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Dear faithful friends and supporters,

March/April 2025

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πληρόω (plēroō) – "filled to the full." That's the word Paul the Apostle used when he expressed his gratitude to the church at Philippi. We resonate with this word as we reflect on that last two months. SO much has happened, and our hearts are FULL.

In March, by God's grace, we were able to accompany our daughter, son-in-law, and two precious granddaughters to Zambia, Africa, to help them get settled. We enjoyed helping with the kids, working on things at their house, and seeing the places where they will be ministering. Julie and I both had the privilege of teaching Sunday School while there. Though their container did not arrive while we were there as we prayed, it did arrive 3 weeks later, praise the Lord! It was bitter/sweet leaving them there, but we rejoice that our kids are faithfully serving the Lord!

The day before we left for Africa, I had the privilege of preaching for mission emphasis at Joshua Baptist Church, Joshua, Texas. During the invitation, a lady came forward and accepted Christ as her personal Savior! A co-worker had been witnessing to her, and we praise God for getting to be there when she accepted the Lord and was gloriously saved!

One week after our return from Africa, we headed to Ohio to be in four different churches and to meet up with our missionaries ministering to the Hispanic community in the northeastern part of the state. We were also able to see our missionaries from Australia in one of the meetings. It was a joy to connect with some new pastors and re-connect with those who have faithfully supported us from the beginning. God gave us some wonderful meetings!

For the next couple of months, Lord willing, our travels will be local as I have the opportunity to fill the pulpit for churches in the area and then speak at a High School Graduation ceremony for a young man who has surrendered his life to serve the Lord. Julie and I will also be preparing to teach in Vacation Bible School at our church here in Arlington. It is a blessing to be able to serve!

Looking ahead, we will be making plans for a trip to Indonesia in August where we will see our missionaries Karen Werth and David and Carole Ross. The church where Miss Werth serves has asked me to preach for their 50th anniversary and also teach a session for the pastors in the area. Julie has been asked to speak to the pastor's wives as well. We are excited about this opportunity to see our missionaries and be a blessing!

Prayer requests:

- Please continue to pray for the salvation of Scott, Ashley, and our mailman, Creighton.
- · Please pray for the safety of the Kerrs in Africa and that their work permits get approved soon.
- Please pray for wisdom at the office as our lease comes up for renewal this summer. Also, we need to hire some
 additional help. Please pray for God to guide us to the right individual to serve in this ministry.

THANK YOU for being so faithful to pray for us. It is an honor to serve on your behalf!

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BELL FAMILY MARCH 2025

BRIDGING LONDON







March was a very busy month for us here in London. On Sunday evening March 2nd our church joined with our local 5 Churches Fellowship for a special joint service looking at "Drawing the Lines: Being Faithful in a Hostel World." It was well attended by all the churches and was a great time of fellowship and focus on God's Word. Joshua and Terry had the great opportunity to attend a three day Theological Study Conference in Northampton on Mach 5-7. It was great to be around other ministers from around the UK and concentrate on deep theological matters. Our New Members' Class began this month with 5 students in attendance. We look forward to these individuals coming for baptism and for church membership in the not to distant future. The men of our church attended a Men's Morning at a local church on Saturday March 15th. The emphasis was on "Life with Christ" and it was a great encouragement. Ashley hosted the first of our Ladies Brunches for the year on Saturday March 22nd. The ladies are examining the lives of different women throughout the Bible. One of our local sister churches graciously held a Joint Youth Service on Friday March 28th. Loads of teenagers from all over the area came together to play games, eat pizza, and most importantly hear a message from God's Word. Please pray for Gospel fruit from this event. On Sunday March 30th we celebrated Mother's Day. We are very thankful for all the ladies with which God has blessed our church. Our family is particularly thankful for Ashley. On the same day, Terry preached a sermon from James 1 and did a great job. Thank you for your support and prayers!













Patty Bouillon









Dear Prayer Partners

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Psalm 147:1 "Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely."

I sent my last letter out in December 2024, and we are now into March of 2025. Wow, time is moving along. In December at Branches, Hali and I put on a ladies' craft night where we made ornaments, gift bags, wall dècor, cards, or small snow globes. We only had about five ladies show up, but we had a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing in the love of our Saviour. I held a little CHRISTmas party with the kids where the parents joined in. I was able to share the true meaning of Christmas with the kids during class time, and we had the party afterwards where the kids and parents watched a short Christmas movie and made ornaments.

In January, we had two men - George and Gary - get baptized in the ocean down the road from the building we rent. The water was cold, but they all handled it like champs. What a blessing it is to see how the Lord continues to work here in San Francisco. Last January, we watched John and Yessica get baptized; and just last month, they had their first child. So please pray for them as they continue to grow in their faith and now learn to raise their precious little boy to love the Lord, as well.

In March, we had a "Connect Party" at the Woodfin's house. This is where we invite new visitors from church to a time of food and fellowship where they learn a little more about the church and get to meet the church people on a more one-one basis. We had three visitors that showed up. One young lady named Angela has been faithful in coming to church for about a month now. Pray she will continue to allow the Lord to lead her in the right direction.

In closing, I want to give an update on my mom. First, I want to say thank you for your faithful prayers. I was able to go see them for Christmas; but the night I got in, she had to go to the ER. She was in the hospital for 8 days. On day 6, they finally figured out that one of her diabetic medicines she has been on for over a year was causing her to throw up multiple times a day for at least a month. She came home on December 25th in the afternoon, so we celebrated Christmas on the 26th. What a blessing it was to see her be able to eat, drink, and take her medicine without it all coming back up. She was super happy to be able to enjoy our Christmas meal. So, we are singing praise to our Lord and Saviour for my mom's recovery. Please continue to pray they can get her heart issues figured out.



Ladies Craft Night

George and Gary





Connect Party

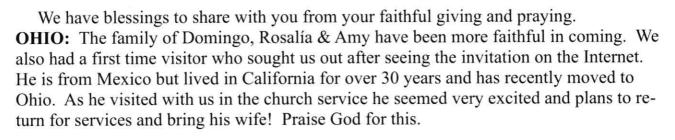
Onward for His Glory, Patty Bouillon

THE BROWNS Cross Cultural Missionaries

March 2025

"Let's get into the Bible and feed our faith and starve our doubts and fears."

Dear Pastor and Church Family,



ECUADOR: Pastor Luis continues to recover from his cancer surgery and his chemo treatments. But Hermana (sister) Fabiola, his wife, is still having a difficult time keeping her sugar level where it should be, although she is watching her diet, taking medicine and injections. In spite of these serious health needs, they continue working at the missions holding evangelistic preaching services and children's meetings winning souls in Ecuador! And they continue with classes in the Bible Institute. Please keep them especially in your prayers.

Instituto Bautista de Massillon (Massillon Baptist College) continues and is making plans for graduation in May 2025. There are 5 from Guayllabamba that will be graduating and there were 2 students from the Campus in Carapungo, north Quito, that recently graduated. Thank God for the men and women who teach the Institute classes and remain so faithful. It is so rewarding to see the Ecuadorians themselves having a burden to share God's Word and teach the true doctrine of the Word of God to their own people. Thank you all for your part in this ministry.

Yours for Souls,

Received in 2025: Jan. \$100.00; Feb. \$

Ernie and Monoka Brown Cross Cultural Missionaries March \$ 100.00 Thank you very much!

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CAMPANA FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO JUAREZ, MEXICO March, 2025

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Sunday morning service



Baptism Galindo family



Family being discipled



Music class

Greetings from the Campana's your representatives to Juarez, Mexico.

Family News - Our son Daniel is finishing his last semester at Providence Baptist College in Elgin, Illinois this May. Our daughter Becky and our son-in law Andrew are teaching classes at Northeast Christian Academy in El Paso, Texas.

Ministry news - The Lord continues to mightily bless Liberty Baptist Church, our second church plant in the city of Juarez. Since January eleven precious souls have been saved and baptized, among them Jairo and Silvia Galindo and their three children Axel, Richard, and Mailin. This coming Sunday a young man who was saved a few months ago, whose name I prefer not to reveal, is planning to get baptized after serving as a member of a local drug cartel. Just two months ago he was shot by other cartel members, but miraculously God spared his life! Church services continue to be filled. This past Sunday morning every church pew and chair was filled, and six men were left standing. Currently, I am discipling four different families in their homes. Sylvia and I have noticed that 90% of the families that finish our discipleship program continue as members and many of them are now winning souls. In other news, twenty two-year old Julio Avila surrendered to full-time service back in February. He had been running from the Lord for years, and like the Jonah, God had to discipline him, breaking both of his legs in a terrible motorcycle accident. Two Sundays ago, God put on his heart start a ministry to evangelize families who visit their loved ones at a nearby cemetery. Enthusiasm is running high! Twenty-six ladies are planning to attend a Ladies Bible conference in Agua Prieta, Sonora this week. My wife Sylvia is one of the guest speakers. Twenty-one teens are signed up to attend a teen conference during spring break! Praise the Lord for all these victories!

Project Juarez 120. Our church members are praying and giving to buy property on a main road next to a convenience store nearby our location. The goal is to build a church to accommodate our growing membership. To date we are at 61% of our goal, with \$73,000 in savings. And, praise God, there are three other churches that have pledged to give at least a \$1000 dollars towards the purchase. Thank you to all of you who have sacrificed to reach Juarez for Christ!

Please pray for the purchase of the property, for more souls to be saved and baptized, for God's guidance for our son Daniel who is graduating this May, and for our daughter Becky and Andrew who are considering ministry in Washington state. For His glory, Jim, Sylvia, Becky, and Banny Campana



Sunday Service



Church service



Julio Avila with Mom after surrendering to full-time service.



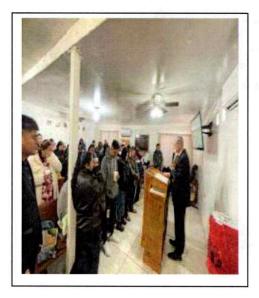
Baptism of Señora Marai



Baptism of Selene



My wife Sylvia leading a woman to Christ.



Invitation to receive Christ.

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NEWSLETTER March 2025

Dear Team Member,

The "March Spring Break" (March 10 - 15, 2025) here at CEM is a special annual event when around 1400 parents and students joyfully visit the museum. It gets more exciting every year. We are prepared for families to receive Biblical and Scientific answers to the great issues that face them. We have extra supplies and additional assistants to guide visitors and answer questions.

