Update from Just The Crumbs...
Ministering to Tornado Victims

Just The Crumbs is currently in Bowling Green, Kentucky, feeding those in need. We have moved our kitchen from Race-land, Louisiana, to Mayfield, Kentucky, where we began serving December 26.

This is the community where 34 people lost their lives in the candle factory. We will serve meals and distribute some supplies for at least 4 weeks. They have no power and no water.

We are being told it may be a month before power is restored. One of the town’s water towers was blown away, as you may have seen on the national news. They are just not sure when they will have water restored.

A lot of folks are in trouble and need our prayers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Angela Rice at Mission Office in Conway.

Donations to help with these supplies may also be made to the National Missions Department of the BMA of America.

Youth Alive 2022

The Youth Alive Conference 2022 was a great success! Central Collective lead our worship with Bro. Tony Crocker delivering our messages. He challenged us about the Holiness of God and our need for a Savior!

This was a great experience for our Youth and the fellowship was great among the 250 in attendance. Many of our churches have commented about how their Youth seemed to grow spiritually as they praised the Lord and enjoyed His Word and learned how to apply it to their lives.

Thanks to all the sponsors and to the planning committee for taking the time to make the preparations for the Youth to have a great time of being together!

May God bless our churches with strong, dedicated Youth who will grow up to be great leaders in our churches in the years ahead.

Attention All Men!

Read the last part of Bro. Ben’s report on page 3 for the details, then mark your calendars and start making preparations to attend the RENEWAL RETREAT at Camp Garwood MARCH 25-26, 2022.

To make reservations and to obtain more information contact Bro. Ben Kingston.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends, learn more about how God wants us to live, and grow spiritually!

World Missions Day 2022

Jerry Kidd Missions Offering • February 27, 2022

Pastors: To find more information, register your church, and get a “Missions” T-shirt go to: https://bnamissions.org/worldmissionday/

Everyone: Read the following articles, and Promotional Guide (Page 8) as you prepare for this special day and Pray for our Missionaries!

Changemakers in Mexico:

Erlhin Andrey Pech Poot

In 2009 at the age of 25 I met the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. Five years later I met my wife Karen Karina Kantun Cruz and we currently have a daughter, Mia. After I was saved we began attending church at Centro de Vida in Ripley, Mississippi, for the first time.

At first I was only attending church as a listener, but from the beginning there was in my heart the desire to serve the Lord even though I still did not know in what area. By the grace of God, Pastor Elvis Garcia already had a strong desire to train leaders through a small Bible institute in the church. Without thinking twice, I went in to prepare myself for whatever God wanted.

Two years later while I was still attending the Bible institute, God called me to the ministry and put a heavy burden on my heart to return to my country to start a new work. I shared this desire with Pastor Elvis and since then he has been preparing me to return to Mexico.

We began to pray and God put it in our hearts to start a new work in the city of Oxford, Mississippi, where I served for two-and-a-half years with Brother Luis Huchin, who is now pastor of the church.

At the end of 2015 I left for Mexico to start the work God had told me to do. We began the work in February of 2016 in the town of Felipe Carrillo Puerto Campeche. By 2019 we had an average attendance of 60 people, but with the pandemic that affected the whole world we were a year without being able to have face-to-face services, only virtual.

We are currently starting anew in the ministry and encouraging the brothers to faithfully follow the Lord. At present we have a project in the church to train workers for the ministry. Since in this way we are going to grow, our goal is to teach them to win souls and disciples and become servants for the Lord. We also have future plans to expand to other cities to open new churches and continue to carry the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

Pray for us because whenever the work of God is growing, the devil always wants to oppose and destroy the work of God. We know and we are clear that the work belongs to the Lord so that the projects and plans we have for the future can be carried out and be a blessing in people’s lives.

Pray for our projects to prepare leaders and that the Lord continues to add those who will be saved.

Culture: It’s Not About You

by Dr. John David Smith

As a young missionary (Cape Verde Islands), I remember setting up for a 10 a.m. Bible study with four young men. I was there fifteen minutes early and ready to go because (#1) I was excited about the first Bible study in our brand new ministry, and (#2) I had lots of other things on “my list” to complete that day. They all arrived about 10:40 to find me, the new missionary, fuming on the inside over their tardiness.

In cultural adaptation we tend to judge other cultures negatively based on our own cultural norm. That is exactly what happened in this situation. I was not pleased and told them that I did not have time to do the study that day because I had other things to do. On the inside I judged them, believing they were not really committed because they had not shown up on time.

However, as I quickly rescheduled the Bible study and walked off, they judged me, believing I was not very committed because in their minds if I had been, I would have been willing to stay all day . . . they were.

Westerners are usually governed by time. Most other cultures in the world are governed by the event. In Western cultures people must flex to time. In other cultures time flexes to people.

This was one of the most arduous cultural adaptations my wife and I had to make in our missionary careers. However, once we learned this style of living, it was painful to return to that lifestyle in the West.

