

East Somerset Baptist Church

Somerset, KY
Darvie Fenison, Pastor

The East Somerset Baptist Church has endorsed Bro. Tim Lawson as a Missionary Helper on designated funds. Tim is a faithful and active member of East Somerset. He is the son of Bro, Ernie and Ruby Lawson, veteran missionaries to Japan. Bro. Tim is extremely involved in Japanese missions, assisting Bro, Ernie with translation and seminary work. He just recently returned from month on Japan, working with the school and churches there on behalf of Bro. Ernie.

We know that there are many needs and these are for some challenging economic times. But, we also know our God is great and able to supply our needs. Please pray for Bro. Tim and the Japanese work. Also, we would be grateful if you will consider Bro. Tim for monthly support. Any assistance will be of help and appreciated.

PRINTING NEWS

Most of the month of November has been spent in preparing materials for the press. Some are now in the hands of the proof reader and we are expecting them to be returned shortly. The expectations for the work in the near future remains high. With all that is before us it is exciting to even prepare for what is coming.

Sales continue to hold slowly but the outreach into Mexico has really dropped due to the fact I have not been able to travel into the country. The income has not been sufficient to meet the needs even though no supplies have been purchased except what is absolutely necessary. The only purchase

we have made are the supplies for the *wfbiNews*. The down time from press work has given me the opportunity to work on more prepress material. There are two new Spanish quarterlies that are near ready for press and one large Spanish text book. We have not reprinted the text "Defensa de la Fe" for sometime and we are very low on inventory. This is the largest book we do and really takes a long time to complete. When it is done it will have a brand new cover and a complete new layout.

Our goal for the literature has not changed. I will continue to work toward completing the ten year cycle in the adult and also work toward having a four cycle in the Listen and Learn series.

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During this very special time of the year, please allow me to express my heart felt thanks for you all. We have enjoyed an unusual but wonderful year in the ministry of the Lord. We have been graciously received every where we have gone and for those churches and individuals we are so grateful. Changes are sometimes necessary and they very seldom come easy. It is certainly a challenge but the Lord has always given us sufficient grace and help.

The ministry continues to grow and we were able to reach out to more fields of labor. Doors of opportunity continue to open to us and for this we praise our great God. We are never sure about what a new year may bring but it is always exciting to view the possibilities. I ask that you seriously continue to remember all of us in your prayers.

My wife and I wish to use this means to tell you all how much we appreciate your prayers and support for us personally as well as the ministry. The Lord has supplied our needs this year although at times it has been somewhat difficult. However, we are eternally grateful to all those who continue to support us in the ministry.

There have been necessary adjustments. Some of these were anticipated and some were not. It certainly has been a year that has challenged my faith but the Lord has remained faithful. I am sure that more decisions will be necessary in the coming year as things constantly change. We will continue to seek the will of our Lord. I pledge to you that I will do my very best to follow where He may lead and to be faithful to this ministry.

Our constant prayers are for and with you all.

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER; AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE. (IS. 9:6)

**Feliz Navidad y
Prospero
Año Nuevo**

From a
Woman's Point
of View



By: **Loretta Pritchett**

Our Savior Is Born!

Every year at this time we celebrate Christ's birth. December 25th has been set throughout the ages as the date for all Christians to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

However, it has become so commercialized we tend to forget what the season means. Everyone is so busy buying gifts and celebrating the holiday as a time for friends and family to get together that they forget what Christmas stands for. Not everyone remembers that this holiday belongs to Christ.

Giving is wonderful, as that is what God did at this date when He had Mary to conceive and bring forth His Son, our Savior.

But some of the people of today have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas. They set aside a time just like at Thanksgiving to have their family and friends gather and give gifts, and have a great time celebrating.

My question is: what are they celebrating? Partying and giving gifts is a wonderful thing to do. However, are they remembering what God gave us and why?

God had a virgin to conceive and bring His Son into the world. His Son was to be the Savior of the world. He would later die at an early age to save us from a life of eternal Hell and damnation.

He would live 33 years on this earth to try and tell people what the world was coming to and how it would end. However,

people scorned Him and later crucified Him on a cross.

They didn't believe what He was telling them. It just couldn't happen like that. My friends and family, it will happen the way Christ said it would. Our world is coming to an end, and if we don't accept Him as our Savior, we can and will end up in Hell with our sins paid for.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, let us remember why we are celebrating, and whose birth we are celebrating.

God gave us a wonderful gift, He wanted to give us eternal Salvation, and a place we could live forever with Him in Heaven.

Don't pass up the chance to live in Heaven with God forever. Listen to your Pastor, and let it all sink into your brain and hearts. Yes, Christmas is the season to be happy, thankful, and most of all, grateful for a loving and kind God.

Merry Christmas!

Special Presentation

Thankful For The Marvels Of Our Creator

By **Erica Koehler**

We have so much to be grateful for - Thanksgiving is coming, and then Christmas! Thanksgiving is the designated time so tell the One Who made us how much we love Him and appreciate Hi. At Christmas, God tells us how much He loves us, and historically is the season in which we celebrated the birth of the Son Who would redeem us. Isaiah 9 verse 6 prophecies, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...and his name shall be called Wonderful..." And the Son grew up and gave His life for us and rose again on the day we call Easter, and those who believe that and receive Him inherit Heaven. What a wonderful true story that is for which to be thankful! Of course, we must CHOOSE to be thankful to God and we must CHOOSE to accept His loving Gift of the Redeemer for

that story to become our story.

All of which has led me to ask myself, what has happened to our country's love for "the faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dangers, fire and sword?" How did we come to officially trade the Creator God for the so-called "adult fairy tale" called evolution - a startling departure from the reality which in the past led us to give thanks to the God Who made us and for the Child He gave us. How has this Darwinian theory gained such credence? How has Darwin's idea gain such respect - and indeed fanatical reverence throughout our culture - as to replace faith in the Almighty Creator, the faith which has been the foundation of western civilization? Thomas Huxley, evolution's early strong ally, was amazingly honest in admitting it was because of men's desire to escape from responsibility to an all-knowing God. (The results of that freedom to do one's own thing with no accounting to God in becoming more and more evident from Wall Street to Main Street and to prisons that are overflowing.) But men wanted to escape from One Who keeps the planets in their orbit, the sun at the exact distance from the earth to keep us from being toast, the moon just far enough away so that its tides are not daily tsunamis,,the One Who created just the right mix of oxygen and nitrogen to give us the air we breath...the One Who created our bodies with trillions of cells, each cell an amazing intricate machine performing specific intricate functions. These marvelous cells Darwin called "simple cells!" And we are asked to believe all the marvels "just happened." Schools are required to teach the lie from kindergarten until the student gets his degree many years later. The lesson learned thru all those formative years - that we are just a higher form of animal which evolved - grows its own fruit and is shown over and over again on each day's news reports.