Our great emphasis throughout this year is the wonderful *Old Testament Scroll Dedication Project*. In keeping with this we have scheduled a very special guest for Director's Discovery Series next month on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 5th</u>. <u>Messianic Jewish believer <u>Ted Vanlandgenhem</u> (shown teaching in the first photo) will give a <u>Jewish Seder Meal Presentation</u> at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. He will show how the annual Jewish Passover Meal actually portrays Jesus in all it's elements! *THIS IS A MUST-EXPERIENCE EVENT!* The title is "*Hidden Scripture: Jesus in the Passover Seder*." Bring your family and a Jewish friend!</u>

As an added special feature on April 5th we will be presenting to every person present a frameable parchment copy of <u>The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ, the Son of God</u>. This wonderful document was drawn up by Christian attorneys from the promises Jesus gave us in the *New Testament*. Once you see this document you will realize this is <u>one of history's greatest treasures!</u>

In anticipation of the *Scroll Dedication* scheduled for October, we are 3D printing a 12-foot by 7-foot model of the Temple Mount Complex. Shown in the second photo are <u>Tannon Judkins</u> who is doing the 3D printing, and his mother <u>Robin Judkins</u> who is colorizing every detail. Our graphics specialist <u>Steve Miller</u> designed the entire model from scratch. It is truly a masterpiece. To give an idea of how massive and how detailed the model will be, the area shown in this photo is only one corner of the model! This area shows Solomon's Porch where Peter and John spoke to 5,000 men after the healing of the lame man in Acts, Chapter 3.

In our Creator's service,

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

Designer And Sponsor Of The World's First Hyperbaric Biosphere

"Who's Teaching Science or Pseudoscience?" Lesson Sheet Introduction by CEM, Body of Text by Engineer Jim Hoff

Introduction.. Real science got us to the Moon, developed remedies for human plagues, and discovered biological marvels within living cells. The inclination to "take dominion of the Earth and develop experimental procedures" was placed within the constitution of Man by our Creator in the Garden of Eden. The basic incentive to "study the creation" is outlined in Isaiah, Chapter 40. "Real" science is a noble pursuit. The Scientific Method is outlined as follows:

- 1. Discovery...
- 2. Analysis...
- 3. Documentation...
- 4. Experimentation...
- 5. Prediction...

To be scientific, a system or project under study must be:

- 1. Observable...
- 2. Statistical...
- 3. Repeatable...

The Creation Evidence Museum uses these guidelines in our scientific procedures. The history of science attests to the fact that all the Founders of the Primary Disciplines of Science were creationists who recognized the hand of God in creation. This concept permitted the logical analysis of details within the physical world. Science served humanity -- both in understanding the material attributes of nature -- and in satisfying the mind of man in relation to his Creator.

However, since the era of Charles Darwin an unjustified, overriding pre-supposition has been slowly imposed into the "philosophy of science." It has been given a "sophisticated" name in order to "justify" its position in scientific interpretations: "Methodological Naturalism." This overriding pre-supposition insists that not only must the pursuit of analysis relating to the physical world have "natural" procedures, but the causes behind the appearance of physical entities must also be "natural." In this view no matter how illogical, or how implausible the "cause" may be, supernatural intervention must be ruled out. This is the essence of the Methodological Naturalism Presuppostion (MNP), and unfortunately it dominates the philosophy of science.

However, our *Creator* has imprinted *HIS SIGNATURE in ALL OF CREATION*! "All things were made by Him, and by Him all things are held together" (Col. 1:17). The Scientific American article by John Horgan on "creating life in a test tube" states that "this goal seems more distant than ever." The author quotes Harold P. Klein of Santa Clara University, chairman of a National Academy of Sciences committee that recently reviewed origin-of-life research: "The simplest bacterium is so...complicated

from the point of view of a chemist that it is almost impossible to imagine how it happened."

In the same article, the author points out that the most sophisticated attempt at explaining life origins by naturalistic development has a "hitch": "DNA cannot do its work, including forming more DNA, without the help of catalytic proteins, or enzymes. In short, proteins cannot form without DNA, but neither can DNA form without proteins." Our Creator's hand is necessary at every turn!

This brings us to the body of our lesson, an excellent study by Engineer Jim Hoff...

- 1. There is no conflict between faith and reason. In fact, to the contrary, proper faith is based on reason. And conversely, reason-based thinking is necessarily founded upon unprovable axiomatic principles that must be taken by faith.
- Science, at its core, is the reason-based pursuit of truth about the natural world, and consists of a set of methods that have proven to best achieve success in that pursuit.
- 3. In the past couple centuries, an idea (we'll call it the MNP) has infected science, and has led to the expulsion of God and the supernatural from scientific pursuit.
- 4. Your faith in the God of the Bible can, and should, be firmly founded on reason, and proper science consistently confirms the truths of God and His Word. Other foundations, such as emotion, experience, childhood training, or the teachings of one who is not Bible-based, can stray from the truth and fail under pressure.
- 5. We at the Creation Evidence Museum endeavor to present reliable *scientific* evidence that demonstrates the truth of the plain interpretation of the Bible, to encourage believers and convince honest skeptics.
- Two types of science: operational (experiment-based) and forensic (evidence-based)
 - Operational science is what usually comes to the hearer's mind. It is the science of the scientific method, and is responsible for the discovery of many of the things that make modern-life what-it-is.
 - Evidence-based science is the science necessary for learning about past events, which do not lend themselves to analysis by operational scientific methods. It is the science used, for example, in forensic work for court cases. The objective is to develop the most reasonable explanation for a past event.
- Tenets of proper science:
 - · Restricted to the natural (not supernatural) world

¹ Harold P. Klein, "In the Beginning, " Scientific American, February 1991, p. 120.

² John Horgan, "In the Beginning," Scientific American, February, 1991, p.119.

- Nevertheless, supernatural causation must be allowed, if it can actually be
 true.
- Faith vs. Science: Does science remove the need for faith?
 - Faith is a fundamental part of every facet of our lives. Will the food I consume harm me? Is my car safe? Is my spouse trustworthy?
- · What is science?
 - Is it the search for truth, or search for naturalistic explanations for phenomena?
 - <u>M</u>ethodological <u>N</u>aturalism <u>P</u>resupposition: needed to do good science, or impedes good science?
 - Definition: The Methodological Naturalism Presupposition (MNP) is the idea that science must only allow naturalistic explanations for natural phenomena.
 - This does not mean that there can be no super- or extranatural existence. To deny the existence of the supernatural is the straight-up philosophical position of naturalism. Those who insist on applying the MNP do not claim that supernaturalism is wrong (although often-times they do believe it). Rather, one is free to believe in the supernatural, but merely forbidden from considering supernatural causes to natural events.
 - Notice that the MNP is a presupposition. As such, it cannot be analyzed by scientific methods, nor can it be supported by scientific observation.
 - The fact that the MNP does not deny the existence of the supernatural has two curious consequences:
 - First, the MNP only applies to supernaturalists (such as Christians), people who would not think to put such a restriction on themselves; rather, it is the invention of the naturalists, to whom it does not apply!
 - Since the MNP does not deny the existence of the supernatural or its influence, the effect is that those operating under the MNP are not allowing a possible cause to a natural event; in other words, truth is no longer the objective!
- · Christianity: anchored in the truth of certain specific claims of the natural world

- Most importantly, the miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ
- "Come now, let us reason together" (Isa 1:18)
- Many NT passages offer physical evidences in attempts to persuade logically of the truth of the Gospel message:
 - Luke 1:1
 - 1 Cor. 15:3
 - 1 Cor. 15:12
- Voddie Baucham's important statement, which he composed and defended while a "reader" at Oxford University: "I choose to believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents written down by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claimed that their writing[s] are divine rather than human in origin."
 - Notice the multiple points mentioned that are intended to reinforce the strength, based on reason and not faith, of the veracity (truth) of the object of his faith—the Bible. In other words, he is arguing that believing the Bible is scientifically reasonable:
 - The Bible comprises historical documents (as well as other types, such as poetic) whose historicity can often be verified.
 Where verifiable, the Bible's factual claims turn out to be true to an astonishing degree. Trivial details regarding Paul's missionary travels, for example, check out.
 - The "gold standard" for believable accounts is the eyewitness account. Numerous times throughout the Bible, the authors emphasize that they are first-hand eyewitnesses to the claims they make.
 - Furthermore, these eyewitness claims are made while other
 eyewitnesses are still alive who can corroborate these
 claims, further strengthening the reliability of the claims.
 Again, these are not faith-based assertions, but rather the
 kind of quality claims that would be convincing in a legal
 setting such as a trial.
 - Yet another strong argument is the fact that many of the reported events fulfilled prophesies made hundreds of years earlier, introducing probabilities that strongly argue for their truth, based not on faith, but on mathematics.



The Cunninghams Serving In The Dominican Republic



March 2025

Dear Friends and Family

We have mentioned in the past how we enjoy having groups visit us here in the DR. Well, since January, the DR Vision has already had 8 different mission teams visit, and we are expecting 4 more before the end of the month! The DR Vision Team works together to make sure that visiting teams are able to experience all of the moving parts of the ministries here.

Many teams will visit Las Palmas Christian School and teach lessons, read books, play at recess and give our students sports clinics. Mercy Workshop enjoys sharing the ministry that rescues women at risk. These women share their skills in jewelry making with teams and even let the team members make a piece of jewelry to take with them. Teams will visit LifeHouse Girls' Home, Visionland, sports ministries, and Bible clubs in local neighborhoods and sugarcane villages. We enjoy sharing our Sunday morning worship time with groups at our church in Ramon Santana. Pastor Felix and the church love having guests and will invite teams to share special music as well as preach for the service.

One of the favorite parts of the trip is what is called "Cultural Immersion." Diomaris leads this activity and shares with groups all about "her" country – traditions, foods, and her own testimony. After the presentation, the groups are divided into teams and then they go out and experience public transportation, buying form a local colmado, having someone go to a salon for a quick hair "up-do," and then into houses to find things "all" Dominicans have in their homes. Oh the pictures and the laughs that are shared!

All of the DR Vision team members invite their supporting churches, families, and friends to come and visit. Once a team lands – we all do our part to show them where we serve and share the needs of the differing ministries. It gives teams a real opportunity to see missions up close and personal. While the church is key in all of the ministries – there is so much more happening throughout the week within the city that emphasize how missions is all about PEOPLE! Sure, some may come to build a wall or paint a classroom – but, we make sure that teams are connected with the people. After all, in Heaven – people will be all that matter!

If you are interested in coming to see us and the many ministries of the DR Vision, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Because He Came, We Must GO

John & Lypin

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JIM FOSTER **Retired Missionary**



March 2025

Well, the day finally arrived. I reported to the hospital in Fort Worth. Two surgeons, Dr. Burjonroppa (from India) and Dr. Viguess were already there and ready for me. A little bit of shaving and a little bit of puncturing and I was in Lalaland. It took about two hours to get the new, \$32,000.00, Mexican made valve in place. I spent the night and the next day, about noon, I was on my way back to the house.

What an amazing thing these surgeons can do! A few years back they had to split open your chest. Now they just just go up an artery and shazam it's done. No driving for a week and no traveling for a month. Ain't God good!!

The political situation in Honduras continues to get worse. The three largest cities count twenty murders a day. Fortunately, in the mountains where we worked things aren't so bad. There's about eleven or twelve churches there now. God in His grace has multiplied a small group we had in 1980 and He did all the work. His servants are following His leadership.

The Youth Camp will have its annual conference this coming Easter. God always blesses and I'm anxious to hear what He will do this year.

The radio station, Voice of the Good Shepherd, still puts out the gospel daily. I have a vision to be able to cover more of Western Honduras and neighboring El Salvador and maybe even Nicaragua. My expertise in this is very limited. I believe we could relocate the antenna up to about 7,000 feet plus a few other upgrades that would allow us to accomplish this. Please pray that the Lord will put us in contact with those that are educated in this ministry.

