This year’s BMA of America meeting was one of change—not only a change in leadership as George Reddin stepped down as executive director at LifeWord Media Ministries after serving since 1979 and Steve Crawley was elected to succeed him; but a change in the direction of the association with a greater emphasis on discipleship and the way missionaries are sent out. Another change will be the number of minute books that will be mailed to each church, from three copies to one copy. (Additional copies may be obtained by downloading the book from the DiscipleGuide website.)

The “official” theme of the meeting was “Because Of All This” (Neh. 9:38), but the underlying theme that permeated the entire meeting with excitement was “discipleship” and especially DiscipleWay. The meeting was the official “kick off” of this process, which is a “coordinated effort of all BMAA departments and agencies” and originated with the departmental directors and the Coordinating Council two years ago. The next step is training. For more information on this step, see the article by Coordinators Tommy and Judy Wallace on page 3 of this month’s issue. (President Bullock reports that 144 names were “nailed to the door” at the meeting in commitment to discipleship through DiscipleWay, including 6 married couples signing together, and 6 children signed their first names only.)

As always, my question is: “How do I tell our readers everything that went on at the meeting?” And the answer is always the same: “We just don’t have enough room to tell it all!” The wonderful music, the inspiring messages by Paul Bullock and Grady Higgs and the heartwarming “family reunion” atmosphere were... well, you just had to be there!

But many of our people weren’t there— we had 683 messengers and visitors this year, compared to 852 last year, 907 the year before and 963 the year before that! So many people missed such a blessing. And last year there were 6 petitionary letters but this year we only had 3—Grace at Post Falls, ID; Majestic Valley at Elbert, CO; and Leakesville at Leakesville, MS.

Again, there is no way to tell you everything that happened, but these are a few of the highlights from the departments, auxiliaries and agencies:

**BMA Seminary**

Dr. Charley Holmes announced that 3 honorary doctoral degrees will be awarded this year: James Blaylock (who has worked at the Seminary for 45 years); Vern Holifield and Grover Laird. This year’s graduation will be May 14 and a Special Day of Prayer is scheduled for our churches May 15. Noting that the school emphasizes “Scripture reading, exhortation, sound preaching and sound doctrine,” the seminary recently received affirmation of accreditation by ATS (Association of Theological Schools) for 10 years. The SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) reaffirmation of accreditation, which was also recently completed, will not be determined until later this year.

This past fall, students began working on an associate degree in religion entirely online and in the spring semester, Dr. Tony Cleaver is teaching online classes on the Life of Jesus and the Life of Paul. These classes can also be applied toward shorter diploma programs for students who don’t plan to complete a theological degree.

Dr. Holmes also presented a “model giving plan” for churches to consider any time they are planning a budget: 2% each to International Missions, North American Missions, LifeWord, BMA Seminary, BMA college in your area and Dis.

**Mission Symposium and Mid-Year Meeting of the BMA of Missouri**

Lindsay Lane Baptist Church in Florissant, Missouri, is making preparations to host the annual Mission Symposium and Mid-Year meeting of the churches of our association May 20-21. Every church should take advantage of this opportunity to fellowship, grow, and learn as we strive to improve our ministries for the glory of God. Note the information in our Mission Director’s article on page 3 and make plans to attend.

We need to encourage and strengthen one another and this is a great time to fulfill this part of God’s plan. It is always good to see our brothers and sisters in Christ and learn what God is doing across our work. It is encouraging to know that God is working among our churches.

Will you be present to represent your church? We hope to see you and many more at these meetings.

**Camp Time is Approaching!**

An email from Camp Director Chris Polk reminds us that we need to start making preparations for our annual camp which will be July 25th-29th this year. Camp will begin with supper Monday, July 25th, and go through breakfast Friday, July 29th.

**Theme: "Walking With God" Genesis 5:24**

**Camp Evangelist: Bro. Bobby Tucker**

**Music: The Harper Family**

We look forward to a great time, but the only way that is possible is for us to work together making preparations. We operate as a "FREE" camp, but we all know there is nothing that is truly free. It costs us an average of $35 per camper to maintain and run camp each year. YOU can help offset that with any amount you can and it will be appreciated. But we ask that no one be refused the camp experience because of finances.

Besides money, it takes a LOT OF HARD WORK to have good facilities and a good camp. Contact Bro. Chris and he will be glad to send you a list of things that need done before we can have camp this year. (I know it is a long list because he sent it to me and everyone else on his email list!! It is at least two pages long.)

Do not wait until a few days before time for camp to get involved. You can go any time and for as long as you want, starting **right now**!

Contact Chris at cpolk@cablerocket.com or 573-380-1975.

