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Philippians 2:16

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• 93rd Annual Session of the BMA of Missouri •

9:00 a.m. October 10, 2020, the officers of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri met with church messengers and some visitors at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in south St. Louis for the 93rd annual meeting of the association.

Bro. Van Widger led the congregation in singing “What a Friend we Have in Jesus” with Sis. Norma Womble playing the piano.

Host Pastor, Dennis Baker, welcomed those present and introduced Bro. Chris Polk who brought a devotional entitled “Trouble and Faith Go Hand in Hand,” using I Corinthians 4:1-12 as his text.

Moderator Ben Kingston asked the messengers to stand and declared the meeting in order to transact any business that claims our attention. He then called for a preliminary report of the enrollment committee. This report showed there were 27 churches represented by 26 messengers and three churches represented by letter only. A total of \$1,807.00 had been given for clerk hire and printing of the Minutes. There was one petitionary letter presented. Westview Baptist Church in Jefferson City petitioned for membership in the BMA of Missouri, a motion and second was made and passed by the messengers. The moderator asked Bro. James Hoffmann to extend the hand of fellowship to the pastor and two other messengers of Westview in behalf of the state association.

The moderator called for the **Publication Committee Report**. Committee chairman, Bro. Don Burke gave the report which recommended the following: Re-elect Bro. James Hoffmann as Editor; re-elect Bro. Don Burke as assistant Editor; retain the Editor’s salary at \$800. month, with half of that amount designated as business expenses; and that we give a Christmas gift of a month’s salary to the editor.

Bro. Hoffmann gave the editor’s report. Both reports were approved by the messengers.

Bro. Chris Polk gave the **Camp Report** (see page 7). A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report and commend Bro. Chris and the Camp Committee for their decision to cancel the 2020 Camp, and that we pay the balance owed on the camp’s loan

and pay their insurance for 2020-2021.

Bro. Don Adams, clerk of the **BMAMO Loan Association**, gave the committee report. Bro. Dennis Baker, Director of the Loan Association gave his report with his and the committee’s recommendations (see Page 6). These reports were approved by the messengers.

Due to the absence of the President of the **Alive Committee**, the Moderator called for Bro. Brad Banderman, a Alive Committee member to give this committee’s report.

Bro. Banderman reported that the 2020 Alive Student Conference for students in grades 6 through 12 is schedule for December 28-30, 2020 at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Chesterfield again this year with Bro. Tony Crocker as the speaker. For more details go to alivestudent-conference.com.

Bro. James Hoffmann gave the **Kenneth Gibson Seminary Student Grant Fund** report noting that there was no income or expenditures in this department since last year. The balance on hand remains at \$12,112.99.

The **State Brotherhood** financial report was read by Bro. Roy Callahan with President Dennis Baker making comments about the annual meeting which was at Ohlman, Bunker.

Sis. Sharon Page, State

WMA President read her report of the Annual WMA meeting at Ohlman, Bunker.

Ben Kingston, Director of our **State Renewal Retreat** for pastors and pastoral leaders, spoke about the disappointment in not having the retreat in 2020, but assured us that he is planning one for early next year and will announce more about it through the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. The messengers approved that the BMAMO will pay 1/2 of the expenses of this retreat which is a joint effort with the Meramec Association. Watch for more details.

Bro. Charley Holmes, President of the BMA Seminary and Director of Baptist Publications spoke to us about the need for support for various projects to help our pastors and leaders as well as those in foreign countries, The messengers approved spending \$5,000 to help in these projects that will profit all our work.

The Moderator recessed the normal business meeting which opened the time for our **Missionary Committee** to meet. Missionary Committee chairman, Bro. Claude Evans called the meeting to order. There were 15 committeemen present. The **Special Missions Committee** submitted their recommendations (see Page 8) which were approved by the Missionary Committee and eventually by the messenger body.

With the approval of these recommendations Bro. Ben Kingston is now serving as our State Missions Director. Please note below that Missions Offerings need to be sent to a new address because we will be using a different bank in a different location.

As our business was drawing to a close, Moderator Kingston called for a final report of the enrollment committee. There was a total of 25 churches represent at the meeting with 45 messengers present and 3 churches who represented by letter only. A total of \$2,050 was received for Minute Fund and Clerk Hire.

Bro. Jerry Adams was elected as Moderator, with Bro. Ben Kingston elected as Assistant Moderator, Bro. Don Burke as Clerk and Bro. Matt Bolen as Assistant Clerk.

The messengers voted to have our **Mid-year Meeting and Missions Symposium at New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan. The dates are May 14th for the Symposium and May 15th for the Semi-annual meeting.**

They also voted to have the **annual meeting at Faith Baptist Church in St. Charles. It will take place October 9th.**

The resolutions Committee for next year is Bro. Matt Bolen, Bro. Benjamin Kingston, and Bro. Michael Hearst.

The messengers and officers gave a rising vote of appreciation to Pastor Dennis Baker and Zion Baptist Church for doing an excellent job of hosting this meeting under the difficult circumstances. We appreciate their hospitality.

Attention ALL Church Treasurers!!
Please Note the New Address to which your Offerings for State Missions should be sent Starting now (October 2020):

BMA of Missouri Missions
C/O Stacie Hatfield
1220 Park Drive
St. Clair, MO 63077

THANKS

to all our officers and messengers for your cooperation in making our meetings a time of sweet fellowship!!