I would like to meet the thousands of people that prayed for this West Virginia hillbilly and thank them personally but there's not enough time Jesus is coming! I am grateful and humbled. We'll get together in glory!,

What would I do without PBC's prayers, and support. I am deeply appreciations

Hayley Wade

And

From:

Austin McNeil <austin.mcneil@live.com> Wednesday, March 12, 2025 9:13 AM

Sent: To:

Hayley Wade; Jimmy McNeil

Subject:

Fwd: Togo Prayers 3/12/25

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ashley Freeman <ashleyf@converge.org>

Date: March 12, 2025 at 7:34:15 AM CDT **To:** Josh Freeman <joshf@converge.org>

Subject: Togo Prayers 3/12/25

Hello pray-ers,

I hope you are doing well! We thank God for you and your faithful prayers!

We thank God for...

- 1. The ways He is working in the hearts and lives of those we are discipling. It is fun to see them engaging with God's Word, obeying and sharing.
- 2. TTI graduation last month. After 2 years, the participants have discipled at least 2 others and planted a church.
- 3. The marriage of one of the young leaders who has been working with us the last couple of years. Please pray for his wife as she transitions from living in the north to living in the south. It is a new language, culture, etc.

Please pray for...

- 1. We will have a conference in May where we will cast the vision to pastors of the network and working together to see 1000 churches planted in this region. Please pray for those preparing the materials and that God would bring the right pastors. We are doing "60 Days of Prayer" leading up. You can sign up here.
- 2. Rain. It could be a real problem for those with fields and gardens if we don't get rain soon because this is the way a lot of people eat and make a living.
- 3. Wisdom and humility as we continue to follow God and see multiplication.
- 4. Pastor Etienne who was in a moto accident. We praise God that it was not worse than it was. He is doing well, but has a long road of healing ahead of him.

We hope you have a great week! Thanks for your prayers and please let us know how we can be praying for you.

Thanks, Ashley





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Dear Brethren:

"... I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18b).

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

We are living witnesses of our Lord's fulfilling His wonderful promise given to His disciples. We have watched the church grow both in number and in edification in the Lord. Truly the church is not a building, but it does need a place to meet. We are so thankful for how the Lord is building His church and providing a place for our congregation to meet that we can call our own. Rejoice with us that three more souls were added to the Church. The Lord will build His Church!



Our people visiting the new property

THE NEEDS ARE REAL

Church Planting – At the end of March, the Lord willing, a Construction Team will come to help finish setting up a shed on our property, so that we can move in. The Lord has already provided the roof, but we need US \$10.000 to build the front and back walls, classrooms, bathrooms and furnishings. Our people are very excited about moving to place to call their own! Please pray with us for this great need.

Biblical Teachings Publishing House – We are currently proofreading our first book, Faith Is the Victory, getting it ready for print. Our second book (Edward Miller, Guide to Textual Criticism) is being translated again, to meet academic standards. We have three more books in line for translation (Dr. John R. Rice, Prayer—Asking and Receiving, Dr. Raymond Barber, Profile of a Preacher, and Dr. Shelton Smith, What About Repentance). We currently need US \$5.000 for these projects. Please pray with us for this need.

Family – Our 2018 model car has been with us for five years now and needs special attention. We need US \$2.500 for maintenance of our little car. Please pray with us for this real need.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for my mother, Linda Gilmer. In the doctor's words, she has "significant anemia, which provokes much tiredness and can justify the swelling in her feet and legs, but it's very important to discover the motive that's causing the anemia." She will need to do a series of exams in the next few days. (Because of this, my parent's prayer letter will be delayed this month.) Please pray with us for her health.

Yours fellow servants in Brazil,

Hastd & Lilian Gilmer

Harold, Lílian, Raphael and Danielle

Video Presentation (3½ min) - Harold and Lílian Gilmer in Brazil



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March-April 2025

Dear Friends of Zion:

Thank you for faithfully praying and giving for our ministries, even when we miss a month's prayer letter.

I am alarmed that we have only three decisions for salvation in two months, but preparing the soil is necessary for reaping the harvest. I need prayer for the Lord to give me peace to patiently continue clearing the land, sowing the seed, watering and weeding until harvest time—and then patience with discipling the babes in Christ. Some of my most interesting plowing and sowing goes on at the service station we use, witnessing over a cup of coffee to the owner and various customers in their convenience store. I even met a judge there recently who is of Jewish and Arab origin. He requested a Bible in Arabic, which we can provide because of our work with Trinitarian Bible Society.

Some major conferences are coming up shortly this year. I am doing some background work, helping to prepare for the meetings. One of my major financial costs for those conferences is helping key people, such as ministerial students and potential students, as well as newer pastors and their wives and families, get to these meetings. In some cases, I help finance speakers. One of the upcoming conferences is led by Missionary Brian Lawson in his area of Rondônia in northwest Brazil. Brother Bobby Lemmon of the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation has printed 26,000 Bibles to be given to pastors, who attend this conference, for their churches to distribute. Brother Allen Johnson of WINGS is caring for exportation and cost of importation through our Bible ministry here in Brazil. Missionary Harold Ralph Gilmer will be one of the major speakers.

MEDICAL UPDATE: Our local medical insurance is pro-active, thank the Lord. They encouraged follow-up exams for any signs of cancer anywhere on my body, and three procedures are scheduled for biopsies later this month on my right ear, face, and right leg. Linda's recurring UTI was conquered. Now she is treating anemia and an infectious swelling of a leg. Surgery may be necessary to correct a painful problem with her left foot. I have been perturbed with too many medical visits, but they have resulted in much more tract distribution and opportunities to witness as I say, "Here is a Bible message with a prayer and an invitation!" Both of us are having some rejuvenation. Praise God! May the Lord continue to bless.

Yours for the Messiah,

For & Linda

Tom and Linda Gilmer

PRAISE:

- 1. Professions of faith: 3.
- 2. Many at various stages of the evangelism cycle.
- 3. Construction and remodeling of some of our churches.
- 4. Expanding ministry of revitalizing existing churches.
- 5. Our own health issues improving, rejuvenating somewhat

PRAYER:

- 1. Salvation decisions of Jews and Gentiles
- 2. Bible projects: study helps, digital and printed
- 3. Church Ministry revitalization projects
- 4. Jewish Ministry Brazilian tours to Israel
- 5. Tom and Linda health issues
- 6. Samuel, son of our daughter Ruthie—health issues
- 7. Arab ministry

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HARWELL HEARTBEAT





Two weekends, Two missions conferences

The first was at Faith Church, Chad was on a panel of missionaries during the bible study hour discussing the topic of "Conversations". They all shared their personal experiences and challenges with having gospel conversations. Chad also had the privilege of preaching during the main service, focusing on the conversation Jesus had with the Samaritan woman in John 4.

The next weekend we were part of the missions conference at Union Grove Baptist Church. We had the joy of being a part of their children's ministry. Chad was able to share about being a Word of Life missionary and to challenge them to be missionaries, sharing the gospel with people in their own lives.

New Team Members

Jackie and Carla Smith are the newest members of our Piedmont Team. Jackie has served faithfully in his local church for years, ministering to and investing in the next generation. We have prayed for them and with them for years as they sensed the Lord leading them into full-time ministry. At the end of January they were officially accepted as missionaries with WOL.

They currently live here in North Carolina, where they will be coaching children and student ministries. Pray for them to be able to raise their full support and be able to move into full-time ministry before the end of 2025.



Eternity 5 Million, is an ambitious global evangelism initiative by Word of Life, aiming to share the lifetransforming message of Jesus Christ with 5 million people in April 2025. This is a call to action for every believer to step out in faith and make a difference in the lives of those around them.

Here in the U.S. we are partnering with local churches to put on evangelistic events, preach the gospel, train their children and students, and record all of it for the glory of the Lord! If you want to get involved

personally or find out how your church can get involved, scan this OR code.



Family Updates:

2024-25 has been a year full of fun times and firsts. Ashley is wrapping up her 5th year of homeschooling the kids. Owen has developed quite the love for reading this year and Parker has found new hobbies in stop motion and puppet making. Emilie is wrapping up her senior year and we are so proud of her. The day before Thanksgiving she had her first surgery to repair her first broken bone. She has healed well and recently completed physical therapy. Lord willing, she will be headed to Austria with a team from WOL this summer. If you would like to learn more about this trip or how you can give visit give.wol.org/eharwell or scan the QR code below. Emile plans to attend the WOL Bible Institute in Florida this fall. It will be hard adjusting to life without her here in our home each day but we know the Lord has big plans for her and we pray that she will continue to follow Him as she steps out on her own.





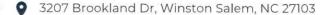




Pray & Give

- The Piedmont Team will be hosting a Youth Intern, Isaac Smith, who plans to be a future Area Missionary with Word of Life.
- Chad and Emilie will be headed to WOL FL for a campus preview trip as she plans to attend there this fall.
- Many speaking engagements in the coming months.
- National Staff Conference: April 26 May 1
- World Leaders Conference:
 May 12 20
- Wisdom in leading the Piedmont team (VA, NC, and SC)
- Kid's wrapping up another year of homeschooling (Emilie-12th, Parker-7th, Owen-1st)
- Emilie raising funds to go on Austria trip in 2025
- Need an additional \$1800/month of support to be at 100% full funding





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Norm & Jeanie Higgins Your missionaries to Baja California Mexico

March, 2025

Dear Praying friends:

God's rich blessings continue to flow on the ministries in Mexico, for which we praise the Lord. Thank you for your faithful prayers; they are being heard and honored.

Since our last letter, El Camino Baptist in Tijuana held 2 special youth meetings, with 100 attending in each. The junior high meeting had 32 first time youth attending and souls saved. In December the annual ladies conference was attended by 800 ladies. The Christian schools had a combined dinner with over 1000 students and families attending and the Gospel message was presented. In one month, the church was able to raise \$1500 for the building addition project. It will add needed auditorium seating and house offices. The Lord has blessed with over \$50,000 for it so far. There were 100 couples attending the annual Valentine's conference this year. In the last 4 months there have been 278 first-time adult visitors in the services.

In January, the church in Zamora, Michoacán celebrated its ninth anniversary. The church attendances are between 60-80 and now also has two missions begun, one having attendances of 30-40, the other 15-20.

Bro. Villalpando reports having folks saved in his church in Guadalajara; 14 were saved in a bible school and there are visitors in services every week. He does soul-winning visitation at least 3 days a week in a wheelchair. Bro. José Reyes, in Chiapas, requests your prayers for his wife, Isabel. She suffers with asthma and thyroid problems. Please pray also for Jeanie; she had another fall and broke her left forearm; she had to have pins and screws put in to place it, and it is mending quite slowly. Thank you for your vital part in Mexican souls and lives.

Received, Dec.-Feb.