**Gospelaires In Concert**

The Gospelaires from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, MO will be in concert at Zion Baptist Church, 3485 New Baumgartner Rd. Friday, June 3, 2011 at 7:30pm.

This will be the quarterly meeting of the Washington County Auxiliaries. After a brief business meeting all groups will join for the concert. Everyone is welcome to come and hear the Gospelaires. A love offering will be taken.
Mt. Zion, Ellington, sends love and prayers to all. April 3rd the Reeses were able to be with us. They are a blessing to us. After an inspiring message we gathered for a nice lunch and later went to the nursing home. We heard another good message and singing. We all enjoyed God’s word. April 10th Bro. Brian Meade came by the church to get his dad, Bro. Albert. They were going to the National Session of the BMAA in Wichita Falls, TX. Sis. Elaine Purvis from Oklahoma City will be with us Easter Sunday. We are looking forward to seeing her. April 17th Bro. Albert gave a report on the National BMAA meeting. He enjoyed the meeting and spending time with his son. After church services Bro. Albert left for Salem, MO. to pick up Bro. Jim Rayfield and others all on their way to Truman Lake in Warsaw, MO. to get in some fishing. It’s only natural to hope for a fish fry soon. We thank God for a good rain. We hear lawn mowers at work. It is a lovely time of the year. Until next time – may the Lord keep you safe and bless you abundantly.

Emory Shelton, Pastor Mary Marcher, Reporter

Briar, Doniphan, enjoyed Sunrise Services on Resurrection Sunday (Easter). We had to move them inside due to the rain but we enjoyed good services. We were blessed by having visitors share in this special service. Bethlehem’s pastor, Bro. Russell Chitwood, and Bro. Eddie Pickens along with our pastor, Bro. Dennis, played some special music and sang. May 15th Briar will be hosting the third Sunday singing at 2 p.m. In June we will host the Youth in the Harvest. Bro. Shawn, the pastor from Springfield Church will be speaking about their Christian school program. Also the film “Flame On” will be shown. This film is produced by the American Family Christian Association. Due to conflict with Bro. Shawn’s schedule plans are to move the date up one week early. The date will be Friday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Make plans to come and enjoy any one of these services. Visitors are always a blessing to us at Briar. VBS plans are underway for the month of July. Please pray that we will be able to reach the lost in our area, both children and parents.

Dennis Leonard, Pastor Sue Leonard, Reporter

Bethel, Sikeston, sends Greetings to all. We have had a very blessed April here at Bethel. Bro. Jerry attended the BMAA meeting in Texas, and came back with a good report. We are rejoicing with our new members here at Bethel: Rebecca McGuire, Heather Vaughn, Paul King Sr., and Faith Hickman. The church had a Seder meal the evening before Easter and it was such a special time to be together and remember how much God loves us, and the sacrifice that had to be made for us to have eternal life. Our Easter play was presented by the adults and teens. They did an excellent job getting the message of the resurrection to us as seen through the eyes of individuals that were present on that day. We are praying everyone is safe from any flood waters and/or storms, God bless each one of you.

Jerry Adams, Pastor Marcia Hickman, Reporter

Faith, St. Charles, sends greetings to all our sisters and brothers in Christ. Things have been quiet through these cold months of winter and now it seems spring just won’t stay around long enough for us to get a good hold on it. Our AWANA program ended on the 6th of April and our closing program was held during evening service on the 10th. The members who participate during the months of the program are deeply appreciated by the church and the children who attend. The awards are something the kids really cherish and we certainly can see that in their eyes when they receive one. They work hard to earn the recognition they receive for perfect attendance, and other things. This year there was a special award given that was referred to as The “Andrew” Award because John 1:40-42 says: Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him “we have found the Messiah” and he brought him to Jesus. This award was given to the student who brought the most visitors during the year. Some of those who visited the program did continue to attend and hopefully will return next year. The students will surely try much harder next year to find friends and family to bring with them for the chance of winning that new bicycle! We pray that every one of the children learn the story of Jesus and long for more teaching. We have had several new members join the church since our last report. There are also some of our members who have been in poor health and also some who have undergone surgeries. We pray that it is the Lord’s will to heal them so they may return to worship Him with us.

Pastor Tim recently celebrated 10 years of serving as pastor of Faith. The congregation values his love of the Lord and His eagerness to spread His word to all those who will listen. The BMA National Meeting in Wichita Falls, TX. was attended by a member of Faith. While in the area, he had a desire to visit Groom, TX to view the wondrous sculptures there. He says it is something you should see for yourself. May God bless all our sister churches and let us always remember - Wise Men Still Seek HIM.

