



ASIA

MISSION CONFERENCE 2009



“SO THAT ALL THEY
WHICH DWELT IN ASIA
HEARD.”

ACTS 19:10



Fifteen Year Plan

With the whole world our responsibility, we have set on course for the next fifteen years a plan to celebrate the victories and make an impact on all nations and people groups. We have set aside the following schedule for Mission Conference in the next fifteen years:

- 2009 - Asia
- 2010 - Year of Jubilee (First Baptist Church missionaries home)
- 2011 - Africa
- 2012 - Europe
- 2013 - North America
- 2014 - South America
- 2015 - Australia / Antarctica
- 2016 - Asia
- 2017 - Year of Jubilee (First Baptist Church missionaries home)
- 2018 - Africa
- 2019 - Europe
- 2020 - North America
- 2021 - South America
- 2022 - Australia / Antarctica
- 2023 - Asia
- 2024 - Year of Jubilee (First Baptist Church missionaries home)

With this schedule, we will focus each year on a different continent which will help us reach people groups, nations, and tongues, throughout the entire world.

Mission Conference!

Just to say the name of this special time brings a joy and excitement to my heart and to the heart of First Baptist Church and its ministries. The Mission is to reach the world with Christ through a trained servant of the Lord under the leadership and training of our local church, that God gave the command in His Word to reach the world with Himself by use of the organization that is built on Himself-the Church.

Our focus this year in 2009 has been on Asia. We began this year by sending two fine families to Asia to work in the field. The Siekberts (Mark, Tammy, and Jessica), to Mongolia and the Manns (Chad, Faith, Whitley, Bryce, Caleb, Brianna, and Nathaniel) to North India. We have had several missionaries this year from Asia and our guest missionaries for this conference are each going to work in Asian countries. Asia represents a large part of what is commonly described as the 10/40 window. A longitude and latitude marking that sections off a very populated area of the world that is primarily unreached with the Gospel of Christ.

The Apostle Paul in Acts 16 heard the call to come towards Macedonia to help. He headed west and the Gospel has continued to flourish. His original desire was to go east and the Holy Spirit stopped Him and He obeyed the call to go west. The east still lies in darkness without the Gospel of Christ. May we send, pray and go east. The need in Asia is so great. That is why we started where the Gospel is the least in our world.

As we train and print the Word of God, may we be mindful of those in Asia without a single witness either in the flesh or on the printed page. Our goal as a church, with its ministries, is to reach out and touch our world with Him.

I pray as you read the articles and the statistics of Asia that you will be burdened to be more involved in reaching out to others both abroad and at home. I believe the information in this booklet will help bring to light the need to present Him to Asia as well as challenge us to be more like Him.

In His work together,

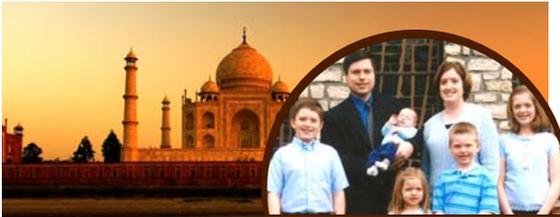
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HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

“The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not count on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men...

Men of prayer.”

-E. M. Bounds

God’s work moves forward as we pray. Throughout the ages, God’s servants have recognized the power of prayer. Guy H. King said, “No one is a firmer believer in the power of prayer than the devil; not that he practices it, but he suffers from it.”

F.B. Meyer, the great preacher of Leicester, England, said, “The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.”

Oswald Chambers said, “Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.”

Most churches that support missionaries have printed prayer lists. Most Christians understand that missionaries need intercession. The question is “Are we praying effectively for our missionaries and do we really understand HOW we should pray for them?” On the next page are some suggested ways to remember your missionaries when you pray:

HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES *continued*

1 Pray that the missionaries will actually reach the field of their calling. Missionaries must raise their support in order to finance their missionary enterprise. This entails many months of traveling, speaking in churches, and presenting their ministry. They must make hundreds of contacts with potential supporters. Some candidates fail to ever leave for the field because they are beset by discouragements and trials on deputation. Deputation is a great step of faith. We must pray for new candidates as they embark on their pre-field ministry.

2 Pray that the missionaries will be able to adapt to the foreign culture of their field.

a. Most missionaries must adapt to a different climate. In Alaska, they must cope with freezing cold weather, while in Australia and Africa, they encounter heat. Like it or not, we humans are creatures of climate.

b. Missionaries must adapt to different cultures and customs. In Mexico and Spain, everything closes down for the afternoon siesta. In New Guinea, the people speak in “pigeon English.” In Central America and the Philippines, the population is open to the Gospel and responsive. In Europe, people are reserved and hardened to religion. In Muslim lands, missionaries find the population antagonistic. In other countries, the people are anti-American’ while yet in others there is a love for Americans.

c. The missionary must adapt to the different cuisine. All missionaries have stories of

“bad” things they have had to eat because they did not want to offend the people.

3 Pray that the missionary will be able to learn the language of their field of calling. This is a major prayer request. Some languages are extremely difficult. The missionary must learn the local language in order to truly understand the thinking of the local people. Some missionaries become discouraged. Pray for them and write and encourage them.

4 Pray that the missionary and family will adjust. Sometimes the missionary must live thousands of miles from parents, from home, and from familiar places. They face loneliness. Grandchildren miss grandparents and friends. Loneliness is a powerful emotion. In time, missionaries must leave their grown children in America for college and return to the field without them. One missionary son said goodbye to his parents, and as they returned, he stayed in the car at the airport all night weeping. Pray for adjustment. Missionary children have lived their developing years on the mission field. While they do not belong there, they neither feel totally adapted back in America.

5 Pray for the health and safety of the missionary and family. In many lands, the missionaries do not have adequate medical facilities. They face malaria, typhoid fever, and other diseases. They face physical dangers from robbers, revolutions, and hostile environments.

6 Pray for the spiritual lives of the missionaries. When the missionaries arrive on the field they

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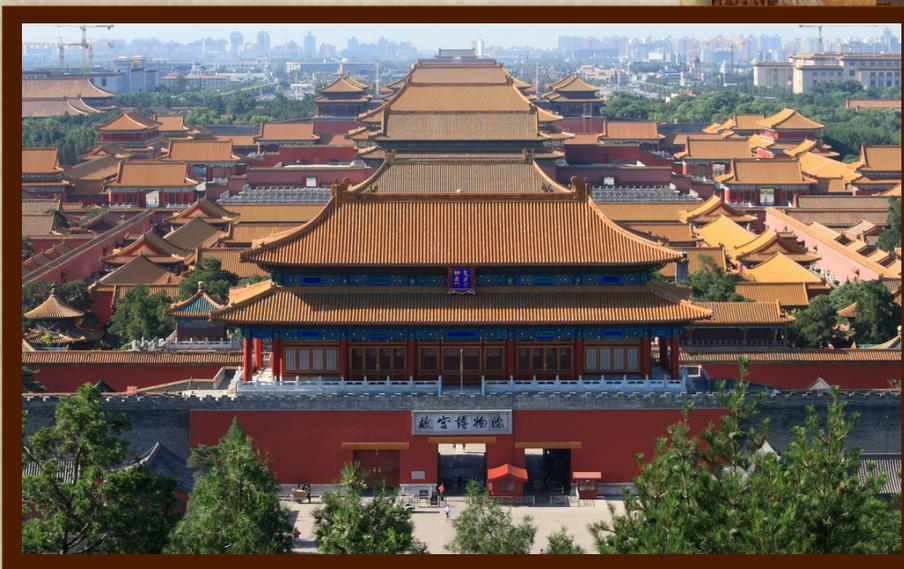
Churches and Christians should read the missionary’s prayer report and take note of what they really face, then pray appropriately.

HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES continued

will often not have the support of Christian friends and a church family. The spiritual oppression on most mission fields can be draining and overwhelming.

7 Pray definite prayers for definite needs and particular people. Those who support missionaries should know how to pray for them. Charles Spurgeon said, "There is a general kind of praying which fails for lack of precision. It is as if a regiment of soldiers should all fire off their guns anywhere. Possibly somebody would be killed, but the majority of the enemy would be missed." Forget "bless all the missionaries" and pray such prayers as the following:

- John and Betty in China and their need of lodging.
- Bill and Jane in Africa that they will be safe from the rebels.
- Bob and Jennifer in Russia that they will be able to renew their visas.
- Jim and Gloria in England that their support needs will be met because of the drastic fall of the dollar.
- The Smiths' daughter as she returns from South America for college that she will make friends and overcome homesickness.