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Gratefully yours,

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HOMELESS NO MORE

And of some have compassion, making a difference... Jude 22

Scott & Darla Griffin

Greetings from the streets,

March-May 2025

The last 3 months have been exciting. Our attendance is still growing and many souls have been saved, baptized and growing in the Lord. We witnessed 7 souls getting saved out soulwinning, 2 saved at the church and 6 of them were baptized. Thank you Lord!

We started a new church plant at Sylvania Park in Ft Worth, Homeless No More Baptist Church Eastside. Our first month we have witnessed 3 saved out soulwinning and 3 saved at the church service. Our average attendance is 13.

Please continue to pray for our health as the work can be taxing. Darla's eyes have not improved and I'm going to different doctors trying to find out what is wrong with me, at the same time we are looking forward to see what the Lord has in store for the homeless of Ft Worth.

In Christ,

The Griffin's

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The HORTON FAMILY Newsletter

Taking the Light of Jesus to Northern Brazil

Planting New Testament Baptist Churches

March, 2025



Kyron & Antonia

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MINISTRY GOINGS-ON

January 7-18 saw the Independent Baptist Church take their first ever multi-day missions trip! We had the privilege of taking 14 people, including 3 kids, 3 young people, and 8 adults to the country of Chile to be a blessing to missionary Jomar Souza. We had a great time sight-seeing and

getting to know a different culture (and how different it is from the Northern Brazilian culture!), but officially, our main purpose was to help Pr. Jomar canvass with Gospel literature as well as be a personal blessing to him and his family. However, I must confess that Antonia and I were also praying for God to work in the hearts of our people about answering the call to missions. I believe we accomplished our goal, because in addition to being a big help to Pr. Jomar and his family and ministry, two of our young ladies professed on the



last day that they believe God is calling them into mission work! Wow, is that God or what?? We are so thankful to the Lord for His amazing love and grace.

Of course, the devil has also been hard at work. On the day we got back, the mother of Clara, one of the two ladies whom God is dealing with about missions, made her quit coming to church. Unfortunately, she and her family are no longer members of the church. But God knows Clara's heart, and we know He will put her where she needs to be in His own time. BTW, the family I am speaking of is the one whom I asked prayer for in our last letter, Agleidson and Carol. Please pray for them, and especially for Clara.

We are also thrilled to report that we have finally started the construction on our new building! We were able to lease a small house where we will meet for the next year or so while the first



phases of our building program take place. Financially, we are still only at about 40% of what we need for the entire structure, but what the Lord has provided so far will give us the entire foundation, a concrete ceiling/floor between the second and third floors, and three finished rooms where we can meet on a temporary basis. Please pray that the Lord will provide the funds through the partnership campaign between our people here and our partners in the States, for us to complete the building before construction prices go up even more than they already have. I would also ask that you prayerfully consider partnering with us and several generous

churches in the States that have already signed up for this project. And a big "Thank You!" to those of you who have already contributed to the Matching Fund Building Campaign for the Independent Baptist Church in New City. May the Lord bless you!

UNDER THE KNIFE - AGAIN - AND MORE

On March 10, Antonia and I will be traveling to the States for approximately 2-3 months for me to have a twice-repeated hernia surgery. Yes, that's right, a third surgery in the same place! Please pray that this one will hold (yes, I promise to try and behave) and that we can be back a.s.a.p. Please pray as well for our trip and for the ministry here in our absence.

Pray also for Antonia. She hurt her back badly two weeks ago and is having a difficult time recovering. She is currently awaiting results from an MRI that the doctor ordered.

Finally, pray for my son-in-law Micah. He has been struggling with depression for a couple of months and having a pretty hard time. Pray for Keila as she helps him and as they seek God's will in their lives. May the Lord bless you all! Thank you for your faithful prayers for us!

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..." Acts 26:18a



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"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Psalm 126:5-6

MINISTRY UPDATE

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MARCH 2025

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our last News Letter mentioned the year closing amidst much stormy weather and this first quarter of the year has seen no abatement .The same seems true in parts of the USA also. Not only weather wise, but political and economic uncertainty has seen the British Pound soar 10 pence against the Green Back in this month alone. That is not good news for Foreign Missions worldwide.

The Pope has been much in the News of late with a severe respiratory condition. Similarly, Ian was laid low with an almost identical Bronchial malady with complications that led a lung to burst. Ian was initially hospitalised at our local George Elliot Hospital. This where we have the weekly Bible Reading slot in the Chapel, and it was an encouragement to have participants drop in and pray. A few times Ian thought he was not going to see the morn and was transferred to the Warwickshire University Hospital that has a top Cardio/Thoracic team. The team Doctor in explaining the procedure said my accent made him homesick. Dr Eugene hails from a tiny African village in rural Zimbabwe and subsequently was amazed when I told him how to get to his village, since I had surveyed and proved cores for a bridge site there in 1967. The world gets smaller for Dr Eugene in later years went to the same school where I attended Sunday School and had the Gospel poured in my ears. Dr Eugene loves the Lord and happily took a New Testament customized for our Church, where hopefully we shall see him one day. My Surgeon and Head of the team was a slip of a lass named Maria Kolokotroni. She was thrilled when I greeted her in Greek and all the more so, when I mentioned the statue of General Kolokotroni astride his horse in the centre of Athens that commemorates his campaign to oust the Ottomans from Greece. She is his descendent and according to the Anaesthetist, she carries a picture of the General and Statue in her purse. She removed half my lung. With keyhole surgery they do not necessarily define the size of the key. Ian was placed in a private room for recovery and his nurses were Sarah, Leah and a Rebecca, all from Kerala in South India. (A Rachel turned up later!) All these nurses were aware that their names were from the Bible but that was about as much as they knew. They hung on every word as Ian related the significance of their names and the stories of the characters. They roared with laughter at Sarah falling pregnant aged 90 and were so intrigued with a "Bride for Isaac"; not to mention Leah, causing much surprise to Jacob on the morn after the wedding. They certainly made a point of returning to his room for a chat on their rounds or in a group should there be slack in their schedule. They all happily received our customized Church New Testament.

Ian is back at home and yesterday was back in his pulpit for the second time.

We were so encouraged by our little flock and their sweet spirit in pulling together in this difficult time. Some of our ladies have been helping Cynthia with our Childrens work and it is heartening to see Linda, Grace and Kornelia putting so much effort into this and running with the ball.

We have seen new families attending our services and hopefully they will find our flock a home to serve the Lord. Another group that have come our way are "Irish Tinker Gypsy folk." They are certainly enthusiastic and a boost to our midweek Prayer and Bible Study service. The older folk do not read (not so with the younger, but they will not let their children enter High School). Their culture exposes them to large gatherings of Gypsy Style Tent meetings and every wind of doctrine! Thus, may we request that you pray with us in the following areas:

- 1 For wisdom as we minister to the Gypsy folk and disciple them. People are easily offended and we need to keep the devil out..
- 2.A breakthrough with just one of our Romanian folk. Some have most faithfully served here for nine years and not one has come forward for Believer's Baptism. We feel if one does, others may follow, such is the hold of being "properly baptized" in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition.
- 3. For momentum in our outreaches. Seemingly so many divine appointments (space precludes relating these) and we wish to see these translated into people hearing Gods word in church.

 4. Attrition in support levels. This is an area that we have not had to address in over 20 years, Praise God! With the U.S.A. abolishing categories of Missionary Visas years back we are precluded from having meaningful furloughs to top up with new support.

Thank you all for your faithful support, prayers and loving kindness shown us. Because of Calvary,
Ian and Cynthia Jamieson

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14

Needing to take care of personal business and renew our travel papers to Mexico, we planned to be gone only a few weeks. The Lord had other plans. We were unable to take care of the car papers at the Texas border. It became necessary to go to Tarrant County to complete the requirements for Mexico. During this time God opened a tremendous opportunity for Cindy to minister to Estela, giving her a Gospel tract. Estella began to cry and hug Cindy. She asked prayer for her husband Emilio who is very ill and on oxygen. Estella did not receive Christ as Savior at the restaurant but left with a Gospel tract for herself, her husband, and her sister. Please be in prayer for Estella and her family to accept Christ as Savior.

While in Texas we were in three churches; one of which I preached in Spanish & English. We appreciate every opportunity to share our ministry for the Lord and seek prayer support. I also gave my testimony at two supporting churches. Cindy and I look for every opportunity to serve the Lord. Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."



It took three tries before we received our travel papers to go further than the border towns. During this time, we were blessed to make several trips to Reynosa and deliver boxes of Gospel tracts to Pastor Julio. The church had a Pastors' Conference. About 18 pastors took a bag of Gospel tracts for their church. Praise the Lord!

The ladies had a meeting on Saturday. Cindy taught the children and adolescent class. Josue, 10 years old, expressed that he did not have Jesus as his Savior. Cindy witnessed to him but he did not respond to the need of salvation. Please pray for Josue to realize his need for Jesus as Savior and give his heart to Him.



Having received all travel papers we need, we are excited to be going back to our ministry in Saltillo. Your faithful prayers are such an important part of the Lord's work.

Wendell & Cindy Johnson

Wendella Cindy Johnson

Received \$100 monthly support. Thank you.





Greetings from Ed and Brenda,

March 15, 2025

We received a good report from my recent blood test. The PSA numbers for my prostate are stable and there is no need for any action at this time. Another blood test is scheduled for the end of May. Praise the Lord and thank you for all the prayers! Brenda has been having tests on her kidneys and liver. There are reasons for concern with her liver. More tests are scheduled. Please pray for her.

The ministry is going well. We had 16 saved since our last letter, five in the Henderson prison and eleven at the Pine Bluff Unit in Arkansas.

Our Discipleship class at Venus Prison is growing, before the class started I had the opportunity to visit with one of my new students. In our conversation we discussed different versions of the Bible. I was able to share with him why I only use the King James Version. When class was over, I asked if there were any questions. He raised his hand and asked, "How do I get a King James Bible?" I told him that I would give him a Rock of Ages Study Bible. The class is not just growing in numbers but they are growing in the Spirit also. One man who is new to my class and has been in three classes brought me a list of 14 men who want to join the class. Praise the Lord!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support!

Ed and Brenda

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The Langleys

Ben and Nan

Director of Pastoral Training

March 2025

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done"

Dear Partners and Friends,

The picture attached is at the World Harvest Baptist Missions Kelview Acres Camp and Training Center. This is the chapel building where the Church will be organized and the Pastor training classes will be held. This building is up and in the dry. The next two buildings going up within a couple of weeks will be the dormitory and bath house then comes the kitchen and dining hall!