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NEWS BRIEFS



October greetings. What a beautiful fall picture God has painted here in the heartland. We at **Lower Doe Run Baptist Church, Ellington**, praise God for His long-suffering hand. We haven't seen anyone come forward to commit to Salvation, Baptism or Church membership for quite a while. Yet, we see His hand working in the families of the church daily. We encourage our Brothers and Sisters to "hold fast the form of sound words, which we have heard in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (II Timothy 1:12, 7) We hope all goes well so the State Association can meet. We hope to hold our annual hayride this month. We hope to help the BMA Disaster Relief this fall. We have truly been blessed in our community. We were blessed October 4th when Sis. Janet Congdon came forward for membership. She was welcomed with membership on statement of her salvation and scriptural baptism. She has recently moved from St. Charles to love with her mother, Maudeline Edith Burns in Ellington. Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

What a blessed month we have had at **Landmark, DeSoto**. Our pastor preached on the parables of Jesus all month long. There are so many lessons for us in these parables. We've been hearing very good messages from this young man and praise the Lord that he was lead to God's church at DeSoto to pastor. We have just started studying "Experiencing God" in our Wednesday night services and are very excited to see how God can use each of us through this study. The Action group that meets on Monday evening has come up with some great ideas to meet the needs of our community. We have found some homeless in the community, but not as many as we thought we would, but we are ministering to them as much as we can at this time. Pray for us that we can be used by God in this ministry. We congratulate Adam and Catie Decker and their daughter, Ryann in the addition to their family. We welcome Edward Alexander Decker, another child to bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Three of us attended the annual Meramec meeting. The morning message was preached by Bro. Joshua Wright and was exactly what we needed for that day. I would like to encourage ladies of the churches to attend these meetings. There used to be more ladies attend, but I was the only one there besides the kitchen ladies that were there. I feel these meetings are important and you know that your husbands are not going to tell you everything that went on. The state meeting is coming up in a couple of weeks and I hope to see more of you there. To one of the most important blessings that we have had this month, Ragan Moore, who had made a profession of faith several weeks ago was baptized on the morning of the 27th. Bro. Benjamin has now performed his first baptism and I am aware that he will have lots of firsts come up in this coming year. Please continue to pray for us as we seek the will of God in our personal lives and in our church. Until Next Month or the Lord's Return Benjamin Kingston, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

HELLO to All from **Oak Hill, Alton**. We hope and pray that everyone is doing well, as we are. We earnestly hope and pray the Lord would bless the Doctors and Nurses with the knowledge to find a cure for the virus, so that it will stop spreading and killing people. No news or events to report. We hope and pray that everyone will stay happy and healthy. Until next month I hope I will have some good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!!
Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter
Greetings from **Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, Ke-**

wanee. We pray you all are staying safe and well during this pandemic. We have had several activities going on throughout the church. The Allen Family (Dillon and Makeena Harper) singing group blessed us with a night of worship through songs August 23rd. The WMA ladies just recently packed and donated 125 shoeboxes for Everlasting Smiles. The ladies enjoyed a "Taco Tuesday" while working together to get all of the boxes packed, checked, and delivered to the Missions Office. September 20th, we celebrated our 85th Homecoming with a special singing service during our evening services! We praise God for His faithfulness throughout these years. October 4, 2020, we had five individuals graduate from the Faith Bible Institute Class. These graduates include: Kristi Sprouse, Jim McMillen, Flea McMillen, Georgia Ivy, and Ed Bickerstaff. We praise God for these students and their willingness to learn and grow in God's Word through this three year course. A special thank you to Sis. Pam Wisely for being the class director. The youth group held a fundraiser October 4th which included a silent auction and a live auction for baked goodies. This event was held outdoors and was a successful event. The weather was great and the fellowship was even better! We are thankful for our youth committee, along with our group of youth who are striving to put God first. We are collecting items for our local food pantry. This will continue through the beginning of November. The annual Lifeword walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 17th at the Matthew's park. We are teaming up with Matthew's 1st Baptist Church and Bethel Baptist Church to walk for the world and raise money for Lifeword Missions. That evening, our youth will get together to have a bonfire and devotional night. Our WMA "Soul Sisters" will have their

annual Make, Bake, and Take October 18th. This is always a fun time for the ladies to get together, fellowship, and raise funds for various projects in our community. We will be in revival November 2-6, 2020 with Bro. Ed Stephenson. Please "like" our Facebook page, Kewanee Missionary Baptist Church, to keep up with future events.
Dan Wisely, Pastor • Lisa Cox, Reporter

Greetings from Briar, Doniphan! I would like to start this report giving Sis. Marie Boxx a big hearty "Thank You!" for the 2 boxes of material which she donated to the youth of Briar. We did put 1 box in the yard sale but the ladies of our church took the other box for the quilts that our ladies' group makes for people in the community who have burnouts or other forms of disaster. It truly was appreciated! I just can't wait until next month to give the Lord the praise for what He did for our youth group at their yard sale October 3rd. The youth group had set a goal of \$ 400 for the sale and God blessed them with passing the goal by \$ 35. It was a cool, damp day but the youth stayed at it and God blessed them. The Youth in Harvest for September was at Zalma M. B.C. in Zalma, MO. Several people from Briar were able to be there. October's meeting will be at the Lifeword Walk for the World on the 17th where the Prayer Breakfast will also be meeting. We will be having potluck lunch after the walk. Bro. Matthew Green will be bringing a short devotion at 9:00, right before the walk begins. Hopefully, we will see you there! Praying you receive this before the walk and can join us. Due to the increasing cases of Covid-19 in almost all counties, the 3rd Sunday Singing has been postponed from September and now again until November 15th. God is in charge and we know He will take this pandemic away from us when He is ready! May God continue to bless us all! Continue to pray for our country, our leaders, our Pastor's and the churches without Pastor's.
David Grubb, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Happy Fall to all, from **Bethel, Sikeston!** We are so thankful for this beautiful Fall weather and all the breathtaking, vibrant colors that it brings! God gives us all this beauty to enjoy each day that he gives us on this earth. We have been blessed to see many visitors in our services each time we meet. We have had a couple of cases of the covid virus since it all started, but thank the Lord they have recovered from it. God is good all the time!! A good number of our members showed up for the lifechain October 4th, for which we are so thankful. Prayerfully we can make a difference in someone's life that is