FORBIDDEN CITY - BEIJING, CHINA

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PACIFIC OCEAN

ASIA

RUSSIA



COUNTRIES OF ASIA

Afghanistan

Population: 27,145,000

Armenia

Population: 2,968,586

Azerbaijan

Population: 8,177,717

Bangladesh

Population: 158,665,000

Bhutan

Population: 658,000

Brunei

Population: 390,000

Cambodia

Population: 14,444,000

China

Population: 1,322,597,000

Cyprus

Population: 792,604

Georgia

Population: 27,145,000

India

Population: 1,131,043,000

Indonesia

Population: 231,627,000

Israel

Population: 7,208,520

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Mexico



James & Christina Henline
Peru



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Mexico



Chad & Faith Mann
India



Jim & Melissa Roe
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Uganda



Mark & Tammy Siekbert
Mongolia



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Jerry & Kim Sexton



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Ray & Deanne Willis

An interview with

MARK & TAMMY SIEKBERT MISSIONARIES TO MONGOLIA



Mark, for those that don't know you well, can you give us some background information on you and your family, and how God led you to the place where you serve today?

Mark: The most important day of my life was at the age of 15, when I accepted Christ as my Savior. I was raised at FBC. My parents are Jim and Judy Siekbert. I had the great privilege of being raised in a great Christian home. My parents are the main reason that I am in fulltime Christian service today. It was very comforting to have consistency in our home. What was preached at church became the way of life at home. There was great respect for our pastor and the leadership of the church. I was taught that serving the Lord should be first place.

After graduating from MCA, I had no intention of going into the ministry, but God had different plans. The Lord used Africa to burden my heart for the mission field. I graduated from *School of the Scriptures* in 1988 and started deputation. The Lord later closed the door for Tammy and I in Africa. At the time, I didn't understand, but the Lord uses so many things to prepare us for the service He would have us to do. Through a trip to Mexico, the Lord burdened my heart to go there. After 11 years of service in Mexico, Tammy and I began to pray for God to show us a place of great need. The Lord led us to work in the far northern region of Mongolia among the herders. We now live in one of the largest Shaman areas of the world.

How are you doing adjusting to the culture in Asia?

Mark: It can be very hard to learn to live in another culture. The culture here in Khatgal is different than the culture in the capital. In the city there is no such thing as personal space. It is a very small city in terms of land area, with a lot of people crammed in. There is a lot of pushing and shoving. Out here in the countryside, life is very laid back. It's a little too laid back for our American, hurry-up kind of attitude. Even the simple tasks in life take much time. The hardest thing to get used to is being cheated. I imagine that is a common problem for most Americans living on foreign soil, but here it is actually a part of the culture. It isn't just the American that they will cheat, but it extends to each other as well. It is actually in their history books and folk tales. It is hard for Americans to leave behind their native culture and adjust to a new one.

What has been the most difficult part of that adjustment?

Mark: I would say that the most difficult part is that a person's word is not trustworthy. I am working on our cabin and have had a

very frustrating time even ordering wood. Having the order ready when it is supposed to be and actually be what you ordered is not very likely. Sometimes the order has gone to someone else and you are starting all over again. Flexibility is now a big part of my vocabulary!

Is there anything that you found surprisingly easy to adjust to?

Mark: I truly enjoy the simple life style. No one is concerned about what time it is, if the next person is wearing the current fashion or not, or who owns what. We have also found many similarities in culture between the herders and the Huichol Indians that we worked with in Mexico.

What is the most influential religion in the area you are working, and what unique challenge does that present?

Mark: For many years, Shamanism was the main religion in Mongolia. They later adopted Buddhism because it represented a more organized religion, with a leader, but made a smooth transition because it works about the same. The challenge is that the people here have seen Satan's power first-hand. Satanic worship is openly practiced here on a daily basis. They have seen Satan's power and it is our job to show them that God is the ultimate power and can save them from their sins. It isn't an easy task to convince someone that their religion and beliefs are sin.

What have you found to be the most effective tool to evangelize the people group you are working with?

Mark: I believe that the most effective way to reach this people group, as well as others, is by Christ's example. Christ went out and chose 12 men that He poured His life into. Through 11 of those men, and the men that they reached, the Gospel was able to be spread. If I can reach and teach one to reach and teach one, then two are being reached and taught to reach and teach. This seems to be time consuming, but it will be the most effective way to reach a people group that are nomadic. So many

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TO SEEK ANSWERS"

are “evangelized” many times over by people with good intentions, but they want to see it in action, see that it works and is worth giving up the only way they have known for their entire lives. It isn’t a fast process with overnight success. Satan’s presence here is strong and real. He has had a hold on the people of Mongolia for many years.

In what ways do you minister to the people, and what are some of the goals you have set for yourself?

Mark: We are new to this field, so we are in the beginning stages. We are getting our home set up and learning the language. I am building relationships with men that I work with, giving them a chance to see that I am a real person and to be able to ask me why I am here. As they begin to see a difference in the way that I do business and conduct myself in my day to day life, they are curious and begin to seek answers. We begin with a few that begin to reach their families and friends. From these we will find a few that are ready to begin to be taught to do what we are doing. Then we have nationals reaching nationals.

How has the global economic situation affected your part of Asia?

Mark: As one would assume, the economic problems have reached this side of the world. Just since our survey trip the prices of things have doubled. Jobs are hard to find, therefore, it is hard to teach about giving. The average worker in the countryside takes home about \$7 per day.

If I may, I’d like to ask Tammy how you are adjusting to this Asian culture?

Tammy: I like it much better now that we are out in the countryside. There is a lot more room for each person to breathe and move around. In the city it was crazy - crowded, people pushing and shoving, traffic jams that lasted for hours. I think my most memorable experience was in the grocery store. Mark walked away to get something and I thought that I had found an out of the way place to wait for him. All of a sudden someone had me by the shoulders from behind and was turning me around in a complete circle so that they could get by. It makes a person want rear view mirrors just to go grocery shopping!

How do you involve yourself in the ministry with Mark?

Tammy: My way of involvement at this early stage of the ministry is mostly done at home. We are currently the biggest attraction in town. Anyone that needs a job, money, medicine, or even a doctor shows up at our door. There are many other visitors just out of curiosity. I can best be effective by opening my home, caring, listening to problems, answering a multitude of questions, and even playing nurse from time to time. By sharing our lives with them we can then begin to share Christ with them.

This question is for both of you. Mark, what advice would you give a missionary that is preparing to serve in Asia? And Tammy, what advice would you give to a wife of a missionary preparing to serve in Asia?

Mark: Prepare for the unexpected. Be willing to re-think your

original goals and plans once you arrive and get a good feel for how things really are. When preparing a container you should think of things that will make a home. A good bed is something that is nearly impossible to find in other countries. Make sure that getting set up in a home where your wife can function, take care of her family, and feel safe is a first priority. It is a good thing for your wife to be able to communicate with family and friends back home.

Tammy: Be prepared spiritually. If you are close to the Lord and walking with Him, it makes all of the hard times so much easier. It isn’t easy being away from home, from your family, but God can give comfort beyond compare. He loves us and wants us to succeed.

Again, I would like for both of you to answer this question. How can your home church encourage you and other missionaries on the field? Tammy, you go first.

Tammy: For me, the most encouraging thing is communication. Just an email or note from home can really brighten my day. Being this far away from the States and all of the things that make cooking easier and help brighten our days, a package from home is very encouraging. I’m sure that families with small children would be especially happy to receive goodies from home.

Mark: Knowing what is going on at home, even the little things, is a great encouragement. We have two supporting churches that send us an update on how things are going at the church and that is nice. We can know better how to pray for the church and the pastor.

What are the greatest prayer needs you have for yourselves and the ministry? Keep in mind that this article will not be read until a few months from now.

Mark: I really pray that we are in our house by the time that you are reading this article. Next on our list would be the language and a vehicle. Nothing is close by, so we really need a vehicle.

Tammy, do you have anything you would like to add?

Tammy: Right now, just for the Lord to allow us to have a great love for the people here.

One last question. What would you like to say to your home church and your other supporting churches, that perhaps we didn’t cover in this interview?

Both: Thank you all for making it possible for us to be here. We truly appreciate your love and prayers, as well as financial support. We love and pray for you all.

Thank you Mark and Tammy. Not just for taking the time to answer my questions, but also for your sacrifice of the comforts of America to serve our Savior, Jesus Christ, in a difficult place there in Asia. May God bless you abundantly for your faithfulness to Him.



it takes a Church

The Role of the Church in Missionary Multiplication

Biblical School of World Evangelism (BSWE) majors in missions¹ because missions is the passion of First Baptist Church. The reason our church is passionate about missions is because God is.