Tim Boatright, Pastor Chris Pruett, Reporter

Ozark Heights, Potosi, says, “Hello to one and all!” We had a VBS meeting/luncheon April 3rd and began plans for Vacation Bible School in June. We enjoyed a Good Friday service where the church remembered the Last Supper. Easter we had a wonderful service, with music by Sis. Sara and the choir that was very heart warming. An egg hunt followed the service. Our little ones had to hunt inside the classrooms because of rain and cold weather. It was great to see the smiles on their little faces as they came out with their baskets running over! Bro. Brian and his father went to Wichita Falls, TX. for the BMAA annual meeting. Bro Brian gave a full report on the meeting. It is amazing what our missionaries accomplish! With Christ in their heart, they travel and spread the gospel throughout the world. Our prayers are with them and their families! Remember our 49th Homecoming May 15th. Bro. Leonard Compton will be speaking after the meal. All are welcome to attend. Bro. Ron Warren presented a musical program in the May 1st evening service. Bro. Josh Meade continues with his weekly devotionals in the Wednesday evening services. He filled the pulpit April 10th when Bro. Brian was traveling to the association meeting. He did very well and takes the call to the ministry very seriously by studying hard, which shows in his messages. Even his short devotions on Wednesday show his desire to serve God.

Bro. Gary Gilliam also filled the pulpit while Bro. Brian was away. He fills us with the Spirit of God. He is a gifted speaker! Sis. Geraldine Warden is still having tests and Sis. Sara Eye went for a heart cath. Our prayers are with all who have been suffering with illnesses, colds, and allergies. We were blessed to see Sis. Gurlean Robinson join us in worship service. What an unexpected blessing as she has been so sick for so long. Our prayer list within our church is long but with all the damage from the tornados and terrible weather many more have been added.

From the Youth Reporter: Ozark Heights youth group has been doing a lot of lessons on who they are in God Bro. Brian and Sis. Connie have been using lessons out of a book called “I AM.” The teens give many responses and enjoy the videos that come along with the lessons because they can relate to many of the situations. Our annual homecoming is just around the corner; so the youth are preparing for it, as well as Jesus Camp which is coming up fast this year.

Brian Meade, Pastor Georgie Brokaw, Reporter Young Rep., Shafawn Masson

Friendship, Harviell, is thankful to have God’s protection in the wet and windy weather. We pray that all have escaped the bad weather and flood waters. Some of our members were waterbound, but it did not get in their house. We hosted the Cave Creek Association singing in April, which was such a blessing. It was one of the best singings we have had in a long time. A revival is scheduled June 10-12 with Bro.

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From Our Workers

From Our Director...

I trust that all of our churches had a great Easter service at their church. I am very happy to report that at our church planting effort in Smithville, MO, Easter was a great morning! North Lake Church set a record attendance with 70 in attendance and many first time visitors. The week after, some of the visitors came back! Continue to pray for their efforts to reach the lost in Smithville!

I hope you are making plans to attend the annual Mission Symposium this month on May 20th, followed by the mid-year meeting on Saturday, 21st. The Symposium will start at 6 p.m. at Lindsay Lane Baptist Church. Bro. Larry Barker, Operational Director of the North American Missions, will be our special guest for the symposium and will be bringing the message on Saturday morning. Bro. Larry and myself will be talking about the "Transformational Church." We will have a free book for the first 15 pastors in attendance on that evening. The information shared on this evening might be the first steps in seeing your church become a church that transforms its members and community in a greater way. You will not want to miss this evening!

Another highlight of the meeting was the Seminary’s Friends Dinner on Tuesday night. In addition to a delicious meal, we were treated to great fellowship and saw two men honored. C.D. Walker, a member of the 1961 graduating class at the Seminary, received the 2011 (8th annual) Kellar Award. He is the senior pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Dallas, TX, and previously served the BMA of Texas as executive director and as the director of the BMA Loan Association.

J.D. Courtney of Little Rock, who is going off the Board this year, was also honored by the Seminary. He had served on the Board of Trustees for 14 years after filling a vacancy on the board for 4 years, then being elected for 2 consecutive 5 year terms.

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The "Door" to which President Bullock challenged those attending the BMAA Meeting to "nail" their names in commitment to discipleship.

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**DiscipleWay Update**

**Training Sessions Getting Started**

by Tommy & Judy Wallace

What an awesome response! We are thrilled and excited by the reception of DiscipleWay at the BMAA meeting at Wichita Falls. Approximately one hundred and fifty people signed up saying they were interested in having the DiscipleWay training come to their area.

The first step in the process is for trainers to be trained. That will take place May 23-25 at Camp Bethany near Shreveport, Louisiana.