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • September 2020

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance August 31, 2020		\$	47,140.45
September Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>3,368.86</u>	
Total Income:	\$	3,368.86	\$ <u>3,368.86</u>
Total Available			\$ 50,509.31
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
Spec. Miss. Comm.	\$	<u>1,147.31</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	1,797.31	\$ <u>(1,797.31)</u>
Balance September 30, 2020:			\$ 48,712.00

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance August 31, 2020		\$	1,101.24
Interest:	\$.01	\$ <u>.01</u>
Balance September 30, 2020:			\$ 1,101.25

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance August 31, 2020:		\$	106,872.80
Interest:		\$	<u>538.76</u>
Balance September 30, 2020:			\$ 107,411.56

Total of all Funds September 30, 2020:			\$ 157,224.81
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The Master's Builders Work in Arkansas

September 14th, the Master's Builders began work at New Liberty Baptist in Emmet, Arkansas. This job was originally scheduled for May, but because of Covid 19, it was postponed. New Liberty had torn down their old building, which housed their sanctuary, and had poured a slab for the new 86 X 44 /3,800 square foot building. They were really needing our help. There were 12 Master's Builders from 5 states ready to start the build. Each morning we started the day with a devotional and prayer.

The build went well and progress was made until there was a long delay in getting the decking put on the building and tropical storm "Beta" arrived. Our men kept working on interior jobs during the small breaks in the rain. Finally the rain ended, deckers arrived and work continued. The Master's Builders plan to return October 19th to try to finish the rest of their part of the sanctuary.

The Master's Builders worked at Emmet seven years ago on a fellowship hall and classrooms. We all looked forward to coming back because of the wonderful fellowship we enjoyed with this sweet church. Pastor James Cox and wife Carol are so special to us all and getting to be with many of the members we met seven years ago was so much fun. There were new faces too and it looks like we may need to come back before



NEW LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

From Our New Missions Director...

A Page From My Heart...

This will be the new article tag from me from this point forward while I am your missions director.

Saturday October 10th at Zion Baptist Church in St. Louis at our annual Baptist Missionary annual meeting of the State Association the churches approved the recommendations of the Special Missions Committee to hire me as their Missions Director. And believe it or not, the vote passed.

I have had a burden for this ministry since hearing that Bro. Hoffmann was going to resign.

I Do not, in any level, feel qualified but I do feel called and yes, I am depending on the age old cliché that God qualifies the called!

I have a burden for our missions effort throughout the state and have a tremendous desire to see our churches once again answer the call to plant churches.

We have set aside the next three months for training and will be getting to you the address for where to send your missions offerings. (It is on Page 1 of this issue.) But my first challenge is for each church to make a special effort to lift up the Director and Direction of Departments of our state work, and to specifically ask God to direct us to who our first mother church and church planter will be.

Our nation could be forever changed by a church planting revival and we could be one of God's tools to accomplish this.

May the Lord richly bless and direct us in this effort.

Bro. Ben...

From Our Former Missions Director...

I hope you are as excited as I am as you read the above note from Bro. Ben! I look forward to seeing what God will do as we refocus on His commission for us in the world today. God has been working even though we have had some discouraging things happen during this year, and I want to emphasize the blessing that the Special Missions Committee has been to me even though we could not meet and get "our plans" put into action at the time and in the manner we wanted. God has been using this group of men to encourage me as we sought God's will in our recommendations not only in this past year but the entire time I have served as Missions Director. Thank you brethren for your patience, love, devotion and dedication as we have served together.

long and enlarge the new building! Praise the Lord!!

Much love to our New Liberty Church family. Thank you does not say enough to ALL who took such good care of us while we were there. I don't want to miss anybody, so I won't try to name all of you, but you know who you are. Just know we love you and appreciate all you did for us.

While we were at New Liberty, the ladies of the Master's Builders worked on their Christmas Shoe boxes for Everlasting Smiles. We were a little late getting them to Conway, but Covid has slowed down a lot of projects. Also, we took a day to visit over at WE ARE FREE, Hebron Hills, to see all that has been done since our last time there.

I sometime list upcoming projects for the Master's Builders, but I've learned this can change, so we'll wait and see what the Lord has for us!

Remember, if you have any questions about the Master's Builders Ministry or if your church has building needs, you can contact Eddie Sikes at (479)462-1675 or Mike Green (972)935-3877 or David Axe at (903)918-0720.

I am also thrilled by the cooperative spirit of the Meramec Association Missions Committee and our State Association Missions Committee. This really came into focus last year when we thought we had a missionary both groups could cooperate in supporting. What a sweet spirit of cooperation grew from that experience and what a strong desire to work together survives as we look to the future.

I thank all our churches for your prayerful support over these last few years of my ministry. I appreciate the opportunity of working with you.

I pray you will join me in supporting Bro. Ben Kingston as he assumes the responsibilities placed upon him in this new undertaking and join me in praying for his church as they cooperate in permitting him to minister in this capacity.