What does mission passion look like in a church?

- All age groups understand that God's glory in all the earth is God's passion; and therefore, it is to be their passion.²
- The church's "home missionaries"³ are viewed and treated as extended staff of the church.
- The people of the church support and participate in cross-cultural ministries at home and overseas.⁴
- Church members are increasingly studying about missions, taking short-term missions trips, and reading missionary biographies.
- The leaders of the church make world evangelism a major focus of all church ministries.⁵
- More than one-fourth of the church's annual income goes to missions.
- The church assumes active responsibility in the training of its own missionaries.

A vibrant healthy church is an incubator for missionaries, encouraging the development of what it models.

Such a church contributes much more to the training of missionaries than it may realize. After seven years of training students for missions at BSWE, one thing is conspicuous to me – it takes more than three or four years to “make a missionary.” If the church⁶ does not do her job in modeling spiritual vitality and a love for all people, then it is nearly impossible to “make missionaries” even after three or four years of concentrated missions studies.

If you look at a lineup of our church's “home missionaries,” you will see many adult missionaries who were raised in our church.

Many of them whose parents loved missions, took their children to the field, maintained family devotions, made sacrifices periodically as a family for missionaries in need, and regularly supported missionaries through the Faith Promise missionary offering. Many of our current “home missionaries” heard biblical lessons with a God-centered theology taught by dedicated teachers from the nursery through senior high. These same missionaries learned how to pray in their homes and in our church. They heard messages on the glory of God, discipleship, and spiritual growth long before they ever made application to any college. Of course, there are exceptions to this; but if you were to ask some of our missionaries and their parents, you would hear these things for yourself.

As important as BSWE is, this ministry represents only a fraction of First Baptist Church's investment in the training of missionaries.

Every member has an integral part in this larger missionary training team. When the church is a healthy spiritual body, it will automatically “make missionaries.” The purpose of BSWE is to take these already pre-influenced persons to a more technical level of proficiency in their obedience; and your giving and prayerful support of this ministry enable this “last but not least” phase of missionary preparation.

Thank you for striving to be a “missionary making” church in obedience to our Savior.

Please know that all your individual and corporate efforts of faithful serving, praying, teaching, giving, encouraging, preaching, and loving are what God uses to inspire one of our own to say, “I think God wants me to be a missionary!” May God give us grace to continue in this great work.

-David Parker

Vice President of BSWE

¹ Ralph Winter defines the difference between evangelism and missions: “Evangelism is a church growing where it is; Missions is a church growing where it isn't.”

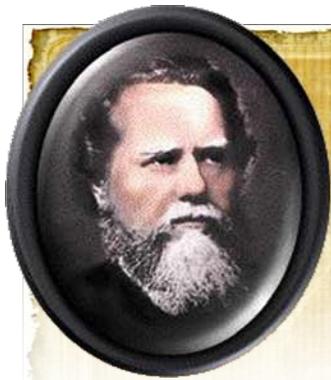
² Multiple references show God Himself making this declaration (Numbers 14:21; Psalm 72:19; and Habakkuk 2:14). The church which shares in the pursuit of God's glory believes that “the glorious gospel of the blessed God” includes God. In other words, salvation is about getting God not just escaping hell. The best part of this message is what we get, not what we miss. God is the Gospel. He is to be loved, pursued, enjoyed, served, and glorified by every believer. Anything less is a man-centered Gospel. Churches who merely tell people that salvation is about the lost escaping hell are preaching half the message while omitting the best part. When we get saved, we get God. And glorifying Him for eternity is the God-ordained agenda for all the redeemed, both now and forever (Revelation 5:9; 7:9).

³ A “home missionary” at FBC is a missionary called and sent out from within our own congregation.

⁴ This is ministry at home among people who are not like “us” (for example, international students – Chinese, Indian, etc. – from a local university).

⁵ Missions is not just a program of the church; rather, every ministry of the church sees missions as something to be “owned” and involved in by every member.

⁶ This equally implies the individuals and families who comprise the church.



J. HUDSON TAYLOR

MISSIONARY GIANT

As J. Hudson Taylor was making preparation to go to China, he confided to a Congregational minister that he intended to rely solely on God for his sustenance and to live by faith. His declaration was met with doubt as the elderly gentleman assured young Hudson that though his zeal was admirable, he would grow wiser with years.

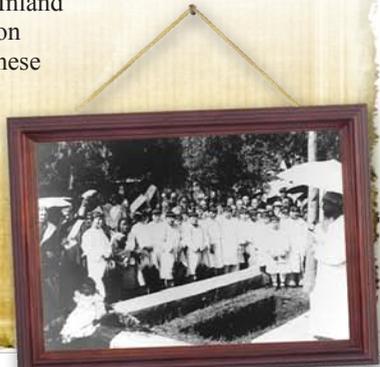
Taylor was born into a Christian home in 1832. Soon after his conversion at age seventeen, he promised God that he would go to China. His preparation included medical training, language study, and self denial; he forfeited his comfortable living quarters to minister in the slums, and chose to sleep on a hard mattress. Taylor's consecration was to become the trademark of his life and ministry.

Taylor arrived in Shanghai, China in 1854. Any lofty ideas of quick conversions and welcoming masses were soundly dashed. He was met by civil war, suffered from physical maladies, and overwhelming loneliness. Nevertheless, fervent study of the language and identifying with Chinese culture af-

forded him access and ministry into China's interior. He shockingly shaved his head, grew a pigtail, and wore Chinese clothes. This same unconventional approach, which brought him harsh criticism from the missionary community, endeared him to his future wife, Maria Dyer, who was drawn to his pioneer spirit.

Hudson Taylor was a gifted motivator, and while burdened to promote the advance of the Gospel in China, he recognized the need to enlist and organize able-bodied help. The emphasis of his return trips to England was not to raise funds, but laborers. The hallmark accomplishment of the Taylors' ministry in China was the formation of the non-denominational China Inland Mission, greatly comprised of England's working class.

J. Hudson Taylor's life of faith, prayer, and a full reliance on God are evident in his strict adherence to never appeal directly for financial aid. The words of the Congregational minister were easily disproved when, at the time of Taylor's death, he had recruited and cared for 849 missionaries. The China Inland Mission established twenty mission stations and trained over 700 Chinese workers. The years had not diminished his zeal and faith, but only served to validate it.



Hudson's Funeral Service



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An interview with

CHAD & FAITH MANN MISSIONARIES TO INDIA



Question: *Chad, I'm sure there are many that will read this article that don't know you well, so can you give us some background information on you and your family, and how God led you to the place where you serve today? Don't forget to give us the names and ages of all the children.*

Chad: I grew up in Douglas, Wyoming, a small town of around 5,000 people out in the country in a ranching culture. My family and I attended Calvary Baptist Church from the time I was an infant. The church had a Christian school where I went from K-4 through high school. I made a profession of faith at the age of five and basically grew up in church. As a teenager, our youth group began getting more involved in practical areas of serving. We went on a mission trip each summer and helped in ministry. One summer in Canada, while we were teaching a VBS, the Lord revealed to me I was not truly saved. This began an eight month wrestle with the Lord before I humbled myself and admitted the need for salvation. I struggled with conviction to the point I could not sleep. I went to see my pastor on a Monday morning in February 1990 and told him what was going on in my heart. That day at the age of fifteen, I accepted Christ as my personal Savior.

Immediately, I went and told my youth pastor. The Lord showed me also at that same time what He wanted me to do with my life in service to Him. I made a vow with the Lord that if He gave me the talents in printing, I would use them only for the Lord. God really changed my life from that point on. I had a new direction and a purpose now for my life. It was that calling that would give me stability when my family and church would soon fall apart. My parents got a divorce and shocked the community. Another year later, my church of seventeen years would fall apart as well. Through all this, God opened doors for me to serve Him. After high school the Lord allowed me to go to Mexico for a summer and work with a missionary we supported named Jerry Collins. I had been there earlier as a teenager and the Lord taught me so much that summer. I was also praying on where to go to college. Local church and Bible publishing were top on my checklist.

At that time, I had not heard of BPS or FBC in Milford Ohio, but that summer Jerry's father brought a couple groups into Mexico. Verlis Collins was in charge of the School of Scriptures in Milford, Ohio and he told me it was God's will for me to come and study there. It seemed a little strange to me having a stranger tell me

where I should go and that is was God's will for me. In my mind, I resisted that statement. I went back to Wyoming and fought with the Lord on where I should go. During my time in Mexico, the Lord turned my world around back home. He was taking all my comforts away and forcing me to uproot. I made a visit to Ohio to see the church, BPS, and the school. I faced real culture shock on that trip and told the Lord I could not go there. After several months again wrestling with the Lord, I surrendered and headed East to Ohio in May 1995.

