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## GLOBAL BIBLE MINISTRY

By Henry Lewis



"Bibles for Brazil" is the name we were going to give to the Bible ministry from our church; however, we had the opportunity to supply Bibles to Africa as well. We then decided we would name our Bible ministry **Global Bible Ministry** since we were able to get Bibles to Portuguese speaking people in several other countries. It all started

back in 1997 when I went to Brazil for the first time. When there, I visited many churches and had the opportunity, and privilege of visiting in some of the churches the Hawkins family has started. While there I began to notice that hardly anyone had a Bible. Some had John and Romans, but a majority of them did not.

I began to feel that God was laying this on my heart; these people needed Bibles. When at the last church I saw the pastor and asked him what I could do to help him, and very unselfishly, and instead of asking anything for himself, he asked me if I could get him 100 Bibles for his people. So when I got back to the states I called the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation founder, Bro Bob Lemmon, and I said, "Bro Bob,

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## QUAD-STATE MEETING

The next quad state meeting will be held at Temple Baptist Church in Three Rivers, MI where Kevin Terrell is the pastor. It will be Monday and Tuesday, March 22-23, 2010.

Tim Billups Senior Pastor, Lewisburg Baptist Church  
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## HAITI RELIEF EFFORT

In the aftermath of the terrible destruction and loss of life caused by the recent earthquake in Haiti, many have inquired as to how they can help. We have had limited contact with our missionaries there, Jacques and Marie Alexandre, but we do know that they survived the earthquake and are alive.

If you wish to send funds to help in the relief and rebuilding process, please mail your check to the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Office. Note on the check, "Haiti Relief", and we will send those funds to Bro. Alexandre to use in helping his people to recover and rebuild the church, the children's feeding center, and their homes and lives.

The most important thing we all can do right now for Haiti is pray for God's mercy and grace to be extended to that needy country and that through this tragedy souls will be won to Christ.

# THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

I remember reading the story of a farmer that had come to town for the purpose of meeting with his banker to discuss the farmer's current financial plight. The entire report was filled with bad news of droughts and insects and destruction of the crops. The report then continued with more bad news of the farmer's inability to make any payments on the loans the bank held for him. It was simply a bad news followed by bad news report; until the very end of the meeting when the farmer shared the one bit of good news he did have, and that was that in spite of all the trials and afflictions he was currently experiencing, he had every intention of continuing to do business with the banker. So much for the good news.

I believe for the World Baptist Fellowship at large ours, too, is a message filled both with good news and bad news. The bad news being we live in a fallen world filled with fallen people and it sometimes seems as if we are making no progress at all. Add to that the challenge we face today of methodology and ministry preferences and you almost find yourself on an island all alone with little help in sight. We perhaps may feel as Elijah did under the Juniper tree, alone in battle and alone in the cause.

The good news is that we are not alone in the cause for which we fight. I find myself encouraged when I remember the tie that binds us together. Paul stated it clearly in his address to the church at Corinth when he reminded them first of the miracle of reconciliation that God had performed in them and then the ministry of reconciliation that God had given to them. We too, have this ministry of reconciliation.



**Jimmy McNeil**  
WBF President

We have a college still training students to go out and reach a lost and dying world; reconciling them to the Savior who loves them so. We have a mission office that shares the same passion as the school of reaching the world; providing a much needed service to our missionaries so they can focus on the ministry God has called them to share. We are the World Baptist Fellowship and we exist for the same reason today for which we were founded many years ago. May we follow the paths of those who have braved the way before us. May we leave a trail for those who will follow us in the days ahead. We are the World Baptist Fellowship and it matters not your style of music or my method of reaching the lost. What does matter is that we have the ministry of reconciliation, both individually and collectively.

The bad news is the reality that if we are not careful, there will be many things to divide us. The bad news again is that if we are not careful, may forget our reason for existence all **together**. The good news is that God still has great plans for the World Baptist Fellowship. If we can only open our eyes and our hearts to the common thread that unites us together:

**"And all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself by Christ Jesus, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."**

II Corinthians 5:18

Let's continue to do business together and make the ministry of reconciliation to the Savior the main priority. Surely we can unite under the flag of the Gospel. We have this ministry.

## A Champion



me out of this surely I can live for You." And God did just that, for He had a lot of things for Whiz to do.

It was during Christmas of 1944 that Whiz participated in the now famous *Battle of the Bulge*. He was seriously wounded from an explosion near the tank on which he was riding, the explosion leaving him with multiple injuries on his left side. He was taken to a hospital where he was placed on a stretcher among a number of other soldiers, many bearing toe tags that read *dead*. By Divine Providence he was able to get the attention of a nurse and was soon taken to surgery where his left eye was removed. After the surgery a nurse spoke with him and said, "*You might want to keep this.*" She then pointed to a hole in the steel-front cover of a New Testament that had been in his pocket. He had seldom read that New Testament but had carried it in his pocket as it was a gift from his beloved wife, Frances.

After the war, Bro. Whiz, at the suggestion of his brother-in-law, secured a job with Gulf Oil in Crane, Texas. It was there at the Tabernacle Baptist Church that he made his battlefield conversion official with baptism by Bro. T. L. Slimp. Bro. Whiz and his dear wife, Frances, were married in 1943 and became a dynamic duo for the Lord.

The Whisenants accompanied their pastor to Monahans, Texas and took part in the organizing of a new church, and that event marked the

beginning of their deep love for church planting. It wasn't too long until he enrolled in the Bible Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth. With only a third grade education, classes were a struggle, and only by God's grace and his dear wife was he able to attend. There were times of discouragement and on one such occasion when he felt like quitting, his dear wife informed him that she would be the wife of a preacher, but not an ex-preacher.

The first church founded by Bro. Whiz was in his hometown of Dublin, Texas, where he birthed Southside Baptist Church (now Countryside Baptist Church). He later pastored Tabernacle Baptist Church in Crane, Texas and Temple Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. Bro. Whiz spent his life in church planting, and was involved in establishing well over 100 churches.

In his golden years he did the work of an evangelist, held mission conferences, and encouraged young preachers. He loved missions...home and foreign...and to him missionaries were very special. But most of all, Bro. Whiz loved the Lord.

Bro. Whiz was a mirror of strength and endurance. He had the temperance of quality steel, and was the mix of many sterling qualities. He possessed intensity for achieving the goal set before him, and a drive that came not so much from a physical source as it did from his Savior who strengthened him. I think we can safely say that Bro. Whiz was *A CHAMPION*.

### The Champion

*The average runner sprints  
Until the breath in him is gone  
But the champion has the iron will  
That makes him "carry on."  
For rest, the average runner begs  
When limp his muscles grow  
But the champion runs on leaden legs  
His spirit makes him go.  
The average man's complacent  
When he does his best to score  
But the champion does his best  
And then he does a little more.*

# WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

It has been a decade since the 21<sup>st</sup> century arrived, and as the calendar moves on in 2010, many ask if doom is on the horizon. It is quite clear that the three institutions God placed on planet earth, the home, governments and the church, are all under siege. There was a time in our history that the Sunday sermon was the chief source of community instruction. The Bible was the center of shaping minds and determining decisions. Not so in 2010! The onslaught of information that now competes for our attention on a daily basis is staggering, we are the target 24/7 of an often deadly and endless amount of media input. At last count over 400,000 books per year were being released on the public, and I'm sure that number has increased. Media persuasion via the press, television, radio, the printed page and internet has caused many to change their thinking.



**Wendell Hiers**  
Fundamentalist Editor

This is illustrated by the public opinion shift in the past decade on such subjects as long-term marriage, sodomy, abortion, authority, integrity, capital punishment, how to rear children, and even "how to do church."

It hasn't been that long ago that magazines like *Time* and *Newsweek* bombarded us with articles on the "me first generation." This individualism has come to full fruition in our time and resulted in attacks on the home, the church and authority. The traditional family is said to be oppressive and seen as the source of our unhappiness. It is denied that the church may legitimately insist upon what it regards as moral behavior in its members. Even private associations like the Boy Scouts of America have come under attack for defining the moral behavior of its leadership. The outcome is that all these divine institutions are progressively weakened and their roles are in many instances being dictated by the "rulers of darkness of this world." Not a single divine institution from the home, governments and the church has remained unscathed.

America was a great nation because it was founded on Godly principles. John Adams once stated, "The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed and now believe that those

general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God." I believe John Adams would tell us today that you cannot separate God from America and expect America to be great.

George Washington in his farewell address pointed out: "The two foundations for political prosperity in America are religion and morality. No one can be called an American patriot who ever attempts to separate politics from these two foundations".

Has America changed? You bet it has. In the eyes of the world we are still wealthy, strong, and viewed as a super-power. But the truth of the matter is that America is no longer the nation that it was. We've lost our greatness by turning our backs on the God of our founders.

I'm reminded of a phrase found in Zechariah 9:12 "...ye prisoners of hope..." America can be great again, but it won't be by economic recovery, or defeating Osama bin Laden, nor by either the Democratic or Republican Party being in power, but by turning back to our God and our Godly heritage.

Isaac Watts penned a timeless hymn many years ago that reminds us of a truth found in Psalm 90:4, "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." The writing of the hymn was occasioned by the impending death of Queen Anne, and British Protestants feared for their future. The hymn is a prayer direct to "Our God, our help in ages past... Our hope for years to come."