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considering abortion. If just one person changes their mind, we have accomplished our purpose. God gave us beautiful weather that day, too! We were blessed to see all the churches that participated. During our evening service on the 20th, we had a testimonial service. It was very uplifting to hear how others came to know the Lord and to hear how He has blessed their lives. Of course, God was given all the glory!! A revival is planned here November 9th thru the 12th starting at 7 each evening with Bro. Scotty Rayburn as the evangelist. We are looking forward to this and praying for Bro. Scotty. We are praying for saints to be revived and for souls to be saved! We would love to see you if you are able to attend. Some of our ladies are starting a ladies prayer group that will meet Thursday evenings at 6:00. You are invited to attend. We have so many prayer needs in these perilous times. We covet your prayers as we continue to pray for you all. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Greetings from **Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Florissant!** October already! My, my, my! August and September came and went so fast! We were so blessed to have our folks staying faithful! We praise God for healing Bro. Don Crawford following recent surgery and Sis. Britney Coleman following her recent heart valve replacement. We also praise God for Sis. Valarie Dixon's health improvement and her being able attend worship with us again. We have started a study on the book of Revelation. Bro. Brian took a week off recently and went camping. Lot of praying for his safety went up! He had a great time. He has started a series of messages from the book of Exodus. It's really a blessing to remember these stories of faith. We were glad to have Bro. Josh Meade join our fellowship recently as well as Bro. and Sis. Burdette. Congratulations to Maddy Parrish and Ryan Saldana as they were recently united in marriage. We want to give a great big shout out to Bro. Hoffmann for his faithfulness in getting the paper to us each month and for serving as Missions Director. We love him and Sister Mary and just want to say "thank you." As we head to the polls in November please pray for God's direction. May God bless till we meet again.

Brian Meade Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

We are happy to report that **Ohlman Baptist Church, Bunker** grew numerically during September!! September 4th, Joel and Dottie May Steelman welcomed Lane Amos and Lorena Nicole (Lori) to their family. We are thankful that both babies are healthy. Mom and Dad may be a little sleep deprived still but they have a good support group of family and friends stepping in to help them. September 6th, Todd, Katrina and Callie Sutton presented themselves for church membership from First Baptist, Bunker, MO and Cade Sutton presented himself as a candidate for baptism. The Sutton family has been a blessing as part of the Ohlman family for sometime, now, it is official. September 13, Bro. Terry Sharpe was filling the pulpit and was authorized by the church to administer baptism to Cade Sutton. There was a large number of family and friends from the community in attendance that day to witness this, as well as to hear Bro. Terry. He may have moved from the area but he is still well thought of by the community. Our Wednesday night youth classes are still well attended even with some school activities keeping some out. We have sparsely furnished the parsonage in order for it to be used by the evangelist and his wife during the week of revival.



Bro. Sharpe baptizing Cade Sutton

It will also be available to be used by any fill-in preachers or those coming in view of a call if they need to travel a distance. Continue to pray for Ohlman as well as all the other churches searching for a pastor.

Janet Widger, Reporter

Hi, everyone from **Stony Point Baptist Church at Mineral Point!** The Lord has blessed us with great weather and the absence of COVID in our midst. September 20th the church held an Olympic game event to raise funds for Walk For The World. For safety, the games were held outside and social distancing was enforced. Everyone had a great time of fellowship and no injuries were reported. The Holy Spirit is leading us in ways we could never imagine. We are truly thankful for His faithfulness.

Claude Evans, Pastor
David Hughes, Reporter

Stan and Donna Scrogins, Missionaries to the Philippines. It has been two months since our first departure back to the Philippines was canceled. Donna and I are doing our best to stay in contact with all our ministry partners in the Philippines and teaching "on-line" classes each week. We will keep everyone updated as to our status. As soon as the door opens to return we are "out of here." Pray with us that it will not be too long. The Philippines continues to keep in place restrictions on foreigners entering the country. Bacolod and Talisay City, where we live, just finished a two week lock down and curfew. However, there still remains a restriction of travel between islands to keep the spread of the virus to a minimum. The Fall semester has begun at the Bible College. How we wish we could be there with them, but we are teaching our classes on line. That means a class that begins at 8:00 AM in the Philippines begins at 7:00 PM the night before here in the United States. Donna is teaching typing and research and I am teaching Worship Leadership and Apologetics.

My Prayer For My Nation as Complied from Daniel 9

**O LORD, great and awesome God,
Who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who
love Him, And with those who keep His commandments.
We have sinned and committed sexual sins
Resulting in unwanted babies that we have aborted by
the millions.
We have changed our natural affections.
Women lying with women; men with men,
We have promoted a transgender lifestyle confusing our
boys and girls.
We have broken up families by cheating on our spouses
and not living our vows.
We have chosen to live together outside of marriage-
More confusion for our children to face.
We have done wickedly and rebelled,
Even by departing from your precepts and judgments.
We have taken up foreign gods, material gods, physical
gods,
And forgotten you, Holy Almighty Father of our
forefathers.
We have failed to give honor and respect to those in
authority: Our parents, our teachers, our commu-
nity leaders, our Pastors preaching your Word, our
government officials,
and our elected President!
O LORD, righteousness belongs to You, but
to us shame of face as we face the enemies of You
in this world
And try to live like them.
You have driven us away because of the unfaithfulness
we have committed against You.
O LORD, to us belong shame of face,
because we have sinned against You.
To You, LORD, our GOD, belong mercy and forgiveness
Even though we have rebelled against You.
We have not obeyed your voice,
O, LORD, our God, to walk in Your laws
Which You set before us in Your Word.
Yes, all of us--the Church--has transgressed Your law,
And has departed so as not to obey Your voice,
Therefore the curse and oath written in Your Word
Has been poured on us, because we have sinned against
You!
You have confirmed Your Words, which You spoke
against us,
By bringing upon us great disaster!
Terrorism! Fires! Hurricanes! Floods! Earthquakes!
And Covid-19!
O LORD, we have sinned and we have done wickedly!
O, LORD, I pray, Let your anger and your fury be turned
away
From this nation because for our sins,
And for Your sake cause Your face to shine on Your
Sanctuary.
O, my God, incline Your ear and hear;
Open Your eyes to see our desolation and the people
called by Your Name.
Desolation such as
Churches having to close due to unconcern of members
And our lack of reaching out to the lost and dying
souls!
O, LORD Hear, O, LORD Forgive, O, LORD Listen
and Act!
For the people called by Your Name! AMEN!**

Submitted by Carolyn Meade

Camp Report 2020

The Camp That Did Not Happen!!

by Chris Polk

Sooo, Here is my report on our camp that didn't happen. Not having camp wasn't an easy decision. It wasn't a popular decision. But it was the right decision.