All over the world Change-Maker missionaries are using their time to make God’s glory and love known to their homeland. No doubt they are motivated not by the often extraordinary efforts required to get to their ministry locations, but by the people there that they love and serve.
HAPPY NEW YEAR from Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, in Salem! We are excited and looking forward to what God is going to do in 2022! Saturday, December 18, 2021, we had 2 respond to our Outreach Invitation to attend our Christmas Party. It was a great time of Fun and Fellowship! Sunday, December 19, we presented the Christmas Story in pictures and songs while reading from the Books of Luke and Matthew. We have had some visitors throughout the months of November and December. Some live in the area, others were visiting from out of State. Continued Prayers for those in our Membership who have been ill. We had to cancel some of our planned activities due to illness but will reschedule soon! God brought us through 2021 with many Blessings and Opportunities to serve! We will continue seeking His Will and Guidance for what He has in store for us in 2022!!! Prayers are appreciated for Mt. Olive as we Keep on Keeping on for HIM!!

Larry Nash, Pastor • Deiatre Gillam Reporter

Greetings from First Baptist Church, Potosi, Missouri. It seems that my article for last month is off in cyberspace somewhere or I did not send it at all; however, since it was short I will send it with this article. Two of our special ladies were called to their eternal home, Sis. Judy Eye and Sis. Midge Johnson. While we miss them, we know they are walking the streets of heaven in no more pain or sickness. Thanksgiving dinner of roasted pig was enjoyed at Celebrate Recovery before a wonderful spirit-filled worship service. Bro. Kevin and Bro. David stayed up all night to keep an eye on the grill. Well of Hope furnished the side dishes and it was a delicious meal. We appreciate everyone who continues to help with our meals each month. Our Christmas program will be December 19. All our children have memorized their lines and are excited for their performances. UPWARD BASKETBALL and CHEER-LEADING are in the final stages of registration and measuring for uniforms. Jaclyn Rowe will be starting a Bible Study in January on Wednesday evenings on Hezekiah. The men are still meeting for their Bible Study led by Bro. Tim Middleton. There is a lot of sickness all around us; pray for us as we pray for you in all our endeavors for Christ. All Bible Study classes begin again this month (January), and UPWARD games begin this month. The Overflow has received so many donations that we are now building a shed for our vans and the extra clothes. God is truly blessing this ministry. Bro. Mike Jarvis, pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, brings in the homeless for showers, clothes and necessities. His church also helps with the meals for our Celebrate Recovery. Youth Alive was this week and we sent a bus load of students and sponsors. Also, we have several students in Potosi Band who are on a trip to Florida to play at the Outback game. Most of our students’ parents went on the trip with them. I have grandchildren and children at each event and have been praying a lot of “safety prayers” for all. The children did an excellent job performing the Christmas program. It is amazing what these children can do. Several of our teens were in the school play last month, and in addition to that they spread the word of Jesus daily. While Alberta Maxwell is not one of our members, she was a friend of days long ago. We talked some on Facebook and I was very saddened and broken hearted to hear of her passing. She was a great Christian example to her children and grandchildren. We have been having some great messages from Bro. Jim and the worship in Celebrate Recovery is so spirit filled it makes you want to shout praises to God, and some do! If you want a good free meal and blessings beyond what you can imagine, come and join us one Friday night. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Bible studies begin again in January. Please pray for us as we hold steadfast against evil and continue our work for God. Prayers for all of you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston rejoices that God blessed us with a good Christmas program in December. It was an act of faith to put on a Christmas program this year, as literally every one of our people who come a majority of the time were in the play. We put on our Christmas programs as an outreach tool, having them on a Sunday afternoon and inviting the community to join us. We were pleased and blessed this year to have roughly 30 in attendance, including five who had never been to one of our services before. It was during the invitation of this Christmas program that former members Audie & Thomas Perry stated their desire to rejoin, and so we welcomed them back into our membership via restoration in December, capping off a good year for us. All year we have struggled with low attendance, but God has continually blessed us in so many ways throughout 2021, allowing us to complete projects that have been planned for in recent years and also making provision and opening doors that we never saw coming. During 2021, God allowed us to secure the use of a low mileage 15-passenger van. We also got our canopy built over our front porch and got our front doors operational. After using three different kinds of sanctuary chairs for three years, we were blessed to get our permanent and matching sanctuary chairs. Our handicapped ramp and signage were erected, and we were also able to put down our top layer of parking lot chat. During the year, a businessman from a neighboring town donated a guitar and amp to us and a musically inclined man from Charleston donated a drum set to us. Our finances were increased over 2020. We saw one profession of faith; we wish there had been others, but we are thankful for the one. We also received request to send our Bible study outlines to a maximum security prison in Arkansas where we are told they are used to lead 52 incarcerated men in Bible study each week. Then, in the last few days of the year, we finally came to terms with a company for the purchase and installation of our final audio-video system. The system will not be in place before the end of the year, but the contract is signed and we have been told the materials have started being ordered. In no other year in our existence have we seen God do so many things in such a short period of time.

Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Happy New Year to all from Bethel Sikeston: 2021 was a very blessed year as we had gladness and sadness thru many eventful things going on in our world! But Jesus said, “I will never leave you or forsake you!” Our hearts and prayers go out to all the victims of the horrible devastation that the tornado left in Mayfield, KY and the surrounding areas that were hit. It was such a heartfelt blessing to see all the people come together to help. Our youth put on a Christmas Play “A Christmas to Believe In” on the 19th. It was amazing! All the children performed their parts well. Thanks to Bro. Joe McElroy and Sis. Donna Davis who got this together with a lot of hard work and practice. Afterwards, the ladies served refreshments in the fellowship hall. The next night, the 20th, about 20 of our members got together for Christmas Caroling, we had a wonderful time of blessing others who were home bound and couldn’t get out. All the recipients were so thankful for our visit! We received a blessing as well as they! Afterwards we had hot cocoa and cookies for everyone in the fellowship hall. The lord willing we plan making this a annual event. Bro. Troy Sisk filled in Sunday morning and evening for Bro. Billy as he & Sis. Donna went to be with family for Christmas. He did a great job! Rebecca Hicks came forward and ask the Lord to save her and she requested baptism. The hand of fellowship with hugs was given as we welcomed her now as a child of God! Wednesday nights we have been studying about the Christmas Story. Bro. Billy had brochures handed out that explained all about the advent and the story of Christmas. Every Sunday morning we have been lighting an advent candle with Sis. Helen Beardsley, Sis. Lisa Pipkin, and Bro. Josh Beardsley portraying a different person that was healed by God! They did an excellent job. Have you made a New Year’s resolution for the New Year? Bro. Billy had a message

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Dear churches of the Missouri State Association:

I hope this paper finds you doing well and enjoying the fruit of the Spirit and the blessings of our Lord. It has been typical end-of-the-year business and Holiday enjoyment here, specifically celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I would like to share with you the three points from Bethel’s Christmas message, based on the miracles that were associated with Christ’s coming to earth.

**First,** all the miracles that God used to bring about the Christ-child, proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that nothing ever could, will, or did stop God from loving us.

**Second,** all the miracles of Christ prove that your and my obedience to God’s will and plan for our life makes God’s entire entourage available to us.

**Third,** no commitment to Christ is complete without a commitment to serving and loving others.

I truly believe that those principles can guide you and I through 2022. Nothing will separate you and me from God’s love. Obedience will always bring about God’s greatest level of participation in our lives, and our life will never be complete until we surrender to the life of serving and loving others.

In today’s article I’m going to begin an in-depth dive into the BMAMO Missions Benchmark Assessment. If you have not done this yet as a Church, please do not bug or bother your pastor about this - that is my responsibility. As a pastor of a BMA church in Missouri, I am lovingly asking you to prayerfully consider doing this assessment soon. Several churches have done so, and it’s been an eye-opening experience for them. I believe that all of us will benefit from it.

I want to answer this question first: What is the purpose and benefit of the BMAMO assessment? Answer: Simple! To move us off of “high center!” We do not currently have an organic mission effort in the state of Missouri. What does a mean by an organic mission effort, is that it was started because of a burden from one of our local churches, or our local or state association. This BMAMO assessment is to help us to figure out why we do not have a Missouri-born or Missouri-bred mission effort and see if we cannot raise the bar of awareness in general of our missions effort on a holistic level within the Baptist missionary association. As a result, hopefully and prayerfully, God will light a fire in our churches and soon and very soon we will see an organic church planting movement in the state of Missouri. In my humble opinion as your state missionary director, there is nothing more important than following the leadership of the Holy Spirit in seeing the birth of a church planting movement in the state of Missouri.

Now for the elephant in the room… Maybe you are thinking “But wait a minute, Brother, I thought Brother Juan was our missionary.” Absolutely, he is our national missionary, born out of the burden of our national work. We as a state and the Meramec Association are financially supporting him, and supporting him spiritually, emotionally, and with our physical bodies at times. On no level are we saying Brother Juan Fernandez’s mission point is not valid or essential. It must certainly is! I am saying that it is the third level of a missionary effort within the Baptist missionary association, and we do not have the first and second levels. The first level is local, and the second level is state. I have nothing but accolades and excitement about Juan Fernandez’s effort in the city of St. Louis and surrounding areas to reach the Hispanic speaking people for the gospel of Christ.

As your state missions director, I’m telling you that we can do more. If all of our churches will take this BMAMO benchmark assessment, it will very clearly show us where we can improve. The pamphlet that accompanies it puts a real highlight also on supporting Brother Juan Fernandez and his family and their mission.

There are two components to the BMAMO missions benchmark assessment. The first component is the assessment itself. The second component is the pamphlet that helps you accomplish the intended implementation of the assessment. In other words, it helps to raise the bar of awareness of our missions effort and to get us more involved in local and state missions.

So, let’s dive in! Since I’ve already taken up quite a bit of room, I will just go over the first three questions of the assessment:

1. I have read and understand the BMAMO missions policy handbook.

   This is our state association policy on how to plant churches. A copy of that is included in the pamphlet. What’s the point of this? If we’re going to raise the bar of awareness, we need to know what our association has set down as guidelines to plant churches.

2. I have read each edition of the world magazine.

   Again, the pamphlet will show you how to access the World magazine from the website of the BMA national work.