There are some, however, who have the courage to call evolution what it is - but in many situations they pay the price for their honesty. I want to quote a news item I read titled "Miss USA - Only for Liberals?" "A controversy over political corrections is brewing in the Miss USA competition. Two

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE
October 2011**

GENERAL FUND				
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$ -698.98	Designated Funds:	
			H. Rogers	\$ 73.00
INCOME:			TUITION/REGISTRATION	
ALABAMA			Registration	\$ 60.00
Baumhauer Rd. BC	-Theodore, AL	50.00	Tuition	\$ 665.00
Schillingers Rd BC	-Mobile, AL	100.00	TOTAL INCOME	\$4,580.81
GEORGIA			TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$6,207.91
Northside MBC	-Vienna, GA	30.00		
Traders Hill MBC	-Folkston, GA	75.00	EXPENSES	
Louisiana			Utilities	\$ 831.27
College Town BC	-Hammond, LA	68.70	Repairs	-0-
Kentucky			Office	42.50
West Somerset BC	-Somerset, KY	1000.00	Misc.	972.82
FLORIDA			Instruction	1,666.00
Calvary MBC	-Panama City,FL	50.00	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,512.59
Central MBC	-Arcadia,FL	325.00	NEW BALANCE	\$2,695.32
Fellowship	-Pace,FL	61.00		
First BC	-Silver Springs,FL	25.00	BOOKSTORE FUND	
Galilee MBC	-Milton, FL	20.00	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ -1,944.41
Landmark MBC	-Pensacola, FL	35.00	Income:	
Milestone BC	-Cantonment,FL	65.00	Bookstore Sales	\$ 78.82
New Home BC	-Clarksville,FL	15.00	Press Sales	49.05
Okeechobee MBC	-Okeechobee, FL	140.12	Contributions	
Spanish Trail	-Pensacola, FL	462.36	Fellowship BC	20.00
			O'Leno BC	50.00
Mics:			Pinehaven BC	50.00
Terry Alexander	-Pensacola, FL	10.00	Galilee BC	15.00
Herman Rogers	-Milton, FL	100.00	Landmark	20.00
Student Change Contribution		85.00	Total Income	\$ 282.87
Kitchen Sales	-Pensacola	72.10	TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ -1,661.54
TOTAL		\$ 2,789.81		
			Expenses:	
DESIGNATED FUNDS: H.H.Strickland			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 861.18
Baptist Chapel	-Grand Bay,AL	150.00	NEW BALANCE	\$ -2,522.72
Eastern Avenue	-St.Cloud,FL	300.00		
Frankfort BC	-Russellville, AL	90.00	GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,695.32
Galilee BC	-Milton FL	75.00	BOOKSTORE FUND BALANCE	\$ -2,522.72
Landmark BC	-Dothan, AL	40.00		
Fellowship BC	-Pace, FL	188.00		
Charles Glenn	-Traskwood, AR	50.00		
Newark BC	-Elkton, MD	100.00		
TOTAL		\$ 993.00		

CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR

Galilee Baptist seeks Pastor

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Milton FL is seeking a pastor. Must be strong ABA, married only once (unless first spouse is deceased), use only KJV in church services. Pastor will need to supplement income as church does not have a parsonage and is not able to pay a full salary at present.

If interested, please contact:

Doug Lord or Verne Foster

850-982-7233 (after 7:00 PM) 850-994-0346

e-mail: blord7777@bellsouth.net clordw@aol.com

Bell Baptist Church

The Bell Baptist Church of Bell, FL is in need of a pastor. The church is located 1029 S. US Hwy 129 in Bell, FL

The mailing address is:

P.O. Box 340, Bell, FL 32619

Please contact: Thomas Willingham at 352-222-4214



Larry Clements
Editor in Chief

Cut to the Chase

Have you ever heard anyone say, “Just cut to the chase”? What he was saying was to delete all the unnecessary details and get to the point. This unusual phrase, *cut to the chase*, is rooted in the silent film industry. Movies in the silent film era often told romantic stories then ended with an exciting chase scene. Most people did not want to see all the romantic stuff, but loved to see the chase sequence. In the roaring twenties *cut to the chase* meant to cut to the exciting part of the film. Today, it means to get to the point.

Do you think God wants us to *cut to the chase*; to get to the point about Christmas? Many people miss the main point because of the peripheral trappings of Christmas. Is the point of Christmas, gifts, banquets and parties? Hardly. Woven into the Bible accounts of the Savior’s birth are several dominant themes which should direct your focus at Christmas. What are these themes?

SALVATION—The underlying purpose of Christ’s coming was to bring a Savior to mankind who would provide redemption to a world of lost people. Christmas is about Christ’s identification with all people because God was His Father, and Mary, His mother. He was “Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matt. 1:23). As you enjoy Christmas, remember to communicate the message of salvation!

CELEBRATION—After the angels announced the glorious tidings that a Savior was born, the shepherds heard the angelic host in joyful proclamation: “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:13, 14). The celebration continued as “the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen” (Luke 2:20). As you observe Christmas, remember to celebrate the birth of the Savior which glorifies God.

WORSHIP—When the magi (wise men) found Jesus, their first reaction was to fall before Him, “And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him” (Matt. 2:11). Our reaction and celebration of His birth should include a time of genuine worship from our hearts, directed toward our Savior!

ADMIRATION—A time of quiet reflection and admiration about the person of Christ—who He was and what He did for us, leads to pure wonder at the event. Consider Him: “Who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Heb. 1:3). As you spend time with your family at Christmas, stop and think of Him who gave Himself for you and thank Him! “Oh, what a Savior, oh, hallelujah!”

During this season of the year, it is not too early to begin planning for Vacation Bible School. VBS Sample kits for *Sonlight Express* are available now. Check out www.vbs.bogardpress.org. If you need a VBS catalog, call 800-264-2482 and we will be glad to mail you one. Why not include our tract, “The Perfect Christmas Gift,” (TR159) in your Christmas cards? Contact me, LarryClements@BogardPress.org, for more information.

Let me cut to the chase and wish you all a very Merry Christmas, as you share His salvation, celebration, worship and admiration! – Larry E. Clements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PMD

Wayne Stringer, Director of Promotion



the Shelby County Annual Associational

During the month of October Novis and I traveled to South Lakewood Baptist in Tulsa, OK, Gilmer MBC in Gilmer, TX, Fuller Springs MBC, West Hamilton MBC in Carthage, TX, Corinth MBC in Timpson, TX,

Meeting in San Augustine, TX and the ordination of Joseph Jones at Timpson MBC. Our sending church, White Rock MBC, is a member of the Shelby County Association; at the annual meeting a recommendation was unanimously adopted to recommend PMD to the 30 churches of the Association as a mission project. We are thankful for the desire of these churches to join with those already supporting. We are in the 15th week of construction on the building of Smile City MBC.