I began attending classes and working for a local print shop. After a few months, Dr. Keen hired me on over at BPS. I shared with him my vision and desire to train others in the area of Bible publishing.

It was there in Milford, while getting involved in the singles ministry, I met my future wife, Faith Rushing. We became engaged in December of 1996 and made plans to get married. Dr. Keen approached me about going overseas and setting up a project in India. So we moved up the wedding to April and, after our honeymoon, began visiting churches and raising some funds to go. We soon found out that we were expecting our first child and decided it was best to wait until she was a year old to head over. We continued to work in BPS and helped many churches in Seedline get equipment installed. I learned a lot from some great men of God during that time. In April 1999, we moved to India to begin our first project.

Our first experience in India was one of the hardest things we had ever faced in our lives. God taught us more than we thought we had learned. Looking back, it is amazing to see how God prepared us for future ministry. It was during that first project that God gave me a vision for a work He wanted me to do in Northern India. I did not know what to do with it at the time, nor did I understand that it was something personal He wanted me to do. God did a work in our hearts and knit our hearts with the people and need there in India. It was quite the change because we did not have a 'call' or even want to go to India. We were just there out of obedience to our spiritual authority and the open door God gave.

We went on to work in other projects and places, but the burden God placed in our hearts continued to grow. Over the next few

years, God gave clear direction and vision to the work He wanted me to do. It was a major struggle for me to leave Bible printing for this new area of ministry God gave to me, but I was totally convinced it was something I had to do. Leadership and others around me would question this change in ministry, but I could not escape God's working in my heart. We resigned from BPS in November of 2003 and began classes at BSWE in preparation for the work in Northern India. God put us through many testings and trials during this preparation stage. It became much longer than we initially planned for, but God gave us grace and always took care of us. We finished our training in December 2006 and a few months later started back on full time deputation to head back to India. The Lord was good over the next two years and we were able to get enough support to head back to India. We have made plans for this term to be five years in length. We arrived back in India in March 2009.

God has blessed us with five children – Whitley (11), Bryce (9), Caleb (6), Brianna (4), and Nathanael (9 months).

Question: What is the most influential religion in the area you are working, and what unique challenge does that present?

Chad: The main religion is Hinduism. It's roots go back to the time of Abraham over 3000 years ago. Satan has had these people bound for thousands of years. It is not an easy thing to overcome. The radicals seek out Christian activity and try to quench it, especially in northern India. In order to work here, you have to be creative. A normal method of evangelization in our circles is not allowed here and draws physical persecution. We have gone back to basic biblical truths Jesus modeled to us in regards to personal mentoring and discipleship. Already this has proven very effective in the first few months we have been here. The young men I have been training have been hungry for spiritual truth. We are not basing our relationship on friendship or any other means. It is based solely on the Word of God. That avenue has gained us respect and entrance into areas other foreign workers are still trying to bridge.

Question: How will you go about evangelizing the people you are trying to reach?

Chad: We will be using the realness of a true relationship with the God of Heaven. It takes work and a longer process here to lay those foundations of truth on which to put ones faith, because they have no Bible background to draw from. In one sense, it gives us an advantage. Most people here do not suffer from the confusion western religion brings. One avenue we have found to give an entrance into the hearts of large numbers of children is through a comic style Bible story book. We are able to get into local schools and pass these out and then give a short exam over the material. The attitude we are taking is one of a farmer. We are doing all we can to prepare the soil to receive the Word of God and then plant it into as many places as possible. We trust God to do His part in bringing in the harvest after we have properly prepared the soil.

We do have a detailed plan of action that will cover the state of U.P. which has 170 million people. The first two years we are preparing the materials and men. We thank the Lord for those He has brought along side to help and work here. It takes patience

and lots of investment of time into the lives of people desiring to serve God.

Question: What methods will you use to train and disciple the new converts?

Chad: Right now I have been taking many hours a week to personally mentor select young men. This involves sacrifice of our time and schedules. Many missionaries get caught in the trap of ministry first. They become so strapped on time, they cannot train leaders or mentor like they need to. It is easy to find opportunities to minister and feel like you are making a difference. After a few years they look back and have no one to take their place. Personally I am not training the new converts. My time is largely invested into the men we have placed into leadership. After we spend our time together in Bible study and training, they are excited to go and share that with their people. We give them local opportunities to gain experience in a somewhat controlled avenue. Once we begin our work across the state, these young men will have the training and experience they need to work in areas further away. We have developed some of our own materials and have found some other basic doctrinal courses we can give to local pastors. Our goal is to give them the tools and training so they can study on their own and reproduce. Their personal walk with God is always the focus as we work and study.

Question: What are some of the goals you have set for yourself and the ministry?

Chad: Our first goal is by the end of this year we will have enough Hindi to comprehend and communicate in everyday life. Beyond that is constant learning of the new language in all its aspects. Ministry goals are quite numerous. We are working on an internship program for some Bible college students to come and gain some practical training and experience. I am working on getting some more Indian young men to work with us and do church planting. One of the main ministry goals are the fifty Unreached People Groups in Northern India. We desire to see them reached with the gospel and have local churches they can attend. We have just finished our first translation project and have other projects in the works. One of the main visual tools we will be using illustrates the Creation to Christ chronological approach in video form. This work has already begun along with the radio version and is set to be complete by the end of 2010.

Question: Have you been located in India long enough to see the impact of the global economic situation, perhaps as compared to when you were there before?

Chad: Yes, the economy has impacted many avenues here in India. Many companies doing exports have slowed down to almost nothing. There is a whole other side to this country though. It is growing in vast ways because of the population and westernization of the country. The city we are in now has really changed from the time we were here last. Many new construction projects and shopping centers have come up. Before, there was no western food chain here in the city; now there are three. With a city of five million people, the number of cars has really increased and has caused tremendous headaches in traffic and trying to get around. Since the city is so old, the streets are not large enough to handle the four wheel style vehicles.

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when God says - "YOURS"

Parents, what will you do if God calls
YOUR child to the ministry?

Have you ever heard one of these? "Put your money where your mouth is!" Or, "That's where the rubber really meets the road!" Or a personal favorite, "Your talk talks. Your walk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks!" What all of these have in common is obvious. Sometimes many say they are going to do something, but few actually end up following through when the stakes are at their highest.

For my wife and I as new parents, one of our greatest joys is to love, train, and observe our daughter as she grows, changes, and matures. A child can make you laugh, they can take away the sting of a hard day, and by their brutal honesty can even teach us a thing or two. We love our children. We want the best for them. We want to lavish them with love and affection. We want success for them.

"Success" is an open term. If you ask ten people what it means you will probably get ten different answers. One of the best definitions of "success" that I have ever heard is, "Success is finding the will of God and doing it!" I have to admit that when we look at that definition through the lenses of parenting it is a tough one to swallow at first. That means that as I parent, I have to trust God to my fullest knowing that He has the best plan for my child. That means if it is His will for her to live

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on the other side of the planet with some guy who dares to marry her and take her away from us, I have to accept it because, after all, she does belong to God first. When God says, "Yours is who I have called," we should remember some very important truths from scripture.

In Genesis 22:8, when God asked Abraham for his son, his faith was unwavering as he told his son, "God will provide." When we surrender our children to God's will, we need to remember that God will provide protection, grace, comfort, blessings, and you can fill in the blanks with anything because God is capable of provision!

How about in I Samuel when Hannah surrendered Samuel? That passage didn't mean as much to me until I became a dad. Now the implications are massive. She knew that her child belonged to God first. She knew that success was not confined to financial and educational security, but success was pleasing and glorifying God.

God has given us as parents emotions for our children. So much emotion, that He even illustrates His love for us by reminding us of our love for our children. In reality, no parent can say that relinquishing the futures of our kids to the Lord is easy, but we know that it is safe and right. We know that it demonstrates to our kids worship and faith. We just need to realize that it is the utmost example of "when the rubber meets the road," and when God says, "YOURS!" – How loud will your walk talk by stepping out of the way and purposing to help your kids find God's success for their lives?

-Dustin Gaines
Young Marrieds Director

MISSIONARY GIANTS: BOB AND RUTH MONTGOMERY

Standing in a Hard Place

Jerusalem, Jordan: 1951-1956

Pakistan: 1958 - present

In 1959, two missionary ladies visited a small village in the foothills of the Himalayas. On that day, Ruth Montgomery experienced an emotional heart-felt affirmation, leaving no doubt that God had directed Bob and her to that place of great need. After Ruth and her friend spent the day teaching the Bible and presenting the Gospel, the village women, now so curious about this strange message, asked when they would return. Ruth, knowing that the snowfall would prevent them from making the four-hour trek, had to tell them that they could not resume their teaching until after the spring. One of the older village men spoke up, expressing concern that lives would be lost during the winter, and how they longed to know more of this Jesus.