3. I have at least one missionary that I encourage through some sort of communication, whether it’s phone, text, email, letter, Twitter, Facebook, etc. The pamphlet will point you back to the World magazine.

These three questions hopefully get you to dive into the state association Minutes of how to plant a church, and then it exposes you to the World magazine and gets you personally involved with our missionaries. The World magazine shows you what we’re already doing. As you and I get involved with those missionaries, it will raise the bar of awareness of our missions effort throughout the world.

We’re just getting started, so please hang with these articles! Hopefully by the end of these articles, you will have a full grasp of understanding of what we are trying to accomplish by this assessment.

Please pray with me that God will use this to make us the missions-minded folks He wants us to be.

May the Lord richly bless you is my prayer.

Hey pastors: Don’t forget to set aside March 25-26 for the Renewal Retreat and yes, this is a free retreat for you and your men! Please advertise this and sign yourself and your men up with me at 636-629-2526 or bethelBaptistchurch@live.com (not cap sensitive). Please get us a number by March 6th, if possible. The renewal retreat is sponsored by the state and Meramec Association. I have invited the department leaders at our expense to enjoy there fellowship. Bro. Gavin hooks will be sharing the truths from his new book “The Core Principle” helping us all carry out the Lord’s command to love the Lord with all thy heart soul mind and strength and to love thy Neighbor as thyself this being the core principle of God’s word and our life.

Bro. Ben Kingston
on this very subject. It was a real eye opener! Whatever we resolve to do this year should always be sure to keep God in the center, always first, and we will be prosperous and very blessed! God bless you all!

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Greetings from Briar, Doniphan! We pray that everyone has had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! December 27th Bro. Darrell Grubb was called home to be with the Lord. He was a charter member of Briar M.B.C. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Donna Grubb; and daughter; Dakota Dotten and her husband, Jesse and son Granger; and their son Gene Grubb and Sarah. He was the brother of our Pastor, Bro. David and wife, Linda. He is also survived by his sister Jeanette Heavin; and his brother, Charley Grubb. He will be greatly missed by all. Well Covid continues to wreak havoc on our services. Just when we begin to think it is under control then it seems to flare up like a fire that has been fanned. We have not been able to have our Youth in Harvest for November or December but we are scheduled for January 14, 2022 at Briar. We have held the Third Sunday Singing for the last 2 months and the Prayer Breakfast’s, so we have enjoyed the fellowship with some of our brothers and sisters in Christ. At the December’s prayer breakfast we continued our tradition of ornament exchange. As always everyone brought at least 2 ornaments. We usually exchange one with the group and the 2nd we give to other patrons in the restaurant and to the restaurant staff. This year the restaurant had so many other people there we chose to hand out all the ornaments plus some had brought extra ornaments too. We ended up having the exact amount of gifts to pass out and we all know who made that possible. It is so amazing to watch our Heavenly Father work. What a mighty God we serve! He doesn’t need us to do His work for Him but He allows us to be a part of it, we just have to be willing. January’s Prayer Breakfast will be on the 15th at The Corner Cafe just North of Doniphan, MO and the Third Sunday Singing will be on the 16th at Amity M.B.C. in Doniphan. May God continue to bless us all! Continue to pray for our country, our leaders, our Pastors and the churches without Pastors.

David Grubb, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Greetings from Ozark Heights, Potosi! We hope that all our brothers and sisters were blessed throughout the Christmas season. First, we want to let all our brothers and sisters who are shut-in and unable to attend, know you are dearly missed. We think and pray for you always. We also want you to know God continues to bless in your church. In December we had Bro. Casey Kelso, Bro. Scott and Sis. Kelly Bacon join our church by letter, Bro. Tim and Sis. Kristy Litton were baptized, all receiving the hand of church fellowship. It is refreshing and God continues to wow us with His blessings. God continues to give Bro. Brian inspiring messages of Godly purpose in our lives. We have been so encouraged by God’s Holy Spirit to reach out and encourage those around us. We have a purpose and there is no age limit of what we should do to mentor, teach, guide, lead those around us into their purpose. Our last Brotherhood of 2021 was held December 9th. That evening Bro. Butch, Bro. Gary and Bro. Bill arrived early and fried fish for the men attending Brotherhood that night. We were able to complete the first part of our study of Series 33 “The Authentic Manhood.” All of us are anxious to begin part two on Thursday January 13th at 7 p.m. All men are welcome to attend; you need not be a member to enjoy the Brotherhood program. Our ladies WMA held their catered annual Christmas dinner December 11th in our fellowship hall. They had a great time with many fun games and a wonderful dinner with 27 in attendance. The ladies met on the 16th to work on the fruit baskets for our shut-ins and Christmas bags to be handed out after our Christmas program on the 19th of December. The WMA ladies also have studies that are enjoyed by those attending and also encourage anyone that wants to come; enjoy lady Bible time together; join them on every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. It has been a month of preparation at Ozark Heights, as the choir works on their cantata, the kids learning their parts in the Christmas play. Sunday morning December 19th, during our worship service our choir presented a short Christmas cantata led by Bro. Bill Gau, followed by a presentation of Christmas with all the youth. It was a beautiful service which was finished with a message from Bro. Brian. December 27th several of our youth along with sponsors attended the annual teen Youth Alive conference. They reported Bro. Tony Crockers messages had an impact on their lives. They again came home tired but inspired and ready to work toward their purpose as young Christians. Today we pray for our church, those who are shut-in, our community, the lost, our sister churches, our nation, those struggling with health issues and those who are spiritually struggling in life. This world holds little hope and yet God offers hope, grace, mercy and peace. For those sick we pray for restored health, for those lost we pray for you to seek Jesus and the free pardon of sin, for you that are wandering we pray for you to come home. Those of Ozark Heights are praying for God’s blessing for you! Brian Kingston, Pastor Gary Gilliam, Reporter