Projected completion is sometime in December. I am planning a trip toward the end of January to visit, dedicate, and visit other sites. The projected amount needed for the current project was \$50,000. This

amount has been received, \$48,840 from U.S. churches and \$1,160 from Filipino churches for a total of \$50,000. This gives us a balance of \$2,116 toward the next project.

We will be contacting several churches while we are in the Philippines who are interested in being considered, some have contacted us in the past, we will be reviewing their files. We will notify all churches and individuals after my trip as to the projects that will be recommended. Those who contributed to the last project will be given the opportunity to help choose the next project

Pray that God will continue to bless and many more churches will join with us. God Bless.

ABA Disaster Relief Operation Center

Marvin and Elaine Jackson



be about the Master’s business.

A renewal and commitment to mission education in our churches and seminaries. Over and over again people who are serving as missionaries or who have re-

As we approach the year of 2012 my prayer is that our churches will have a renewal and commitment to missions. As the return of our Lord is closer the fields are white unto harvest and we must

mained committed to supporting missions credit churches that offered them strong and clear missions education.

A renewal and commitment to mission giving. I pray our churches will examine a deeper commitment to global missions funding.

A renewal and commitment to communicating call in our churches. There is no such thing as an uncalled life. Let us continue to make the call of God clear to everyone when we gather for worship and as we teach. There are adults and young people in our churches who need to be reminded to be open to that call; even a call to vocational ministry or missions.

The Second Baptist Church of Maalvern, AR came onboard this year to

help with the “Joy Box” Program. The director was able to pick-up 83 boxes prepared by some of the membership around the 1st of November.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Comanche, OK and pastor Dan Standifer headed up the local “Jy Box” program in South OK. The group was successful in putting 183 boxes together.

Pastor Standifer and wife has a connection to the Hackleburg, AL community. When they found out about the “Joy Box” program to help the students at the Hackleburg Elementary they got involved. They promoted the program among the churches in South Oklahoma.

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years ago Miss California Carrie Prejean, the runner-up in the national contest, claimed she did not win the competition because she affirmed traditional marriage when asked by a judge about same-sex marriage. This year contestants were asked, “Do you think evolution should be taught in schools?” There were 51 contestants. Of these only two said they believed

in evolution and that it should be taught in our schools. And one of these two contestants with the right answer about evolution eventually won the crown.”

I have great admiration for those 49 young women who were willing to express their lack of faith in the theory of evolution. Dr. Ben Carson, the world renowned pediatric surgeon who is famous for sepa-

rating conjoined twins successfully, said at a conference of eminent medical scientific leaders, “Gentlemen lauding evolution, I must admit I don’t have enough faith to believe in it.”

I am daily so thankful that the Lord loves us an never changes, however, the world around us changes and whatever the future hold!



Glen Davenport

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

INTRODUCTION:

Strange things happen to those who do good and one of the strangest things happened to God, our Creator. The question has been put forth but the pure answer is slow in coming: *Can a perfect God create an imperfect thing?*

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and on the sixth day He created a man in his own image. The man was not allowed to father even one child before the destroyer came and corrupted his good seed. Perhaps the serpent thought he had won the war when God's created man fell into his trap in the Garden of Eden but the victory was short lived. There is another side to the story. A dramatic turn of events revealed God's plan to redeem the corrupted seed and to make it 'perfect', incorruptible. Creation did not make a man perfect. Perfection would require faith in a special Person and a new birth into the family of God.

The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. (1st Cor. 15:47-49).

The first Adam had been created out of the dust of the earth but the second Adam would be begotten of the Heavenly Father and born of the 'seed of the woman'. This was not a course correction. It was the plan created before the foundation of the world and applicable at the first sign or sin in the man. The first man made a deliberate choice as all men do and yielded to the temptation of the serpent. Immediately the man felt shame and discontent. Conviction overtook him. He and his wife discovered their nakedness and opted to hide themselves from their Maker and to devise a plan to shield them from their shame.

Good news came when God revealed His plan of redemption to His prime creation and to Satan. The serpent's head was to be crushed by the 'Seed of the woman' and the man would have an opportunity for redemption. The 'Seed of the woman' was designated as the Redeemer. The seed of the man was corrupted but the 'Seed of the woman' was not. Hallelujah for a Redeemer. Salvation is come down to man.

An announcement was made in the Garden of Eden. Allegiance had to be decided. Faith went on trial. Would the man trust Satan's lies or would he repent of his sin and trust God's Word in Truth? Satan encountered a doubter in Adam but God encountered a humbled man and made a believer out of him. And, so it is, the just shall live by faith. Adam had to trust God in order to be saved from his fallen condition. So does every man. The 'Seed of the woman' would be his only hope of rescue.

TEXT: Gen 3:9-20

Here is how the Holy Spirit works. (Where art thou)?

V. 9 *And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*

Here is how conviction works. (I hid myself)

V. 10 *And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*

Here is how the Scriptures work. (Who told you)?

V. 11 *And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

Here is how the carnal nature works. (Play the 'blame' game)

V. 12 *And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*

V. 13 *And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

Here is how our Creator works. (the Potter shapes the clay)

V. 14 *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

Here is how the spiritual warfare works. (the seed of the serpent vs Seed of the woman)

V. 15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Here is how the woman was subjected to her husband. (chain of command est)

V. 16 *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

Here is how the man was brought under a lifetime of labor. (curse after curse)

V. 17 *And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;*

V. 18 *Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;*

V. 19 *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

V. 20 *And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*



Wayne Sewell

Business Manager Report

Two of the most important holidays are upon us. Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November and Christmas on December 25th. These two holidays emphasize God working in the lives of His people and the world. Yet, the real meaning of both are often lost in our fast-paced society. The world wants to leave God out completely

The pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in the winter of 1620. By the next fall 46 of the original 102 pilgrims had died. The winter had been devastating. God blessed during the year of 1621. The natives provided seed and worked with the pilgrims to plant the crops. God blessed with a bountiful harvest. The pilgrims invited about 91 of the natives and held a three-day celebration because of the bountiful harvest. They were thankful for God's great blessings.

It is understood that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Luke 2:1-14 gives a beautiful account of the birth of our Savior. Without the birth of Christ, there would not have been a sacrifice that God could accept. The birth and cross are eternally linked in the mind and purpose of God.

In colonial days the citizens would gather at the local church building and spend time worshiping God for sending His Son into this world. They were mindful of God's love for mankind and His many blessings.

Each of these holidays focused on God and His blessings and gift. But that has been lost in the fast-paced life of modern day. We are the worse for that great loss.

Today Thanksgiving is more about the family getting together to watch the football game or plan for the black Friday sales that now start on Thanksgiving night. All thoughts of being thankful for the blessings are gone. No longer are we reflecting and praising God for His bountiful blessings. No wonder we do not enjoy the blessings of God because we have left Him.