Robert Bruce Montgomery trusted the Lord while serving in the Air Force during World War II. Not long after, he felt the call of God to be a missionary. While attending Bible College in Fort Worth, Texas, he met Ruth Phillips; they married in 1947. Ruth had been a school-teacher in rural Kansas for nine years; the prairie schools had given her a foundation and preparation for her future life as a missionary educator in the Middle East. While completing seminary, the Montgomerys founded the Bible Baptist Church in Terrell, Texas where their first son Bruce was born. In 1951, after a time of deputation, they left for the Muslim-entrenched field of Jordan. They studied Arabic and ministered for five and one half years in Jerusalem before being evacuated in November 1956 during the Suez Crisis. While in Jordan, their other three children were born: Beth, Joy, and Roy.

WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 150 MILLION, PAKISTAN IS THE THIRD LARGEST ISLAMIC NATION IN THE WORLD. IT IS IN THE VERY HEART OF THE 10/40 WINDOW WHERE NINETY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S UNREACHED LIVE.

During their time in the United States, the Montgomerys were commissioned as missionaries by the First Baptist Church in Medicine Lodge, Kansas to the country of Pakistan. Their ministry together there spanned three decades. In the city of Muree, they spent two years studying the Urdu language. Later they moved to the seaport city of Karachi where their ministry focus remained. In 1987, the Montgomerys returned to the United States to care for Ruth's mother. Shortly after her passing in 1996, Ruth herself became ill. In a prayer letter dated

June 30, 1996, Ruth reports of ministry growth that is occurring in Pakistan during their absence and their longing to be back and teach the children of their converts. Though they had been pursuing reentry visas, Ruth Montgomery would never return to Pakistan, but witness that glorious fruit from the portals of heaven. At the age of seventy-nine, she went home to be with the Lord.

With a population of over 150 million, Pakistan is the third largest Islamic nation in the world. It is in the very heart of the 10/40 window where ninety-five percent of the world's Unreached live. Many Christians in Pakistan face religious discrimination and intolerance, as well as social oppression. It is officially illegal for Muslims to convert to Christianity.

Closed to traditional missions, the Montgomerys' ministry in Pakistan was challenging. Some of their chief activities included the distribution of countless tracts and other Gospel literature, establishing literacy, Braille, and sewing classes all in order to teach the Bible. The Montgomerys assisted several Baptist churches led by Pakistani nationals in the organizing of various ministries within the church. While on furlough during a mission conference, a fellow-missionary recalled that Bob showed a picture of several Pakistani men, stating that those men were his primary ministry. Bob Montgomery has poured his life into discipling and training fellow servants. The longevity of his ministry, now in its fifty-eighth year, attests that perseverance, along with zeal and Christ-like love, bear the fruit that remains.

After Ruth's death, Bob returned to Pakistan where he is today. In a prayer letter dated May 27, 2009, he tells of his request to the Pakistani government to renew his visa. He writes, "I had no choice where and when I was born, but now I would choose to live, die, and be buried in Pakistan...my main theme is still the same, boiling it down to two words, 'Jesus Saves'."



Bob & Ruth Montgomery

BEARING PRECIOUS SEED



Since 1973, First Baptist Church and Bearing Precious Seed, along with supporting churches all across the country, have printed and supplied the Word of God to missionaries all over the world. It is amazing to see how God provides to produce His Word. Thank you First Baptist Church for your faithfulness through the years in having this ministry supply the Word of God to those in need throughout the world. We have had the opportunity to see increases in production during the last year and also an increase in overall yield off the press. This has resulted in more Scriptures being printed without added cost. The men that work in the shop have made this happen. The volunteers that help throughout the year have helped to increase the overall production off the binder by almost double. What a blessing all of the volunteers are throughout the weekdays as well as those that work at BPS during Great Commission Night. Thank you to all of the volunteers for your faithfulness to get the Gospel out. During 2008, we were able to produce over 9.2 million Scripture. We are on about the same pace during the first 5 months of 2009.

SOUTH AFRICA – One project for 2010 is to produce one million Scriptures for the soccer World Cup. These Scriptures will be distributed throughout ten cities in South Africa where the games will be taking place. Some of the members of FBC will be involved in this project.

EL PASO – Our facility in El Paso is continuing to take groups into Mexico and distribute Scripture that was printed in Milford. The Scriptures are assembled in El Paso and taken by the groups into Mexico or shipped to other locations throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Please continue to pray for this part of the BPS ministry and the families that are involved in the El Paso ministry.

SEEDLINE – The Seedline ministry continues to grow across the country with more churches being involved in putting Scripture together. With networks in New York, Tennessee, Georgia and Missouri, as well as expansion at our El Paso location, we plan to have more growth during the next few years. Pray for the families that are involved in Seedline.

VOLUNTEERS – As mentioned above, the volunteers at BPS are of vital importance to our ministry. Much of what we are able to accomplish is a direct result of volunteers from FBC as well as church groups that come and help with putting Scripture together. The group of men that help on the binder has increased in number over the last year. We have had more church groups come and volunteer their help ranging from a few hours to a week. The ladies that come in faithfully have been able to also see an increase in volunteers which in turn has been a blessing to Bearing Precious Seed.

EQUIPMENT – During the last year, we were able to add a four-color Miller press and a newer single-knife cutter. The press has enabled us to do additional full color work in a more efficient manner. Pray for some other equipment that we could use in the ministry, particularly a computer to plate unit.

EMPLOYEES – The people that are involved daily at BPS are dedicated and realize that what they are involved with makes a difference for eternity. The working relationship that they have is a blessing to watch and the way that the volunteers and the BPS employees work together is a great asset to the ministry.

BPS MISSIONARIES – The folks that have traveled all the miles through the years and have represented the ministry and raised funds to print the Word of God are many times not recognized for their efforts. Since 1973, it has been amazing how God has used many families to help this ministry grow to where it is today. They are still involved in many ways. Though some do not travel quite like they used to, they are involved on the phones contacting pastors continuously about being involved in getting Scriptures to those in need.

Thank you First Baptist Church for your continued involvement in Bearing Precious Seed and for making sure that God's Word is being printed by the Church. What a blessing this ministry is to churches and missionaries around the world. We look forward to what God is going to do with His Word through First Baptist Church and Bearing Precious Seed if he tarries his return.

Psalm 68:11 – The Lord gave the Word: great was the company of those that published it.

INTERVIEW WITH CHAD & FAITH MANN *continued*

Faith, I would like to ask you a couple questions.

Question: *How are you adjusting this time to the Asian culture?*

Faith: Pretty good..when we first got here it was very hot and the electric was off a lot, but it is better and with A/C most of the time it makes it bearable. The stares that we get from everybody are very uncomfortable. With talking to other foreigner ladies, they say you will never get used to it...just have to let it go. But for me, right now it is very difficult. We in the western culture are taught that staring is not polite so to have people literally turn around,or come right up to the glass window at McDonalds and stare at you is very weird. We are learning the language more and more everyday so I know that it will help when we can speak to them or be able to know what they are saying about us. I didn't think that I would have experienced culture shock again, but I did to a degree. Just not being able to drive on my own or talk with the people is very difficult. It will get better with time and I know that we are where the Lord wants us.

Question: *Do you involve yourself in the ministry with Chad, or is your focus on taking care of the home and the children?*

Faith: I will involve myself as much as possible but with school age and younger children they have to be tended to. So I guess to answer it, I am focusing on my children and taking care of the house (which is a lot of work). There are some women here that I already know (rickshaw driver's wife, old landlord lady) that I am trying to visit some and just be a blessing to. The men that Chad bring up from the south may be married so then I will mentor those ladies as well.

Question: *What is a typical day like for you?*

Faith: Well my day starts about 6:30-7:00am. I get up with Nathanael, feed him, then read some until about 8am. Then I fix breakfast, get other kids up (if not already up) at 8:30am, we have breakfast, get dressed, and ready for Hindi class which is from 10-11:30am. Then school with the kids and getting lunch ready, we have lunch about 1pm. In between that time somewhere the electricity is usually off about 2-3hrs. So then after lunch, more school with kids, laundry, dishes, cleaning, dealing with people coming and going. Then about 4pm, the kids go out to play if not too hot or raining. Again, sometime in there, the electric is off 2-3 more hrs. I have to start supper at about 5pm so it will be ready to eat around 7pm. Each meal takes approx. 2 hrs to make. Before supper, the kids will come in from playing, take showers, we eat supper, then review hindi ,sometimes watch a movie and then off to bed. Kids to bed at 9:30-10pm, then I do some reading for a short time before I fall over with exhaustion. Off to bed for me around 11pm then up again and start all over. Of course, that is a typical day but every day holds different things and even night.