Greetings, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Stony Point, Mineral Point! December 3rd and 4th, Bro. Claude attended a prayer seminar that moved him greatly. He has promised to share his experience with interested church members and we are looking forward to that. December 12th we assembled in sweet fellowship for a combination Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. December 19th the Lord blessed us with a Christmas program by our young folks. We are in anticipation of the continued presence of the Holy Spirit in us and amongst us in 2022! Bless you all!

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

HELLO to all and Happy New Year from Oak Hill, Alton, MO! We hope and pray that everyone had a blessed and awesome start of 2022! During our Business meeting in December, we decided not to have anything big to celebrate Christmas but, on the 19th, to have a time of Fellowship with Soup and Sandwiches in our Fellowship Hall and that morning after our morning services we gave out our treat bags. We got a good surprise, Bro. Tommy Foster Jr. and his family came down to visit his Dad, Bro. Tom and Mom Sis. Evelyn Foster and family before Christmas and stayed a little longer. Sunday, December 26th, that morning Sis. Lana Foster sang “Jerusalem” as a special which was awesome! That evening, she sang a new song but I cannot remember the name. She did an outstanding job and Bro. Tommy preached a good message during our evening services. My only nephew Tyler Barton and his wife, Candice, are expecting a Baby in July. We hope and pray that everything goes well during her pregnancy. The only thing planned in January is that there are five Sundays which means we will probably have our fifth Sunday dinner. Until next month I hope I will have some more good news to tell you as we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

December has been a good month at Landmark, DeSoto, other than we’ve had so much illness. Bro. Benjamin has been bringing messages from Ephesians for several Sundays and we are still in the first chapter. He did bring a wonderful Christmas message on the 19th. If you drive by God’s church that He allows us to worship Him in, you will notice that we now have a Christian and American flag out front. We get nice comments from the neighbors. They had been in the works for a while, so we are happy to have them. We are planning a special fellowship Sunday and are sending letters to all of our members in hopes to get some to come on that Sunday. Pray for us in this endeavor. I am particularly enjoying the first Sunday evening of each month, when our pastor brings the name of missionaries that we want to remember during the month. Some of our prayer requests are for: Sis. Barbara Williams due to the loss of her brother-in-law, Bro. Earl Denby is still awaiting surgery, Sis. Marguerite Truelove awaiting surgery; Sis. Laura Fincher who has fallen several times lately and now has a bad shoulder injury, and others who are having the everyday type of illnesses. Also pray for Bro. Kenny Price who is suffering with some pretty serious Vertigo problems. We are excited about some changes that we are making in our Sunday School beginning soon. Until next month or the Lord’s Return, Benjamin Kingston, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Happy New Year! Lower Doe Run Baptist Church, Ellington hopes for Peace for you in this coming year. Jesus is our Hope. He is our Peace. If you are anxious for tomorrow, just review His promises in His Word. The Word continues to go out from our little valley near Ellington. God has blessed us with visitors and with health and strength to our congregation. We still request prayer for those I mentioned last month. The Jesus Team, Bible study meets every Wednesday afternoon. Last week we put our speaker phone on and sang to Nick and Alice. We plan to do the same every Wednesday to other shut-ins. We love sharing fellowship lunch each Sunday following the morning service. We also hope to meet on the 5th Sunday at Ohlman Baptist Church near Bunker for Singing. That is always a treat for us.

Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter
Hispanic Ministry St. Louis MO

Prayer Network
We invite you to join in a daily prayer on these days: Monday-Friday at 12:00, you could join in three ways: • in the church building at Bethany, • at your church building or • through Juan Fernandez Facebook page live broadcast. The Lord is blessing us also with a wonderful time of prayer and 24 hours of fasting each first Thursday of every month, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Feel free to join us after the 24 hours for a season of prayer for Salvation. We have some other family outreach events coming up. Again, if you’d like to get together to pray just give me a call and I will set up a day to come and visit you at 618-581-8056.

ESL Outreach Resumes on 1/24 to 5/6.
Also, another opportunity to partner with us is if you would like to come and meet our new friends who are interested in learning how to communicate in English as second language let me know. We have class Monday and Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Faith Baptist Church in St Charles. During these days Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 we are gathering at Bethany Baptist Church in Overland for these students. We need your help: A Tutor, your job will be to help practice pronunciation of new words and help with class practices also we need a couple to help us watch our girls Victoria (5) and Eleanor (3).