The same is true for Christmas. When do you stop and think on the real reason for celebrating Christmas? Do you share with your children and grandchildren that Christmas is about the birth of Jesus? The gift of the birth of God's Son was in preparation for God's Son to be sacrificed on the cross about 30 years later. God took great effort to express His love for mankind.

God told Israel in Deuteronomy 6:1-3 to hear Him. In Deuteronomy 6:7-9 God commanded that the children be taught His commandments. Those commands are still beneficial for believers today. Do you fail your children by failing to teach them God's commandments?

God taught us about His love. John 3:16 states, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God illustrated His love when His Son was stretched on the old rugged cross and gave His life for the sin of the world.

I hope that each one will truly be mindful of the real meaning of these two great holidays this year.

We are one of three works in the entire state with the other two being on the east side. What a year it's been! God has truly blessed us and showed us how important this work is. We love the people here and think it's safe to say that we've adjusted well!

Come see for yourself! Please consider coming out for a visit to see firsthand how God is working here! December 1st marks the official one year anniversary of being on the field. We'd love to have a youth group or individuals come help us spread the gospel!

Chouteau, OK
Parkview Baptist Church
Calab Wood, Missionary

Thanksgiving Day has come and gone but with the Lord's help, our giving thanks will never cease. The month of November is often a month of reflection. This month, as I reflected, it didn't take long to find reasons to be thankful. I am so very thankful to each and every church / individual that supports me here in Chouteau, OK. It is truly humbling when I think of the great privilege it is to be used of God in this Church planting capacity. It is equally humbling to think of all of you who continually lift us up in prayer. I wish I could take the time to list all of you by name, but let me simply say, it is motivating and humbling to know that prayers are being lifted up for me and Parkview every day from all over the world.

From places like Oregon, Washington and Idaho, to Florida. From California to New Jersey. From the foreign soils of Romania and Africa, to the familiar soil of Oklahoma. I am truly honored, and want to say "Thank-you!" I am thankful to God for the fantastic Church family God allows me to lead. God has blessed our church with people whose love for the Lord is displayed constantly. Their love for God is shown in their personal evangelism and faithful church attendance. Their love for each other was shown by their collection of two different love offerings to help church families in need, as well as collecting food items for some thanksgiving baskets that went to community families in need. For

this amazing group of people, I want to say, "Thank-you"

I am even thankful that my family and I got to enjoy a quick Thanksgiving trip to Dallas. We don't get a chance to get away often as a family, and I truly cherished the quick, but memorable trip.

Last but certainly not least, I want to say "thank-you" to Calvary MBC- Tecumseh, and her Pastor Mack Peercy, for their love, leadership, and unrelenting support.

Fort Collins, CO
Lifegate Baptist Church
Kelly Stringer, Missionary

The church property in Aurora has been viewed by several groups this month and Eastside our sending church has received a strong offer for the property and has accepted the offer for the purchase of the property. This group seems to have most of the cash available to purchase the property, but they will be applying for a small loan for the purchase. Please pray that this process proceeds quickly and that they will be able to close on the property before December 20th, which is their goal. Eastside is also in the process of negotiating a location for LifeGate to lease. The store-front location is in a busy retail shopping center that is mainly surrounded by residential homesteads. The population in a one mile radius around the retail center is about 14,200 and 87,950 in a three mile radius. The Drake Crossing Retail Center is located just northwest of the center of the city of Fort Collins at the corner of West Drake and North Taft Hill roads and each road has about a 22,000 traffic drive-by per day that will add to our visibility. We will have the possibility of signage above the location and on monument signs for both the East-West and North-South bound traffic. The retail center's tenants that will aid in our visibility are as follows: Safeway grocery, Walgreen's pharmacy, Sinclair gas, Starbucks, Subway and a Mexican and Chinese restaurants, two banks, a doctor and dentist office, hardware store, Edward Jones Investments, also a floral and bicycle stores. Please keep this negotiation process in your prayers and that everything goes smoothly.

Olive Branch MBC
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Roger Stewart, Pastor

Dear Fellow Pastor and Minister:

I am writing you today because I know that you have a keen interest in missions, specifically those in the American Baptist Association.

As you may or may not know, my wife, Gena, and I recently visited Japan. While there, I became very acquainted with Pastor Shinji Amari and the Abiko MBC in Abiko City, Japan. Though I am unfamiliar with Philippino (Filippino) missions, Brother Amari has been involved in that work for many years.

While he and I talked and prayed about these men in the Philippines over the five days I spent with Brother Amari, I became aware of the great need these missionaries have. Brother Amari asked me to help him and the Abiko MBC find these men a State-side ABA church(es) to serve as their respective co-sponsoring church(es). Abiko MBC is going to carry most of the burden but needs a co-sponsor(s) for her missionaries if they are to continue to receive ABA salary after our Messenger Meeting in Fresno in June 2012. I have agreed to help and am asking you to consider what your church might do to help me help them. Perhaps your church is loaded but you know of another church who is looking for a missionary to co-sponsor. Please get back with me ASAP and let's talk.

These men simply need a co-sponsoring church(es) and a small monthly commitment from a State-side ABA church(es) - \$50.00 to \$65.00 per month. I would be more than happy to give you all the details and answer any questions I can. It truly is a small thing for us but a very important thing for the men who are doing the Lord's work in the Philippines.

I am looking forward to hearing back from you. Branching Out!

Editors Note:

I try and run as many mission reports as possible. I appreciate the fact that many send their reports over the internet. That saves us a lot of time. However, there is one request, if you are sending a report, please include the name on the missionary. I will put some in the paper but it is not good to exclude the missionaries name.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

New Orleans, LA
Wayne Adams, Pastor

We here at Bethel want to thank each and every person and Church that has supported this work or is currently supporting this with financial assistance, physical labor, and most importantly with prayers. We have come a long way on the rebuilding of the building but there is still a lot to be done before we can get the permit to occupy the building. We know that every body is struggling in the current economy and funds are tight, but we also know that God didn't bring us this far to stop now. It's been over 5 years and it become discouraging sometimes that we have not been able to complete this building.

We have compiled a list of things that the Fire Marshal said had to be done before he would give the approval. Then we have the rest of things to do to finish the building. Some, we have bids, some we do not.

Handicap Ramp.	\$12,000.00
Piano Repair	\$5,000.00
Painting - Exterior	\$15,000.00
Dirt Fill	\$3,500.00
Sod	
Sidewalk/Driveway	\$12,000.00
Church Sign	\$7,500.00
Brick step(porch)	\$1,200.00
Construction Loan	\$60,000.00
Rear Staircase	\$2,000.00

I has been reported in the daily newspaper that the Lakeview community is one of the neighborhoods that is coming back strong, because of the young couples buying and moving in. That means to us more kids, people and families to tell about Jesus and see souls saved. With your prayers, finance and labor, we will see this Church become to lighthouse it was in the past for Jesus.