We could work around the crowded tabernacle. We could work around the crowded dining hall. We could deal with recreation time and the canteen crowds. But our real trouble was bed time. We couldn't risk the seriousness of the virus by packing the dorms at night.

We did have one group bring their youth to camp for their own "camp week". Faith, St. Charles brought about 25 folks. They had train rides, Paintball, and a float trip with services every evening. I think everyone had a good time. They were mostly folks who had never been to camp, but I expect they will be back.

Actually their coming to camp was proof that our decision was the right one. On Monday following camp week one of their adults tested positive for Covid.

If we had camp we would've had to inform everyone. It would have been the negative publicity we were trying to avoid.

This has been a trying year in many ways. We didn't get a lot accomplished this summer. I guess you could say we are slacking. I certainly feel like we've been slacking.

We do have a few projects started. We are reworking the slide, adding a fan to the boys dorm, building an axe throwing station, Kewanee is building an archery range. The Bethel Trail Life boys are treating the train cars. They have one done and it looks great. Matthews Trail Life troop is treating the tabernacle fence.

The list is longer than that, it's actually endless. Every time I go to camp I find more things I'd like to do. Along with things I know need to be done.

You'll notice on the financial report that we are feeling the absence of camp week. Giving has steadily dropped off over the summer. And we didn't get the big boost from funds coming in with the churches on camp week. We also didn't have the camp week expenses. If you saw my FB posts our monies received was a third of last years. While our disbursements were half last years. Bro. Hoffman, Bro. Baker and others asked how we were doing, I knew our deposits were down but I also knew we weren't spending money except on the regular bills and making loan payments. We probably should have cut back the amount on the loan payments, I was just focused on getting it off the books.

We were making regular deposits, they just weren't as much. In 2019 we had 42 contributors, that fell to 24 this year. 2019 we received \$70K In 20 it was \$28K. But our expenses fell also. In 19 we spent \$69k in 20 it was \$32k. The Electric dropped almost \$3k.

You may ask, (as I did), With no retreats, no camp and no food, why or how did we still spend \$32k? \$8,500 loan, \$6,000 Insurance, \$5,000 Electric. After the meeting last year we paid our remaining compensation \$1800. And we have paid half of this year's compensation, \$1800. So that leaves about \$8k that was spent on phone, air evac, a little mileage, and supplies from projects we had started pre-pandemic. The camp account currently has \$3,510.49

This has been a trying year starting with our church van crash in February, Then came the virus with so much uncertainty, riots and racial tensions, all packed in a very polarizing presidential election. When I think back at the van crash in February it seems like it was years ago and at the same time, I'm giving this report feeling like, "Where has the year gone?"

In all this craziness One thing is clear, 2020 will soon be history and all this will fit perfectly into HIS story. Which is our theme for camp next year. Dustin Wisely will be our speaker. **Camp will be July 26-30 in 2021!!**

But, be watching for other dates to pop up because I'm looking forward to having a retreat, a day camp, a work day, or something, anything!

Camp Garwood Annual Financial Report

October 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2020

<u>Church</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receipts:				
Bethel, Sikeston	5,154.90			5,154.90
Bethesda	130.00			130.00
Cane Creek	7,082.57			7,082.57
Cane Creek YIH	450.00		450.00	
DEW (Dollar Each Week)	1,542.85			1,542.85
First, Matthews	250.00			250.00
First, Matthews WMA	400.00			400.00
Kewanee	3,600.00			3,600.00
Lower Doe Run, Ellington	516.38			516.38
Loyalty, Sparta, IL	600.00			600.00
Mt. Olive, Salem	600.00			600.00
Oak Hill, Alton	253.64			253.64
Ohlman, Bunker	1,680.00			1,680.00
Providence, Puxico	300.00			300.00
Stony Point, Mineral Pt.	799.83			799.83
Washington County WMA	90.00			90.00
Zalma, Zalma	322.86			322.86
Zion, St. Louis	1,530.00	360.00		1,890.00
Checking Account Interest	4.52			4.52
Karen Magee	750.00			750.00
Liz Parker	30.00			30.00
Pancake Breakfast	1,704.00			1,704.00
Scrap	181.26			181.26
In Memory of Larry Harrison	100.00			100.00
Total Received:	28,072.81	360.00	0.00	28,432.81
Disbursements:				
Ozark Border Elect. COOP	4,964.28			4,964.28
Ellington Telephone CO,	430.52			430.52
Excel (Long Distance)	208.59			208.59
Chris Polk• Mileage	2,663.84			2,663.84
Chris Polk• Compensation 2019	1,800.00			1,800.00
Chris Polk• Compensation 2020	1,800.00			1,800.00
Air Med Care Network	350.00			350.00
Amazon.Com	978.92			978.92
Big Spring Auto Parts	67.83			67.83
Cape Winair	432.79			432.79
Crafton Farm & Home	231.05			231.05
First State Bank Charges)	25.00			25.00
Graffe Auction	350.52			350.52
Grassham Lumber	30.51			30.51
Jot Form	116.00			116.00
Kinder Signs & Design	313.81			313.81
Lowe's	801.90			801.90
MMB Loan Association	8,500.00			8,500.00
Orschein	151.45			151.45
Peddlers Antique Mall	212.93			212.93
Rhodes 101	30.40			30.40
Tapatio	85.22			85.22
Tractor Supply	360.58			360.58
Sam's		460.79		460.79
Walmart	176.71	137.48		314.19
Deep Fryer	350.00			350.00
Brotherhood Mutual			6,085.29	6,085.29
Total Disbursements:	25,432.85	598.27	6,085.29	32,116.41
Balance Forward	7,194.09	0.00	0.00	7,194.09
Total Received	28,072.81	360.00	0.00	28,432.81
Disbursements	25,432.85	598.27	6,085.29	32,116.41
Balance On Hand	9,834.05	238.27	6,085.29	3510.49
Transfer To General Fund	6,323.56	238.27	6,085.29	0.00
Ending Balance	3,510.49	0.00	0.00	3,510.49

Thanks to Bro. Brad Miller, we are now set up for camp registration to be done online only. We also have a paypal account to help individuals support camp. Thank you for the support and prayers. We still love the ministry and serving through Camp Garwood.