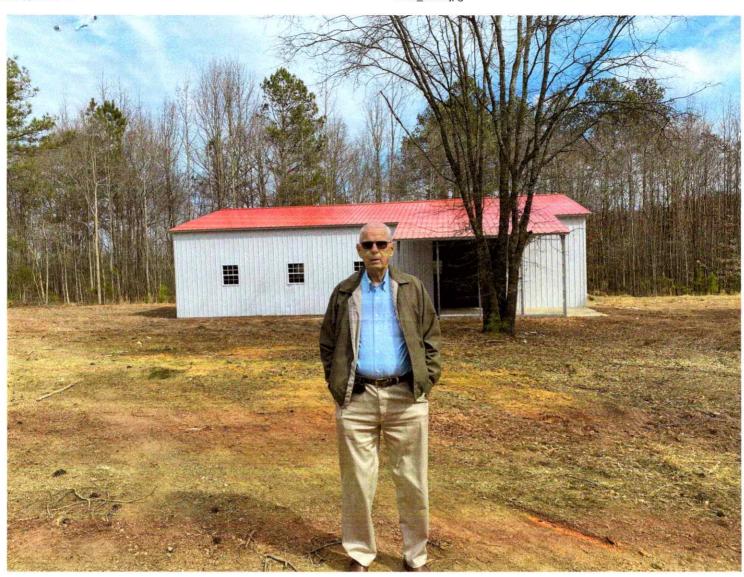
This has been a long time coming but finally we are getting to the place where we can hold classes, have camps and retreats and house our guests. Thank you that have donated to this project so far! Lives will be changed and souls saved on this property for years to come.

Now the pressing need, these buildings are ready for finishing the interior. They cannot be used until this is completed. We need the help of God's people and His Churches. Will you help by investing in this great work? Please make this a matter of urgent prayer and action. You will never be sorry you have invested in the work of God and the salvation of souls.

Because of HIM,

Ben Langley Romans 1:16

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The Langleys

Ben and Nan

Director of Pastoral Training

March 20, 2025

Dear Friend and Partner,

I hope you received my letter this month telling you of God's blessings on Kelview Acres Baptist Camp and Training Center. We have three buildings up and another to be erected in the next two weeks. Now we need to finish them. We need this finished as soon as possible in order to share the Gospel and train Pastors.

One of our supporting churches has made the generous offer of matching dollar for dollar every donation to complete Kelview Acres **Baptist Camp!!**

Would you please help us complete this project and make the most of this gracious offer?

To donate you can mail a check to me or to our headquarters at 900 Cty Rd 727 Gaylesville, Al. 35973. Make the check out to World Harvest Baptist Missions and put Kelview Acres Camp on the memo line.

Thank you for joining in our efforts in building this camp. It is supporters like you who help us further the Kingdom of God on a daily basis.

Because of HIM,

Ben Langley..Romans 1:16



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Dear Pastor and Supporting Church members,

March 23, 2025

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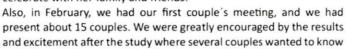
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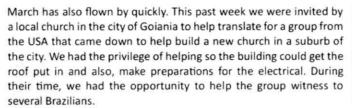
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Serving Christ in Brazil A. S.

Ben Leaf Family

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Also, in February, we had our first couple's meeting, and we had present about 15 couples. We were greatly encouraged by the

results and excitement after the study where several couples wanted to know when the next event will be held and also planning on bringing some friends.

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March has also flown by quickly. This past week we were invited by a local church in the city of Goiania to help translate for a group from the USA that came down to help build a new church in a suburb of the city. We had the privilege of helping so the building could get the roof put in and also, make preparations for the electrical. During their time, we had the opportunity to help the group witness to several Brazilians.

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Serving Christ in Brazil,

Ben Leaf Family



The LEAVELL family. Hello Bro. McNeil & Pleasantview Baptist Family,

Our Saturday night church plant continues to see steady growth, especially with new young couples with children. We are averaging 40 every week, with 8 of those being children under the age of 7.

Laura has her hands full, for sure.

We have begun helping a fellow missionary launch a new church plant just 20 miles from us. We could honestly have 150 churches in just a 20 mile radius from our city and we would never reach all the people. It is extremely hard to get new missionaries into Belgium now, but we continue to pray that God would burden the hearts of a family who would see the great need to come to Belgium.

The Lord has laid on my heart to lead both our Saturday evening church plant, as well as our Sunday morning church, through a time of prayer and fasting. For several weeks now I have been emphasizing to both groups that fasting is when we learn to say NO to ourselves, our flesh, and our desires. Praying is when we learn to say YES to God. We're calling it "21 Days of RESET." It is divided into 3 weeks, and it will end on Easter morning when we break our fast with the Lord's Supper (as well as a community breakfast). These 21 days of RESET target 3 specific areas of our lives: food, finances, and social media. The first week is no caffeine, no sugar, no fried foods, no online shopping, and social media is limited to less than 2 hours per day. Each week will intensify in all 3 categories, with the 3rd week being only clear liquids, a time of reflection on reducing our current spending habits so more can be given to God's kingdom and no social media. The 3rd week will be very hard for most people. Every morning begins with an online time of prayer that I lead at 6:30 a.m. Week 1 started TODAY. We'll give you an update in our next newsletter.

Contact Us: Legeweg 21 8020 Oostkamp Belgium Brugge4Him@gmail.com As we head into Spring, our busiest time of the year begins. We are now in the middle of preparing for 2 separate ladies retreats as well as 3 different summer camps. Please pray with us that the Lord would start softening hearts even now.

March 2025

As the church grows, we seem to be having more and more opportunities to help young couples as they navigate their lives together. We have one recently married couple who needs prayer that they would learn to communicate now and not let their differing opinions divide them. We have another young man who is getting so involved with a Christian motorcycle club that he is spending far too much time away from his wife and young son. While yet another young couple struggles to get here every week. The wife is a believer and the husband comes solely for the food and the fellowship, but lately they have been absent more than they have been here. Please pray with us for these precious couples that they would focus their eyes on the Lord and their marriages would grow stronger.

With all these upcoming retreats and camps Dennis and I get overwhelmed with preparing lessons and translating. There are really no great kids lessons and activities in Dutch so a lot of time is spent translating for the kids. While we love doing it, It can become a heavy task. We would appreciate your prayers for stamina and wisdom as we go about this.

A lot of you have known us for many years and know our boys Drake and Brady. Often I get asked how they are doing. They are doing great. They are currently both serving at a church in Northern California. It is awesome to see them use their talents for the Lord with kids, youth and even more. Brady has also been learning Japanese for a couple of years. You can check out his Instagram feed: @bradystudiesjapanese.

Thank you so much for your continued love and prayers for us. It really does make a difference. We could <u>NOT</u> do what we do without you .

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TIM LEE MINISTRIES

To all of our prayer warriors and financial supporters: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3

You are a part of our ministry family. You are our "fellowhelpers" in preaching the truth. (III John 1:8) We cannot do this work without you! If you know of a church, business, or an individual who are looking for a ministry to support; one that is winning people to Christ and seeing the Lord work in a great way, please recommend TLM to them.

I want to remind you of the opportunity to send in prayer requests. Our team at Tim Lee Ministries takes your request seriously. We often hear about answers to prayer from our Patriotic Partners and praise reports of how God is working.

I do want to request special prayers for Mrs. Judy Hodnett, in the home going of her husband Frank. These folks have been special friends to this ministry. Please keep Judy in your prayers.



MARCH 2025

Many of you have prayed for Cooper Roy. He was in a car wreck that almost took his life. I had a chance to visit with him at Crossway Baptist. He is doing remarkably well and is so thankful for all the prayers.

Also, thank you for praying for Connie. She just had her reconstructive surgery and is doing well.

The first Sunday of February, we were in Aurora, Texas at Aurora Baptist Church. This is one of our faithful monthly supporting churches led by Pastor Jimmy Withers. Both Sunday morning and evening were great services. **We saw eight come to be saved!** There were a lot of additional decisions made as well.

February 16th, Connie and I were in Goodlettsville, Tennessee at Metro Baptist Church. I've been preaching at this church since the early 1980's. For years, my good friend Phil Martin was the faithful pastor of this strong church. He resigned and the church called Ryan Hill as their pastor and he is doing a remarkable job. It was a cold, wet morning but there was still a great crowd. **Thirteen came for salvation!** Again, there were many other awesome decisions. Metro Baptist has been a supporting church for four decades! Thank you, Metro Baptist Church!



With Pastor Eddie Bumpers and his wife, Tess

Friday, February 21st, Connie and I drove six hours from Dallas to Springfield, Missouri. Since we fly so much driving on a trip like this is something I enjoy doing. The further north and east that we drove, we saw more of that white stuff on the ground. Fortunately, the roads were completely clear. I preached Friday evening and Saturday morning to 800 men at Crossway Baptist Church with Pastor Eddie Bumpers. I thank God for the strong, faithful women in our churches. Today, we also need men to step up in our churches and be leaders. I preached three times on Sunday morning. My, how the Lord blessed this weekend! There were 121 who came for salvation! There were 12 men who surrendered to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ! It was a Jesus weekend!!



Crossway Baptist Men's Meeting

As you can see, we had an eventful February. The next couple of months are going to be exciting also. Please continue praying for Tim Lee Ministries and our meetings. We are so thankful for each of you.

TIM'S SCHEDULE March 13-14 March 16 March 16 Hank Parker Shoot Union Grove Baptist Church Kerwin Baptist Church **Evening Service** Lancaster, SC Morning Service Oak Ridge, NC Kernersville, NC Pastor Steven Roberson Pastor Daniel Hawtree March 30-April 2 April 11 April 30 New Zion Baptist Church Shiloh Road Baptist Church Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Covington, LA Jasper, GA National Medal of Honor Museum Pastor Clark Stewart Pastor Chad Haley Arlington, TX May 4 May 1 May 18 The Ridge Church Pleasantview Baptist Church National Day of Prayer Lavon Drive Baptist Church Villa Ridge, MO Arlington, TX Garland, TX Pastor Norm Howell Passtor Jimmy McNeal Co-Chair Kerry Richmon

Larry Menninga asks that we pray for his wife, Cindy with cancer.	PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES	
	Tommy Fecke asks that we pray for the salvation of family members.	Karen Disher asks that we pray for her family.
James Pruitt asks that we pray for his health. Also reminds us to pray for President Trump.	Neil Tenney asks that we pray for Linda who had a double mastectomy. He also reminds us to pray for our country.	John Snyder asks that we pray for the salvation of a family member.
Amber Livesay asks that we pray for her neck and back with pain she is having.	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.	Norma Carmichael asks that we pray for her in the loss of her friend, Bob. Her nephew is missing and needs prayer. Pray for many friends who have cancer.

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!

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The McCutchen's Missionaries to São Paulo, Brazil

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Pastor, we are so thankful for your ministry and your love for missions. It's our privilege to represent you and your beautiful people throughout the various church planting works in Brazil.

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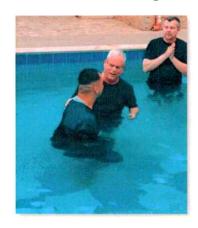
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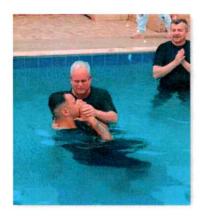
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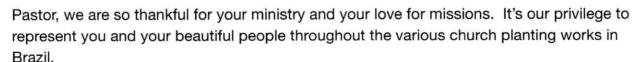
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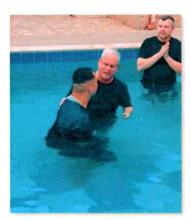
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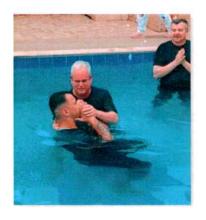
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March 19, 2025

Dear Pastor McNeil and Pleasantview Baptist Church,

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; ~ II Timothy 4: 15

Our family is thankful that you have enabled us by prayer and support to continue reaching our Military. We are blessed to be a part of training future generations for Christ!