As a testimony to their support and commitment to this process, the first people to be trained will be the directors of our BMAA departments and members of the Coordinating Council. Since space is limited to a small number of participants, only a few other people will be able to go through this initial training.

Once we have trainers in place, we will then begin scheduling trainings in various areas of our work to help pastors and lay people in our churches know how to effectively use these new tools. Training will be required before churches can order the materials. Each training will take place over a three day period and will include intensive and complete coverage of the Bible study discipline, an overview and sample lessons from five of the other disciplines, and a one day introduction to Everyday Evangelism (EV2) called Share Your Faith which is being used as the witnessing discipline for Discipleway. A complete EV2 training may be offered at a later date in the various training areas.

We continue to ask for your prayers and patience. This has been and continues to be a slow, methodical process but one that we feel will be worth the wait. Depending on our May training we hope to be able to schedule three and possibly four trainings throughout our work before the end of the year. Please check the DiscipleWay website (www.discipleway.com) on a regular basis for updates and listings of trainings. We will post them as they are scheduled and will take applicants on a first come, first served basis since training size will be limited to approximately twenty-five participants at a time.

How thankful we are for the sweet spirit of our associational meeting and for the obvious theme of this year's gathering. It is apparent that discipleship is still on the heart of our Heavenly Father as it always has been and that He has now placed it on the hearts and minds of the churches of the BMAA as well.

If we can answer any questions, please contact us via email at wallace@discipleway.com.

**“MAKING EVERLASTING SMILES – 2011”**

It’s that time again…….time for “Making Everlasting Smiles” with the Christmas shoebox project sponsored by Baptist Medical Missions International! The information is being sent to the churches within the next week, so watch your mailbox for this important envelope, which will be stamped “Christmas Shoebox Information.”

Each packet will include a letter, a list of suggested items for the boxes, a list of the drop-off locations, a poster for your church, and a DVD showing last year’s shoeboxes being distributed. It is our hope that your church will want to be involved in “Making Everlasting Smiles” in the countries of Georgia and Nicaragua this year.

So…….watch for this important information that will be arriving in your church’s mailbox very soon!

**Editor’s Note:** Many of our Missouri churches enjoyed being involved in this outreach last year. It was a time of increased interest and excitement as we worked together to send something that would bring cheer to boys and girls. Let’s Do It Again!
Central Baptist College 'Old Main' Print Available

From the 1890’s until it was razed in the early 1980’s, Old Main at Central Baptist College stood as a historic landmark in Conway. The building is now offered as a pen-and-ink limited-edition print suitable for framing.

“I have a lot of memories of Old Main,” said artist Von Thurman. “I proposed to my wife Fara (White) on the second floor stairwell. It was crumbling then, but it had a charm about it that was irresistible.”

Thurman, who attended CBC in 1978, has been working as an artist for DiscipleGuide Publishing (formerly Baptist Publishing House) for over 25 years. It took over four years to render Old Main. “It was a labor of love. I’d work on it for a few weeks, other projects.”

“Other projects” include prints, coffee mugs and notecards for other universities. Occasionally churches will commission a drawing for special services. “I’m kind of picky about the buildings I draw. Usually they’re old and interesting. Plus, they have to give me a lot of time to finish.”

Why draw Old Main? “I’ve wanted to draw the building since the first time I saw it. I did some cartoons of it, but nothing serious until now. I wanted to be able to offer a version that I’d be confident to give as a gift to someone that remembers the original.”

The black and white print is limited to 750 signed and numbered copies, produced on an off-white acid-free stock, 13.5” tall, 23” wide. The unframed print is available for $50 (10% of the proceeds go to Central Baptist College) plus $12 shipping. “I wouldn’t say they’re ‘flying off the shelf,’ but there won’t be a reprint,” said Thurman. “When they’re gone, they’re gone!”

To order, contact him at howardpeabody@windstream.net or call (870) 773-3154.

An Exemplary Prayer

excerpt from 366 Prayers, an unpublished manuscript by Tony Cleaver

Dear God of all those who are married, want to be married, and have been married: I thank you for pleasant memories of my mother and dad and of my mother and father-in-law. Both of these couples were married for over 60 years. I thank you for the testimony of those years. They had commitment and staying power to that commitment of “till death do us part.”

The example they set for me and for my wife is magnificent.

I would not think of anything less for my own marriage than the example they set. The lives they lived even now live on in their influence in our present day. Help me to honor that kind of example in my own life with my marriage.

Lord, I ask Your blessings on all the young men and women who are right now planning their own wedding. Give them courage for life commitment to each other. Exclusiveness of monogamous relationship in marriage is not an inconsistent process with Your plan for humankind.