As we begin the second decade of this new century we must not forget that yesterday, today, and forever we serve a God who is our help and our hope. Want some advice? Get a grip on the changeless, timeless truths of God's Word. Otherwise, you'll become a causality as we begin the New Year. And remember, in Him we acknowledge:

Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.  
MARANATHA!

## News from JerUSAlem

### Good Shepherd Baptist Church Celebrates Anniversary



The Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas celebrated its first anniversary January 3<sup>rd</sup>. A little over a year ago Bro. Willie Milbry and his wife, Niece, expressed the desire to start a new work in south Grand Prairie. Almost immediately they located a meeting

place and Bro. Milbry, who is very adept at remodeling, began to work the location over. A hundred chairs were borrowed from the Arlington Baptist College, and in January of 2009 they held their first service. Dr. Lloyd Meyer was the guest speaker for the anniversary service, and they had 51 for Sunday School.



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## A SIGN OF HOPE

Somewhere along the way, I have heard the story concerning the great Chicago fire of 1871. The fire burned from Sunday, October 8, through Tuesday, October 10, killing hundreds and destroying four square miles of the city and was described as being one of the largest U.S. disasters of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The story has it, that following the fire outside a small shop, a sign was hung that read, "Everything Gone Except Hope." Truly, the city rebounded and has become one of the most noted cities of the world.

As we look upon the horizons of the spiritual conditions of our world, we might tend to think that the "devastation" is too great to ever overcome. Certainly, over the last several decades the moral climate of our world has declined and any sense of spirituality as described by the Bible has diminished. Laws have been passed that violate biblical instruction, and trends have developed that are contrary to Judeo-Christian values. The "accepted norms" of philosophies and lifestyles have changed dramatically from the days of our early Christian heritage. Some have even suggested that we are facing a hopeless demise.

In spite of the fear of being labeled an "eternal optimist", may I hang out our own sign - "Many Things Gone, But Not Hope." I am tremendously encouraged by what I am seeing in the up-and-coming generation of young people. Though they are often misunderstood and falsely labeled with unbecoming titles, I believe that the youth of our day have what it will take to turn our nation back to God and reach this world with the Gospel of Christ. The reasons that I believe this are too numerous for me to enumerate in this small article, but they do exist and are very positive and encouraging.

I am not alone in finding that the youth of today are open to discussion



Dr. D. L. Moody  
ABC President

and embracement of spiritual truth as revealed in the Word of God. They resist religiosity that is counterfeit or hypocritical; they are smart enough to know that "absolute truth" does exist and is a worthy foundation for building a life upon; they respect and appreciate the sanctity of life and are coming more and more to oppose issues like abortion and euthanasia; they know that love is more than lust and that love as described and demonstrated by God fills the vacancy that the human heart is seeking; they are more interested in how their lives can influence and improve the world they live in than they are in how much of this world they can stuff in their pockets and then leave behind at death.

On the campus of Arlington Baptist College right now are some of the finest young men and women that inhabit this planet. I am joined by some of the finest Christian college professors and administrators who are equally passionate about equipping these young leaders for life, ministry, and maximum impact. With the Word of God as our foundation, the Spirit of God as our power and guide, and the glory of God as our ultimate goal... there is no way we could be without hope.

The young people that I am coming across in the camps, meetings, and churches that I visit increase my enthusiasm. These students are serious about the things of God and how He can use them to reach this world for Jesus Christ. We are indeed on the verge of seeing a Generation of Giants for Christ, breaking forth in world-changing power.

I am concerned about our world's spiritual condition... I am saddened by spiritual ground we have lost... I am ready for a spiritual change... I am hanging my sign... "Many Things Gone, But Not Hope!"

## WITNESSES

by Eric Bass

**Hebrews 12:1-2...** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Chapter 11 of Hebrews gives us the "hall of fame" of the faith. Listed in that chapter are a number of saints who perished in faith looking forward to the rewards that they would receive in Heaven. Chapter 12 builds upon that thought. We know this because it begins with "wherefore": "Wherefore, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses..." The author of this book, when he uses the term witness, is not speaking of those who might witness our acts in the here and now but rather is referring to the aforementioned saints from chapter 11. These "witnesses" are witnesses to faith in the future grace of God (see John Piper's Faith in Future Grace). We are surrounded through Scripture by a great cloud of examples to how our lives are best utilized for the glory of God.

The author continues: "... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us..." We are to lay aside weights and sins as those mentioned in chapter 11 did. They laid aside wealth, religion, pride, reputations, social norms and of course personal sins in order to chase after a better prize. We also have things we have to lay aside. Of course, for each of us, this might look different as we all struggle in differing areas (this is why accountability is so important: my weaknesses might be another's strength and vice versa). "...and let us run with patience the race that is set before us..." The author here calls us to respond to what we have heard and seen from the lives of the examples that came before us. Seeing the successful lives of those great saints should spur us on.

How does it do so? We see lives that are transformed; we see the power of God's sanctifying work in their lives and we know by faith that the same God who worked effectually for them is doing so for us through the Holy Spirit to the praise of His glory. We run knowing that we will succeed, not because we are so able or inherently good (just the opposite I would

say) but because it is the almighty, all knowing God who is working in us (side note: saving grace and sanctifying grace are flip sides of the same coin). We run not in doubt of the outcome but in faith that the God who brought us thus far will be the same God who will bring us through whatever storms may come, safely to the shore. "...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

What I notice about the closing clause of this sentence is that the author now shifts his timeline. Until now the author has been speaking of past examples of faith in future grace; the OT saints who looked ahead to what God would do in order to have faith in their current situations. Now the author, through the example of Christ, gives us a glimpse of the present where one of those who came before (Christ) is now, having completed His earthly work, is seated at the right hand of God. As we run our race with patience, remembering the witnesses to the faithfulness of God, we look to Christ (present) who is the perfect example of our faith, understanding that just as He has received (future) His reward (all things are now under Him) we will receive our rewards once we have crossed our finish line.

As many of you know in November one of us crossed her finish line: my grandmother, Nadine Schmidt. I missed the funeral. I was sitting in my apartment in Amman, Jordan packing up our belongings as we prepare for our next step of faith - moving to Saudi Arabia. We considered coming home but I remembered that we were right where we were supposed to be, serving God. I could only think how she would berate/make fun of us if we considered postponing our trip, or allowing ourselves to be distracted from the goal. "Meemaw," probably better than most of us, understood priorities. As I packed I was reminded of a story she once told us.

When she and our grandfather first started out on their journey into foreign missions, Meemaw was going to study nursing. That way when they arrived in the Congo Meemaw would have a tangible skill to use among the Africans they felt called to reach. One day Granddad was driving Meemaw to the hospital where she was studying when Meemaw broke down and started crying. She told Granddad how she didn't think

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# ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

In **1 Corinthians 9:22b**, the Apostle Paul wrote, "... I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some." This was not an admission of compromise, but rather a statement of cultural adaptability. Paul ministered to many people of different cultures. He did his best to adapt his evangelistic methods to each of these people groups. He never changed his message! The Gospel is the same to all people of all cultures in all places. He did change his methods of reaching these people groups. To the Jews, he spoke as a Jew in their synagogues; a Pharisee; a Hebrew of the Hebrews. He used the Old Testament Scriptures mightily to convince them that Jesus is their long awaited Messiah. To the Romans he spoke as a Roman citizen, with all the liberty and authority that his citizenship demanded. He revealed the Lord Jesus as the legal heir to the Throne of Israel and as the Son of God (Romans 1:3-4). To the Greeks, who prized intellectualism and philosophy, he spoke philosophically and revealed the Lord Jesus as the Unknown God (Acts 17:16-34). To the Barbarians, his ministry was emphasized not by words, but by mighty and miraculous deeds (Acts 28:1-10). To all these varied people, the Apostle Paul preached the same Gospel message, but to all of them he used different methodology to present the eternal truth that Jesus is the Risen Saviour, the Son of the living God.

In our world today, we must dedicate ourselves to the principle that we will never change the truth of the Gospel; we must preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. The Apostolic doctrine must be our doctrine. To change the truth of the Gospel is heresy, no matter the time, place, or culture in which we minister. There are so called "ministers" today who never speak of sin or repentance because they don't want to "offend" anyone. That is changing the message. The truth of the Gospel is that men are sinners, and Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). To preach that faith in Christ is "a way" and not "the Way" is heresy. There is only one way of Salvation, and that is through saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6). To preach the reality of Heaven and deny the existence of Hell is heresy. The Bible speaks more of Hell than it does of Heaven; and Hell is a real place, not just a state of mind as some preach today. In short, we must preach the unchanging Gospel of an unchanging God.