Send any contributions to:
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
C/O Eld. Wayne Adams
1030 Helios Ave.
Metairie, LA 70005

Here is how forgiveness works. (Blood shed and proper clothing)

V. 21 *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

Here is how security works. (no other avenue for eternal life)

V. 22 *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:*

V. 23 *Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*

LifeBridge

10:30 a.m. and I am so excited, I cannot sleep!

1. Yesterday in two different meetings, LifeBridge Baptist Church & 2nd Baptist Church of Deer Park voted to merge together. This was done after much prayer, many discussions and meetings between the two churches.

2nd Baptist is a very conservative church that has declined in attendance over the years. They currently run about 15-20. They have a good facility in a good location in Deer Park.

Their main purpose in contacting us about merging with LifeBridge was so they could keep the church doors open and do a greater work in reaching the unchurched and lost of Deer Park and the surrounding areas.

I told them when they first contacted us that we would be willing to talk. But I don't mind telling you at the beginning I personally had doubts that this would work. Our two congregations were so different. (**I thought**)

After several meetings we found we were not that different. We were two Baptist churches who loved the Lord, and was on the same page in our purpose, and our vision in reaching the lost and unchurched. In one meeting after explaining what the Bible teaches concerning the local church, they agreed that they did not believe in a "Universal Church" and that both ordinances are local church ordinances.

LifeBridge will continue to teach Bible Baptist Doctrines that the Lord churches have always stood for. We will continue to associate with the churches of the American Baptist Association, locally, state and nationally.

What will this do to the ministry of LifeBridge?

We will gain about 20 members who love the Lord and have a strong desire to be on Mission with Him in reaching and disciplining people.

We will have a facility with plenty of property in a good location, completely paid for. **A Special Gift From God!**

We will be able to do a greater ministry in making disciple maker makers.

God has been very good to LifeBridge these short four years. Praise God for His Greatness!!!

When left alone in the garden where there is a tree of life and a tree of knowledge of good and evil, men choose the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

God denied the man access to the tree of life and provided a better way for life.

He provided life through the Seed Of The Woman.

Life through the Seed of the woman will expose a man's heart.

Life through the Seed of the woman will manifest a man's faith.

Life through the Seed of the woman will secure a man's soul.

Love for the Seed of the woman will draw a man to Christ.



CLOUD REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 799,818.39
RECEIPTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$ 128,891.91
Foreign & National Salaries	107,640.66
Designated	42,427.68
Undesignated	40,088.75
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 319,049.00
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	\$ 1,098,867.39
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$ 74,220.04
Foreign Salaries	18,782.00
National Salaries	43,240.00
Designated	42,427.68
Salaries & Expenses of Sec.-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	12,740.48
Sec.-Treas. Travel	548.12
General Office	4,539.39
Automobile Expense	758.54
Postage - Fall/News-News	639.80
BSSC Printing	2,997.72
	\$ 23,014.05
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 201,683.77
BALANCE FORWARD	\$ 897,183.62
Total surplus: Nov., 2011	\$ 117,365.23

REJOICE... The very generous mission offerings given by the people of God in November causes my heart to rejoice with great joy. As of today, the special Thanksgiving Mission Offerings have totaled \$159,791.33. On behalf of the missionaries and their families, thank you for every offering given to help these men of God preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. For November, 808 mission offerings were

MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

received from 33 states and 4 foreign countries. I give praise to our great God for the wonderful responses in mission giving from His people. For the cause of Jesus Christ, keep up the good work in the prayerful and financial support of the missionaries and their families.

REFLECT... As I pause to reflect on the month of November, I give thanks to the Lord for safe travel and for the wonderful opportunities given to me to speak in behalf of the mission work. The fellowship with the people of God is a great encouragement to Sandra and myself. I appreciate very much the invitations given to me by the pastors and churches to preach. I was honored to preach at the messenger meeting of the Missionary Baptist Churches in Texas. Brethren, thank you for your every kindness extended to us in the work of the Lord. Sandra and I have been graciously received.

REMEMBER... In this special season of the year, please continue to remember the missionaries and their families in your prayers and offerings. In November, the missionaries reported 876 professions of faith, 1,293 sermons preached and 3,979 visits made. Since the messenger meeting, the missionaries have reported 14,434 professions of faith. Praise be to God for His blessings. May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas! "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15).

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Germany
Hans Fraund, Missionary
The month of November had some great experiences for a mission-



ary if he is open to special ways of working of the kingdom. Through my being on the board of the German Historical Society, division of Saxony, I got an invitation to come to Vienna, Austria to speak to the society related to the Royal Habsburg House on European History and the specific role of royal rulers related to Christianity, their Christian witness and ethics. It was a wonderful opportunity to convey the message in a historical/political context to a secular society. God was blessing in a great way!

Then also I went on with my regular program of visiting and supervising the churches in Germany and with the training program for our young leaders and pastors. The books of *wfbi* continue to be a great asset in this behalf.

Last Sunday I also presented a message on the advent (arrival) of the Savior which we celebrate now, at the Christmas party of the Historical Society. We thank God for the many opportunities we had to serve Him at this very time of the year.

Colombia, S.A
Carlos Julio Mendoza, Missionary
Editors Note: I received the following letter from the Grace Baptist church in Bogota. I hope that a church will see this appeal and help this very faithful missionary. I chose to rerun this article for its importance.

"Dear Brethren, this is the letter that we are sending to the churches of the ABA, requesting a Co-sponsorship for our missionary Carlos J Mendoza doing mission work in Fusagasugá, Colombia. The Grace MBC of Bogota is praying for you to reconsider your decision. We wish we can continue working united for you are the mother church of the Lord's work in Bogota, Colombia since 1972. Please pray to God about the request for the Co-sponsorship."
Grace MBC of Bogota, Colombia S. A
Jackeline Paez, Secretaria.
Alberto Gelvez, Pastor:

attended most of the services. We rejoice! Thank God for His blessings. These are prospects. We praise God as we visit these, share Jesus with and encourage them. The majority know Jesus as Savior and we are sharing Him with the others.

Our search for land, a building and a sponsoring church continues. Thank you for your praying for with us for these needs. God blesses as we pray and serve. Just keep on praying.

Thank you for all that you do for us. Know that with out you and your prayers we would not be able to build this work. May God bless you with His abundance.

Brownwood, TX
Leland Acker, Missionary

Things continue to move along in Brownwood, TX. Attendance was down during October, but rebounded a little in November. Back in October, we made an offer on 4.4 acres of land next to an elementary school, but the owner declined to sell the property. We are currently looking at other land options.