Lord, I ask Your blessings on all those who are in the drums of a marriage relationship that may have turned sour. Renew their vows of commitment to each other through special circumstances of life. Move


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of George Reddin, who said he had met 3 goals during his tenure — he was the first LifeWord director to resign (the others died while in office), he wasn’t fired and he has the longest tenure in office! (Of course, we all know that Bro. George is a humble man, because he could have easily listed several goals that have been reached and surpassed during his years of service.) A reception was held in his honor following the Tuesday evening session, and many of us were given the opportunity to tell him how much we appreciate him.

“He isn’t retiring,” said Steve Crawley, his successor, “he is just changing ministries.” Bro. Reddin has accepted the pastorate of Denver Street Baptist Church in Greenwood, where he had been serving as interim pastor.

It has been a good year for LifeWord — they began broadcasting in 3 new languages and 2 new formats (making a total of 49 formats and 35 languages); and launched a new evangelistic tool (Community Source) headed by Marla Stanton and Nick Jacobsen.

“We are looking forward to collaborating with the other departments and agencies of the BMA,” said Bro. Crawley, “especially to working more strategically and closely with the BMA Missions Department.” Mission Director John David Smith echoed those sentiments in his report when he said: “LifeWord has already shown great cooperation with our Missions office. It is going to be a great and incredible thing when our visions and administrative expertise are tied together and we can join together to make God’s name known in a more effective way.”

Coordinating Council

“Our assignment is to make sure every department is doing what they are supposed to do according to the Constitution,” said Chairman Philip Attebery, “and they are!” He noted that a director’s retreat was held in May and an “increased amount of cooperation” was evident. “The most unifying vision” of the group has been the DiscipleWay program. “Pilot churches say there is something different about DiscipleWay,” he added. “We’re not reinventing the wheel, we’re just trying to fix a flat tire!”

Moral Action

Dr. John Adams encouraged all of us to keep informed about what is going on — through our BMA papers and by visiting websites of organizations like Family Research Council, Focus on the Family, Alliance Defense Fund and others. “We, God’s people, must engage our morally depraved culture to meet the mandate of our Lord,” he said. “If we are to be obedient to the call of “being salt and light,” we cannot withdraw from this world.”

All five Moral Action Resolutions were approved and they will appear in the Trumpet, as space is available, over the coming weeks. An additional recommendation was passed to “support Dr. John Adams’ long range vision for Moral Action.”

Other Highlights

- Pastors’ & Laymen’s Conference — Ed Stetzer was the speaker at this conference. He spoke on the Transformational Church and the need for us to help our churches transform to meet the daily needs of our communities in order to help them find the answer to their greatest need, Christ as their Savior. He challenged us to make the changes necessary to reach today’s generation where they are. This involves a transformation in methods not doctrine.

- WMA — The featured speaker this year was from Iraq and shared her testimony of receiving Christ and God’s guidance to a new ministry for she and her husband. Special music was provided by Missionary to the Philippines Joanna Reddin Allen, wife of Wade Allen and daughter of Jerene and George Reddin. (She and her children had been flown in by the LifeWord Staff to surprise Bro. George.)

One new WMA petitioned for membership this year — Highland Hills at Highland (a former BMA of Arkansas mission). A total of $44,097.78 was raised for this year’s goal — “I Am Woman” Arab Ministries and DiscipleWay; and this coming year’s project is also a joint one — Relief Fund for Haiti (administered by Missionary Michel Poirier of Canada) and ISHELP.

- Brotherhood — Collin Jones was elected president at their meeting on Tuesday, and Dr. John Adams was the featured speaker. This year’s project was Moral Action, and over $8,000 was raised by the men. Next year’s project is ISHELP and the goal is $10,000.

- BMIF — This year’s Baptist Music Fellowship officers are Stan Scroggins, president; Aaron Ledford, vice president; and Timothy Fish, secretary-treasurer.

- Master’s Builders — Interim Field Coordinator Ed Eddie Sikes, filling in for Bill Dees who is battling cancer, reported that since their beginning in 1991, 113 jobs have been completed by the Builders (whose average age is 70.) “Priority is given to missions,” said Bro. Sikes. The most recent job was at New Heart Mission in Hattiesburg, MS. “We’re ready to go and build for the Lord,” he added, “just give us a call!”

- Revolving Loan Fund — Dr. Smith announced that only one loan had been approved this year by this fund, which is financed primarily by Visionaries — $15,000 to Bolivia.

- Barnabas Touch — Evangelistic International Missions Director Rocky Goodwin noted that they had been asked by the Missions Office to lead this project. Dr. Joel Slayton is leading many of the trips, and Matt Hudson’s name was drawn at the meeting as the winner of a free trip with this group.

