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### Thriving as We Press On



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Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe that another year is already coming to a close. As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we are reminded and inspired to continue pressing forward in our service for the Lord.

2025 has been a wonderful year! The Lord has allowed BMFP to thrive in remarkable ways. We have

enjoyed unity within our ministry family, formed new relationships, gained financial supporters, and expanded our visibility. We look toward the new year, with hearts filled with excitement for what God has in store as we strive to "Press Toward the Mark in 2026." As we follow His lead, God expects us to give our very best in planning and participation.

### BMFP goals and key priorities for 2026

**Exalting the Master.** One of our principles of operations is to exemplify the glory of the Lord and to delight in Him. The true success of any ministry is not measured by material accomplishments or accolades, but by how much the Lord is honored, glorified, and enjoyed through its efforts.

**Encouraging the Minister.** Pastors serve as the under-shepherds of the flocks God has entrusted to them. Their work deserves respect and support. In a world that increasingly disregards the things of God and His servants, we desire to be a constant source of encouragement to faithful laborers.

**Enabling the Missionary.** Today's mission field is vastly different and more challenging than in previous generations. Our goal is to equip our missionaries with the resources, training, and support they need to fulfill the calling of God on their lives in an ever-changing world.

**Expanding the Ministry.** The longer we serve, the more we recognize the need to do more for the cause of Christ. In recent years, BMFP has broadened its influence and ministries. We are excited about the new ideas and opportunities the Lord is providing. We plan to expand our building with a new wing that will include additional offices, a board room, and a larger auditorium for training and conferences.

### Laying the Foundation for Tomorrow

Every vision must be followed with a process that accomplishes goals. BMFP is committed to preparing the next generation for service to the Lord. That preparation begins now by investing in people, equipping them, and influencing them through godly, biblical, and ethical practices. We remain committed to the following priorities:

#### • **Being biblical, ethical, and godly in our dealings**

We recognize that we are not perfect and that the Lord is the One to whom we must give an account. For this reason, we strive to conduct every aspect of ministry decently and in order. Upholding biblical, ethical, and godly principles remains a top priority as we work with pastors and missionaries.

#### • **Motivating pastors to be actively involved in the lives of their missionaries and BMFP**

There is often a disconnect between pastors and missionaries. They share similarities, but roles, responsibilities, and cultural contexts can be vastly different. We aim to bridge this gap, strengthen pastor and missionary partnerships, and encourage unified, healthy, Christ-centered relationships.

#### • **Facilitating BMFP missionaries with the tools necessary to succeed in their mission**

We seek to learn and develop new ideas that will benefit our missionaries. As the Lord expands our understanding, we make it a priority to pass these tools and insights on so our missionaries can serve more effectively wherever God has placed them. Tools are not the end goal, but they help advance the greater goal of reaching the world with the Gospel.

#### • **Promoting growth internally and externally**

We believe growth never stops. The Lord has blessed us with many faithful servants with a wealth of experience and knowledge. Resources such as books written by BMFP missionaries, our Church Planters and Leading with Purpose Conferences, and three annual retreats all serve to strengthen and develop pastors and missionaries. Expanding our facilities will also better accommodate the opportunities the Lord continues to provide.

### Pressing Toward the Mark

As we enter the new year, we are grateful for all the Lord has done and continues to do through BMFP. With renewed passion and purpose, we press on—exalting the Master, encouraging the minister, enabling the missionary, and expanding the ministry for the glory of God.

## Merry Christmas!

As we Press Toward the Mark together, we want to wish you all Merry Christmas from the Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples Family. We greatly appreciate your interest in fulfilling the Great Commission and the specific work the Lord has called us to do in it. Thank you for caring and praying for each of us!

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***"Bear up  
the hands that  
hang down, by faith  
and prayer; support the  
tottering knees. Have you  
any days of fasting and  
prayer? Storm the throne  
of grace and persevere  
therein, and mercy will  
come down."  
– John Wesley***

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