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2021 National Womens's Conference

APRIL 20, 2021

HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sabrina Clayton

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sabrina Clayton is a talented vocalist and inspirational speaker for women's conferences. She lives in Fulton, Mississippi, has been married to Kevin for 41 years, and they have 3 children and 2 granddaughters.

**Share
the**

Vision

*"Go ye therefore and
make disciples of all
the nations"*

"Therefore...I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God and do works befitting repentance.

Acts 26:19-20

Special Music

Valarie Fish, vocalist/
writer/speaker/encourager
lives in Emerson, Arkansas.
She and her husband, Dale,
have been married for 29
years, and have 3 sons (2
on earth & 1 in Heaven)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Share The Vision thru Gospel Music

Judy Biggers lives in Springfield, Arkansas. She is a founding member of the Southern Gospel Quartet, Heaven's Echoes, singing lead for 36 years. She has been married to Gus for 38 years and they have 3 girls (2 on earth & 1 in Heaven) & 3 grandchildren. Judy desires to inspire everyone she meets with God's Word through song.

Share the Vision thru Women's Ministries

Pat Quesenbury lives in Arlington, Texas. She is the founder of Creative Living (teaching seminars and Bible studies in the US and foreign countries). For 21 years, she directed *New Life Celebration* women's conference in Dallas. She writes a monthly column for the *Baptist Progress* and has authored 2 books (*The Feminine Touch* and *What's a Girl to Do?*) Pat and her husband, Coy, have 2 sons & 8 grandchildren.

Share the Vision thru the Written Word

Jackie Ricks lives in Mineola, Texas. She is retired from teaching school for 31 years. She has written literature for the Baptist Publishing House and authored 3 Bible studies and 8 Christian fiction books. She has been married to Thomas for 38 years and they have 3 children, 14 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Share the Vision thru Community Outreach

Kim Mobly lives in Moore, Oklahoma. She has been married to Mike for 32 years. They have 3 children and 1 grandson. She has been blessed to see God healing hearts through **grief ministry** for the last 20 years.

Penny Jacobs lives in Wayne, Oklahoma. She has been married to Roy for 28 years, & they have one son. She has been involved with a **homeless ministry** at her church for 4 years and absolutely has a passion for this ministry.

Central Baptist College Reports Traditional Student Enrollment Increase for Fall 2020

Despite a challenging higher education environment due to the COVID-19 global health pandemic, Central Baptist College saw a 1.1% increase in the traditional student population for the Fall 2020 semester. Additionally, the College reported a 3.6% increase in first time entering students (includes first time entering freshmen, transfer students, re-admitted students, and transient students) and an increase in the incoming freshmen class.

"The Admissions and Registration teams did an outstanding job of bringing in the 2020 class, which is the highest since 2018," said Ryan Johnson, Vice President for Enrollment Management. The freshman class, comprised of first time entering new students, came in at 121 students, up from 103 first

time entering new students for the Fall of 2019. This constitutes an increase of 17.4%. The returning student population in the traditional program was just one off of last year's number and continues a five-year trend of consistent return percentages of approximately 70% of spring students returning in the fall.

Central Baptist College recently announced its inclusion on the 2021 list of Best Regional Colleges in the South by U.S. News & World

Celebrate Lifeword on Sunday October 18

Lifeword Sunday is less than two weeks away, and we hope you and your church will join us in celebrating your media ministry. Fifty-five years of gospel broadcasting using the latest technological advancements has brought us to this moment: We are reaching more people groups in more countries through more languages than ever before!

Here are some of those incredible numbers:

- Content can now be heard in 90 languages! Cloud technology and our hard-working and dedicated global partners have enabled that.

- Since January 1, 2020 Lifeword.org has been visited by 261,023 new website visitors that have never seen Lifeword.org.

- Compared to the same time frame in 2019, saw a 253% increase from 73,849.

- Since January 1, 2020, Facebook users have viewed over 8.9 million minutes of Lifeword's gospel teachings on Lifeword's pages. That is a 112% increase over the previous 271 days.

As non-believers hear the good news of the gospel, please pray for understanding, salvation, and changed lives through their surrender to Jesus Christ. Also, as God continues to richly bless Lifeword.org, please pray for the following:

- God's guidance in our global efforts to make Jesus' name more famous

- The new media partners who are speaking the heart languages of various people groups

Partner with Lifeword by texting "lifeword20" to make a one-time \$20 investment or donate at lifeword.org/donate. (A one-time donation of \$20 will be added to your mobile phone bill. All donations must be authorized by you the account holder. Message & Data Rates May Apply.)

Missions Office Offers Security Training

If you plan on leading a VSM team, going on a BMMI trip, or visiting a mission field in the near future, we encourage you to attend this upcoming security training.

BMA Missions is the sponsor, and you will be equipped in ways you didn't even know were necessary for travel abroad.

(The security company conducting the training is used by Missions for its required training of missionaries and Missions team members.)

Here are the details:

What: Advanced Travel Security and Survival Training

The course will cover travel security basics, advanced techniques for surviving hostage and government detention, information protection, and other travel security-related modules.