Prayer Praises:

✓ Honor – A - Vet:



The Lord has opened the door for Karin and I to implement another Military outreach ministry at the church. We gather recommendations to visit and honor our area Veterans with a nice flag and key chain. The Lord has used this already to share the Gospel.

✓ Community Friends Sunday:



We invited our chaplain friend and his wife for this special day at church. This couple not only ministers on post, but off post. We assisted them with a unit dinner for deploying soldiers.

✓ The Lord continues to bring singles and families of the military to our church. We are thankful for the salvation decisions and baptisms.

Prayer Requsts:

- ✓ Good Health
- ✓ Continued Outreach
- ✓ Souls Saved
- ✓ Jenny serving the Lord in Tennessee

Thank you again for your love.

Gratefully serving the Lord as your missionaries to the U.S. Armed Forces,

Harold and Karin Pierce

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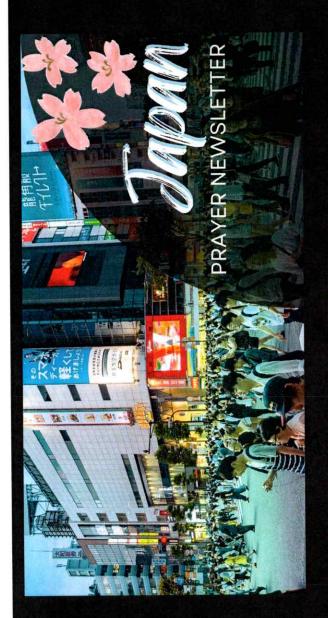
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March 2025 Update

Thank you for praying that God may open a door for the gospel message in Japan (Colossians 3:3-4). NOTE: If you are viewing this email in Outlook, sometimes it flips images and I'm not sure why and am unable to fix it. If this happened in your email, you can click above on "View this email in your browser" and that should resolve the issue. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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Open and Asking

[Jesus said,] "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day."

(John 6:44)

of many prayers for Japan and for these individuals, so thank you again, for your of time that I've been here. And it literally has nothing to do with me! The people that I ceaseless prayers. talk to who have been open, the Father is drawing them! And it has been on account I am absolutely amazed at the openness to Jesus I've encountered in the short period

discuss the Bible together. Japanese, and 2) Seko-san is eager to learn more about Jesus and requested we Christian vocabulary and practice explaining the gospel and Christian concepts in service by giving me a language partner who is challenging me intentionally to learn newsletters.) Truly this is God-sent! 1) The Lord is equipping me for missionary would like to be added, please let me know! I give mini updates in between these meetings! (I updated about this on my Facebook page, Brit in Japan, so if any of you but she asked that I specifically share about the gospel and the Bible in our zoom didn't expect but am so excited to share with you about is that...she not only said yes, conversations in Japanese, since she was my former language school teacher. What I meeting in December to ask her if she would be willing help me practice having have had two zoom meetings with Seko-san. I reached back out to Seko-san after our the Lord Jesus is because God is at work in their hearts. Since my last update letter, I who seeks God." This tells me that the very fact that Seko-san and Hikaru are seeking I wanted to give you an update on Seko-san and Hikaru. These two are seeking the Lord and it is obvious. As the Scriptures also say in Romans 3:11b, "There is no one

joy that fills my heart. God truly is answering our prayers! During our first zoom So the very fact that she is actively seeking the Lord and has asked me to share with as I might to bring it up in conversation, she just didn't seem to want to talk about it. When I met Seko-san back in 2018, she had no interest in Jesus or Christianity. Try (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), and decided that for our next session together we the Good News in simple terms in Japanese. We also discussed the four Gospels meeting, Seko-san and I discussed what Christians believe and I was able to share her the Good News through our Bible discussion time...words just cannot express the

Despite my struggle to explain in my broken Japanese, it was a very fruitful discussion and asked, "What does it mean by [being born] 'not of blood nor the will of the flesh'?" and though I struggled to read, she patiently and intently listened. I was so happy that comes by hearing the Word of God! When we got to verses 12 & 13, she stopped me would read and discuss the Book of John. Praise the Lord! During our second zoom that Jesus is talking about, but a spiritual birth that only comes through faith in God. and with God's help I was able to share with her that it is not a natural human birth meeting, Seko-san and I read John 1:1-14. She had me read out loud in Japanese we could read the Bible together because God's Word is alive and active and faith That we become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

meeting, which will be scheduled for sometime in April. Please pray also for my growth share something that Seko-san told me during our time together. She told me that she that is to show purely that it is only by God's power and not my own! Seko-san left our had read 1 John as well and that she was very moved by God's love. Isn't our God so meeting where we will continue our reading and discussion of John. Also, I wanted to in my ability to communicate in Japanese, for the very sake of proclaiming the gospel "tsumi" (sin) more thoroughly and explaining that Jesus is God. I am truly in awe that God would use me in this season when my Japanese is at its weakest, yet I believe good?! Please continue to pray for Seko-san's salvation and also for our next zoom gospel that I could not discuss with her before in our first session, such as defining Through that discussion, the Lord gave me an opportunity to unpack more of the second session with a smile on her face and willing to schedule our third zoom to Seko-san and others in Japan.

past February. She texted me the night before to confirm our going to church together Hikaru and I have continued to attend church together. Praise God! The last time we there was quite a bit of spiritual warfare involved when she was trying to attend this members class. The church's new members class has a gospel presentation at the saying, "Are you still planning to go to church with me tomorrow?" To which I gladly went together was February 16th and we'll attend again on March 30th. However, beginning of the class and thoroughly explains what Christians believe, including replied, "Yes!" Our plan was to go to the 11 am service and then attend the new

would heal her and help her to come. help but feel discouraged that she couldn't come to that, but prayed that the Lord part of the membership class (which was the gospel presentation portion). I couldn't text saying she wouldn't make it to the service but would still try to attend the was feeling ill but would try to still come, but would be late. Then I received another things like baptism and church membership. The day of, I get a text saying that she membership class. And then yet again I got a text saying she would be late for the first

and weighs becoming Christian herself, she needs to know the truth of what it means very good exposure to what we believe as Christians. And as she seriously considers thankful. I trust the Lord that even though she didn't get to hear everything, it was still was a very good overview for her. She was given a Christianity 101 and for that I was pastor's explanation of baptism and other things that Christians believe! I thought it Japanese), specifically the section on salvation. She also sat and listened to the membership class, I saw her reading the membership booklet (which was in again saying she was on her way. Though she missed the first portion of the I was reminded in that moment that the spiritual battles that happen here in Japan are to be Christian. Hikaru was also able to connect more to the pastor's wife and was more. Yet, I rejoiced in the Lord's mercy that Hikaru was healed and she texted me presentation. I was soberly reminded by Jesus in that moment that I ought to pray hit with illness the day of, and ended up being late and missing the gospel hear about Jesus. She was eager to come to church the night before, was suddenly REAL and Satan doesn't want Hikaru or the Japanese people to come to church or invited to the women's retreat coming up in May.

obligated to do something they don't want to do. So I felt that Hikaru's question religion. They think that people who join a religion will lose their freedom and be cults and other religions, the Japanese are very skeptical, and even at times fearful, of presentation about church membership was a bit extreme? Do they really expect you church membership presentation. She cautiously asked me, "Did you think the ultimately came from these fears, yet I could sense she was sincerely seeking the to go to church all the time and join a small group?" In Japan, because there are many While we were having dinner together, I asked her if she had any questions about the

attend church...we get to. That what seemed extreme to her did not come across the answer seriously. others, and be in a community with other believers of Jesus. She pondered that God for His love and salvation, we want to come to church to worship Him, help that it does not come from a sense of obligation. That out of a heart of gratitude to same way to me. I shared that as a Christian I look forward to coming to church and truth. I was able to share with her that when we become Christians we don't have to

wanted to see if she was open to talk about it. She hesitated and said, "Muzukashii' I then asked her, "Hikaru is there something stopping you or causing you to hesitate to difficult question and the discomfort of our conversation, she was still wanting to seek you! I'll check my schedule and let you know." It really encouraged me that despite her asked, "Will you go to the retreat? I might go if you go." And I said, "Yeah I'll go with thankful that the Lord is patient and is steadfast in seeking and saving the lost. share that with me. And that's ok! It is the Lord who is at work in her heart. I am way that was preventing her from believing wholeheartedly, but she wasn't ready to it means they are not open to talking about it. I sensed there was something in her (it's difficult)." I have since learned when a Japanese person gives this type of answer believe in Jesus? May I ask what it is?" I wondered if I was being too forward, but I warfare, as the Enemy is trying to keep her blind to the goodness of the Lord and for her time at the upcoming women's retreat? Especially protection from spiritual together! The retreat is May 31-June 1. Would you please pray for Hikaru's salvation Christ. Since that time, we have both registered for the retreat and will be going Despite that bit of discomfort, we had an enjoyable dinner together and she then



The pastor's wife, Hikaru, and myself at the intro church membership class.

The Lord is drawing people to Himself in Japan. Praise God that these and others are open and seeking Him!

A Controversial Question

How getting lost is the first step to being found

As in my previous email updates, I have gotten to share how the Lord has not only opened the Japanese hearts to seek Him, but also those from all over the world.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

The Lord is seeking for Himself a people, indiscriminate of race, who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth, "for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him" (John 4:23b).

And the Lord led me to François, a young man in his 20's from France. François was in my Beginner 4 class and asked me one day during a break, saying, "I don't want to be offensive or anything, but I have a question. Isn't what you're doing here in Japan...trying to convert people to Christianity...just neo-colonialism?" Not wanting to give him a rushed answer. I asked if we could chat after class about it, to which he agreed. One thing that absolutely amazes me of how the Lord led this all to unfold, is that it wasn't just my witness that got Francois's attention. It was the other missionary in our class from another organization. It was the 4-person church planting mission team who were on the same floor as our class that invited him to a game night & Bible study event. Each in our own way, just by being Christians, were a light in that classroom and school. Even though Francois turned down the mission team's invitation, I cannot help but think that it was everyone's enthusiastic witness that Jesus is worth following, that led him to ask me the question. I praised God for that team's boldness and intentionality in befriending those in the school. I praised God for my classmate who challenged Francois, who claimed to be a Christian, to read the Bible. And I praised God for this opportunity to give a defense for what we believe.