- Extra Blessings — Extra time at the meeting allowed messengers and visitors to hear from our Chaplaincy Department (Director David Norvell and Chaplain Tim Gresham) and our Hispanic pastors. (Michael Hight filled in for Buddy Johnson, who was unable because of the illness of his daughter-in-law, Mexico Missionary Mrs. Eric (Kelly) Johnson.)

Future Meetings

Next year’s meeting will be held at the Jackson Convention Center in Jackson, MS, April 16-18. George Reddin was chosen to bring the annual message, with Vern Holifield as alternate. The 2013 meeting will be April 22-24 at Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman, OK, and the messengers chose the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock for the site of the April 28-30 meeting in 2014.

One of the most inspiring events at every annual BMA of America meeting is the report of the Missions Department and the introduction of new missionaries during the last session on Wednesday night. This year was no exception as the department announced “a new direction.”

“The reason our association exists is to create synergy and partnership among our churches that we may carry out the Great Commission,” said executive director of BMA of America Missions, Dr. John David Smith. “We stand firm on three important factors — our motive for missions must always be God-centered, our message must be Christ-centered and our methodology is church-centered.

“The last six months of 2010 were dedicated to fasting and prayer at the Missions Office, and He has convinced us over and over again that we must plant churches and multiply. We must share the faith, nurture the saints and reproduce ourselves. Fulfilling the Great Commission means pouring our lives into others.

“The Missions Office has no desire to be the churches’ Great Commission proxy,” he continued. “We want to be your Great Commission partner. We exist so your church can do exactly what God has called you to do. Churches multiply, Missions Offices do not!”

“It may take two or three years, but every BMA pastor will have the opportunity to sit down in your area with somebody from the Department of Missions and we will ask you ‘What can we do to help your local church?’ We want that...
At the recent National WMA meeting at Wichita Falls, Texas, the WMA ladies selected as their project for the coming year the following: 40% Haiti Relief Fund under the direction of Bro. Mike Poirier; 40% ISHELP under the direction of Bro. Tony Crocker; 15% Youth Fund; and 5% General Fund. All funds for Haiti and ISHELP will be directed through the BMAA Missions Department in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Bro. Mike Poirier and sis. Ruth Poirier have provided us with information that will help us better understand the work that is being done in Haiti.

"The Haiti relief fund is organized by the BMAA for the purpose of:

1. Bringing hope to unsaved people that they may come to know the Lord by the preaching of the Gospel. Every time there is a trip planned to Port-au-Prince the Gospel is the first priority. Pastor Poirier has won souls on every trip made and now is teaching a national how to win souls and teach others. This teaching is going on via Internet and meetings each time Haiti is visited.

2. Evaluate the situation of the people in need by meeting them one by one and giving consideration to their need for: a. shelter; b. food; c. clothing.

3. Orphanage: A family of Port-au-Prince has taken in children into their home after the earthquake and has given all the basic needs to save their lives from the hardship of hunger, etc. This is not an orphanage registered with the government and is working alone with the help and generosity of the people. Bro. Poirier's duties when he goes to see them are: a. visiting the children and talking to them about the Lord; b. verifying their needs in order to save their lives from the hardship of hunger, etc. This is where you revisit them.

ISHELP is an interactive self-help English learning program to help reach others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bro. Tony Crocker provided the following information for us:

"ISHELP International Incorporated is a new platform established to assist groups associated with the BMA of America make the most of their global opportunities through the effective use of English as a second language. ISHELP was established in late 2009 and is a registered 501 c 3 non-government, nonprofit organization. ISHELP provides volunteer teams of college students and adult professionals the necessary tools and international connections to conduct English Second Language teacher training and interactive learning services in secondary schools, colleges, and universities where opportunities to interact with native English speakers are limited.

We hope that ISHELP will function as a long-short term support program to our professionals living overseas, and provide opportunity for those considering long-term overseas service to receive training that will increase their chance for success. We offer three training modules that address the most common challenges that go unanswered in an English Second Language Program, as well as cross cultural training for each volunteer.

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There are three very important choices a person has to make in their life. What they choose will determine the outcome of their life. For good or bad, these decisions will help or hurt you, propel you or hold you down. If you haven’t made some of these decisions, then let me encourage you to follow the wisdom of the Word of God. Proverbs 3:5-6, 10 “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.”

No matter how old you are, or where you are on your life’s journey: never make a decision based upon what you think would be best. Always trust the Lord - don’t go by what you think - and He will take you where He wants you to go. He will absolutely direct your paths.

Funny thing, sometimes it is a trip we would have never chosen for ourselves. Here are your 3 critical life choices.