Methodology, however, is a different matter. Missionaries learn upon arriving on the foreign field that some methods that are common and accepted in the United States simply do not apply and are not effective in the foreign culture. They must learn, and sometimes it is a great struggle, that they must adapt the never changing truth of the Gospel to a culture not their own. Here is an example: In small towns in Latin America Sunday mornings are the biggest market days of the week. There are more products and better prices on Sunday mornings than any other time during the week. Having services at 10:00 A. M. on Sunday mornings is very ineffective. Hardly anyone,



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WBF Mission Director

other than small children, attends the services. However, at 3:00 to 5:00 P. M. in the afternoon, everyone has done their marketing, returned home, eaten a meal and are ready to attend the services. In many localities, the most well attended services are the evening services for this reason. Where is the Scripture that states that Sunday School must be held at 10:00 A. M. on Sunday mornings? Why could it not be held in the afternoon when many more people can be reached? We had one work in eastern Colombia in which we could only hold services on Tuesday evenings. Every other day in the week was occupied by other ministry obligations. We would go to the village on Tuesdays, visit in the afternoons and then hold services in the evenings. Our "Sunday School" was a "Tuesday School" in that small town; and it worked! Some missionaries who have multiple works will hold mid-week services at one church on Tuesday, another on Wednesday, and yet another on Thursday evenings.

In most missionary work, the missionary does not begin by teaching Systematic Theology. He begins with simple lessons on the Bible; the creation story; the simplest of lessons about the Saviour, because the people do not have a Biblical background. Most lessons and sermons are at a Beginner or Primary level until the people are saved and begin to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. As they mature in Christ, the material can change from the "milk" of the Word to the "meat" of the Word.

Music styles are also different on many fields. In Latin America it is not unusual to have song services that last an hour or more. I held a revival meeting at a church in Mexico and one evening there were twelve special songs, not counting the congregational singing. The people in many countries are not so "time conscious" as we are here in the U. S. You can sing for an hour and preach for an hour and no one is upset; in fact, they are happy. Many rural people walk great distances to attend services and they are not interested in "sermonettes". They want to hear the Word of God and they enjoy long services. Music in African churches is much more "lively" than it is in most U. S. Baptist churches. In most Latin American churches the guitar is the common musical instrument. Churches cannot afford pianos or keyboards and they make use of the instruments they have. I know of churches in the U. S. that would never allow guitar music to be played in their services. There is not a right or wrong in this issue; it is a matter of culture, and the missionary must learn to be adaptable in cultural matters that do not violate Scripture.

When Paul wrote, "...I am made all things to all men..." he was not compromising the Truth. He was adapting his methods to the culture of the people he was trying to reach. We need to learn that lesson and apply it: to our missionary work on foreign fields, and to our ministry here in the United States as well.

## REV. ELMER FOUNTAIN WITH THE LORD

Retired Pastor Elmer Fountain went to be with the Lord on January 1, 2010 at the age of 81 at his home in Vidalia, Georgia. He was a native of Chatham County, Georgia, living in Georgia for most of his life. Bro. Fountain was a 1948 graduate of the Bible Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas and pastored many churches during his lifetime, including: Silk Hope Baptist Church, Waters Ave. Baptist Church and Dureie Baptist Church, all of Savannah. He also pastored the Orlando Baptist Temple in Orlando, Florida, a church in Melbourne, Florida and Community Baptist Church in Statesboro, Georgia.

After his retirement, he continued to minister in various churches, preaching God's Word. His ultimate mission in life was to win souls for Jesus. Bro. Fountain was well known and loved as a part of the World Baptist Fellowship through the years.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Winona; three sons: Dennis,

David and Edward; one daughter: Laura Lynn Rippberger; ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on January 3, 2010 at the Victory Baptist Church in Vidalia, Georgia where Bro. Fountain was a member. Speakers at the funeral were: Ronald McTaggart, John O'Neal, Ben Langley, Doug King, John Verschuren, and his pastor, Dr. William Vansant.

Please be in prayer for Mrs. Fountain and the family that they will all feel the peace and grace of God during this time.

## THE FIFTH GENERATION

by Phil Gagnon

Roberto Gonzalez pastors a rural congregation in Cenicerias, a thirty minute drive from the paved highway. The church itself is inaccessible by vehicle.

Some three years ago Pastor Roberto began visiting Sabáñas. For three years he has walked three hours one way to minister to that rural  
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# Just Thoughts

I consider my job here at the Mission Office a unique one. It's full of regular office duties found in most businesses. As the office financial secretary there are records to keep, checks to write, payments to send as well as insurance and taxes to keep up with. This coupled with verbal, e-mail and hand typed correspondence there are many exciting things and an extremely varied schedule each day.

I feel the reason that my work here has more of a "fun job" description than a "get a pay-check" one is because of a wonderful lady I watched do the same work when I was very young and new to missions.

In August of 1970 I sat in a seminar with my husband and four other couples here at the Mission Office. Most of the group were stary eyed and excited with the anticipation of hitting the road on deputation - knowing we could do a big part to win the lost around the world. I had just had our third son so I was oblivious to most of the world turning outside of my little one.

However, I did realize that there was a good organization to what was happening in the little office where we were meeting. Quickly I realized it was because my predecessor, Mrs. Nadine Schmidt, knew where all of the missionaries were, who needed what and how to get any task that came up taken care of. In addition I never saw her get rattled, even if there were several people asking her something at once. From experience I've learned that that quality in itself is a gift.

From my first encounter with Mrs. Schmidt until she was laid to rest in the past year, she was my faithful mentor and example of how to



**Linda Raley**

love everyone and be of the most help she could in any circumstance. For my nearly 20 years sitting where she sat so many years ago, I've referred many times to the way she gently handled sticky situations.

She treated each missionary like family. She loved us in spite of our sensitivities and our odd notions. She guided us through the numbers and details we needed to be aware of. The many repetitions did not ruffle her feathers. She brought us up like you would a child instructing us well and often.

Somewhere in the middle of the ministries the Lord let us be part of I had the privilege of being Mrs. Schmidt's pastor's wife. Even with the rolls reversed so to speak she was my teacher. She helped me to love our congregation, accept them just as they were and to love every minute of God's work.

During our time here at the Mission Office we loved having her come by to visit and always enjoyed visiting with her in her home. Even in her last year she was still teaching me how to be a gracious lady. She accepted her life coming to an end just as courageously as everything else - with great dignity.

There are few people outside of my immediate family who have made the impression on my life that my "Mrs. Schmidt" did. I thank her so much for that. I can never say that all of her good qualities were passed on to me for the job that I have but they've helped me to remember when I begin to get bent out of shape that a little patience goes a long way. She's my champion! I miss her here but she's definitely where she wanted to be now.

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS BEYOND

### Robert & Marcia STEFFENS Tarahumara Indians of Mexico



We had 5 baptized in Creel by Bro. Alfonso. One of the ladies was a Tarahumara lady, Juanita. We are able to give tracts in the

free hospital in Samichiqui. Our cookie/gospel ministry is going well also. When we pick up a rider we hand them a pack of cookies and a tract. They can read the tract as they eat the cookies. We met a man that asked if we were going to learn Tarahumara and we told him we still were working on Spanish and one day we hope to learn his language as well. He was very happy to hear that.

We are making some improvements on the house and have purchased a wood stove to keep us warm and a kitchen stove as the other one blew up. Praise the Lord, no one was hurt. Little by little we are making improvements to help us keep a little warmer and more comfortable.

God is opening the doors for us to minister to the Tarahumara Indians by giving us some Bible story books in their language to pass out. The Lord is so good to provide the materials we need. Our truck is another testimony to the Lord's faithfulness. We are asked how much we paid for it, and often the brethren are shocked when we tell them we "prayed for it" and God used many of you to provide it. Thank you for standing with us to make all this possible. Eternity will reveal the difference you made for Jesus.

### Norman & Gloria HIGGINS Mexico



Thank each of you that sent cards, gifts, and special offerings for the work here. We had a tremendous Christmas

celebration, killed the "hog," and it was wonderful. All the ministries are continuing to go well and being blessed of the Lord. The regular church attendance has held up very well, souls have been saved, believers following the Lord in believer's baptism and church additions. We have also been blessed with some much needed rain. The new children's home building is a tremendous blessing for which we thank the Lord and each of you who have had part in that being a reality.

### Larry & Barbara KOEHN Chile



It is hard to believe that there in the States it is winter time and here the temperatures are in the 90's with people diving into their swimming pools. They

celebrate here as they do there with all kinds of decorations everywhere; Christmas trees, music. Even though we have celebrated almost 30 Christmases here, it still doesn't compute. However, I think I prefer this warmer climate to the hard winter some of you are how having.

We had our Presidential elections last Sunday. The attendance was down quite a bit, but that is to be expected. Chile is recuperating from the global financial crisis. A lot of imports have been stopped during much of 2009 which created a shortage of vehicles and other major products. People here want to spend their money, but there are not enough large imported things to buy right now.

Since our last letter four souls have been saved in our services. The ladies of the church had an overnight retreat near the coast. They thought it was great to have an outing, without their kids. Many ladies had never been to a retreat before and they loved it. We will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of Discipleship soon for those who are finishing up level one. We are so excited at the change and spiritual growth. We also are making plans to begin AWANA Kids Club this month.