Over the next few months, we will begin holding a series of outreach events, including tract distribution at local Christmas festivals, chili supper and Gospel singings, and home fellowships.

The congregation at Grace Pointe is really coming together and beginning to follow a common vision for carrying out the Lord's work. We are currently studying the books of Matthew, Luke, Acts, and will study the Biblical accounts of the birth of Christ during December.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Please send personal correspondence to:
Leland Acker
106 Orchard Dr
Early, TX 76802

Any church-related or building fund money can be sent to:
Grace Pointe MBC
PO Box 1828
Brownwood, TX 76804

Any other support may be sent to my Sending Church at:
Rocky Springs MBC
PO Box 1840
Jacksonville, TX 75766

Twin Lakes Baptist Mission
Bro. Jerry Baker, Missionary

There is absolutely, positively, without a doubt no way we could even begin to share each blessing that comprises the total abundance of the past two months in this ministry! Suffice it to say that God has really outdone Himself, again!!! From the outpouring of love, prayers and financial increase lately to the stepping up to the plate within our own membership, we fall on our faces in gratitude to Christ Jesus, the Giver of all things!

Within our own Navajo family we have experienced the following: One college age young lady made it known she felt God leading her to "do something" at church and is leading "children's church" after our song services each Sunday. Another member was warned for the third time regarding using company time to share Christ with others while on the job. It now appears that even MORE coworkers as well as delivery people at the grocery store are asking Anita MORE questions about her "God" and "church"! She almost beamed, with a sly smile, as she related how last week she only received a "verbal reprimand" from her supervisor since an official written fourth warning would result in the store having to fire her, according to company policy. One result of Anita's testimony in the workplace came about when the father of a coworker passed away. The family does not attend church anywhere, but wanted a pastor to conduct the funeral. I was privileged to be of assistance, and was not surprised that the funeral itself lasted over two hours, with burial and a dinner reception following. I left the house around 12 noon that day, and didn't return home until almost 6 o'clock.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Owassa, OK
Lifepoint Baptist Church
David Gregg, Missionary
We averaged 76 in our Sunday morning



services. We added a new family to our membership this month—BJ and Jennie Bickford. They began attending a few months ago after being invited by a family member. Jennie has begun helping in our nursery, and BJ has been helping with the setup team, running the sound board, and even playing bass on occasion. BJ has also used his talents and resources to create FREE t-shirts for everyone at Lifepoint. We are so grateful for their enthusiasm and involvement and look forward to serving with them in the future.

OUTREACH: For the third year in a row, Lifepoint participated in Owasso's annual Harvest Festival. We set up a game and gave away candy, Lifepoint bags, and gospel tracts to everyone who participated. This is a great way for us to serve and reach our community for Christ. One of the families that has recently been visiting Lifepoint volunteered to run the booth for a couple of hours, so it's also a great way for our congregation to get involved.

STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING : Pastor Doug and family were able to attend the Baptist General Assembly of Oklahoma at Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Stillwater, OK on October 20. We are grateful to the Oklahoma Ladies' Auxiliary for selecting Lifepoint as their mission goal for 2011.

Rushville, Nebraska
Hope Baptist Church
Nick Bumgardner, Missionary



Time Sure Flies!: The holidays are here and with that marks our one year anniversary. It was the beginning of November 2010 that we answered the call to come to Nebraska and Mt. Pleasant voted Nick as missionary. We spent the month of November packing and getting everything ready to move.

school. This is good news in that the Bible Institute is becoming more and more Mongolian, as there are two Mongolian teachers as well. We are thrilled at all God is doing in Mongo-lia. It is wonderful that Bill and Carolyn will be back to take up their classes in November.

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE CLASSES

For the past year family and marriage classes and seminars have been held in Rich Heart Baptist Church in Ulaanbaatar, Rich Heart Landmark Baptist Church in Chore, and Chingeltei Baptist Church in Chingeltei. It is absolutely amazing at the interest these classes have generated. Two classes have already been conducted in Rich Heart and people are waiting for Brother Bill to get back to have another. A family/marriage seminar was conducted in Chore where all kind of interest was generated for more teaching on this subject. People commented that such teaching was greatly lacking here (they had never heard such good stuff before) and was sorely needed. Eighteen people attended the first class held at Chingeltei and by the third class 27 people were in attendance (all age groups were represented). As with most other Bible teaching, these wonderful people are hungry to hear what God has to say about how a marriage and family are supposed to operate. We are excited about this (and everything else God is doing here) and praying that these people will truly respond and allow God to make a real difference in their lives, marriages and families. Wouldn't it be nice to see such enthusiasm for this issue spread to marriages and families in churches in the States?

Missionary Ambassador Ministries

Christopher Cartwright, Missionary

The month of November was a really blessed month full of new opportunities for me and the Mission work here and abroad. Prayers have surely been answered and also there has been growth in the work involved. There were exciting opportunities made and progress made to advance the cause of Christ. Also, there has been a lot we can be thankful for this month, especially for the blessing the Lord has bestowed on me and this ministry.

Hymnals shipped and received in the

Philippines: On June 5, I got 47 hymnals from Royersville, MBC to send to Bro. Ricardo Villalflor, Jr. Of Christian MBC in San Carlos, Negros Occidental, in the Philippines. They were sent in the beginning of October and were received on October 31, 2011 and were presented on November 1, 2011 at the church.

Also, I sent them an offering to help with their building project and they got 2 doors to help secure their building from danger. Please pray for Bro. Ricardo and his congregation that they continue to praise the Lord through hymn music and through their building project. Also, Bro. Ricardo will get some tracts soon to proclaim the gospel.

Tract Ministry Expanding all over the World: Praise be to God for the opportunities this ministry has had to proclaim and spread the gospel through the Planting The Word Tract Ministry. As of this writing, "In The Beginning Was The Word...Jesus" about the doctrine of the Trinity as presented in John 1, along with a Christmas message. Also, the number of languages on which the tracts are being translated and used has increased. The number of languages used is now 114, including the national language of Pakistan, Urdu.

So far, the gospel is being spread by a Pakistani pastor in the country and I also got an Urdu New Testament to help understand the language.

Interstate Missions

LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES

Toby W. Cribbs, SR., Missionary

We had snow flurries on November 29. About three weeks ago I slipped and fell in the bathtub and injured my neck. Then about two weeks ago I fell again at church and hit my neck. The injury was not bad enough for surgery, but I have to wear a neck brace.

FOLDING MACHINE: Thanks to an anonymous donor of \$100 we were able to pay on the principal and pay one payment of \$129.39. We now owe \$72.10 as of December 1 on the Folding Machine. Will

you please help us pay this off? Please mark checks FOLDING MACHINE.