Discipleship, Worship Service and Home Bible Study!
• We are having discipleship one on one with the following people, Nahum, Ermilanda, Cain, Jose, Maylin, Ernesto, Ninoska, Franciso, Juan, Cristofer and Angel. Would you pray that each one becomes a faithful and healthy disciple that makes disciples for the kingdom? These contacts are from El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico. Let make disciples to all nations!
• We are having a worship and prayer service in Spanish every Sunday at 2:00 pm. Feel free to come and visit and join us to worship in the language of heaven, you can participate with a special song, sharing testimony, etc. We are gathering to worship with another family and some random guests. We are not a large crowd just come and be a blessing to us by supporting with your presence and time together. We will do our best to translate accordingly.
• We have had some doors opening for discovery bible groups at home, pray for more contacts and doors to continue being open for the expansion of the kingdom.

BMA Seminary Celebrates 65th Anniversary
For some, sixty-five years old is a time to start thinking of retirement and slowing down. For others with different circumstances it is a time to take all the lessons of a lifetime and recharge for a sprint to the finish line. Amazingly to many, Isaac was still active and fathered Jacob at the age of sixty (see Genesis 25:26). With the birth of Jacob, God’s family begins to explode numerically. At this, the beginning of Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary’s sixty-fifth anniversary, we are praying for a similar explosion of men trained for biblical ministry.

Some institutions get enamored with numerical growth and let standards fall to the wayside. During our sixty-fifth year, any numerical goal will be secondary to the sound standards we have now:
A. Solid associational Baptist doctrine.
B. Sound, Christ-centered expository preaching.
C. Sound Christ-centered worship, regulated by Scripture.
D. Skilled disciple makers.

The BMA Seminary has no extraordinarily wealthy trustees, alumni, or friends who regularly give tens of thousands of dollars. Our largest individual unrestricted gift in the last 12 months was $10,000. We receive no grants from government sources or other denominations. The seminary’s existence depends upon the regular support of our churches and friends.

George Muller is a well known evangelical figure from the 1800’s. Muller is famous for funding his ministry to a vast number of orphans by depending on God to move people to help without depending on money raising gimmicks. When a crises arose with a bill for the orphanage he would say, “How the means are to come, I know not; but I know that God is almighty, that the hearts of all are in His hands, and that, if He pleases to influence persons, they will send help.” (Proverbs 21:1)

Pray that the reports of the Lord’s work at the seminary will come into the hands of people that God will be pleased to influence. If someone asks you during the holiday season if you know of a need or of a worthy ministry they could help, place this report in their hands.

The ministry of BMATS is dependent upon the gifts of BMA churches and individuals. Please join us in praying for our goals and needs for this sixty-fifth anniversary;
- Sixty-five new students in the coming year.
- $65,000 in contributions to the BMA Seminary 65th Year Fund - The purpose of this fund is to underwrite parking lot maintenance, unfunded scholarships ($30,000 in unfunded scholarships awarded this year - primarily to BMAA state and national missionaries), and the increasing financial strain on expenses resulting from inflation in the economy.

Rejoicing in His provision, Dr. Charley Holmes President, BMA Seminary
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Abraham Cheyee: ChangeMaker in Africa
by Dr. John David Smith

ChangeMaker Abraham Cheyee serves in the West Africa country of Liberia and has been part of BMA work for two decades. Bro. Abraham is not only a church planter but also a Lifeword global partner, producing gospel video content for lifeword.org in his native language of Western Kran.
Ten years ago, Liberians endured a civil war, followed four years later by the Ebola outbreak, which literally came to his front door: Liberia was the hardest hit country with 4,800 deaths, and Abraham Cheyee was on the front lines of the battle against the disease and its rapid spread.
Bro. Abraham pastored Bible Baptist Church in Liberia’s capital city of Monrovia, and both his home and church were directly across the road from the main treatment centers. He and his congregation were greatly affected by the shutdown of stores, the pile-up of bodies, and the anguished cries of victims and family members. The crisis was a definite turning point in his ministry.
Liberia was declared Ebola-free in September of 2015, and during the aftermath of that declaration, Bro. Abraham Cheyee realized God was calling him away from Monrovia with its better infrastructure, access to health care and education opportunities.
His heart had begun to ache for his own people group hundreds of miles away, so he and his family made the difficult journey to the eastern part of Liberia near the border of Cote d’Ivoire to minister to and plant churches among his people group. The Ebola crisis changed his pastoral values and his ministry to BMA Liberia churches.
In November of 2020, refugees of Ivory Coast election violence began to cross the border into Liberia, and BMA churches ministered to them when the government offered little to no aid. Thousands converged on a small border town, and churches shared what little resources they had, modeling the humility of Pastor Abraham.
Whether it’s media ministry, relief work, or planting churches, Abraham Cheyee is truly focused on changing the lives of his people group. Praise the Lord that he has surrendered to the call to be a ChangeMaker in Africa!
**Happy New Year!**
from National WMA President Charlotte Johnson

Well, none of us knows what 2022 will bring, but rest assured that **God is in control!**

God is always working. We cannot see the behind-the-scenes work. We are called to trust that it is happening and that God is working. Could it be that the things we go through are accomplishing a bigger picture that we cannot yet, see?