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# ON THE DEPUTATION TRAIL

## Tony & Brenda DAVIS Tanzania (STEP)



We have been in some great meetings in the past month. God provides for us when we need it most. One more time, He exceeds all hope

and expectation. We were in Bonita, Texas with my Aunt and her family for Thanksgiving. We arrived early on Sunday morning at the small church to meet and greet people as if we were there for an appointment. Brenda went to the ladies' class and was encouraged to answer question after question and I was graced with similar opportunities before the men's class began. The pastor introduced us for the first time to the congregation as Missionaries to Tanzania. We were invited to sing, and we sang our favorite song, "The Harvest". Church ended with a couple from the church asking if they could support us, and I told the pastor and he agreed that it would be fine. We were elated and overwhelmed; it's incredible how God in His divine providence provides for us as we faithfully go forth. On the way back, another church, Shepherd of the Hills Baptist Church, invited us to present our field and another couple promised support from that Church. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow and Praise the Lord for your prayers for us to the heart of our God.

## Daniel and Allison Walker - Saudi Arabia

What circumstances will derail God's plan? An economic crisis, wars and conflicts around the globe, shady politicians and their endless

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The Lord blessed and permitted us to organize the Faith Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas. The church



## Charles & Juanita Bowen

Reaching the  
Hispanics in the U.S.A.  
with the Gospel  
Acts 26:18

called Bro. Bernardo Bernal to be their pastor. This is the first Hispanic church that God has allowed us to organize in the States. Please pray for Pastor Bernardo, his wife, Rosario, and their two children, Blanca and Bernie. Pray that God will continue to use this family in a great way for His glory.

I appreciate your prayers for me after being struck by a car in Walmart's parking lot in Grand Prairie. There were no broken bones and no stitches necessary. I had lacerations on my right hand and both knees and a concussion and a fracture of the right orbital eye lobe. I had to have surgery on the orbital of the right eye. I was very sore, all over, for a couple of weeks; thanks for your prayers.

The shots that Juanita had in her back to relieve the severe pain have been very successful as she has had no pain whatsoever. She had 6 more injections and that should relieve the pain for at least a year.

## David & Diane CATO Brazil



We are back in Brazil with all our luggage also, Praise the Lord. We missed one flight to Sao Paulo due to the airline trying to charge us two

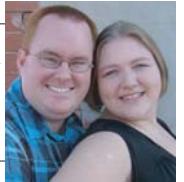
times for our luggage (an extra \$450). They eventually took the charges off. Missionary John Yelle picked us up at the airport in his VW Kombi, a 65 horsepower van. It did make it up the mountain with all four of us inside plus all our nine suitcases; we are home again. We arrived about 9:30 pm and Ivanio and Carine were waiting to greet us, what a happy reunion. It is so good to be home and we really didn't realize how much we missed Brazil and the people God has called us to serve.

The next week we spent visiting the members of the church and there were lots of Brazilian hugs, kisses (the traditional fake kiss on each side of the face); and the chimarano (a strong green tea passed around in a gourd). Not one church member abandoned the church in our absence;

maneuvering, danger and uncertainty? The answer is obvious: NOTHING can stop the plan of God. We are extremely excited about what the Lord has planned for 2010 and are blessed to have faithful and loyal prayer and financial partners. While 2009 was a difficult year for so many churches and individuals, the Lord has more than doubled our financial support over the past 12 months. Our funding is at about 90% and His power is unflinching. Please pray with us that before the summer begins we will be moving to Saudi. We depend upon the Lord and the Lord's people to pray and give and maintain us. May we continually stand shoulder to shoulder as we take the Gospel to the world.

My pastoral ordination service took place and I was blessed to have a tremendous committee of pastors and missionaries offer their advice, prayers and expertise for that experience. We are continuing to make appointments for this new year and we are looking forward to a field survey trip to Melbourne in June. We are extremely excited about all that God has in store for the ministry in Australia and appreciate your prayers as we move further through the process of deputation. We are blessed to partner with you for God's work "down under," and we pray for you and your ministry continually. We appreciate your support more than we can say as well as for your prayers and more opportunities to share our ministry.

## James & Melissa Brown Australia



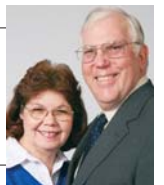
only one family left the church and that was job related. We are so encouraged by all that is going on, thank the Lord. Everything is going pretty well and we are thankful for that.

Please continue to pray for Diane and her neck problems. She is doing some conservative treatments here right now; therapy, injections and now with chiropractic treatments too. Pray that no surgery will be necessary although that has not been ruled out. I pulled a muscle in my lower back and have been in quite a bit of pain and not able to do much for the past week, and it hurts. I went to a "back cracker" this past week and she tried to straighten me out on the torture table. Getting older is not for sissies.

Sarah and Lori are studying in the States; both have the desire to be missionaries. Amber is still with us and we are proud of her as she has grown so much since her sisters left.

The past three months have been very busy for us, but quite productive ones. We had one month that we emphasized "Friend Month" and our folks invited many of their friends to come and we are following up on their visits. Then we had a "Children's Month" and a special day with many games and activities and many of the mothers came that had never visited the church.

## Alton & Helen SMITH Brazil



Then the following month we had a month of "Testing and Blessing", not necessarily a planned month. We arrived home from services at the church and were watching TV and were startled to see two armed men enter our living room. They wanted our money and other items of value, wedding rings, jewelry, computer, camera, video camera, video projector and some other items. We thought this was the end and that we would be shot because they did

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threaten our lives several times. God gave us the courage to witness to one of the young men. They loaded their truck with "our stuff" and demanded that we go with them and I refused to allow them to take Helen, I feared for her life. We were outside, I had to go with them, and they drove the truck out to a deserted area about thirty minutes from our home. I was convinced that they were going to kill me and take the truck. They just dumped me out, and drove off. God gave me the grace to give them tracts and tell them how God could change their lives. Pray that through this they will see and understand their need for Christ.

There was a group from the Minnetonka Youth Camp along with missionary Bro. Frank Brim that came and painted the outside of our church building. Bro. Frank asked the youth from his church to come help, and with the youth from our church working the church sure looks great and it was a tremendous blessing to all that came and worked as well.

**Jerry & Bonnie  
BITNER  
Mexico**



A couple of months ago the Bethesda Fundamental Baptist Church had its annual mission conference. The Faith Promise was a little

over 1,000,000 pesos, (\$87,000 U.S. Dollars). Even during an economic crisis God is able provide funds for the missionaries, and two families surrendered their lives as missionaries during the conference. The Ernesto Morales family felt God calling them to Argentina and Bro. David Garcia to Spain. They will be the 5th and 6th missionary families sent out from our church. God is still on His throne.

The Bible Institute is going very well with over 30 enrolled in each of the courses we are teaching. Pray that each one will finish their course and prepare their lives for full-time ministry.

It is a blessing to see everything going on time and the work finished as planned. The new building in Tonchigue was finished by men from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Jasper, Georgia. They had 78 people present for their first service in their new building. What a blessing. The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New Life Baptist Church in Toachi was a blessing. This was one of the first churches started in Ecuador 35 years ago. A young boy only 6 years old when we organized the church is now pastoring the church. There were over 150 there for the Anniversary service.



There was a graduation from the Bible Institute in Grayllamba with 2 students graduating from 4 years of training. Many visitors, friends and family attended the morning service. Please remember the Bible Institute in Santo Domingo as we will have to move the Institute within a year and build some dorm rooms.

**Frank & Darla  
BRIM  
Brazil**



We are now back in Brazil for our next term of service. Thank each of you that fervently prayed for us and our

health situation these months that we were on furlough. God has answered many of our prayers and has lifted us up and put us back on our feet in so many ways. We are glad to be back "home" with the people God has called us to serve with here in Brazil. I would like to share some of the blessings with you: the church in Arembepe is doing well and two souls were saved last month; the congregation in Jacuipe is doing good, also with two new converts.

We received all of our 9 suitcases at the time of our arrival and no problems in customs (that is a tremendous blessing for us; almost a miracle); and we received 5 boxes of books that we shipped without any problem even though we had the wrong post office box number on all the boxes. Our God is so good.

Special prayer request – please pray for the salvation of Patricia. She is the high priestess of a Satan worship temple that opened in the

house in front of ours while we were on furlough. Pray for us for wisdom and opportunities to share the Gospel with her and all the others that are living in this house.

**Brad & Ronda  
HASTINGS  
Native Americans**



A couple of months ago we celebrated our first baptismal service, baptizing six. It was a great service; the candidates told me the water was a bit on the chilly side. Even though I didn't get in the tank with them, I ended up almost as wet, and we will wait for warmer weather for our next baptismal.

Thank you for contributing to the "Toys for Navajo Tots." We met at the church and wrapped more than 100 gifts and on December 20, the special service was greater than we had anticipated. Ronda worked hard with her class and ended up with a children's choir of 23 children. Bro. Raymond and Mrs. Claire White were here visiting for the weekend and they were a real blessing and Raymond took some superb pictures of the day. Each child received three wrapped Christmas gifts, plus they were able to go through and take boxes of small presents that we didn't have time to wrap. At the end of the morning we counted 86 in attendance with 22 first-time visitors. We were able to meet many of the parents and siblings of those we have been picking up on the van. It has opened so many new families for us to minister. We cannot thank each one enough who made this event possible, THANK YOU!



**Dawne  
HART  
Portugal**

Since my last prayer letter there have been four saved, and we ask you to pray for these new converts. Another goal we have been working on

for a long time is a new building for the congregation in Barcelos. The current building is small and only has one room for the children. The children's room is right next to the sanctuary and the kids cannot make much noise or they will interrupt the main service. As you know, with children in any country, they are noisy, and that makes it almost impossible. The new building has an upstairs sanctuary and a basement for classrooms and fellowship hall. Hopefully and prayerfully we will be in the building in late January.