3) What choice you make for a career. This is where you will spend a great percentage of your entire adult life. On the job. If you are miserable on your job, what kind of life do you think you will have? When work goes wrong, you take that home with you, and it affects your home life as well. It can consume your time with worries, stress, anger and obsessive thinking. Even when you are at home, you may be mentally still at work. It can zap your energy and leave you unable to fulfill your role in the home.

Many people think they have no choice in this matter once they have a job. But you do. If you need a different job, God meets our needs. Consult him. My dad gave me some sound advice here. Never quit your job, until you have another one lined up, so that you never make the personal choice to be unemployed. Even in economic hard times and high unemployment, you can make a career choice change with God’s guidance. But to think you are stuck in a miserable job is not true.

Conversely, it is also true that your career can be a joy. Oh sure, it is always still a job, but if you love doing it; then your quality of life will be better. Every job I held, there were problems. There are no perfect places to work. There are always difficult people you have to work with. But your attitude can be, that I will do the best I can for the glory of the Lord, let my light shine before others, and leave knowing I did a good job today. I will not let people and circumstances rob me of my joy.

As I get older, God has allowed me to increase my love in each career path. I loved working as a clinical therapist. I loved even more being a hospital administrator. I loved working in public relations. I really loved teaching at the university. But nothing compares to my love of preaching now. People ask if I ever get tired of being on the road all the time. Absolutely! When I finish a camp in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Friday and have to start a revival in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Sunday by traveling the entire length of the nation: yes, I grow weary. But as soon as I walk into that church, I am totally pumped. I love doing what I am doing for a living. Will I stay at this calling the rest of my life as it now stands? I don’t know. I will let God direct my paths and lean not unto my own understanding.

2) What choice you make for a spouse. This choice really impacts your life for good or bad. You can’t live out your destiny, your dreams, your potential or your very joy in life if you have a spouse that makes you miserable. A spouse can also be the greatest gift God gives you outside of your salvation. Your marriage will never be perfect, but it can be the single greatest example of the love God has for us, lived out by two people who share life together as one. This is absolutely a choice you will make. Many young people settle for the first person they fall in love with. Or perhaps the first person that they are attracted to at a physical level. The best spouse is one that has a heart for God. Romance can melt. Bodies will definitely sag. But a heart for God just increases every year. My wife grows every year closer to the Lord, and so to God, and to me; she is more beautiful today than years ago when I married her. Because she looks more like Jesus. God and a man of God look at the heart. A Godly wife gets prettier every year you are married.

Take your time and be wise with this choice. A wrong choice here can wreck your future.

1) What choice you make about the Son. Jesus has already paid for the sins of the world. Every human is a sinner. You don’t have a sin issue. We are all sinners. You have a “Son” issue. What will you do with Jesus? Choose him and you have life abundantly and life eternal in a kingdom that shall never end. To reject him means you go through life on your own, and die never to live again except in eternal pain and agony in hell. Forget every single choice in life. This is the most important decision. This is a life and death decision that last forever. How rich you are, how good-looking you are, how you marry, and where you work are all irrelevant next to this number one choice in life.

Choose Jesus and you have a new life. Read Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 8:6, 10:9.
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Factions Approach,' he noted
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New Missionaries
The new missionaries were
introduced (in the following or-
order) and their recommenda-
tions by their home churches
were either voiced by a church
representative or a letter from
the church was read by one of
the directors:
  • Ryan Bramlett (associate missionary to Richard Payne in
Alabama on a stipend of $2,000 per month) — He will be mov-
ing to Alabama in September, where he will "start small Bible
study groups and reach out to all races."
  • Jeremy Bread (self-supporting missionary to Hon-
duras) — "We will move to Hon-
duras next year," he said. "My vision is to help assist in church
planting and establish a self-sustaining orphanage there."
  • Dale Broom (self-supporting missionary to Ghana,
Africa) — "Our vision is to reach Ghana for Christ so that
Ghana can reach the world," he said. "We will do this through
discipleship and evangelism."
  • Todd Cox (North American church planter to the North
Kaufman County area in Texas
on a stipend of $2,000 per month) — "Our vision is to reach
people where they are," said Bro. Cox. "To reach out to
the unchurched and the dechurched and show them a
life-changing relationship with
Jesus Christ."

Darren Lemons (North
American church planter to serve
in the same area of Texas as Bro. Cox. He will also re-
ceive a stipend of $2,000 per month) — "Our vision for the
Terrell, TX, area is that as the
city grows by over 10,000 over
the next 20 years, we can start
a church that will reach the
lost. We want to train them up
to be leaders who will then go
out and start future churches."

