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Exciting BMFP Events!



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It is hard to believe it has been a year since Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples officially moved into its new property in Kernersville, NC! God has truly blessed beyond measure, and allowed BMFP to Thrive in 2025!

First BMFP Candidate Training in our new

facility: We just finished a very exciting candidate training week! We thank the Lord for adding 6 new couples to the BMFP family! Each one brings a new dynamic as well as some unique ministries! The BMFP ladies worked very well together, as did all of the teachers and staff, to make for a very special and rewarding week!

First hosting of the NC Fundamental Independent Baptist Fellowship in our new facility: Friday, July 25, at 10:00 a.m., BMFP will host a local preacher's fellowship meeting. It is a joy to participate with these great pastors in our local area here in NC.

First BMFP Administrators' Meeting in our new facility: September 8-10, Monday through Wednesday, we will host our administrators. Local pastors will participate in the speaking and we have some activities that will bless and encourage the administrators and their wives.

First BMFP Church Planting Conference: October 6-8, Monday through Wednesday, we will host the first annual Church Planters Conference! This has been on our hearts, and we are excited to have many of our BMFP church planters as well as local and sending pastors involved with this conference.

First BMFP Leading with Purpose Conference: March 16-18, 2026, Monday through Wednesday, we will host our first annual Leading with Purpose Conference! This is geared toward helping pastors, missionaries, and church workers purposefully prepare the next generation of leaders today.

Details on these events are on BMFP.org. We encourage you to participate and pray for each of these events as we Thrive in 2025!

The Benefits of Christ's Sufferings

"Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy" - Luke 6:23



Jason & Charity Woon
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When I was a boy, I just didn't understand this at all. In context, Jesus didn't command His disciples to do these things when miracles were happening, people were flocking to Christ, and everything was going great. Rather, Jesus said to do them when men hated, reviled, and persecuted them for Christ's sake. I pictured a crazy man jumping around and hollering "Yippee!" when life seemed to really stink. Verses like James 1:2 were a total loss on me – that is, until I came to know Christ more intimately.

The Bible teaches that there are great benefits worth our rejoicing when we are "counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:41). God uses Christ's sufferings in the believer's life to make him firmly grounded in the faith (1 Pet. 5:10). In Luke 22:31-32, Jesus said to Peter, "...Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat." Peter was no match for Satan, but Peter's Lord kept Satan from having his way. One of the things the Lord used to establish Peter was suffering. God does the same for us today by putting our faith through fiery trials to refine us like gold in the furnace (1 Pet. 1:7; 4:12; Rev. 3:18; et al.).

God allows the believer to partake of Christ's sufferings so that he may both be comforted and able to comfort others (2 Cor. 1:3-7). In defining the repeated words comfort and consolation, one commentary writes, "The comfort that Paul has in mind has nothing to do with the feeling of contentment. It is not some tranquilizing dose of grace that only dulls pain. But it is a stiffening agent that fortifies one in heart, mind, and soul. Comfort relates to encouragement, help, exhortation. God's comfort strengthens weak knees, sustains sagging spirits, so that one faces the trouble of life with unbending resolve and unending assurance" (Guthrie, George H. II Corinthians (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2015) 67). This kind of comfort is found in 2 Tim. 1:6-8.

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by Jason Woon**

When we suffer like our Savior, we enjoy such a rich fellowship with Christ's Body (Church) and Christ Himself that this world cannot understand (Php. 3:10; 1 Th. 2:14; Heb. 10:33). It was in the context of His disciples' suffering that Jesus addressed them as "my friends" (Lu. 12:4). Paul expressed this love to the Colossian believers when he rejoiced in his sufferings for them to "fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church" (Col. 1:24; cf. Php. 2:17). This idea of rejoicing in Christ's sufferings comes into focus when we trust God's Word and grow in grace. And if we partake of His sufferings, "we think it not strange...but rejoice" – not only in our trials but with exceeding joy at Christ's return (1 Pet. 4:12-13). There awaits a glorious inheritance and great reward (Ro. 8:17-18; Mt. 5:12).

**Stirred, Not Storming
by Charity Woon**

I am an ideas person. I can brainstorm like a spastic hurricane. I can come up with games, VBS themes, ladies' class lessons, and memory verse songs, but I can promise you, I have never had an idea that compares to having God stir my spirit in the direction He wants. Not every seemingly good idea is God's will. Creativity never outweighs God's wisdom.

***"The LORD stirred up the spirit of
Cyrus king of Persia" - Ezra 1:1***

Stirred up: awakened, opened the eyes. Cyrus didn't brainstorm what great accomplishment he should commission next. He didn't write a bunch of ideas on a whiteboard and then eliminate them one by one until he chose his favorite idea. God put this in his heart.

God also worked in the hearts of the people in the same fashion. They knew that they were supposed to go and build.

***"With all them whose spirit God had raised, to
go up to build the house of the LORD which is in
Jerusalem" - Ezra 1:5***

I love brainstorming. There is a time and a place for it, but it isn't the manner in which we seek

**Missionary Leadership
Accountability and repetition
are necessary to development.
Leaders must live obediently
and teach others also, expecting
to place this task in their hands.
They must show their followers
the big picture, so they know
the plan and purpose of their
development. Teach them to look
for the day they can stand on their
own two feet, while waiting on
and depending only on the Lord.**

God's will. Instead, we should get alone with God and His Word, and, by faith, seek His direction. We should wait for Him to stir our spirits in the direction He wants. Then, like Nehemiah, we will be able to confidently declare "what my God had put in my heart to do" (Nehemiah 2:12, 17-18). Once we know the direction God is leading, God delights in our creativity in accomplishing His goals.

***"Trust in the LORD with all thine
heart; and lean not unto thine
own understanding. In all thy
ways acknowledge him, and he
shall direct thy paths"*
- Proverbs 3:5-6**

News from the Field

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As school let out in March, and we were prepared to take in two more boys into the Ray of Hope boys home. God sent us 3 additional orphan boys. Two brothers, 4 & 5 yrs. old who had lost their parents in a car wreck, and their 8-year-old cousin who had also lost his parents. They had been cared for by their grandparents, who are no longer physically able. They now attend and participate in our church services and will begin school in June. We are now caring for 11 boys.

March ended with tragedy here in Myanmar. On March 28th, we experienced a 7.7 earthquake. It was felt here in Yangon and as far as Bangkok, Thailand, but the devastation was north of us in and around Mandalay. We had no electricity, but no casualties. In Mandalay, there is mass destruction, over 3,700 dead and 5,100 injured. Please pray for recovery efforts and supplies.

During our power outage, the boys home was unable to draw water from the well. The generator was not powerful enough to operate the water pump due to the depth of the well. We purchased a diesel piggyback generator that attaches directly to the water pump. This not only solved the issue when there is no electricity, but also allowed for faster pumping when electricity is on due to low voltage. What used to take all day to pump can now be done in 1 1/2 hours. Praise God for this addition!

***"If I had
not felt certain
that every additional
trial was ordered by
infinite love and mercy, I
could not have survived
my accumulated
suffering." -
Adoniram
Judson***

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



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