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**Anchor Baptist Church...SOS!**



A little over three years ago the Lord led Bro. David McDaniel and his wife, Rebecca, to Jackson, Georgia to begin a new work. For several months they rented the Conference Center at the Red Roof Inn for Sunday's services. A couple of years down the

road a church facility that had been closed for a number of years became available to the McDaniels and a small handful of believers. They were able to rent the property for \$250 a month. It sits on five acres of land, has a 200-seat auditorium and plenty of room for Sunday School in the basement. The church property has been valued at \$285,000 and offered to the Anchor Baptist Church for \$105,000. Financing has been offered, and this new work will have to move if the property is put on the market. These folks are going to need some financial help in making a good down payment, and we would ask our readers to pray that the property can be secured, and if God so leads, would you contribute to this need.



# FURLOUGH MISSIONARIES



**Alan & Kathy  
HART  
Mozambique**

We are making progress on our entry visas to return to Africa in the spring and ask you to continue to pray for us in this area. Pray that the

church registration goes well and that we will be able to return on schedule. We are confident that we will, in God's time. The work there continues and we don't go a month between hearing about new congregations being started or our preachers contacted about existing churches that want to join with us in the work.

Alan's mother continues to battle health issues and has been hospitalized most of the past couple of months. Please continue to pray for her. Our youngest daughter, Rebekah, is expecting their second child and we sure want to be here for the birth before we return to Africa. Dawne is doing well in Portugal and our son, Michael, is nearing his final weeks in the Texas National Guard. He recently received his certification as a diesel mechanic and is looking for a job.

We have been extremely busy in the past four months; we have been able to visit some of our supporting churches. Praise the Lord for the opportunities He gives us. We are also working on curriculum and materials for the field.

We have been going to some kind of doctor at least a couple of times each week for some kind of exam or diagnostic test since September. Betty has done well from the surgery. Thank you for your prayers on her behalf during this time. She is taking Chemo treatments and asks you to pray that they will be effective and that she can tolerate them well.

**Tim & Betty  
HAWKINS  
Brazil**



We originally came to the States for furlough to treat her severe back pain. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a double mastectomy and is scheduled to do reconstruction surgery as well. She also has 3 herniated disks in her back and because of the Osteo-arthritis; the nerve canal in her spine has shrunk and is causing excruciating pain in her back and legs. She definitely needs your prayers. We do thank you for your prayers, cards and encouragement during this difficult time.

The works in Manaus are being blessed by our Lord. Souls have been saved, added to His church and the Bible Institutes are finished for another tri-semester with 3 graduating. Pray that many more will surrender to the ministry. There are so many that still need to hear the Gospel and Brazil is growing with many opportunities to serve.



**Jerry & Atalias  
LANTZ  
Brazil**

We finished our first big trip to the Pacific Northwest and California, living out of a suitcase for a few weeks. God has blessed us and we were

in a number of new churches and a couple of them have promised support. We were able to renew some old acquaintances and make some new friends. We saw some old friends that I met in Pennsylvania during deputation in 1984. We live in a truly small world. It is a blessing to see folks that consider themselves as ordinary Christians, and to encourage them as we consider them to be some of the great heroes of the faith by doing what they are doing, Praying and giving financially are to be commended in spite of their hardships and difficult economic times. To us, they are a vital part of the ministry.

News from the field is always a blessing for us. Both of the churches are continuing to have visitors and seeing God work in the lives of His people. Irmao Jarbas has completed half of his Bible Institute training. To date he has been unable to replace the motorcycle that was stolen from him at gun point while returning home from the Bible Institute in September. That has not stopped him from serving the Lord or going to the Institute.

Recently he won one of his younger brothers to the Lord. He is such a faithful worker.

Please continue to pray for Linda and her health situation. I met with the Mission Committee in Michigan, giving them an update on Linda's health

**Billy & Linda  
CARRUTH  
Scotland**



condition and they advised me to make sure we get her medical problems solved before returning to the field. She has appointments to go through Scott and White Clinic in Temple, Texas in mid-February. It is frustrating to see your loved one's health declining and the doctors not providing answers. We trust in knowing that the Lord has everything under control.

Please continue to pray for the works in Scotland, many missionaries are struggling to stay on the field. The work we started in Forfar is currently not holding services; the field is hard and the workers are few. During the last couple of months of our furlough we have seen two souls come to the Savior. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to missions and supporting our family's ministry.

**Jacques & Marie  
ALEXANDRE  
Haiti**



As you may already know after the hurricanes last year, now a massive earthquake has hit Haiti; thousands of people have died, many in our churches. Marie and I saw death face to face, but God decided that our mission on earth was not over yet. So far we have registered 3 deaths among the children in the feeding center, and 8 adults in the church in Hatt, none in the Pernier church.

I want to stay focused, until my last breath, to my mission; which is soul-winning among the children and adults, church planting, and Bible training for the nationals. Since our church building in Port-au-Prince has collapsed, we will need to rebuild it and also build the Bible school. For the moment we are focusing on the relief effort for the people of our community in Port-au-Prince.

Since my house has been damaged by the earthquake and is no longer safe to live in, I am working towards renting a place to stay in one of the nearest towns in Dominican Republic called "Baharona". It should not be more than a two and a half hour drive to Port-au-Prince from there. Once we are able to build the Bible school in Port-au-Prince, Marie and I will move in there.

We are currently the guests of Ron and Kathy Valerio, missionaries in the Dominican Republic; they have really made us feel at home. Today is Marie's birthday, we both celebrated in our room by counting God's blessings toward us, the life that He gave us back and the mission He has entrusted us with.

We have no choice but to preach the word in all seasons and lift the name of Jesus in bad as well as good times. Please continue to pray for us and the country of HAITI. For daily updates please go to either of the following websites and click the "Haiti Relief" link: [www.wbfi.net](http://www.wbfi.net) or [www.tabernaclebaptist-arlington.org](http://www.tabernaclebaptist-arlington.org)

We arrived in the States on September 9, 2009 and the 11<sup>th</sup> Carole's sister, Joyce, went home to be with the Lord. Thank the Lord we made it home

**David & Carole  
ROSS  
Indonesia**



before her homegoing. The Vandalia Baptist Temple has graciously allowed us to make their mission house our home when we are not on the road, and that is so nice. We have been in several mission conferences as well as individual church services and it is so good to re-new friendships and

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# THE MISSIONS CORNER

by Rick Washburn, Jr.



## Refocusing in 2010

The start of a new year (and decade, some say) is an ideal time to reevaluate and refocus as Christians and ministers of the Gospel. Those who cannot focus with their physical eyes suffer from headaches and fatigue. Churches, pastors, and missionaries who cannot focus suffer from similar fatigue and frustration.

My challenge to our church congregation in this new year has been to "refocus our vision" of building bridges that transform lives. It amazes me to see how easy it is to get so busy doing so many things that we fail to be effective in the most important. We become what some describe as

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The work on the translation is going well. We have four chapters of "Passion and Purity" by Elizabeth Elliot translated with plans to finish it before the end of the year. The booklet "Stay in the Castle" is getting a cover and will be in print in April. These books deal with purity before marriage, and just like churches in America, we battle against ignorance of Biblical principles in this area. Please pray for us that these two books will be weapons in the fight.

We made a quick trip back to the States for Tonya's younger brother's funeral. We made it in time for the services. Tim was 46 years old and he left behind 4 sons ages 9 to 15. Please pray for them during this time of great loss. In addition to the many spiritual and emotional battles that this tragedy brings, there are also many financial issues that must be dealt with. Please pray that God will supply their needs and through it all He will cause them to look to Him.

Sometimes when you are on the other side of the world you hardly ever have people just drop in on you. Okay, in 20 years of ministry in Asia, this had never happened. What did happen, after many months of planning, hard work, and sacrifice, a group of 11 from the Tabernacle Baptist Church (our home church), Carlisle, Ohio, came for a one-week mission trip (11 days including travel time). This trip was many "years" in the dreaming and planning stages and the entire church got behind the effort. God answered their prayers and the trip became a reality, including providing an unheard of roundtrip airfare for less than \$900. That is about \$300 less than what we normally pay one-way. This carried over as an added blessing to us, as our two sons, Daniel and Joel were able to piggy-back with them for only \$40. What a blessing. This group helped us with our first 'Daily Vacation Bible School' with more than 50 kids and young people attending in the evening. They all enjoyed getting to know one another, even though there was a language barrier. Our kids here could sense the genuine concern that the American kids had for them by taking such a long journey to meet them. Pray that many of our kids and youth here will come to know the love of Christ; what a time we had together.

**The Fifth Generation** (continued from page 5)

community. Eighteen months ago a neighborhood conflict cut attendance to nine, but he kept going! When peace returned the attendance more than doubled.

They invited me to preach the day scheduled for an evangelistic outreach. Two rented pickup trucks with twenty-two brethren from the mother Church in Río Bajo also arrived to blanket the area.

"A.D.D. churches." Busy, but not effective. Our vision becomes blurred, unclear. Paul reminds us of the importance of watching not just what we do, but how we do it.