- He invites us to come to Him daily.
- He invites us to give Him our burdens.
- He invites us to be set free by the Word of truth, found in the Bible.
- He invites us to die to self-made ways in favor of life in His power and under His influence.
- He invites us to lean into His direction and guidance.
- He calls us to lay ourselves down daily.

These are the things you need to be intentional about in National WMA or Women’s Ministry.

1st -- Make plans to be in Springfield, Missouri for the National WMA meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Meal on Tuesday is $15.00 and send money and reservation to:

Charlotte Johnson; 1044 S. Mimosa • Gilmer, Texas 75644

Deadline for lunch registration is **March 15, 2022**

2nd -- Make reservations for hotel at:

**BMA NATIONAL MEETING: APRIL 18-20, 2022**  
University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center  
333 S John Q Hammons Pkwy  
Springfield, MO 65806

REGISTRATION: $15.00 a person except minister’s wife or widow is free

| Name ____________________________________________ |
| Church __________________________________________ |
| Number of people attending _______________________ |
| Name of Minister’s wife or widow attending __________ |
| Years of service as minister’s wife ________________ |

**Must register to eat!**

Please send as soon as possible. DON’T PROCRASTINATE!

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The King’s Ambassadors
Matthew 10:1-42
by Dennis Baker

Jesus Christ could only accomplish the work of salvation. However, the witness of salvation can only be accomplished by the people who have trusted in Him and have been saved. The King needs ambassadors to carry the message of salvation to others. Matthew 9:37-38, “Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

Before Jesus sent His ambassadors out to minister He encouraged and prepared them. In this chapter Jesus had something to say to all of His servants-past, present, and future.

Instructions for Past Ambassadors, Vs. 1-15
Note the title change of these men from disciples to apostles. The Lord had promised them from disciples (learners) to apostles (personal representative of the King, and ambassador who functioned with the King’s authority). The qualifications of an Apostle included, 1) Must have seen the risen Savior, 2) must have fellowshipped with Jesus, and 3) the Lord must have chosen Him.
The ministry or commission to the apostles is not the commission of the church today. The miracles parallel the miracles of Jesus in Matthew chapters 8 and 9. Their commission was limited to the people of Israel. Their message was similar to the message of John the Baptist, “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (V 7).

We can learn from this section, but we do not need to apply the instructions concerning the miracles today. Rather, the Lord’s commission for today is to preach the Gospel to all nations. Matthew 28: 19-20, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsover I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” Today’s message is the King has come. He has already died and risen from the dead. He offers salvation to all who believe.

Instructions for Future Ambassadors Vs 16-23
The ministry described in these verses is different from the ministry found in verses 1-15. The ministry of these future ambassadors is to the Jews and Gentiles, (V 18). The persecution of verse 23, “this city” refers to people being persecuted in Jerusalem. Today believers in scattered parts of the world are experiencing persecution but in verse 18 the persecution is worldwide. The prophetic Scriptures teach that, in the last days, government and religion will work together to control the world. Revelation 13, describes a time during the tribulation period when a world ruler (the Antichrist) will force the world to worship him and his image. He will control world religion, economy, and government and he will use all three to persecute those who stand true to Christ.

During the tribulation period the Spirit of God will help the ambassadors of the Lord by teaching them what to say to governors and kings. Believers today must not use verses 19-20 as an excuse not to study the Word in preparation for witnessing, teaching, and preaching. These verses describe an emergency situation that is evident during the tribulation period.

Instruction for Present Ambassadors, V 24-42
The truths found in this section could apply to any period of Bible history. But they seem to have special significance to the present church age. The emphasis is “Fear Not.” “Fear Not” refers to the fear of confessing Christ openly before men.

Some reasons to not be afraid are:
1) suffering must be expected,
2) God will bring everything to light,
3) as believers we must fear God alone,
4) God cares for His own,
5) Christ honors those who confess Him,
6) we cannot escape conflict, and
7) we can be a blessing to others.

The common thread woven into chapter 10 is that the servant is not above his teacher or master. We become children for Christ through faith in Christ; we become ambassadors as we faithfully follow and obey His will. There is a great need for faithful disciples, believers who will learn from Christ and live for Him.

‘Twas the Night Jesus Came
‘Twas the night Jesus came and all through the house Not a person was praying, not one in the house.
The Bibles were left on the shelf without care, For no one thought that Jesus would come there.
The children were dressing to crawl into bed, Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And mom in her rocker with baby in her lap Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the east there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash Tore open the shutters and lifted the sash!
When what to my wandering eyes should appear But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here! The light of His face made me cover my head...
It was Jesus returning, just as He said!
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life which He held in his hand, Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name; When He said, “It’s not here” my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He arose without a sound While all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but I was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight, Oh, if only I’d known that this was the night!

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is now drawing near.
There’s only one life and when comes the last call We’ll find that the Bible was true after all!!

God is the God of new beginnings. “Behold, I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth.”