One last question before we close.

Question: *What would you like to say to your home church, and your other supporting churches, that perhaps we didn't cover in this interview?*

Faith: Thank you so much for your sacrifice in sending us here. We really love you and I thank God for you everyday. Because of your faithfulness to us and God we know that there will be food on the table and prayers said for us. We love you and can't wait to see you again sometime!!!!

Chad: Thank you so much for helping us financially. I know God will richly bless you for the sacrifices you are making for the Gospel's sake. I am really praying over the next couple years we can get more people to come and visit the work here. The Lord said to pray for laborers! It is truly a needy place here.

Thank you Chad and Faith, for your sacrificial service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and for taking the time to answer my questions on behalf of your church family. May God bless you richly for your faithfulness to Him.

COUNTRIES OF ASIA

Japan

Population: 127,718,000

Jordan

Population: 5,924,000

Kazakhstan

Population: 15,422,000

Kyrgyzstan

Population: 5,317,000

Laos

Population: 5,859,000

Malaysia

Population: 27,544,000

Maldives

Population: 306,000

Mongolia

Population: 2,629,000

Myanmar

Population: 48,798,000

Nepal

Population: 28,196,000

North Korea

Population: 23,790,000

Pakistan

Population: 161,988,000

Philippines

Population: 88,706,000



THEY'RE JUST **KIDS!?!**

Children are usually never told not to serve God. But often, by default, they are never provided with opportunities to serve God. While we never say, "Children are not important to train," our lean emphasis on training children states this truth quite clearly. "You're just kids," we tell them through our lack of concern. "Don't worry about serving God now. You'll have plenty of time to give to God once you have grown up." Yet in reality, children often please God in their service more than adults do.

One day when Jesus was in the temple, He saw many people bringing their offerings to God. No doubt, some of them drew great attention as their money was poured into the box. But in the midst of the crowd, a humble, elderly widow made her way to the offering box. And although she only placed two small coins into the treasury, this hardly-noticed lady received God's attention. (Mark 12:41-44)

Children can be much like this seemingly insignificant lady in their gifts to God. If we are not careful, we perceive that children are not capable of important gifts to God.

Once a man asked D.L. Moody how many had been saved at a recent meeting. Moody replied, "Two and a half." "You mean two adults and one child?" guessed the man. With a heart like Jesus, Dr. Moody explained, "No. Two children and one adult. You see an adult has only half of a life to give back to God, but a child has an entire life to live for God."

A recent Barna Research poll revealed that out of everyone who trusts Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, 76% will make the decision between the ages of 5 and 12. Because this is true, Master Clubs is dedicated to providing first-class, service-oriented discipleship materials and discipleship training to Baptist churches all over the world.

Master Clubs is not a sit-while-the-teacher-teaches kind of program. Instead, our goal is to provide a catalyst for adults and

children to interact with each other over the Word of God. We desire to help children sharpen their Bible knowledge and plant seed thoughts in their mind that they can serve God right now. Then we provide them with multiple opportunities to serve Him in their home, community, and local church.

From the front of a little brown building on our church property, Master Clubs is reaching out to hundreds of churches in our world. Master Clubs is currently being used in over 560 Baptist churches in North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Australia. A conservative estimate shows that through Master Clubs, First Baptist Church of Milford is contributing toward the discipleship of over 22,000 children each week.

"I know my daughter would not be serving God so effectively were it not for Master Clubs in our church!" is what one mother from Virginia recently explained with tears of gratitude and appreciation. Another father from Indiana related that "Master Clubs has given my daughter the confidence to serve God now!"

As our staff travels across the country, there are so many times that we wish for you to be with us to see what our eyes see and to hear what our ears hear. Your hearts would be blessed. Thankful moms. Grateful fathers. Boys and girls teaching and preaching. Children excited about learning and memorizing

the Bible. Leaders who have a passion for developing boys and girls into full-time Christians. Master Clubs is helping to provide the future leaders of our churches with a firm foundation, the fruit of which can be a life-time of Christian service.

We are so blessed to have a church which firmly believes that children can serve God now. And our church believes this so strongly that the ministry of Master Clubs is part of the fabric and culture of First Baptist Church in Milford, Ohio.

"You see an adult has only half of a life to give back to God, but a child has an **ENTIRE LIFE** to live for God."

-D.L. Moody

THE NEED

SO THAT ALL THEY WHICH DWELT IN ASIA HEARD...ACTS 19:10



THE **NEED** FOR MISSIONS IS GREAT IN ASIA.

ASIA HAS THE HIGHEST POPULATION OF ANY CONTINENT IN THE WORLD. DESPITE ITS DENSE POPULATION, ASIA HAS THE MOST UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS. SOUTH ASIA ALONE HAS 345 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS.

PRAY ABOUT YOUR PART IN REACHING **ASIA.**



RICK & BECKY MARTIN MISSIONARIES TO THE PHILIPPINES



The last thing I thought I would ever be was a missionary - until Bob Hughes came to visit my home church in March of 1976. Brother Hughes was dying of cancer. That night he was only able to speak for a few minutes, but when he was finished, I turned to my wife Becky and told her we were going to the Philippines.



We arrived in Iloilo City in October 1977 and shortly afterward started a Bible study in our apartment. Most churches are started as a result of Bible studies, and in April 1978, Iloilo Baptist Church was started. This past April the church celebrated its 31st anniversary. Iloilo Baptist

College began with a goal of starting churches.

In 1990, the Lord impressed on my heart three new ways to start more churches. One was to send graduates to other countries. I made a trip to Haiti and soon after, a young man on our church staff surrendered to go there. After two years of deputation in the Philippines, he left with his wife for Haiti.

It was in Haiti that a missionary shared with me the second way. Some graduates from his Bible college started night time Bible institutes for married men. Like Haiti, it is very difficult for married men in the Philippines to go off to Bible College. Many are farmers and fishermen with families and there are no jobs in the city for them. When I returned to the Philippines, a challenge was given to the graduates of Iloilo Baptist College to train married men in their churches to become pastors.

The third way the Lord impressed me to start churches was by encouraging a few of our more experienced graduates to start Bible schools to train single young people.

We have had many wonderful things happen to us over the years. God blessed us with a wonderful son, Ricky, and a daughter, Rachel. Ricky and his wife, Brandie, are now working here with us. They have a son named Tristan. Our daughter, Rachel, married a fine young man named Matt. They are working in a church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Some strange things have also happened. One night after church, I was told that someone was throwing rocks at one of our build-

ings down the street. I went to the building. A man walked up, opened his jacket, took out a .38 caliber gun and began to shoot. He missed me, but hit one of our students who, thankfully, survived. The shooter lived nearby and fled to another town where he hid for years. One day he came back. I talked to him and had the privilege of leading him to Christ.

We have seen many people saved over the years, but one of the most exciting was Becky's Dad. She prayed for him for seven years to get saved. When Becky's parents came for a visit, they fell in love with the Filipino people. They attended the church services, but her Dad didn't get saved. On the last day of their visit, they left for the airport. A short time later, I walked into the bedroom and saw Becky crying. She was heartbroken that her Dad had not gotten saved. I said, "Let's go to the airport and talk to him." When we got there, she walked up to him and began to cry. She said, "Dad, I may never see you again." He told her not to worry - he promised he would come back and visit again next year. Becky told him she didn't mean that - she was worried that he might die without Christ. He was not a man who expressed his emotions, but tears began to run down his face. He asked what he needed

to do to go to heaven. I had the privilege of taking my New Testament and showing him the plan of Salvation. He accepted Christ as his Saviour there in the Iloilo Airport.



Students of Iloilo Baptist College out soul winning.

For the 30 years we have lived here, the Philippines has been very receptive to the Gospel. The people of Iloilo are especially open. The Philippine Constitution allows churches to send their workers into the public schools and teach their religion on a volunteer basis. Many teachers and principals, who have never accepted Christ, welcome us to teach the Bible. Special people groups like the deaf, educable slow, street children, lepers, blind, hospital patients, prisoners, and others are hungry for our great Saviour. There are countless opportunities to witness for Him.

WHAT? can I do



The question might arise, “What can our folks, who have many years of experience in the Lord’s work, do now to be productive in missions?” The following are just a few of the many areas where our seniors can be involved:

1 Many of our seniors take advantage of church-wide mission trips which allow them to see first hand the work of missionaries on the field. We have seen a number of our Senior Circuit members avail themselves of such opportunities.