Andrey Kravchuk
(Russianspeaking church
planter to Orlando, FL, on a
stipend of $2,000 per month) — "There are about 30,000
Russian-speaking people in this
area of Florida, and most of
them don't know the gospel,"
he said. "I want to tell them
about Jesus Christ!"

Bradney Lopez (self-sup-
porting missionary to Angola,
Africa) — "I’m from Puerto
Rico, but God put Angola on
my heart, and I’m preparing
myself to go there," said Bro.
Lopez. "I want to plant a strong
church and multiply that church
to reach the whole country if it is
possible."

John Page (self-supporting
missionary to Cambodia.
His name was not listed in
the Reports and Recommen-
dations book, but he was ap-
proved at the meeting.) — Bro.
Page said: "We will work in the
New Horizon Learning School
and in the outreach villages
to sow the seeds of Jesus Christ
and be a witness. We will work
with medical missions and the
feeding program to build rela-
tionships and let the love of
Jesus shine through our lives in
Cambodia."

Justin Williams (associate
missionary to serve with
Jamie Jones in Smithville, MO,
on a stipend of $2,000 per month) — "We moved to the
area in January, and we’ve been
going at it ever since! We’re
all about being authentic in
our lives and in our faith and step-
ning out of our comfort zones
to build relationships with those
around us," said Bro. Williams.
"We appreciate what these
missionaries’ presence on this
time tonight represents," said
Dr. Smith. "These are acts of
faith and trusting God to supply
their needs."

The missionary personnel
who were present were invited
to join the new missionaries
and the commissioning prayer
was led by Jeff Franks, mis-
sionary to the Ukraine, to con-
clude the meeting.
What does God say it means to be a man? The picture God paints in Scripture is that a man is one who steps up to the plate.

When finances become tight in the house, a man doesn’t first turn to the government, his parents, or even his wife. He steps up to the plate. This may mean taking a job he does not like, or one for which he is over-qualified. It may mean taking a second turn to the government, his parents, or even his wife. This may mean taking a second job to go along with his first… or picking up a trade… or finishing an education… or learning how to invest in a side business.

When there are situations that need addressing within the household, a man steps up to the plate. When the kids need corrected, he steps up to the plate. When the kids need loved on, he steps up to the plate. When the in-laws behave like outlaws, he steps up to the plate. When things go bump in the night, he steps up to the plate… whether the bump is real or only vivid in his wife’s imagination. When things are less than stellar between him and his wife, he looks within himself first and foremost to see how he might be the cause of and/or answer to the problem. He steps up to the plate.

In the church, a man steps up to the plate. He doesn’t allow his wife to attend; he goes with her. Actually, she goes with him, because he is leading the way. He cheerfully puts in when the plate comes around and gladly grabs a shovel when there’s snow on the ground. With thankful heart, he mows God’s grass; with prayerful preparation he teaches a class. Whenever and wherever there’s a need, faster than a speeding bullet and leaping unconcerned church members in a single bound, he is there, stepping up to the plate.

We are man poor in the United States today. Our street corners are filled with males who would rather be thugs dealing drugs than men clocking in; our homes in too many scenarios are fatherless with our boys going aimless and our girls behaving shameless; and in the church we have a disproportionately small number of males … and even fewer men. True manhood it seems, stepping up to the plate, has been relegated to a quaint little time in history.

The world will do what the world will do, but as men of God we’re called to a higher standard. May we not be satisfied to just be males, but may we truly be men. God has said it, my friend, and you have heard it. Now go do it. Step up to the plate.

God’s Library of Hope
Concludes This Summer
Charles Reddin, Adult Editor

Our highest goal is that ISHELP will be a bridge of understanding between our people in the United States and the friends we make in schools around the world. This year we are sending our first teams to Beijing, China, and Bangkok, Thailand. Already, we are seeing the need among our contacts as we have started communicating with personnel in four new nations for 2012. If your group or organization is looking for an opportunity to build meaningful relationships overseas, please contact us now about our 2012 opportunities. 

I pray that this information will stir and challenge the hearts of our WMA ladies to begin NOW to raise funds and give liberaly that Haiti and the nations touched by the ministry of ISHELP will experience the love of Jesus and be saved. 

"That thy way may be known upon Earth, thy saving health (salvation) among all nations," Psalm 67:2.

Please send your contributions to: 
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God bless you, 
Shirlene Smith, Editor

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* Three letters. Some five years later he wrote Revelation. The summer quarter includes four lessons from John’s writings. So, to summarize the New Testament timeline, just think J-J-J-W-S-W: Jesus, the Jerusalem church, the journeys of Paul, the writings of the A.D. sixties, the silence of the seventies and eighties, and the writings of John.

If you want to know how to summarize the Old Testament in six words, see pages 9-10 in the summer Compass.