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a **wise** masterbuilder [i.e. architect], I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man **take heed how he buildeth thereupon.**" (1 Corinthians 3:10).

Could this need to refocus also exist on the world missions scene? Can missionaries have so many events and programs going on that they can't focus very well on the Big Three: evangelism, discipleship, and service? Can they fill their weekly schedule to capacity and have not consistent, genuine time with their family? Can a missionary's furlough calendar become so full that he has no time to rekindle relationships with his home church? Can newly planted churches give in to the temptation to copy large churches and go down the path of "we have tons of things to offer"? Busyness can blind us into thinking that everything is just as it should be. But is it?

"Less is more" is proving to be the growing trend in effective ministries everywhere. I wonder how this year might be different if we removed the clutter (even good clutter!) in order to better focus on our greatest priorities? What would we have to say "no" to? I know what that means in my life and ministry. What might it mean in yours?

It was great to have our two sons her with us for 8 weeks during the summer. They were such a blessing and help to us in the youth and music ministry. Of course, having the entire family back under one roof; no words can express our gratitude for this.



**Tommy & Kannika  
TUCKER  
Thailand**

Our youth camp wasn't coming together like it should with a lot of school closings during the monsoon season with many villages being

flooded and different viruses. We were looking at only two teens, three workers and me going to camp. The rest of our teens said they could not go because they had a new science teacher in the school and she wanted all the students to come to a special class during the week of camp. I asked them to talk to the teacher, and the next thing we knew there were about 30 including workers that were planning to go. We were to travel about 16 hours to camp, so we had to rent vans for the whole 5 days. We had about 50 seats, and we could ride comfortably, move around comfortably and that was a real blessing to all who went. By the time we were ready to leave at 5:00 AM the next morning we had 23 teens and 3 workers. The camp was down this year from 9 churches last year to 5 this year. We ended up with 54 teens for the week of camp; but what a camp it turned out to be. By the end of the week we had 19 accepting Christ as their Savior and 16 dedicating their lives to the Lord; the most ever saved at camp. Fifteen of the saved were from our village as were 7 of the dedications. One of the young ladies that came, Me-ju, a Catholic young lady, said her sins were washed away by her priest. We ask you to pray for her that she too would open her heart to Christ.

We had a total of 19 that needed to be baptized. Eleven were baptized that night and the other eight wanted to wait to follow the Lord in baptism, but once we started down into the water, I noticed others coming down as well, and we ended up baptizing all 19; what a God we serve. Pray for all these new young believers.

We ask your prayers for Kannika, as she recovers from her surgery. We appreciate you so very much, thank you for your prayers and financial support; you are very important to us here.

Besides one rededication, brethren who had attended a church that died were in the service. Those who accept true Biblical doctrine and worship not based on emotionalism will persevere.

Sabánas is the twenty-fourth congregation to begin under our ministry. The church and its future pastor will both be fifth generation. Trained pastors teaching their members give a congregation strength and growth. God

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# A B Campus News & Views

by  
Sherry Cash

A Communique of Arlington Baptist College

I miss George – i.e. George Moreno. He is a terrific photographer, but he doesn't work here anymore. His wife, Diana, or "Mama Di" as some of the students call her, is still the cafeteria manager. But – I miss George. He has been taking "professional" style photos and now, guess what, I am taking non-professional photos with my digital camera that Jimbo and Felicia gave me for Christmas 2 years ago. The pictures look fair on the camera. We will see what Jill can do with her Photoshop program. We WILL have a yearbook this year! – if you want to take out an ad, call Jill Botticelli at 817-461-8741 in the Business Office. She is helping with the photos.

Registration happened – January 6-7, 2010. We registered 160 students including Distance Education, online and on campus classes.

We had a Patriot basketball game Friday night. The ABC Patriots played the Texas Wesleyan University Jr. Varsity team. We WON! The score was something like 89 – 39. GO PATRIOTS! Homecoming was the weekend of 1/15-16/10. It was a very full weekend. There was a basketball game at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and the Patriots played a team from Arkansas. We lost, but only by 10 points. They did play well. THEN the Homecoming ceremony was held before the 8:00 game (Alumni vs. Lady Patriots). Mrs. Sherry Moody and her very capable helpers set the mood by setting up a decorated platform with red carpet, crowns, roses, etc. It was very impressive. The homecoming court, announced by our President, D. L. Moody and musically accompanied by Mark Hampton, looked very regal marching down the red carpet. The court consisted of two male/female couples from each class. Representing the **Freshman class**; Tamara Lelek/Cade Ogletree and Morgan Oldham/Boshman Upchurch; **Sophomore class**; Kayla Clements/Brett Cook and Jamie Young/James Drawbond; **Junior Class**; Alyssa Jenkins/Jacob Woodfin and Barbara Beltz/Trey Hyman AND three couples from the **Senior Class** from which the Homecoming Queen and King were elected. They were: Patty Bouillon/Josh Moody; Stacie Guerrero/Brandon Steed

and Christine Steed/Brandon White. AND THE HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN FOR 2009-2010 IS **PATTY BOUILLON AND BRANDON STEED**. Congratulations. They are worthy representatives of ABC.

Saturday was a full homecoming day also. An alumni basketball game (Alumni vs Alumni). That was great fun. Then the current Patriots played the North New Mexico University from Santa Fe, New Mexico. We lost, but by only 7 points. Next year we will play teams from our own Conference. We will be well prepared.

I think I mentioned the new roofs going up on several buildings. We are still in the process of beautifying the buildings. The dorms have skylights in the back hall to let the good ol' Texas sunshine in. After two weeks of below freezing, we are ready for some warmer weather. We have had lows in the 20s several days lately. I keep telling the students that this is not normal for Texas. I don't think they believe me. Wait another week and they will understand. The sun is bright this morning – but it's still chilly. It is, according to the weather man, supposed to be in the 60s/70s soon.

The chapel has new carpet. The pews have been removed. We are using the chairs that have been used in the WBF Annual Fellowship meeting. But as the funds become available (a miracle) we will install auditorium chairs. Speaking of Chapel, we had our first chapel service of the semester this past Monday (1/11/10). Chapel is awesome. It is the central part of our school life.

Christmas was very different for me this year. I had been visiting Mama everyday for the last two years at the best nursing home that I have ever come in contact with. After a stroke at 90 yrs old, then brain surgery, at 91 1/2 we had to place her in Town Hall Estates. We were able to minister to the residents there for a while. They are such sweet people. When Mama became immobile and could not even sit up in the wheelchair, they recommended hospice care about an hour a day. Then about December 10, 2010 hospice began 24/7 care. Town Hall moved us to a private room. Mama's family is a large, loving family. Everyone wanted to be with her,

and I thank Town Hall for doing that for us. On December 18, someone started whispering in her ear, "Jesus is waiting for you, MawMaw. We love you, but Jesus is calling you. Just go on to Him. Breathe a little easier. He's waiting for you." After about 20 min. of whispering, and touching her hand, letting her know we loved her, she breathed one last breath. There were tears, but I felt a sudden peace and actual happiness. At 93 years of age, Mama entered Heaven and saw Jesus. I knew the truth of **Ps 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."** My mama was in heaven with Jesus, the one she loved so much. And—she was with Daddy. They were married on earth for 51 years. Daddy died in 1987, a year after their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Death is not the enemy for the Child of God. For Mama it was a celebration. There is much happiness. I have shed tears for Mama, but not many. She is where we will all be soon. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

In my morning devotions God gave me a promise, **Ps 27:9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.** O, how blessed we are that He will never leave us. But what if He did?! Who would guide us, Who would put His arms around us and say, "Don't be afraid, I'm here. It's OK." No one. Who would comfort me? Who can heal the heart and give a smile when there are tears? Who? My Mama sang us a song that Jesus gave her as she began her homegoing journey. These are the words, "Jesus keeps me happy, He knows how. He knows how, He knows how. Heavenly joys I'm having here and now. On my way to glory, I will tell the story. Jesus keeps me happy for He knows how." I asked her where she heard that song, she said it just came to her. I "googled" it and found that it was an old, old song written by someone in Kentucky, her home state. Who else, but God, can give a song of happiness to his child that has begun the process of death.? No one but God. Dear Heart, we are all in the process of dying but we can sing Mama's Song, "Jesus Keeps Me Happy, He knows How." I refuse to fret about "things." He will keep me happy. Thank you, Jesus.

## How Readest Thou?

By Woody Cash

The word "readest" is used only two times in the New Testament – Luke 10:26 and Acts 8:30. Both occasions occur around an evangelical experience. In the passage from Luke the situation is about a lawyer who inquires as to how to inherit eternal life. God is perceptive of what is in the heart of a man, so Jesus responded with a revealing question of his own and asked the lawyer, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" The lawyer then demonstrated his knowledge of the law by

correctly quoting from Leviticus 19:18. Jesus then challenged the lawyer to do what he had just quoted. However, the lawyer came up with another question which was answered by Jesus with the illustration derived from the story of the good Samaritan. The lawyer was revealed to be no more than a tempter of the Master, and a self-serving skeptic. Luke does no where in this passage attest to any conversion experience for that lawyer. He knew the law but was only

motivated to realize the letter of the law and not its spirit which would have brought him the eternal life he really was not seeking.