I had spoken to Francois a bit before this question, sharing through my testimony that "Jesus is worth it!" To which he shrugged and walked away saying, "I'm pretty sure I'm condemned to hell already." To which I then replied, "It's never too late to follow Jesus. God is merciful." After class was over, we both headed downstairs. Our classmates and I stood outside deciding what we'd do for the rest of the evening. After a few of them left, it was just Francois and I standing there. I asked him, "Hey is now a good time to answer your question? I've thought about it a bit more and if you have time I'd like to share my thoughts with you." He said yes and so we stood outside for 2 hours in the freezing cold talking about Jesus. His question easily led us to talk about the gospel, which is the true reason we, as missionaries, are here in Japan. Francois shared that as a child he grew up in the Catholic church but that as an adult he has since abandoned the faith. Yet, he still called himself a Christian, because to be Catholic was to be considered Christian culturally. And so I shared that to be a Christian is to be a follower of Jesus, not only saying you are Christian, but obeying what Jesus said.

don't think I am ready to believe today. But you never know, maybe someday I will. invited him to believe in Jesus that very moment. Francois said to me, "You know, I in sin and unbelief. I encouraged him to seek the Lord while he can be found and I me boldness to challenge Francois and share about the dangers of continuing to live hear my response and considered what I was saying. By God's grace, God granted sense from him that he was being antagonistic in his questioning. He was patient to Our conversation went back and forth and despite his rebuttals and questions, I didn't that's a good answer, right? But in all honesty, if Francois could realize he's not a One thing I realized though is that I'm not a Christian." And you wouldn't think that towards repentance and genuinely becoming a follower of Jesus. Christian and has sin in his life according to God's Word, then that's the first step

desire to seek Him and that he would come to repentance and faith in Jesus? breaking up the hard soil and taking rocks out so that we can plant seed in good soil. Sometimes we have the joy of harvest, but a lot of times we do the difficult work of The Lord brings the growth. Would you pray that the Lord would give Francois a

For Such a Time as This



Japan remains the only G7 nation without legal recognition of same-sex marriage, despite growing pressure from the LGBTQ+ community and supporters.



Japan's Same-Sex Marriage Ban Ruled Unconstitutional —Is Change Coming? Japan is undergoing a lot of change lately, especially regarding LGBTQ+ issues. Once a nation that upheld traditional and biblical marriage, it too is finding itself in transition under the pressure of the world's influence. Even within evangelical churches, pastors and leaders struggle to address the issue. Though many of them hold a biblical stance, because the Japanese highly value harmony within their communities, they often will avoid teaching or preaching on controversial topics for fear of causing offense or discomfort within their members, which could lead them to leave the church. Some pastors have other reasons, such as not wanting to offend nonbelievers, so that they would be willing to come into the church and have a chance to hear the gospel. Whatever the reason, the Japanese churches are coming into the same difficulties we have experienced, yet with unique cultural nuances that are making it difficult to take a stand against sin.

I find it no coincidence that I am here in Japan for such a time as this. My testimony isn't unique. Many believers have left a life of sin, and specifically of homosexuality and transgenderism, in order to follow Christ. Yet, I am here at a time when Japan's churches are struggling to stand for the truth of God's Word on this matter. Though it

as I can, for the sake of the glory of God! encourage the churches and believers to stand for biblical truths, I will share it as often is not the primary reason I have come to Japan, if through my testimony the Lord can



Word? would come across, especially since I was meeting the after hearing your testimony, I now know it's clearly a much for sharing. Praise God! Honestly, when I was in strangers. But my goal in sharing is to always point to members for the first time and Japanese people don't the faith. To be honest, I didn't know how my testimony sin." We got to chat more and encourage each other in college I didn't know what to believe about this. But women I sat down next to said to me, "Thank you so over light snacks and tea for fellowship. One of the After sharing my testimony, I sat with the members with one of our Rengo church partners, Oono Church. Recently, I had the opportunity to share my testimony bravely and graciously stand for the truth of God's praying for the Japanese churches, that they would a chance to repent of it! Would you please join me in proclaimed—even the sin so that those who hear have when the gospel is preached, all parts of it are share about what the Bible teaches clearly so that struggle! And hopefully to encourage others to boldly anyone can come to Christ from whatever their sin Christ—to say that with God nothing is impossible and tend to share their entire lives and personal sins with

anguage Studies Progress

out line of the grocery store! But would you please continue to pray for me regarding world, it means I can finally understand what the cashier is saying to me in the check I'm making steady progress in my language study and am now in Beginner 5 for the about being able to advance into Beginner 6 next month. After that, I'll be in the my ongoing language learning? I did have to repeat Beginner 3 because I struggled to learned thus far. I continue to learn new kanji, vocabulary, and grammar. In the real sentences and am encouraged to expand on thoughts using all the grammar we've month of March! At this level, I am starting to learn how to speak in longer compound Intermediate level by May, Lord willing! because it set me up for success coming into level 4 and 5. And I feel more confident keep up at the level and the pace of Beginner 4. I'm really glad I did, however,

my pride hates it. But praise the Lord! He is using it to humble and sanctify me. a language is so humbling. You have to become like a child, and to be quite honest, this difficult! It's probably one of the most difficult things I've ever undergone. Learning fluently and conversationally. No one ever told me that learning a language would be though I'm able to do more than I used to, I'm no where near being able to speak less grainy it is and the more details of the picture I can see! Yet I must confess that progressively, it's like looking at a picture but it's super pixelated. The more I learn, the respond in Japanese. If I could give an analogy of what it's like learning language It's crazy to me that I can listen and understand some Japanese and then also

with ups and downs. wins are that my meaning was understood and we were able to grow our friendship. down and gives up on me and everything I learned goes out the window! With this sentences, but when in everyday life, I become scared and it's as if my brain shuts me is forming cohesive sentences in the real world. In class I can form basic So I'm thankful! All in all I'd say my language learning is progressing in a good way. to get a few broken sentences out here and there. But the good news and the little Satomi-sensei. She and I chatted in Japanese over coffee and somehow I was able process. Yet I keep trying. Just the other I spent time with my language teacher, being the way that it is, it makes it easy to get discouraged in my language learning Though I understand the things I'm learning in class, probably the most difficult part for Would you pray not only for my fluency in the language, but also that I would have a good attitude, for my encouragement, courage to speak in Japanese even if it's uncomfortable and scary, and for diligence in my studies?



My Beginner 5 teacher, Akashi-sensei, teaching on our grammar point for the day.

Prayer Requests

Please pray:

- For my language learning and ability to fluently communicate in Japanese, for everyday life and for the sake of the gospel.
- For the salvations of Seko-san, Hikaru, and Amelie.

 For our continued time together talking about the Bible, the gospel, and attending church together. The next time I meet with Seko-san is sometime in April for our Bible study discussion time. Please be in prayer for that time. Hikaru and I will also be attending a women's retreat in late May together. Please pray for her softened heart and for whatever is blocking her from faith in Christ to be removed.

I updated mostly about Seko-san and Hikaru above, but I did want to briefly

share here that Amelie and I have also continued to go to church together and she clearly heard the gospel again through the church sermon this past Sunday.

- For the softening of the hearts of Francois, Satomi-sensei, and Akashi-sensei—that they would desire to seek the Lord.
- For the Japanese churches, that they would stand firm and proclaim the the truth of God's Word, with wisdom and grace.
- For the Saitama Mustard Seed Church Plant and Launch Team. We are quickly approaching our launch date for our first service on April 6th!

 Please specifically pray that we can secure a location. We did have a location to have our services in, but the landlords have now said we cannot meet in that space. Please pray that the Lord would provide the ideal place for us to have church services and do outreach on a regular weekly basis, near Omiya station.
- For the healing of my shoulders. I injured them recently and have a doctor's appointment on March 19.
- March is the time when suicide rates are the highest in Japan. Please pray for the Japanese people, that they would not take their lives, but find their life in Christ.

March is a time when many people are transitioning to new schools and jobs. When students don't get into the school they hoped or worked towards, or when people do not enter the job they were hoping to get, they become depressed and commit suicide. It has been consistently the highest month of suicide that Japan has made it "suicide prevention month."

Please also let me know how I can pray for you! Hit "Reply" to this email and let me know. I'd be happy to lift you up in prayer.

Thank you so much for reading and for your prayer support!
-Brit



The Japanese are the second largest unreached people group in the world. Unreached means that people who are living and dying without the message of hope and salvation in Jesus Christ. If you less than 1% of the population are born-again Christians. With 123 million in Japan, that's a lot of would like to partner with me to bring the gospel to the Japanese and reach Japan for Christ, please click on one of the buttons below.

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March 2025

Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

Our family is overwhelmed with thankfulness and deep gratitude for the unwavering financial support and faithful prayers of our beloved church family for both our family and the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry. Your generosity, kindness, and love have been a constant source of strength and encouragement to us as we continue the work of the Lord. We recognize that every gift given and every prayer lifted up is a testament to your heart for missions and your desire to see souls reached for Christ. Words cannot fully express how much your faithfulness means to us, but please know that your investment in this ministry is making an eternal impact. As an extension of our gratitude, I wanted to share with you the manuscripts of several books I have written, prayerfully designed to encourage fellow believers in their walk with the Lord. These books contain devotionals, biographical accounts written from the individual's perspective, and insights into the pressing issues affecting our families and churches in these challenging days. I have included these manuscripts in PDF format, so you may read them at your convenience, and I sincerely hope they will be a blessing to you. Additionally, for those who may desire to read more, I have other books available for purchase on both the Barnes & Noble and Amazon websites. It is my earnest prayer that these writings will strengthen your faith, renew your spirit, and provide wisdom for the journey ahead. Every word written has been bathed in prayer, with the hope that the Lord would use them to edify, uplift, and challenge Christians to grow deeper in their relationship with Him. Your support allows us to continue spreading the Gospel, discipling believers, and standing firm on the truth of God's Word. We are continually humbled by the outpouring of love and generosity from our church family, and we do not take for granted the sacrifices you have made to ensure that this ministry continues to flourish. The Lord is working mightily, and it is because of faithful believers like you who give, pray, and encourage that we can press forward in the calling He has placed upon our lives. Please know that you are always in our prayers, and we thank the Lord for each and every one of you. May He bless you abundantly for your faithfulness, and may He continue to use you in His service for His glory. Thank you again, from the depths of our hearts, for standing with us in this great work.

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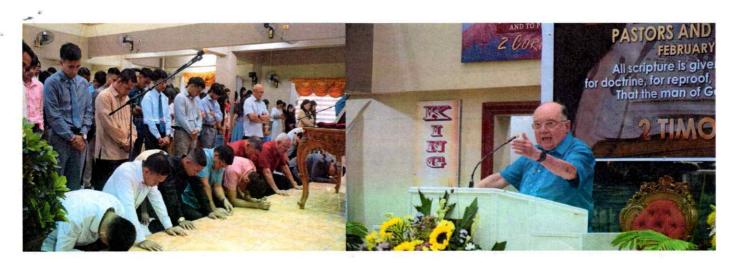
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Thankful for the tremendous response!

Pastor Goodman preaching from 50+ years of experience.



Pastor Daigo's valentines banquet in San Narciso, Quezon Province

Pastor Rodel Trinidad's valentines' banquet at Kinalagti on Polillo Island.



Pastor Tom Guevarra's 9th church anniversary



Pastor Noel Bajan and church family for their 9th church anniversary.



Pastor Jerome de Castro and church family in the village of Manggahan.



Pastor Rodel Trinidad leading the choir and discipleship class. The thatched roof is one of the Sunday school classrooms at Pastor Rodel's church in the village of Kinalagti, Polillo Island.