After the meetings, he approached me and told me of his brokenness, and how his life got stuck at a certain point in the past. His pain was visible as he spoke, and it was obvious he was hurt and couldn’t move forward. He was stuck in a dark, vicious cycle. His question was, “I have given my life to Jesus, why doesn’t he just make everything anew like you spoke of in your sermon?”

The Lord gave me the words I replied with: “It is one thing to cry over spilled milk, and another thing to cry over spoiled milk.” “Your brokenness is like spoiled milk. Let go of the past.” Jesus regenerates the heart once, but the mind must be renewed by Him every single day, hour, and minute.

I also came from Iraq, and I know the challenges and frustration you go through as a true follower of Jesus, who said in John 10:10, “I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” He prayed with me and finally, I saw a beautiful genuine smile on his face. He asked how he could get more material to listen to, and I referred him to the Arabic show I do in partnership with Lifeword called “No2tat Saraha”.

Please continue to pray for him and the Holy Spirit to continue giving him guidance, comfort, and peace.

‘BROKEN’
More reasons to give on
World Mission Sunday 02-28-2022

Baghdad Revival: From Darkness to Light
By Ashraf Sara

Many of us here in U.S. don’t realize completely what it takes to be a true follower of Jesus. Jesus said in Luke 9:23, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

I met this young man at a revival in Baghdad. I spoke from Isaiah 43:19 about how

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Promotional Guide For World Missions Day
February 27, 2022

BMA Missions is thankful for your partnership. Together we see God blessing with more missionaries in more countries making more disciples and planting more churches than ever before. World Missions Day is February 27, 2022, and we hope it is an impactful day at your church. Here are some ideas to help you prepare.

PLAN YOUR WORLD MISSIONS DAY EVENT
World Missions Day is an opportunity to rally your church around the purpose for which we exist – to fulfill the Great Commission. During your World Missions Day celebration please include:

• a reminder that we have a Great Commission mandate both locally and globally
• a celebration of how your partnership with BMA Missions is changing lives around the world
• a time of prayer for our missionaries and missions efforts around the world
• a chance to give to The Jerry Kidd Offering, which goes to support the continued efforts of furthering the gospel

RESOURCES
To assist in preparing for your event, the following resources are available to every church:

• Printed materials – donation envelopes, bulletin inserts, and posters
• Video, digital and printable resources that includes promotional videos, logos, and images
• Apparel - BMA shirt for every pastor who registers and T-shirts available for purchase
• Guest speaker – Invite someone from BMA Missions to speak to your church.

Contact Sidney Vines

Items available at www.bmaamissions.org/worldmissionsday or contact Sidney Vines (sidney@bmaam.com, 501-358-3848).

PROMOTIONAL IDEAS
Here are some ways to plan ahead, create awareness, generate excitement, and engage people.

• Set and promote an offering goal for your church through bulletins, announcements, social media platforms, etc. and provide donation envelopes in bulletins, foyers, pews, and classrooms.

• Create a missions board in high traffic areas with verses, printed materials, missionary pictures, offering goals, etc.

• Create visibility by hanging posters in high traffic areas and using logos (available for download) in your bulletins, worship visuals, websites, social media, and other printed materials.

• Distribute bulletin inserts, play promotional videos, and ask your pastor to reference them in services.

• Present a missions sermon series that culminates on World Missions Day.

• Incorporate music and songs with a missions theme to complement your missions emphasis.

• Contact Sidney to invite a BMA Missions staff member to speak at your church.

• Promote a week or month of prayer using prayer guide handouts, emails, or social media to guide daily prayer.

• Have small groups/classes research a country or missionary for a presentation (info on bmaamissions.org).

• Use quotes or testimonials from church members who participate in or have a special heart for missions.

PRAYER GUIDE IDEAS
• For evangelism and discipleship to take root in our churches
• For pastors as they lead our churches during this difficult time in our country
• For national ChangeMaker missionaries who are planting churches in their own countries
• For God to call new missionaries and open doors to new countries and people groups
• For the people affected by the challenges created by Covid-19 all around the world
• For the increasing oppression of the gospel at home and abroad

More information on specific missionaries and countries can be found at bmaamissions.org.

Grace to Do Without
My heart rejoices in God’s will,
‘Tis ever best, I do not doubt;
I will abide in All God’s will,
To it I bow with heart devout;
O Blessed, hallowed will of God,
He gives me grace to do without!

He may not give me what I ask,
But gives me grace to do without!
I blindly ask for what I crave,
Covers haughty heart and will so stout;
He oft denies me what I seek,
But gives me grace to do without!
He makes me love that way He leads,
And every fear is put to rout;
But with my fondest wish denied.
He gives me grace to do without!
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To it I bow with heart devout;
I will abide in All God’s will,
His way is best, I do not doubt;
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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 Association of America church and would like your name added to this column please contact the editor using the information on page 2.

Matt Barker of Nixa, is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads. Contact him by phone (501-408-9500) or by e-mail: mattbarker1988@gmail.com

Caleb Houston, youth minister of Kewanee is available for weekend revivals, youth events, and pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or calebhouston@yahoo.com.

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