The second usage has Philip being led by the Spirit to an encounter with a eunuch from Ethiopia. This servant of the queen of Ethiopia was on his way to Jerusalem to worship. As he was riding along in his chariot he engaged himself in the reading of scripture, valiantly seeking its truth but unable to discern its

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by Marjorie Moffitt

# HEARTBEAT OF WBF

There are many things that fascinate me: God's Creation, His formula for happiness, friendship, our political system and those who refuse to pay attention to what's happening in our nation and try to correct the problems, the joy of children, and the lack of it in adults. So many things stir my mind and cause me to wonder. Another thing that fascinates me is observing our students at Arlington Baptist College. If I'm fascinated by them, surely the administrative staff is, so I called and asked them, "What Do You Find Fascinating About ABC?"

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DR. MOODY- President: "First of all, I'm fascinated by the fact that I'm even here in this position. I'm fascinated by: the cooperation I've received from the staff; by their genuine true spirit for God to do something big at the college; by the amount of money it takes to operate the college; by the talent level of the students and their desire to grow in the Lord. I'm fascinated by their energy as they get involved in church and community service when there is no benefit to them on a personal level; By the genuine desire to see the WBF ministries grow in spite of these tough economic times. I'm fascinated as I watch us all draw together to build a greater future for WBF."

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EMIL BALLIET-Dean of Students: "I'm fascinated by the way God makes unexpected changes in the lives of individuals cohesively for the good of the college. He draws men and women to surrender to full time service, and then sends them to us to teach them God's Word and train them to use their talents for His glory. It also fascinates me how much we learn from the students. Many of our students have had victories over difficult circumstances in order to surrender to God's will. They may be the only one in their family that knows Christ. When they enroll in ABC they quickly find a family atmosphere among the faculty and students. Sometimes it's the only family relationship they have. I'm always fascinated by the way students remain committed to their calling in spite of difficulties they face. They encourage me."

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JANIE TAYLOR- Registrar: "It fascinates me that many students have already determined God's direction for their lives, and are committed to pursuing their call through their training and outreach ministries at school and the church in which they are serving."

## GLOBAL BIBLE MINISTRY (continued from page 1)

I need 100 Portuguese Bibles". Unfortunately, he informed me that no one in the United States printed Portuguese Bibles. Soon after, he wrote the people who held the copyright of the Trinitarian Bible Society, and got permission to print Portuguese Bibles.

The Bibles were to be printed for cost, but when I told him I needed 100 bibles, Bro. Bob explained that it did not work that way. They are printed at \$3.50 cents each, which would not have been too expensive. However, the presses put out 10,000 at a time. The total cost of the Bibles was going to be \$35,000. Though I did not know how I was going to come up with the money, Bro. Bob went ahead and printed them for me. Several months later I received a call from Bro. Bob telling me to come to Shelbyville, Tennessee to pick up my Bibles.

It took renting a U-Haul truck to bring all 10,000 back home to Pensacola, but we got them. Bro. Lemmon gave me a bill for \$35,425.00 and it was now time to start trying to raise the money. I began calling all my preacher friends to ask if I could come by their churches and share this ministry, and share what the Lord had laid on our heart to do. I am very blessed to have such great preacher friends. They let me come by, and in 9 months I was able to raise the money. With the money we were able to pay for the Bibles, their printing, shipping, and mailing; I thought I was through.

I sat in my office that day thinking "well everything is done." As I was

DENISE WATTS-Librarian: "I'm fascinated by their dedication to learn. The professors present course work in imaginative and innovative ways, and the students are returning projects above and beyond what the professors required."

On a daily basis there are students busy at the computers, studying at the tables, and collaborating together regarding assignments. It fascinates me to watch them grow as they learn."

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JILL BOTTICELLI-Administrative Assistant: "I'm fascinated by their energy and drive to serve the Lord in the community and school."

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ALAN VAN ZANDT- Vice President of Business Operations- "It fascinates me that the two entities of ABC and WBF Missions work together as well as they do. I'm fascinated by how much we have been able to accomplish with the small amount of finances coming in, and I'm fascinated by the amount of work that's involved with this position. I'm loving it!"

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VICKI BRYANT-Bookstore & Historian: "I'm always fascinated by the excitement the students bring to this campus. It's difficult to comprehend that the first semester of 2009-2010 is over. When this school year started, it was like family coming home. Their jubilation as they met new students and got settled in to the routine of the new school year brought smiles to all our faces. It fascinates me to observe them help each other through difficult times of homesickness, job hunting, making friends, getting settled in classes, getting to know their professors. It isn't long until they feel a part of the ABC family. Since my husband traveled with the ensemble, many of them really became a part of our family through the years. And, then, I am always proud to see how God uses them in a variety of ministries in different parts of the world. It's fascinating to just be a part of their lives for a while as well as being a part of Arlington Baptist College."

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Dr. Sullivan and Helen Robinson were out of the office when I called. Without question I know they are fascinated by the lives God allows them to touch through their responsibilities. So, let me ask you! What is it that fascinates you? Let me know via my e-mail address: [www.marjoriemoffitt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.marjoriemoffitt@sbcglobal.net). We would all like to know.

thinking this my telephone rang and it was Bro. John Hawkins in Brazil, and he said "Bro. Lewis, I want to thank you for all of the Bibles". He told me they were all taken care of, but that he had 100 letters on his desk from pastors and missionaries asking for Bibles. It was just like the Lord was sitting right there beside me, and he spoke to my heart and said, "It's not over yet."

The Lord was right, it was not over yet. We're still in the Bible ministry and we've even been able to go down the river and pass out Bibles, and have Bible conferences. As of right now we have two containers still sitting on docks, but praise the Lord, Bro. John Hawkins called me and told me they're going to send the containers out. I've got several other pastors that have asked for Bibles, and we're in the process of putting together a container of Bibles for Bro. Hart in Mozambique, Africa. We're also going to put another container of Bibles together for Bro. McCutchen in Sao Paulo.

We're going to be shipping Bibles all over so when it's through, we will have over 60,000 Bibles in the Amazon region, so God has really blessed. I just want to thank the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation who helped make all this possible, Seedline Ministry in Greencastle, Indiana, The Pilgrims of Florida, and my preacher friends all over the country. All have been so good to help us and keep this ministry going. Sometimes I think, "Well I'm through, I've got it done." Each time I think that, God opens more doors for us to keep going, and to keep getting these Bibles to people who cannot afford them. So pray for us, God bless you, and we're looking forward to giving out more Bibles for the Lord.

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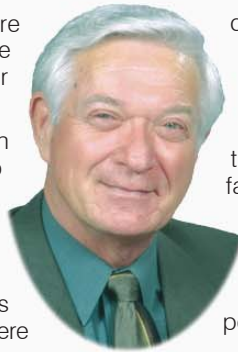
Why do they even bother to go to any foreign field? Are souls on foreign soil more important than those here in the USA? There is much work that needs to be done here in our country, why go somewhere else?

A child of God hears the call to go to a foreign mission field; he (she) answers that call, and wholeheartedly says to the Lord, "Here am I, send me" as Isaiah said in Isaiah 6:8. But now what? I've got a million questions like: Where does God want me to go? How am I supposed to get this "foreign" mission field? How long does God want me to go for? How am I supposed to sustain myself and the work that He has called me to do? It takes a whole lot of money to do a work here in the USA in church planting and sometimes even more on a foreign field. What am I supposed to do right now? Where do I even start? Well, I am glad you asked:

The very first answer is really pretty simple; to avail myself for foreign missionary service. I do believe that we ALL need to be "willing" to go to wherever He calls us. Don't limit God's calling only to one certain place, whether it be in the USA or any other; He guides His children one step at a time. Let God have His way. If I have the call of God in my life, do I need to start preparing to go? Yes, now that I have surrendered, what next? The next thing is to find out what kind of a calling it is. Is God calling me to go as a "church planter"? This is the only ministry that I will emphasize in this article. If He calls me to do that, I need the best training facility I can possibly get. I need a very good Bible College to attend, study and to learn from. I personally chose the Arlington Baptist College, Arlington, Texas, for three years and two summer sessions for my training, and it was very good for me. They have designed courses especially for foreign missionary students, and that is exactly what I needed. They have a good sound Bible department and I needed that most of all. I started studying to show myself approved unto God. During that tenure of studying I had the opportunity to rub shoulders with many veteran foreign missionaries. If God leads me to a particular country, I want to start researching that country, and there are so many ways to do that in our day. I need to communicate with people that are working on this field. It will help me to get a better grasp of what I will be doing. I think I need to make a field survey trip while attending college or shortly thereafter. This would be a time when I could see, smell, hear, and taste the geography, culture and language of the people of that country and personally see and feel the need. Ok, God has called me; I have finished my training, visited the field, and I ask, am I ready to go now?

The prospective missionary needs choose a Mission Agency to go under. The local church is the only, God ordained organization for sending missionaries. The local church might fund the missionary completely, or have 90% of his personal and work funds provided for him through that local church, but in our world today, many churches just cannot financially afford to be that one- church sending agency. Many churches choose to utilize Mission Agencies as a tool to help their missionaries raise support and serve them while they are on the field. There are several mission agencies that help missionaries get to, and stay, on the field. Yes, but how do I choose one the right one for me? Well, if I have attended the Arlington Baptist College, it would probably be good to let the mission department help guide me in choosing the right one. The College recommends the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency, on campus, for its graduates. This Agency has experienced folks that help in so many areas of deputation and foreign missionary service, they are too numerous to mention. Now, I have prepared my life academically, visited the field, and chosen a mission agency; where do I go from here?

