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Pressing Toward the Mark in Encouraging the Minister



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When considering the role of a mission agency, we are reminded of Barnabas, known in Scripture as an encourager. While Paul is recognized for his accomplishments, his ministry was strengthened by Barnabas' faithful encouragement. In the same way, Baptist Missions

to Forgotten Peoples desires to come alongside missionaries and pastors with encouragement and support.

Ministry brings discouragement, distractions, and heavy responsibilities—especially for pastors who faithfully lead churches that send and support missionaries. BMFP seeks to encourage pastors in three key ways:

Acknowledgement. There should never be an instance where a local church is not acknowledged as the authority and overseer of its missionary. Hebrews 13:17 gives us this biblical principle. BMFP teaches its missionaries to understand the importance of their relationship with their pastor. Dr. Gib Wood heads up our new pastoral care ministry. This focuses specifically on our relationship with each sending pastor. This is a vital relationship that must be intentionally built and maintained.

Assistance. BMFP has capable men and ladies who are willing and ready to help plan mission conferences or mission emphasis Sundays. We also have ladies who are available to assist with ladies' conferences. At times, a pastor simply needs a break with his family, and we have couples willing to step in and help during those seasons.

Dr. Matt Quitter is available to assist with biblical leadership conferences, and Dr. George Rundle is available to help establish an approved bible institute. BMFP Publishing is creating good resources on missions and many other subjects. Our goal is to assist pastors in any way possible so they can continue faithfully serving the Lord.

Activities. BMFP offers an annual Church Planter's

Conference, as well as a Leading with Purpose Conference for pastors and laymen. We also host 2 Mission Possible Retreats, one in Europe and one in Asia. These retreats are designed for missionaries and for pastors who wish to visit and encourage the missionaries they support.

Additionally, the Mission Possible Youth Camp in Asheboro, North Carolina, is available for churches with young people who are interested in full-time Christian service.

Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples desires to be your "Barnabas." Contact us, and we will do our best to encourage you as we labor together to reach a world for Christ.

Pastoral Care for Forgotten Peoples

Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples was established with the goal of reaching forgotten people groups around the world. Those groups included, but were certainly not limited to:



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Social Pockets (unsheltered peoples, **Pastoral Care Administrators** discarded peoples, etc.)

Ethnic Pockets (groups of people who are not in their normal homeland setting)

Vocational Pockets (including military men and women serving their country around the globe)

While our focus is still on reaching those pockets, BMFP has expanded its vision to include some other aspects of ministering to forgotten peoples. And one piece of the expanded vision is found in ministering to those who serve as the sending church pastors for our missionary family. Think about it like this:

- Your pastor ministers to the church family ; but who ministers to him?
- Your pastor encourages discipleship and growth; but who encourages him?
- Your pastor challenges church members to give themselves to the mission fields of the world; but who helps him as he watches them go?

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by Gib Wood**

Sad to say but relative to missions, many of our sending church pastors have themselves become forgotten peoples. So, how can a mission agency minister to those who are such an integral part of getting missionaries to the field? How can we keep pastors from feeling like they are simply used by mission boards to bolster their numbers? In short, how can we minister to the ministers? At BMFP, we desire to accomplish this goal through regular interaction with sending church pastors. Not to get anything from them, but to give encouragement to them. Not to promote an agenda, but to promote a spirit of gratitude for the men who give so much of themselves in glorifying God, loving people, and serving others. Not to grow our missionary family, but to remind pastors that they are also loved and appreciated.

Missionaries need to be prayed for, and so do their pastors. Missionaries need to be loved, and so do their pastors. Missionaries need to be communicated with, and so do their pastors. Please pray with us as we endeavor to minister to an oft-forgotten people group—our sending church pastors.

**Being Good People Pleasers
by Charity Woon**

Should we be people pleasers?

"Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification." - Romans 15:2

Pleasing: being agreeable, serving for the benefit of another. Pleasing neighbors, pleasing spouses, servants fully pleasing masters—these are good things commanded by God. We should care about bringing help, joy, and blessing into the lives of others so that they are benefited.

When is people pleasing wrong? It is wrong when pleasing man trumps pleasing God or when our motive is the approval of man rather than God.

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should

Third Culture Kids (TCKs)

TCKs are constantly saying goodbye to people. Intimacy with Christ is an international practice and opportunity. They never have to say goodbye to the Lord. He understands what they are feeling.

not be the servant of Christ." - Galatians 1:10

It is also wrong when my motive is selfish gain, a mere show to look good in front of others, or to court man's favor. This is a temptation for missionaries in prayer letters or when visiting a church. We want to be seen as hardworking, successful missionaries. We are tempted to seek their favor and approval rather than genuinely and selflessly serving to be a benefit to others.

"Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men" - Ephesians 6:5-7

We should please others instead of self. We should seek to benefit others. We should seek to bring people joy, help, and blessing, but not for selfish motives like gaining favor or approval. We should serve people as unto the Lord, but not in any way that exalts people over God. We should be people pleasers, not menpleasers.

Editor's Notes

Would you like to see more encouraging messages from BMFP? Follow our BMFP Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BMFP.org). Several times a week there are various quotes, announcements, updates, and insights posted there that will be a blessing to you.

Please pray for these upcoming events:

Leading with Purpose Conference, March 16 to 18. (To learn more or register to attend, follow this link - <https://bmfp.org/event/leading-with-purpose-conference/>)

Missionary Candidate Training, June 8 to 12. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

*"God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him."
- J. Hudson Taylor*

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I Shall Send Thee**

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