LOCAL JAIL MINISTRY: Pickens County Jail, Jasper, Georgia Jack Slay and I attended a four hour training class to get certified. Jack went with me the first time to this jail on November 30. Jack has been doing a great job teaching. The men here are eager in learning God's Word.

Fannin County Jail, Blue Ridge, Georgia. One Tuesday night Brother L. Logan (ex-inmate), a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Acworth, Georgia came up and gave his testimony. The men all enjoyed what he had to say. Then on another Tuesday night after our song service, one of the men played the guitar and sang. His second song was Amazing Grace. One of the men got up and started hugging the other men and said how much he loved them, then the Spirit came down and all were telling how much love they had for each other and forgiving each other.

Polk County Jail, Benton, Tennessee. In Pod A, Brother Ray Harper led one man to the Lord. There were two men that rededicated themselves to the Lord in Pod A and one in Pod B. We are having great services in each Pod. Brother Ray Harper and Brother Josh Ledford are both a great help in this Ministry.

Sumner, GA

Calvary MBM

Howard Vogan, Missionary

The Lord has blessed with four new visitors this month and a young couple made a profession of faith while we were working on the church ground. We did however, lose one family as they relocated in Tifton, GA. But, the good news we lettered them into our sister Church, Tifton Missionary Baptist church. The mission members continue to grow and give of their time and talents to the Lord. As always, we are truly thankful to the churches of the ABA. For their generous support and prayers for the work in Sumner, GA. We wish all a very merry Christmas.

Black Hills MBC

Rapid City, SD

Norman Pierce, Missionary

Ten visitors blessed our services this month. One was a first time visitor, all

To : the Churches of the ABA

From: Grace MBC of Bogota, Colombia and Pastor A Gelvez

Dear Brethren, We thank God for the 14 years that we and Grace MBC of Anaheim, Ca. have been fortunate to co-sponsor Bro Julio Mendoza's ministry and the mission work in Quiroga, Bogota and in Fusa. Without this cooperative effort, there would not be 2 more churches established in Colombia. Quiroga MBC in Bogota and the work in Fusagasuga, Colombia might not be here today were it not for the ABA's prayers and support.

We are more thankful because 38 years ago, one of our new testament churches sent out a missionary with his family to bring the Gospel of salvation to this country of Colombia. Bro. Mendoza and his family are fruits of that seed. We fondly recall the day that Pastor D.S. Madden, who is now in the presence of his Lord, baptized Bro. Mendoza with the authority of Grace MBC of Anaheim, Ca. back in 1985. The ABA has many rewards in store in Heaven. The ABA has kept Christ's Great Commission. We pray to God to help us continue with Christ's Commission until he comes again. Mat. 28:18-20

East Africa

Scott Bourland, Missionary

Language Learning: Although we are working on other things on the weekends, our primary function is still language learning. At this point we are five months into our studies and it is such an up and down process. Sometimes I have a conversation and feel like it went great; at other times it seems like a struggle to put together two or three words. Even so, I am doing much better at speaking the language than I am hearing right now. Missy is definitely better at this than I am. Please pray for us both to continue to expand our vocabulary, remember the rules of grammar we have learned for sentence structure, and for me to improve at hearing the language.

Visiting the Churches: First, we were in Magangani. Alphonse was baptizing on that day and he wanted me to be there. There were two baptized that day and we had great services.

Second, we attended services in Gandini. There was a really good crowd and lively services. This was the fourth time that I

had preached completely in Swahili, and it was a real breakthrough Sunday. It went real well and the crowd were really good listeners and ameners.

We had lunch with them after services and the children brought out a monkey they had caught. I am sure when it is big enough it will be supper, but for now it is a pet. It really took to me. It even climbed up on my shoulder and was going to groom me. Before it got started though it urinated down my left arm, so it was quickly removed.

Australia

Miller Family, Missionaries

This month saw the start of our new Sunday School. As far as we can ascertain Sunday School is somewhat available for kids but a very rare thing for adults in Australia. We feel it is obviously important to have some Christian education for our adults. We now have 4 Sunday School classes. Two are for adults and two are for kids. The response has been better than expected with approximately 30 turning out for our first Sunday. Music rehearsal is at 8:00 Sunday school at 8:30 and worship starts at 9:30. Sunday mornings start early for those who are heavily involved.

We have also recently been received a solar grant from the Australian government. This means the church will soon be installing solar panels. This will be a great help in offsetting the cost of our electric bills.

This month we took all the youth for a day trip to New South Wales @ Byron Bay. It was a great day of surfing, BBQing, and sunbathing. Everyone had an awesome time and we got all home safe. The Australian BBQ typically consists of sausages (snags), grilled onions, soft drink, and cookies (bikkies.)

Canada

Billy Howard, Missionary

I want to begin this month's report by thanking our sending church and all of our supporting churches. Without your help it would be impossible to build the church we are laboring to build. God has blessed over the past few months

with many who have called on the Lord to save them. I haven't reported all of them because I am waiting for them to follow the Lord in baptism. After this past Sunday we have several individuals who committed to our membership classes. During the month of November we were in the twenties with several guests. I look forward to reporting many adult baptisms in the next month. Please pray for Arun, Esther, Roberto, Rebecca, Victor, Silvia, Gerardo, Mayte, Juan, Maria, Ernesto and Chris. We have many individuals attending from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds and I have been spending a lot of time teaching them who we are and why we are here. This month we saw the new commitment level and spiritual growth that we have been praying for. A strong base means a strong future and that is what we are aiming for in this phase of our ministry. After 10 months God is clearly building His church!

New Zealand

The Jones Family, Missionaries

November has been excruciatingly busy on the Deputation trail!! I have almost forgotten how many states we have been in! We started out in Arkansas where I was privileged to be with our sending church before the Arkansas State meeting. I enjoyed my time there as I got to spend some quality time with my pastor Bro. Scott Pevehouse. The unfortunate thing about all of this is that with Sharon's health issues, we have not been able to spend much time together at all. The boys and I attended the meeting and made our way back to Oklahoma for a day.

After that, I went to Louisiana and was blessed to spend almost a week with Bro. Richard Methvin. I had a wonderful time with him and members of Eastside MBC in Minden. I was blessed to meet Bro. Mike Wilkes at Whispering Pines MBC. Each service was a huge blessing. From there, I went down to South LA to camp Glenwood where the LA State Meeting was held. I enjoyed fellowship with Bro. Ray Meigs. He and his family were very welcoming.

From Louisiana, I went directly to Texas to the Texas State meeting held in Hillsboro. I was blessed to be with Missionary MBC in Corsicana and Bro. Curtis Gilbert. That night I was with Bro. Paul Clark at Walnut St. MBC. Both services.