2 Our Senior Circuit Ministry has some of the most choice prayer warriors in our church. Whether praying for the Mission Conference or for the individual needs of a young missionary visiting our church, our seniors should make themselves available to pray so as to be known as real prayer warriors.

3 Our seniors can have a productive part in the planning, preparation, and clean-up of our International Dinner for the Mission Conference.

4 Our seniors can communicate with some of our missionaries, and make it known to them how much we care about them and pray for them. We should get copies of their prayer letters so as to be informed of their needs and then use our collective years of experience in praying for them.

5 Our seniors can do volunteer work in our print shop, helping to put together copies of the Word of God and preparing it for shipping to missionaries around the world.

6 Our seniors can give financially to missions, as the Lord blesses them, allowing them to help spread the Gospel around the world ... remembering how the Lord honored the widow’s mite in Luke 21:1-4.

Submitted by Rev. Don Melton, First Baptist Church of Milford, Ohio,
Director of the Senior Circuit Ministry

COUNTRIES OF ASIA

Russia

Population: 140,702,096

Sri Lanka

Population: 19,299,000

Taiwan

Population: 22,935,000

Tajikistan

Population: 6,736,000

Thailand

Population: 62,828,706

Turkey

Population: 71,892,808

Turkmenistan

Population: 4,965,000

Uzbekistan

Population: 27,372,000

Vietnam

Population: 87,375,000

Middle East

Population: 4,965,000

Bahrain

Population: 753,000

Iran

Population: 71,208,000

Iraq

Population: 28,993,000



DON & LAURA STERTZ COURIERS FOR CHRIST



In the early 1970's, my pastor, Rev. Howard Nelson, had a burden to reach Communist Russia and Eastern Europe with the Gospel. At that time,



most mission boards called that part of the world closed, but the Bible says, "... Go ye into all the world ..." (Mark 16:15). Pastor Nelson believed that if God gave the command, He would provide a way to accomplish the task.

In October 1974, Southside Baptist Church (now Wyldewood) was having a missions conference. One of the missionaries present was a representative of an Iron Curtain ministry called Frontline Fellowship. He showed a film on Communism, ending with a challenge presenting Russia as a mission field. During that conference, God reached down and touched my heart and the heart of my wife to take up the burden of getting the Gospel into Communist controlled Eastern Europe and Russia. My first response was, "Lord, I'll go anywhere but there!" Russia was a Communist country and I didn't want to go to that dangerous place. But after wrestling with God and praying about it, I finally yielded and joined Frontline Fellowship in January 1975. Laura and I became part time representatives and worked with them for a little over four years.

For the next couple years, things went well until God began to deal with my heart again. There was a restlessness which was answered while attending Missions Week at Maranatha Baptist College. It was there that God revealed to me that I was afraid to go behind the Iron Curtain. So I went forward and surrendered that fear.

In April 1978, God sent me on a mission trip. While attending a mid week service in Cluj, Romania, God once again tenderized my heart. While those dear people were singing praises to God, tears flowed down my cheeks and I promised God that I would do all that I could to get His precious Word into that part of the world. We never anticipated what the Lord had in store for us over the next year as a result of the promise I made to Him while in Romania. We had no way of knowing that 1979 would be the most exciting, challenging, and life-changing year of our lives! The Lord led me to quit my secular job, step out on faith, and work full time with

Frontline Fellowship. However, some problems developed which left us no choice but to resign.

So there we were ... no job, no ministry, no insurance, no income ... just God and a burden to get the Gospel into Eastern Europe and Russia. The idea of starting a ministry had never crossed my mind, so I contacted several Iron Curtain ministries seeking to work with them. I was appalled that these ministries did not stand for the King James Bible or the authority of the local church.

I met with Pastor Nelson, expressed my concerns, and asked him what he thought I should do. He leaned back in his chair, smiled and said, "Why don't you start one?" My response was, "How?" He said, "If God is in it, you will find a way. If He is not, it will come to nothing. When you have a plan, let me know and we will call a men's meeting to discuss it."

After my meeting with Pastor Nelson, the Lord would not let this idea of "starting one" rest. While in meetings in Ohio, I began to develop a plan as to the structure and operation of a local church ministry. Two key factors would separate us from other Iron Curtain missions: 1) We believe that the King James Bible is the pure Word of God without error. 2) We believe that the local church is the sending and governing agent for a missionary and the mission board. So I had a plan, but no name for the ministry. One evening Laura jumped up and said, "I've got it! The name for our ministry - COURIERS FOR CHRIST." A courier is someone who carries a very important document. We carry the most important document in the world - the Word of God - and we do it for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Nelson called a men's meeting. A suggestion was made that this ministry be brought before the church to be voted on as a local church ministry. In November, 1979, this new ministry was presented to Wyldewood Baptist Church and unanimously accepted. Thus, Couriers for Christ was born.

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Developing *Mission-Hearted* Children

-Abb Thomas
Children's Director

Let's take the bottom line first. After researching three large fundamental mission boards, all with over 1,000 missionaries on the field, my long-felt assumptions proved true. All three boards gave almost word for word this quote: "Seventy-five percent of all missionaries on the field today (their missionaries) believe that God laid missions on their heart by the age of twelve!" They knew by twelve that God wanted them to be a missionary some day.

That alone should "seal the deal" as to the necessity to make missions big in a child's heart "now & later". In fact, that's the name of our missions emphasis to children at First Baptist Church, and through our Master Club ministry.

No, we do not "talk them into" being a missionary. That is God's realm alone. But, why can't a child understand early-on in life that the mission field is a great place and way to serve the Lord, and the option is open for whosoever will? What's wrong with that?

We take the positive approach. God alone calls, but He uses us to plant and water the seed! If the bottom line is as stated (by the age of twelve), why would we as leaders not make it a great emphasis in our ministry to the children?

If children can dream of being a doctor or a home builder or ball player, what's wrong with dreaming of being a preacher or teacher or missionary some day? Why can't serving the Lord be an option too?

Here is a partial listing of ideas to make missions big in young eyes and hearts, "Now & Later"!

1. In June of this year, we completed six-weeks of evangelism and included our children right in the middle of it all! Children need to see their parents, teachers, and church involved in missions. This mission field happened to be only a mile or two away in large living developments. We went to where they live – that's missions!
2. Through Master Clubs, our multiple badge awards move them to learn, research and present their knowledge of our missionaries.
3. How about a "Good News Day", when children help to pass out 500 gospel tracts?
4. Let's do a "shoe box" full of gifts and fun to send to our missionary children on the field right now. Let's encourage those children in a strange land.
5. Let's take them through sixteen short biographies of great men and women in missions.
6. We can fill quarter folders to purchase Bibles to be sent around the world.
7. Projects such as learning missions verses, letter writing, coloring projects, learning to present the gospel, home-missions projects, missions games, people group presentations, foreign projects, and learning about the 10-40 window are good.
8. How about a missionary prayer room to show maps, people group books, videos, singing mission songs, and make much of prayer for missions?
9. The Children's Bible Institute courses from Master Ministries are full of missions.
10. Multiple award badges in Club bring hands-on involvement in missions early-on in life.
11. A church-lending library is great for families to take home and use beautiful books, posters, and videos.
12. A Christian writing contest could feature essays, poems, and short stories, all on missions.
13. The annual Children's Mission Conference brings it up close and personal as three of the five nights is all theirs. Missionaries speaking to kids (not adults), missions songs, games, videos, crafts, and memory add to their seeing missions above and beyond the bugs and snake stories.

That's our goal, and we're going after it with children. Help pray many of our children to the mission fields of the world!

what is FAITH PROMISE?



A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF *FAITH PROMISE GIVING*

Faith Promise giving was years ago looked at and presented as man asking God to give to him, and then he would give back to God. This puts God as the giver and the recipient. If God gives it, then I will give it as my faith promise. Though there are examples of such requests in the Bible, such as Hannah's request of a man child in which she gave back to God what God gave her, this puts God as the one responsible for my giving and not me giving by faith.

Faith Promise is the part of our giving that is solely used for World Evangelism. Every child of God is commanded and required by God to tithe and give in offerings. The tithe is to go to the "storehouse" (the church.) This is to supply the house of God and the servants to work. The Faith Promise is my offering given to the church for the purpose of fulfilling my individual responsibility of the Great Commission. I physically cannot go into all the world and preach the Gospel. I must be involved in reaching all peoples, nations, and tongues. I do that through praying, going, and giving. My faith-promise (my giving commitment) is part of my responsibility. We commit for a year period of time for the sake of knowing corporately as a church what we can do in helping individual missionaries seeking support. Our Faith Promise commitment is added to other church members' commitments to give us our

total faith-promise commitment dollar amount. This now allows us to pledge our support to missionaries who have been called to go. In the Word of God, our giving is out of what we have. A person should ask the Lord what his commitment should be. My faith is increased when I see God replenish my giving by finances, provision, or protection.