Who: Anyone who travels often (including VSM, BMMI, overseas mission field, etc.) or works in sensitive areas. This course will help improve your ability to avoid conflict and survive if/when necessary.

When: Monday November 9 and Tuesday November 10

Where: Global Missions Center at 611 Locust Avenue, Conway, Arkansas (This in-person training is in compliance with CDC regulations.)

To sign up, contact Eli Semedo on or before October 26 by calling 501.455.4977 or emailing eli@bmaam.com.

Report. Central Baptist College ranked 63rd on the 2021 list. In addition to being included on the list of Best Regional Colleges in the South, Central Baptist College was also ranked 24th on the list of Top Performers of Social Mobility Regional Colleges-South.

Central Baptist College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college owned and operated by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas.

Brothers.... Dealing with men's issues
and Promoting the Fellowship & Growth
of Men in the BMA of Missouri

God is in Control Sin Cannot Obstruct God's Purpose

Romans 8:28-29
by Dennis Baker

Scripture is clear that God is not the cause of sin! 1 John 2:16, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." If sinful actions are not caused by God, what is meant by the expression that sinful actions are within God's governing activity? "Providence as government means that God is actively engaged in achieving His purpose in his creation and that sin cannot thwart that purpose." (Erickson 412). God's governing activities in relationship to sin are, God can prevent sin, God can permit sin, God can direct sin, and God can limit sin. In each case God is not the cause of sin but acts in relationship to sin.

God can prevent sin. Genesis 20:2-6, God used a dream to protect the integrity of the heart and innocence of King Abimelech. Abraham's action to protect the life of himself and his wife Sarah resulted in him telling King Abimelech that Sarah was his sister, instead of his wife. In his innocence the king took her, but before any sinful action occurred, God in a dream warned Abimelech king of Gerar that Sarah was a "man's wife." God's action preserved His covenant with Abraham that he would be a blessing to the nations. As followers of Christ, Psalms 19:13 should be our prayer. "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression."

God does not always prevent sin. There are times that God simply wills to permit sin. "By not preventing the sin we determine to do, God renders it certain that we will indeed commit it, but He does not cause us to sin, or render it necessary that we act in this fashion." (Erickson, 424). Romans 1:24-28, "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."

God can direct sin. By permitting some sins to occur, God directs sin so that good comes out of the sin. Acts 2:36-38, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apos-

les, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." God used all the pre-crucifixion activities of men to bring about a greater good, the salvation of those who will believe.

God can limit sin. There are times when God does not prevent evil deeds, but He restrains the extent and effect of what humans or Satan and his demons can do. Job 1:12, "And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD." Job 2:6, "And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life." Psalms 124:1-3, "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us." 1 Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." "If God created man in his own image, then surely he has a purpose for man that he is working out with reference to man." (Conner 229). God is actively engaged in achieving his purpose in his creation and sin cannot thwart that purpose.

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appreciation to Bro. David Griggs by giving him a \$1000 love offering and a Certificate of Appreciation for his faithful service as Treasurer and that we continue to pray for his health and well being.

From God's Word & My Heart
by Pastor Ben Kingston • Bethel Baptist Church • Lonedell, MO

Dear churches: as you know we are in turbulent times on just about every level. A pandemic, natural disasters, economic challenges, and a political arena that is about as convoluted as it has ever been.

No, I am not about to endorse a candidate, but I would love to weigh in on an approach that even some well-intended Christians have tried to use to leverage a particular class of voters. That approach? That our voting decision should be based on more than our pro-life convictions.

I can well remember when I became a one issue voter. It was about 25-30 years ago when I finally woke up to the travesty of abortion and how many lives had been lost in this holocaust.

I determined then and there that as long as I had an option in the ballot, I would not knowingly vote for someone that was in favor of or would vote in favor of any legislation that supported abortion.

But now, because there are so many like me, the left is trying to separate us from that conviction in the name of "there are other issues that are just as important."

So here is my answer:

First of all, I personally have an overall principle that guides all my decisions and a source that I go to for all those same decisions!

The principle? **Good decisions are based on good information!**

The source? **My only rule for faith and practice is the Word if God!**

When I have listened to the other issues that are "just as important as abortion," I quickly have mountains of questions about those issues, questions that would challenge the validity of elevating those issues to the importance of saving the life of an unborn child. The sources for the information that backs up these issues are terribly suspect, subjective, and quite frankly untrustworthy.

So, I must go back to my principle and base my decision on good information. My source for that information is the Word of God, not a news channel, blog, YouTube personality, etc. The Word of God is very clear on where we should stand on the killing of an innocent child in a mother's womb. So yes, I will continue to be a one issue voter.

May the Lord give us the President and elected officials that we need, not the ones we deserve.

Dear Lord, "revive your people once again."

2. We recommend that this body give a standing vote of appreciation to Bro. Dennis Baker for his outstanding service especially during this past year.

3. We recommend that the By-laws of the Loan committee under section I - Purpose Item 2 be changed to "Loans to established Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri churches for maintenance, remodeling, repairs, and new construction of buildings used for worship and education. Loans are subject to a negotiated interest rate with a loan limitation of \$50,000 and payment terms no greater than ten (10) years. Loans must be secured with a Quick-Claim Deed of Trust that states, "If the church defaults on the loan, the church ceases to exist, or the church ceases to be a member in good standing with the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri or its successors, the ownership of the property and buildings described on the Deed of Trust will be transferred to the ownership of the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri. It shall be the responsibility of the borrower to maintain the property and buildings and to provide liability and property insurance that includes the Baptist Missionary Association of Missouri as lender."

BMAMO Loan Association Director's and Committee's Recommendations

The Loan Association Committee met at the Grecian Steak House in Sikeston September 5, 2020 and offers the following recommendations for consideration in our annual state meeting.