Dave & Carole Ross

Serving in Indonesia since 1976

March 2025

Dear Pastor & Praying Friends,

Thank you so much to those who sent us cards or gifts at Christmas! Our Bible Institute and each of the four churches we work with had a beautiful Christmas program based on John 3:16, which is our national theme this year. David also spoke for the church up in the mountains, Mt Karmel pastored by Pastor Filipus.

On December 23, David fell. He bruised his right side and collarbone. Praise the Lord that two nice neighbor men were able to come to our home at 11:00pm and get him up! He is still healing and is almost completely better... Praise God! Unfortunately, I have had the flu for at least a month, but I am finally able to read the Bible out loud, so my voice is doing much better.

In January, an Independent Baptist Fellowship (2 nights, 3 days) was held in Solo. 166 members attended. Those who were able to be there were happy to share the time in God's Word and with each other!

There will be 25 students (men and women) in the Bible Institute this year - please pray for them! If your church, or perhaps a few families in your church, would like to support a Bible student in Indonesia, \$100 a month would pay for a student's food, transportation, some personal needs, help with class trips, and fees at the campus. We can also have the information and updates about the student sent to you, so you will know how to pray for him or her.

Pastor Wily, his wife, and one-year-old daughter of the Agape Baptist Church now live in Kalimantan. Recently, their house was flooded. Fortunately, they are back in their home now, but they can use some help. Any amount you could donate would be helpful... just let us know, and we can designate those funds to them.

Since our last letter, our great grandson, Eli turned two, and our third great grandchild was born on November 23! Edward Theodore was born weighing 10 pounds and 6 ounces! His big sister, Emmy is 4 years old and so excited for her new brother.

Thank you so much for all your support over the years. We could not make it on the field without you help, but especially your prayers.

In Christ's Love Across the Water,

Dave & Carole Ross

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Dear Pastor McNeil and Pleasantview Baptist Church,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We are grateful for your continued prayers and support as we serve together in ministry. God has been moving in powerful ways, and we are excited to share some recent updates with you.

Student Conference Blessings On February 8th, a group of young adults and I attended a multichurch student conference for the day. Our group started with four from our church, but one of our young adults invited four others, making us a group of eight! Throughout the day, I learned that



three of the ladies who attended do not regularly go to church. I invited them to join our midweek Bible study, and they have been coming on and off since then. One of them has even attended our Sunday morning service a few times. Just last week, I had the privilege of sharing the gospel with one of them. Please join us in prayer as the Holy Spirit works in her heart!



Annual Chili & Quiz Sunday In March, we hosted our annual Chili & Quiz Sunday at our church. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with a sweet spirit throughout the afternoon. This event not only raised funds to help send our youth to camp this year, but it also served as an outreach to the community. We

were blessed to have several visitors walk through our doors, and we pray that seeds were

planted that will lead them closer to Christ.





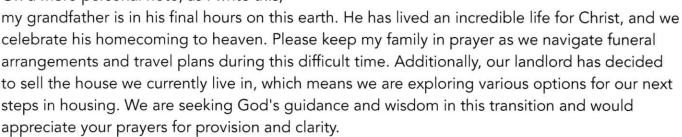
New Outreach: Monthly Board Game Night Since February, we have launched a new outreach initiative—a monthly board game night at church. We have hosted two evenings so far, with about 15 attendees each time. This has been a fantastic opportunity to connect with new people, and many have expressed interest in continuing to come. Please keep this outreach in your prayers as we seek how God will use it to reach Belgium.

Rejoicing in Baptisms! This past Sunday, we had

the incredible joy of celebrating the baptism of two of our youth. It was a beautiful moment as they publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ. We rejoice in their decision and ask for your continued prayers as they grow in their walk with the Lord. May God continue to guide and strengthen them in their journey of faith.



On a more personal note, as I write this,









Dear Friend.

The school year is different in China. Instead of a three-month summer break, we have about 6 weeks in the winter and 6 weeks in the summer. We took advantage of this winter break to do a week-long teacher's training. This was our first time to do something like this, but I think it was a wonderful success.

Although the training was necessary for us to reach our professional requirements, a large part of the training was geared for developing the teachers on the inside. Although all our teachers are part of our family, several of them are fairly new to the family. We all still have lots to learn. Hope Academy is not just a place to educate children but also gives us a unique (in this country) venue for also educating the teachers.

What I like best about this set up is that as we teach the teachers, they are teaching these same truths to their students. As you are aware, one of the best ways to learn is to teach. When you have to teach something, you are much more motivated to listen carefully and to do additional study. So, it is a joy to see these teachers teaching from our father's textbook as well as their core subjects.

By the way, many of you have been helping us ask for a new teacher. Our father provided! We really need teachers with a high level of English. In this country, high level English speakers can usually get high paying jobs, which we are not. This new teacher has a master's degree from a top university in the US, but after years of teaching elsewhere, she wanted to do something more meaningful. What an incredible blessing and answer!

Grace and Peace, The Torres Family





wonderful week of iron sharpening iron.



Your generosity helped to provide a lunch serving counter at Hope Academy.Thank you!



blast on their day trip with Daddy!

COLOMBIA



(Retired missionaries)

March 6, 2025

Dear Brethren,

Thank you for your faithfulness in the work of missions around the world. We continue to have contact with our brethren in the churches we worked with in Colombia. The news here is talking about the difficulties that Colombia is going through once again. The president has socialists leanings and has not been good for the people. Pray that these changes will not effect the work of the Lord in the churches there that are preaching the Gospel!

The Baptist Church in the neighborhood of Florencia in Medellin is doing well! They have between 70 and 80 in attendance every Sunday morning service. They are about at capacity for there building. They are having services in homes during the week and a midweek service. People have been saved and baptized. So there is still liberty to preach the Gospel in this church and the other churches in Colombia. Please pray for the believers and churches there.

Since we retired from the work in Colombia, we have been active in our home church here in Ohio. I am not teaching one of the adult Bible classes. Our emphasis this year is working with the Seniors Bible Study on Tuesday morning. We have a good group that comes out with a desire to continue learning the Word of God. We are now studying the book of Hebrews and from comments it has been a blessing to the brethren. Several participate with questions and comments of the passage we are studying.

Pastor Fabio and the church in Copacabana just celebrated their 20th anniversary! Praise the Lord for the faithfulness of Fabio and his wife, Diana as they serve the Lord together. Souls have been saved and they are reaching out to other areas.

Jackie and I make visits when we can at the hospital or in homes. We are active in the Wednesday night prayer meeting. Jackie is very active making sure there are provisions in the kitchen and helping with the meals on special occasions.

May God continue to bless your Church as you reach souls at home and around the world through your Mission outreach!

In His Name,

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Dear Friends,

Here is your copy of our latest Profile on Panpsychism, a theory that all matter contains a type of consciousness. This awareness is not limited to animal life or plant life or even limited to living things. According to Panpsychism, even inanimate objects from giant mountains down to molecules, atoms and even the tiniest subatomic particles possess some type of consciousness or awareness. While the roots of this controversial theory go back to the 16th century, it is enjoying a revival of sorts in recent years as some atheists are suggesting that this could lead to a solution of everything from the "mind-brain" problem to the apparent fine-tuning of the universe to support life. Can Panpsychism explain these things if there is no omniscient, omnipotent creator God? Well, the short answer is **NO** but to get the specifics, check out the Profile written by our staff apologist Daniel Ray.

As always, I hope this Profile helps you to both "stand" and "understand." That is, to firmly "stand" for the truth of Christ and His gospel. Beyond that, to also be able to "understand" the spirit of the age and its cultural pressures we must resist so as to "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom.12:2).

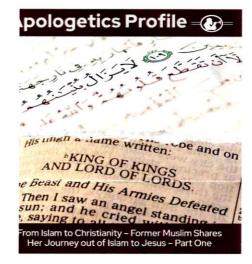
Apostate of Allah - Sara's Journey from Islam to Jesus

Earlier this year in New Orleans, I had a wonderful conversation with Sara, who is known as the **Apostate of Allah**. She shared her remarkable story of leaving Islam to trust Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

We captured that conversation as a two-part episode for our Podcast, **Apologetics Profile**. This is a story you will not want to miss. You can catch both episodes right here: www.watchman.org/Sara.

Yours in Christ,

James K. Walker, President JWalker@watchman.org





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We have greatly enjoyed our time reporting to supporting churches as well as sharing the ministry in South Sudan with new churches. Our travels this month have taken us to California, Montana, Missouri and Illinois.

Pray for us during our last full month of travel as a family, as Chelsea is ready to take a break in May until the baby comes in July.

South Sudan Update

We are happy to report that the problems going on in South Sudan are not stopping the gospel from being spread to those who need to hear! Earlier this month Bible Baptist Church had a baptism service, and 8 new believers were baptized. Last Sunday, three women and one man got saved! The man was the father of assistant pastor Mori. We have prayed for his father for years. He lived in the village and was an alcoholic. Mori was very burdened for his father to get saved. A couple weeks ago his father was in a bad accident. This caused him to need more assistance than the village could offer. As a result, he came to Juba where Mori and his family could care for him. While in Juba, he attended Bible Baptist Church and accepted Jesus as his Savior! Please pray for our team in South Sudan who is continuing to do the Lord's work despite the turmoil going on. Pray we continue to hear more reports of souls being saved!

Pillowcase Dresses

Many churches are working hard to learn how to make pillowcase dresses! Two churches we visited this past month invited Chelsea to be part of their "dress making" days. It is so encouraging to see woman of all ages creating these dresses. It is especially neat to see the older woman teaching the younger girls how to sew. Our hope is that we will have enough pillowcase dresses made for our next three Christmas's on the field. Thank you to all who have contributed! If you can help us, you can mail the dresses to the following address by July 2025:

3809 N. Delaware Ave Springfield, MO 65803

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

Family Update

We are happy to share with you that Lincoln will have a little brother. Our recent ultrasound showed that baby is growing right on track. Chelsea will have the glucose tolerance test in April. Please pray for good results and great health for mom and baby.















. OUR TEAM CONTINUES TO WORK HARD TO REACH SOULS FOR CHRIST

SALVATIONS THIS MONTH

REQUESTS RAYER

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- · THE SAFETY OF OUR TEAM IN SOUTH SUDAN
- · HEALTH FOR CHELSEA AND BABY
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Sarah Worsham to Greece



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Follow along with Sarah. Keep updated through Facebook & email! March 2025

Dear Supporters and Prayer Partners,

I was blessed to serve in churches in Oklahoma and Texas this month.

Heart for Missions

I presented my ministry, sang a special, and taught in Sunday school in these churches. Each church was a blessing. Their passion for missions is evident in the people and the leadership. One of my greatest joys is talking to young adults and children about missions. It is encouraging to meet the next generation of missionaries and to hear about their burden for missions. I also visited one of my supporting churches and gave an update while there. This month another church partnered with me in support.

Impact of Encouragers

While visiting these churches, I also visited with some of my encouraging friends and prayer partners. It is such a blessing to have these prayer warriors who faithfully pray for my ministry! Thank you for your prayers and support.

Prayer Requests

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



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Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest. Matthew 9:38