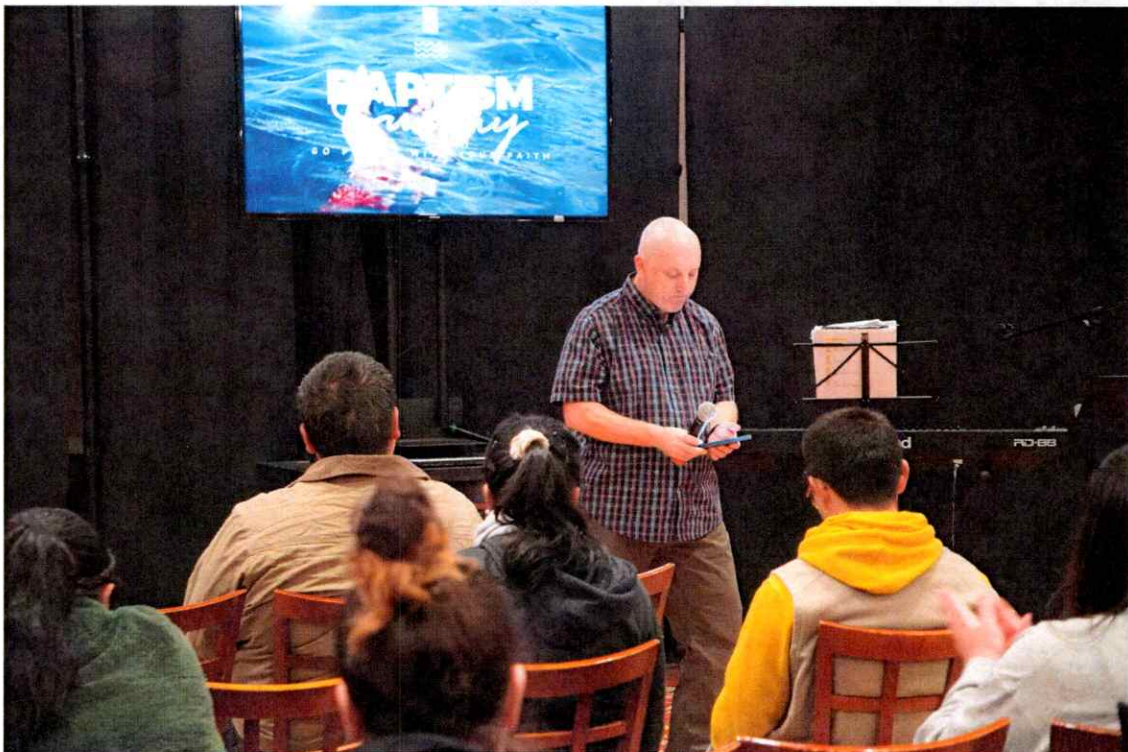
Recently, we were able to celebrate two baptisms at Branches Baptist Church. When we celebrate we celebrate big. Our baptism Sundays we walk down to the beach just a couple blocks from where our church meets and we hold baptisms in the ocean. Afterward we return to the building to have a church potluck and those that got baptized are able to share their testimonies.

I want to share about these two men that were baptized.





GEORGE



George first started to attend our church two years ago. He attended on and off but started to attend more and more. We got to know George well and really started to pray for His salvation. In 2023, George had made a profession of faith, but, the truth was he was not quite ready to truly accept Christ. However, this profession allowed me and others in our church to really start to dive deep into conversation with George about coming to faith. This past year George saw the final of his idols crumble before him. Although this was a hard situation for George it was a great grace from God. George was finally ready to give up on the ways of the world and follow Jesus with his life. The change in George was very visible. This is always one of the most incredible things to watch as someone experiences the true joy that can only come for Jesus.

GARY

Gary found our church through a facebook ad that we had put out. Gary's story is one that takes place over many years and is also a testament to God never giving up on someone. Gary had joined a cult as a younger man and had been sucked into this authoritarian cult for years. Eventually, through his own study of the Bible he started to see the errors in the cult he was in, so he left. The cult immediately shunned him, as cults do, and Gary went down a very dark path. He gave into the sins of the world and spent two years allowing sin to overtake him. Fortunately, God did not give up on Gary. Gary had a saving faith trusting Jesus to save him...but the effects of the cult, and the sin had entered in left him confused and feeling alone. Finally, desperate to break the effects of sin, he started to change his ways and look for a church that would faithfully teach the Bible. That's when he found Branches. After Gary started to attend I spent every Monday morning for months meeting up with Gary at a local coffee shop to unpack the lies of the cult and show him the truths of God's Word. After this Gary was able to see the ways of Christ and was ready to be baptized. He has become such a vital part of our church and regularly encourages others.



PRAYER

-Please keep George and Gary in your prayers as they continue to grow.

-Please begin to pray for our upcoming outreaches

Green Fest - neighborhood street fair where we engage people

Street Clean - those that have recently graduated from our discipleship program are putting on this outreach.

Easter -. We try to make Easter as big as an outreach as we can to plant seeds of the Gospel.

FAMILY

This year we have become more intentional about having at least one day off a week. No work...just enjoyment of each other and enjoying the beautiful blessings that God has given to us.

-This time is essential to keeping us close as a family, and remembering the Lord as we take a Sabbath day and rest from work.

-We are so fortunate that we live in such a beautiful place with plenty of outdoor activities to do for free.





Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. We could not do ministry here in San Francisco without your prayers and support! Love you all.

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Dear Supporters and Prayer Partners,

I praise God for his continued protection this month.

Sharing the Need

I traveled to eastern Tennessee for the global focus week at Faith Baptist. During my time there I presented my ministry, shared my testimony, answered questions, and spoke in the 1st-5th grade Sunday School class. The church also hosted SMART training for the missionaries. It was a blessing to see this church's heart for missions. After the conference, I traveled to North Carolina where I attended a BCMN meeting at Open Door Baptist. While there, I met some of the pastor's and pastor's wives of the area. I also discussed my ministry with some of the pastors. This group was an encouragement and I appreciate their passion for missions.

Partnering Together

Two churches partnered with me in support this month. I am excited for these added partnerships. I am also thankful for added prayer partners this month. Prayer makes all the difference!

Prayer Requests

- Safe travel on roads
- More churches to present in
- Revival in Greece
- More partnerships in support
- Provision for language school tuition



SMART Training

Thank you to all those who continue you to keep me in your prayers!