Now is the designated time that missionary candidates usually begin to raise the needed support to go to, and stay, and minister in a foreign country (and I am not simply talking about financial support). If the missionary candidate is only on a "money hunt", he probably won't make it even through deputation. First, I need to pray, to literally seek the face of God, and be completely in tune with God about what I am



**David Schembera**

*WBF Assistant Mission Director*

doing. If He has called me, do you think he will ask me to do something He will not provide for (in His time)? No, that would be absurd, where He calls and guides He will provide. Where do I start? There are a number of ways to find contacts that will be interested in praying for me and funding the ministry that God has called me to. It may be right where you are, your family, friends, college friends. I know there are many senior citizens on fixed incomes that sacrifice greatly to have a part in prayerfully and financially ministering to foreign missions. Even though we live in a very high tech age, I better still be "high-touch", and genuinely connected with people where they are. There are important skills that are to be developed in the next months that will help me through a lifetime of ministry. Usually the mission agency has people on staff that have done deputation and furlough fund raising that can help and guide others in this ministry. However, let me once again emphasize that there is no "wrong way" to raise support. God is not limited to only "one way" to fund his workers.

I have raised my support, God has blessed me with a strong ministry team of churches and individuals that will pray for me and have promised to give financially toward my ministry on the field for the next four years. What's next?

Leaving friends, family, supporters, and the home church is a very strange and difficult task. These are people I grew up with, that I love and care for deeply and you say "good-bye". The "good-byes" are now done and, I am off on an airplane to begin ministry in a foreign country. Once I get there, it is not long before I begin language study. I soon find out that the people of that foreign country really don't want me there; they more or less tolerate my blunders in their language and they are totally satisfied with the way it has been for hundreds of years. They are not interested in my new "religion". I may have some "new" ideas and the veteran missionaries have not done it that way before. "Change" may well be a dirty word for some.

Not long after my arrival on the field, I find out that I am not very well liked, nor even well accepted; not really wanted by the national people, maybe not loved and appreciated or wanted by the other veteran missionaries. The national people there don't want me there, and the other missionaries won't accept my new ideas and that effects me, and I ask, "What am I doing here?" In the depth of my mind, heart, and soul, I say, "I can just resign, go back to my home country, at least I will be loved and appreciated there, right? This is called "culture shock" and most missionaries go through it a little or a lot in their first few months after arrival on a foreign field. Will my "old" friends and family welcome me back with open arms if I quit and go home? No, probably not; if I go back on my calling, my family and friends will be displeased, the home church will be displeased, the sending agency will be displeased, most of my supporters will not understand and they too will be displeased, the veteran missionaries of the country are displeased that I didn't make it, and finally God is displeased. I come to the conclusion that I am completely displeased with myself, and say, "Forget it, I'll just get out of it and go get a "REAL" job. It is not that easy to resign either.

Nobody ever said missionary service is easy, but these people of the foreign country are totally dependent on hearing your message to be saved. We can study the message of Jonah to the Ninnevides and understand what I am saying. We are not responsible for the results of God's message once it has been delivered. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. But the Lord has only one way of salvation for everyone in the entire world, and sinners must hear in order to be saved. If a missionary spends his entire life on a foreign field and has but one convert, he is a success, especially if that one person that gets saved is "ME". God's leading and calling for any service is of utmost importance, "God, what do you want me to do?" Acts 1:6 - "...Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?..." Only the Believer through the leading of the Holy Spirit can answer that question. **MAY GOD HAVE HIS WAY WITH ME!**

**How Readest Thou?** *(continued from page 11)*

substance. It was then that Philip asked him, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" Then Philip accepted the eunuch's invitation to explain the text he was reading from Isaiah 53:8. Philip's subsequent sermon revealed the saving purpose and person of Jesus. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Upon the eunuch's profession of faith, Philip baptized him—another trophy of God's saving grace.

But, what of the word "readest"? Its usage portrays a continuing action and an effort toward understanding. The lawyer had the content of scripture letter perfect, but failed in its understanding. The eunuch could read the Word of God but also lacked its understanding. A lesson one could derive from these two stories is that there is a vital understanding to be gleaned from the Words of God that we read. Our admonition is to rightly divide the Word of truth. That worthy accomplishment requires study of the Word with the commendation of God's approval as our over arching goal.

Many are the denominations that set forth their chapter and verse doctrines which, although they may coordinate much of the Word of God, still fall short of presenting the truth rightly divided. Some would add ritual to faith. Some would add works to faith. Some would doubt the efficacy of faith alone to eternally save the newborn believer. Accusation of doctrinal error does not attribute ungodly intent to those who may endorse and/or foment such errors. In kindness toward them, they mostly are the innocent reproducers of the unfortunate errors of those who were their teachers.

No religious school of thought is automatically exempt from teaching that the Bible "says" what it indeed does not say. A student once confronted with two diverse readings of scripture and teaching of so-called biblical truth, made the plea, "Who are we going to believe?" And that occurred in the academic halls of the same institution. The problem of rightly dividing the Word of truth is exacerbated when one all too easily falls into following those who are but themselves following someone else who incorrectly reads the Bible. Couple that with the problem of striving to be politically correct with the majority—even when their positions do not agree with the literal expression of holy writ, and you get errors that are both accepted and perpetuated.

Some examples of readings of scripture would be the issue of the Millennium and the return of Christ, i.e., Is it pre-;post-; or ah—? What about the Rapture? Is it pre-trib; mid-trib; post trib; or what? We need to be clear and certain about what the Bible teaches. Another example is the Old Earth/Young Earth conflict. What does the Bible say is more relevant than what a host of echoing other popular authors may put into print? How easily we slip into the error of numbering the years that Israel was in Egypt or how long they were in bondage simply by parroting some other book and neglecting the rightly divided Word of God. There are popular mis-readings from Noah's era, of the time it took to build the ark to the consideration of when did rain first fall on the earth.

The solution to such perpetuated diversities is not a debate on their substance but rather a vigorous and careful reading of the Word itself. If the understanding one has adopted encounters an obstruction to its truthfulness, the scripture must

be the plumb-line. We must not ignore what the Bible has to say just to embrace our mis-readings. We are wrong if we twist or tweak God's Word to suit our whims. And, never should we consciously omit the evidence from the Bible itself just to avoid our contradictions of Scripture or to enhance the acceptability of our positions with fallible mankind. Our aim must be to let God be true. He gave us truth and we err when we, even blindly, turn that truth into a lie. "Readest"—there is but one biblically correct way to teach what the Bible sets forth. Is it mankind that determines what the Bible **does** say? Or is it not better, preferable, and mandated that we allow the Spirit of God, our teacher be? How readest thou?

**Witnesses** *(continued from page 4)*

she could handle what was being asked of them. For those of you who knew Meemaw, you can understand how strange that might sound: Meemaw timid? Scared? Anyway, Granddad pulled the car over patted her on the back and told her the only thing worse than going would be not going when they knew that the Congo was where God wanted them.

As many of you know they never made it to the Congo. Meemaw never became a nurse. Political instability (God ordained) demanded that they stay in France for 8 years. Originally they had planned to stay just long enough to learn the language. While there they were faithful, they raised 4 Godly children who went into missions or church work themselves and God remained faithful; saving each of their children. The point of the story is that the seeds that were planted by God in their lives came to fruition years later in the lives of their grandchildren. Two granddaughters, who are nurses, have used their gifts on the foreign fields. One granddaughter has worked among Africans in Botswana. Two of their children ministered in Europe (Belgium and Spain) as well as one who worked among the lost in New Zealand.

Also, as we look over a life lived in service to Christ we see how God took a humble, timid farmer's wife and turned her into the godly rock that we all know and love. I am thankful for the heritage that I received from her. My mother learned so much from her. Meemaw took the time to disciple this lawyer's wife who would become a pastor's and then a missionary's wife. I am thankful for her faithful prayers in my faithless times that at least in part were responsible for my returning to the Lord to serve Him among the least reached of the Middle East.

We can all look back at a life well lived and not wasted, that looked to Jesus (the author and finisher of her faith as well as our own) and continue to endeavor to run our own race, waiting for the day when He will say to us, as He no doubt did to her several days ago, "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter into your rest."

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share with folks about the work in Indonesia. Bro. Jeff Blackburn was gracious in letting us use his van while we are traveling.

The churches in Indonesia that we work with are doing well, but need a lot of prayer. Just before leaving Indonesia a graduation was held at our Bible Institute where Pdt Sujono is the director. Five students graduated and there was a special service with about 150 in attendance. A few months ago a young couple from the Agape Baptist Church asked us to teach them some lessons on knowing the Will of God for your Life. After the classes were over, they both felt the Lord calling them for full-time Christian service. Please pray for them. We truly are a blessed people and thank you for your part in the work in Indonesia.

**The Fifth Generation** *(continued from page 10)*

has miraculously given much fruit through our thirty-four year Bible institute ministry.

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