Belize
Ben Woodward, Missionaries
Praise the Lord! We started holding regular services in Mahogany Heights on October 16 and on November 20 Sister Leticia Gomez joined with us on her statement of faith and Baptism. Sister Gomez comes to us from a Baptist church in Belize City that has since passed out of existence. She teaches high school in Belize City and lives in Mahogany Heights. From the very beginning she has been faithful in attendance and service. We are so thankful for her and look forward to getting her more engaged with the work of the church.

Joel Dillahunt, Missionary
This month I had the privilege of leading my barber, Darnell, to the Lord. Darnell and his sweet family have regularly visited Good News Church for several months. He is the Assistant Chairman of the village and was the point man in us being able to use



the community center in Forest Home. It was a joy to baptize him with the witness of his family.

STILL NEEDED: VAN Each Sunday we rent a van for the transportation of around 15 people. The cost is \$50.00 US each week for three hours. We are thankful for the special offerings we have received for this

much needed ministry tool. With the building pay off, we will now focus on this project. Please make it an object of prayer.

Turkana

Eddie Williams, Missionary

The Uvumilifu class studied Homiletics and Prayer. I cannot remember ever having this much fun teaching Homiletics. First looking at the life of the preacher; then sermon preparation and delivery proved to make for a great time! Please continue to pray for these men, they are half through the Basic Level. Graduation is just a year away!

MARRIAGE SEMINAR: Lodwar-After LBB, we held our 5th annual marriage seminar. Pastor Michael and Napetet LBC invited all of our churches to come for this 5 day event. We also invited Pastor Julius Kalande and his wife Violet to return as our featured teachers. Julius is the pastor of Amalemba LBC in Kakamega. It was our honor to have them back. Each church was represented. The attendance was near 80 in the day classes and over 100 in the evening. I praise God that many publically confessed the shortcomings they brought to their own marriages and asked God to help them overcome these obstacles.

There are many aspects in a typical Turkana marriage that conflict with the Biblical plan of marriage. It is my prayer that one day we will find many Christian Turkana marriages in our churches. Through the efforts of the Holy Spirit and



these seminars, that day is closer than ever. Pray for Turkana!
Me, the Pastors, their Wives with Julius and Violet

Romania

November 20th we had a baptism service, when in front of 79 people, Andrei

Venter, 8 years old, Lidia-Florina Varga 23 years old, Christina Kovacs, 18 years old, Dalia Urs, 11 years old and Sergiu Venter, 15 years old made their first testimony for Christ by following Him in scriptural baptism. There was a lot of joy and wonderful fellowship. We had people that visited just to see the baptism, but we were able to share Christ with everyone!

After the service we had a potluck and



time to talk with our visitors about salvation.

Nov. 4-5, eight people from our two mission works in Sacalasu and Tatarus went to Otopeni- Bucharest for the first meeting of Missionary Baptist Churches in Romania. This was an excellent opportunity for most of our churches to get together and share both joys and burdens with each other. This meeting was all about continuing the mission work here in Romania and having a closer fellowship between the churches and sharing more information.

The churches decided to go ahead with future meetings and next year this will take place at Feldioara Brasov.

Brazil

Jay Ross, Missionary

I hope this letter finds all of you well and actively serving in His work. We have had a very good past 2 months. Five more were saved, 3 baptized and about 8 who are waiting to be baptized and added to the church. Peggy held her first annual Ladies Retreat.



We held it at a local Hotel / Farm owned by our "future" member and had 80 women attend. It was 3 days of great fellowship and Bible Study

Oct. 12th was "Children's Day" here in Brazil and we had a special day for them at our building. We had about 130 total with kids and helpers. All the adults dressed up and we had an amusement park theme. (Jesus being the best and most adventurous ride)

Our attendance held pretty steady these past 2 months. We averaged 115 in our Sunday night services, 95 for Sunday School and 63 for Wed, nights. We have "regular visitors" that we are praying for and waiting for them to take the next step to a deeper relationship with Christ. Many have come from other churches and are getting used to us, and some just need to trust God to help them out of bad situations.

Our greatest need at this point is still a full-size bus. We can buy a used "city" bus for about \$15,000.00. We are looking to try and put a down payment and pay off the rest in as many months as possible.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. If you have any questions please email me at the address below. God bless you all as you live and serve Him



France

Jason Clark, Missionary

We had much to be thankful for this November. Our weekly Bible study has continued to go well. This past month we studied the third chapter in the book of John. I met David this week, who is originally from Guadeloupe. He has lived in France for a few months and is looking

for a church to attend, I have invited him to the Bible study but he has not been able to come as of yet. Pray that we will have further contact with him. The big item of thanks this past month was moving into the new house that we are renting. We prepared for the move all throughout the month of November and started moving Thanksgiving day. We had a good group from the church in Carcassonne come to help out. We are for the most part settled but there are still plenty of boxes to unpack. The only hang-up was that it took a week to get the gas turned on, meaning we were a week without heating, but we survived. Thankfully, God provided mild weather. We have already met a few of the neighbors and look forward to meeting more and seeing how many new contacts we have as a result of this move. On the 10th of December, pray for our Thanksgiving outreach.

We postponed it because of the move. This year we have invited three un-churched families who have specifically showed an interest in what we are doing. Pray that this outreach, and this Christmas season will be a time where people turn their thoughts toward God and his unspeakable gift, Jesus. As always we are thankful for your continued prayer and financial support. May God bless you all! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Zhytomyr Ukraine



David Bostic, Missionary

BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE: November started out with a much needed answered prayer. We received from one of our sister churches a check for a little over \$10,000. With that check and what we had in our van fund this gave us the opportunity

to purchase a seven passenger plus driver van. We are so excited to see how God is providing for our needs in His timing. It is our prayer that this van will allow us to bring many people to Bible classes, ministry activities, and to church. But, most importantly, for those that come that they will receive Christ as their Personal Savior. (see photos on the right) We were also blessed during the week of Thanksgiving to have a visit from our dear friends and mentors; Lynn and Brenda Raburn. This was their first visit to Ukraine. We hated that the weather was so dreary, but the time of fellowship was so sweet. We had invited Bethany BC to join us for worship services the Sunday they were going to be with us. We had a total of twenty nine people in our church room.

Ten people represented Pearl MBC and nineteen people represented Bethany BC. We had a wonderful time worshipping God. That Sunday evening we had a Ukrainian dinner cooked by Olga and Julia's moms. It was all very good. The entertainment was spectacular as well. Elvis showed up as well as the American quartet.

It was really nice having Lynn and Brenda with us for Thanksgiving. Debra and Brenda cooked a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. (see bottom right photo) Thank you Lynn and Brenda for coming to visit us during this holiday season.



Mongolia

The seventh year of Bible School has begun with 5 classes offered: Church History, Evangelism, Bible Survey, Men's leadership class, and Ladies class. The first session began with 18 students, however, with the second session the number grew to 26 students. Also Rich Heart Church selected her pastor as the Director of the