1. We recommend that the BMA of Missouri show our

Singleness -- Biblical Instruction

by Dr. John M. Adams
Executive Director Moral Action

I Corinthians 7:25: "Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful."

There is Biblical advice on staying single and living life without a marriage partner. Sometimes our cruel society makes the widowed person, the divorced person, or the individual who has never married feel like an "oddy." It may surprise some of the marrieds to know that it is God's will for some not to be married. It is time for all to realize there is nothing wrong with singleness.

There are some benefits of remaining single. I have in mind those who have never married or those who have been married but are no longer.

I. Less of Present-Day Distress - I Corinthians. 7:27: "Art thou bound unto a wife? Seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? Seek not a wife"

In remaining single, you are certain to have less stress and distress. In our day there are certain hostilities and distresses that you simply encounter because you are a Christian and married. Children and marriage add a beautiful, but great responsibility. When Paul said, "Are you released from a wife?" He is saying, don't seek to get married to solve your problems. A single person does not have to live a lifestyle of seeking a mate. They should seek the Lord and if they desire to marry, let the Lord seek their mate. So many go to parties, bars, college, single clubs, etc. under the presumption, "we are suppose to pursue a marriage partner." Vs. 27, simply says, "Put the Lord Jesus Christ in control of your singleness. Seek Him – not some available mate."

II. Less Difficulty – I Corinthians 7:28: "But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh, but I spare you."

This verse adds a dimension single persons readily ignore in being alone. It is saying that people who remain single may have fewer difficulties in their personal lives. Success in life consist not so much in marrying the person who will make you happy, as escaping the person who will make you miserable. Don't marry just for companionship, sexual relations, or financial security.

III. More Time For Spiritual Matters - I Corinthians 7:29-31: "But 'this I say, brethren, the time is short, it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; and they that weep, as though they wept not: and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; and they that use this world, as not abusing it for the fashion of this world passeth away."

Marriage is not sinful, but Paul is simply teaching that there is an alternate lifestyle - different from marriage. In the single stage of life there are no reservations or resistance and the person is completely available to Christ's call. If you are living alone, ask yourself, "Is God allowing me to be single, so that He can greater use me?" He may wish to use you in some area of His work that you could not take on if you were married. We are often shortsighted in that we think only of what we are not enjoying, rather, than what God may have for His glory, and for our spiritual enrichment. The ultimate in God's plan is that you, who are unmarried, seek the Lord and listen to what He is saying to you. Verse 32 says, "But I want you to be free from concern."

IV. More Time For a Vertical Relationship – I Corinthians 7:32-35: "But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit, but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for

that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction."

Those of us who are married, cannot apply verse 35, as those who are single. It is good to be married, if God is in the marriage. But the single person, undoubtedly, has more time.

Three Admonitions:

(1) Be Happy

Since God has allowed you to be single, you are to capitalize on the scriptural benefits that are yours to enjoy. Whether single, divorced, or widowed, God is sovereignly in control.

(2) Look Up

Turn all of your energies to the vertical, instead of the horizontal panic and worry. God is good at finding you a mate or giving you great satisfaction being single.

(3) Calm Down

Relax and give all the control of your life over to the Saviour. Watch Him direct your life toward others who could really use some things you have to offer.

Lifeword Tells The Story

In a day when hate and anger are raging and all that has been nailed down in our world seems to be coming undone, where can the world look for peace? Who can bring this tumult and turbulence to an end? What is the ultimate answer to the world's problems?

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Since 1965, Lifeword has been inviting people to come close and look at the Savior. Beginning with one media format (radio), in one language (English), and to one country (America) Lifeword broadcasted the gospel of Jesus to a broken world.

But fifty-five years later technology has grown that number to more than 100 unique programs in 85 languages and to 123 countries. Over two billion people can now hear, watch, and understand a Lifeword broadcast every day. Cloud technology has recently caused an explosion in the number of new broadcasts,

AVAILABLE PREACHERS

The following names are listed as a service to our churches in keeping you informed as to preachers that are available. The publishing of a preacher's availability for preaching appointments or pastoral work should not be considered as a recommendation by the Missouri Missionary Baptist. Names are published at the request of the individual and will be published until a request is received to remove it.

Douglas Brand, a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Potosi is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads (have experience with Music Ministry). Contact Mike Jarvis (573-854-9075) or Larry Lovvorn (417-766-4077) for references. Contact Doug at 573-315-0930 or 573-315-0931, email dbrandministries@gmail.com

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If you are a preacher and a member in good standing of a Baptist Missionary Association of America church and would like your name added to this column please contact the editor using the information on page 2.

Recommendations of the Special Missions Committee for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the BMAMO, Oct. 10, 2020.

1. We recommend Bro. Ben Kingston serve as the Missions Director at a salary of \$650 a month with \$200 of that designated for clerical help.

2. We recommend Bro. Don Burke serve as Assistant Director of Missions.

3. We recommend that outgoing Director, Bro. James Hoffmann, be paid \$600 a month to assist (train) Bro. Kingston for a three-month transition period starting in October 2020.

new languages, and new lives changed by the gospel message.

Lifeword's more than 300 global partners are sharing that message to their people groups, many of whom are unreached with the gospel.

In the Buddhist-controlled country of Myanmar Lifeword partner Rama Bochung must obey "rules" imposed by local officials restricting unapproved buildings. He doesn't even bother applying for a church permit, so members meet in homes that change location occasionally so they're not accused of unlawful gatherings.

But Rama's gospel content and online video presence spreads the word about these meetings, which is where they hear about the unconditional love of Jesus, a concept that is foreign to Burmese. Lifeword technology also helps Rama produce content about spiritual growth and discipleship for new believers in this creative access country.

Rama's story is one that is repeated all around the world every day through the ministry of Lifeword.

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