Faith Promise is not to come out of one's tithe. The tithe is for the local church needs. The Faith Promise is in direct response to reach those without the Gospel.

First Baptist Church's Faith-Promise offering (commitment) total is somewhere in the area of \$225, 000 to \$260,000 a year. We also have other areas of giving to missions outside of the Faith Promise. The Faith Promise is to secure that our missionaries are supported each month as we have promised them. Other missions' monies go to Bearing Precious Seed and other missions projects both home and abroad. Our total giving in the past years is between \$425,000 and \$500,000 each year. It is the desire of First Baptist Church to train mission minded servants for all levels of ministry. We are to be actively, at home and abroad, giving to accomplish the mission - the Great Commission in reaching the world with Christ.

- Pastor Duttry

THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN

I. WHAT IT IS NOT!

- A. It is not a pledge (Eccl. 5:4-5).
- B. It is not something that someone will come to you to collect (II Cor. 8:12).
- C. It is not something you sit down and figure out how much you can give (Eccl. 11:5).
- D. It is not taken away from what you are already giving to the church (tithes).



II. WHAT IS IT?

- A. It is between God and you (II Cor. 8:12).
- B. It is waiting upon God to tell you how much He wants you to give for reaching the world for Christ (Phil. 2:13).
- C. You must trust Him out of what you have (II Cor. 9:7-8).
- D. You and the missionary become partners in faith.

III. WHAT IT WILL DO

- A. It will help the church to know what it can do this year to reach the world for Christ (I Samuel 21:8).
- B. It encourages united effort (Phil. 3:15-16).
- C. It is good for the Christian as it does ask him to give what he has. This always involves faith. The plan challenges him to trust God to permit him to do something for world evangelization each week. A little child can participate in the plan; yet, it tests the faith of a mature Christian (Heb. 11:6).
- D. It fosters solid stewardship (I Cor. 4:1-2).
- E. It causes some Christians to begin tithing. One cannot give a Faith Promise unless he tithes first.
- F. It gives the local church a real incentive to be co-laborers with Christ (II Cor. 5:14-15).
- G. First things become first (II Cor. 5:14-20 and Matt. 28:20).
- H. It encourages the missionary (I Thess. 3:5-7 and Phil 4:15-19).

IV. HOW SHOULD IT WORK?

- A. If at all possible, the money should be given each week (I Cor. 16:2).
- B. It should be given throughout the entire year of commitment.

V. THE FAITH PROMISE IS IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

- A. Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give (II Cor. 9:7).
- B. Purpose, then give.
- C. Giving is a spiritual exercise.
- D. Consecration is its only valid basis (II Cor. 8:4-5), "...first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

VI. WHAT IS THE FAITH PROMISE AIM?

- A. It is not to glorify individuals or organizations, but Christ.
- B. Its sole purpose is to adequately support the work of world evangelization, which is commanded by our coming Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15).
- C. To bring us into a more closely dependent and blessed fellowship with Him (Phil. 3:10-14).

FINANCIAL GOALS 2010

*F*irst Baptist Church has had and, I pray, will always have a Missions heart. The glorification of God by all peoples, nations, and tongues is the fulfillment of God's plan. It is the responsibility of His children, the church, to go into all the world and present Him. May we always keep this first and foremost in our minds and hearts. We have in the past years given \$425,000-\$490,000 a year toward reaching people with the Gospel. This has occurred over the past ten years and I'm sure in other years before that.

Missions giving: 2007 - \$520,758
2008 - \$492,053

Giving in the first half of 2009 - \$237,379

These mission funds include our Faith Promise commitments to our home church missionaries as well as the missionaries we support from other churches.

It includes First Baptist Church giving to Bearing Precious Seed and other special offerings to missions projects such as Operation Harvest.

Goals:

1. Stay faithful to His plan of world evangelism.
2. Increase our involvement in training our future missionaries through Biblical School of World Evangelism.
3. Send 70 servants of the Lord in the next fifteen years into the work of the ministry in a full-time capacity.
4. Increase our giving 3-5% per year over the next fifteen years to support the responsibility we have been given.
i.e.
2007 - \$520,758
2008 - \$492,053
2009 - \$507,177
2010 - \$522,392
2011 - \$543,287
2012 - \$559,585 etc.
5. Have a greater understanding as a church family that giving to missions is important by the continuance of the church being on the field. It is of utmost importance.
6. Institute a much more effective communication line between First Baptist Church and our missionaries.

Goals are dreams and visions of what needs to be done in order to accomplish the task. They will be evaluated yearly and adjusted as necessary. May we the church, the body of Christ, remain focused on the task of His glorification.

-Pastor Duttry

LOOKING AHEAD 2010



YEAR OF Jubilee

"The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing".... Isaiah 55:12

*I*n 2003, we had our first Missions Conference with all of our missionaries home from the field. It was mentioned that we would do this every seven years. Oh, how quickly seven years is passing. Next September, we will all be back together for what we are calling "The Year of Jubilee." In the next couple of months, I will be introducing some of the special things for our entire church that will coincide with the Year of Jubilee.

In past years, we have had themes such as Year of the Student, Year of the Servant, and Year of the Harvest. Now in 2010, we will have the Year of Jubilee. In the Bible, this Jubilee year was special for several reasons. In the next few months, take time to study those passages and we will see some of them together in 2010.

With the Year of Jubilee, we want to emphasize and examine ourselves, our church, our ministries, and our community. Let us together become like Christ and be about our Father's business in accomplishing the task given to each of us, His children. As Christ came and set His face like a flint toward His purpose, may each of us find our purpose in Him and set ourselves in the task He has for us.

The Year of Jubilee was a time to reflect and rejoice over what had been, what was, and what was to come. May we reflect and take resolve in the opportunities the Lord has given and is giving to First Baptist Church and our ministries.

We will rejoice in over 95 million Scriptures printed at Bearing Precious Seed and in helping thousands of children in America and other countries through Master Ministries. We will rejoice in the blessings of Reformers Unanimous and the Food Pantry ministries as well as the more than 300 people out every Monday night to be involved in the Great Commission. With all the rejoicing comes accountability and responsibility. Let us evaluate and become more effective in reaching others for Him.

Please allow the Year of Jubilee to help you spiritually, both personally and corporately, in becoming more like Christ. We will rejoice together because of Him and for Him.

In His work together.

Pastor

COUNTRIES OF ASIA

Kuwait

Population: 2,851,000

Lebanon

Population: 4,099,000

Oman

Population: 2,595,000

Qatar

Population: 841,000

Saudi Arabia

Population: 24,735,000

South Korea

Population: 48,512,000

Syria

Population: 19,929,000

United Arab Emirates

Population: 4,380,000

Yemen

Population: 20,727,063

Hong Kong

Population: 7,206,000

Singapore

Population: 4,436,000



who is **NEXT?**

In dealing with young people and their future, it is important not to force our desires as adults upon them. Young people need the counsel of those that are older than them, but they need to be taught to seek God's will from Scripture. The thought of God searching for someone to fill a need is found often in Scripture. Young Samuel was called by God in the Temple. The prophet Isaiah surrendered to God's will when he saw the greatness of God and the lowliness of himself. Young David took a step of courage and faith when he ran to meet the giant Goliath. Esther was put in the position she was for "such a time as this." There was a great spiritual need and these people and many others decided to surrender to God and fill that need.

In our churches today, there are many men and women who have sacrificed much to fill a great spiritual need. They have forsaken the comforts of home. They have left family and friends for years at a time. They have taken on the challenges of learning a whole new way of life. They are our missionaries. They are faithful examples of a surrendered life and what God can do with a few that give all to him. The reality is also that many missionaries are coming home for various reasons, never to return to the field. But while many are coming home, few are going back in their place.

So the question for the next generation is simple. Who is next? Who will say, "I want my life to count for something?" There is a generation of teenagers who have the potential and ability to become the next great missionaries. There are teenagers in our churches who desire to have their lives count for something. Will we help them realize the importance of being next? Will we help them understand the need to have a heartbeat for missions—the heartbeat of Christ? A teenager may never be called to go to the field, but they can always be involved. They can write letters of encouragement. They can go on short term missions trips. They can give prayerfully and financially. They can do so many things. So the next time someone asks who is next, there will be several teenagers who can say, "Here am I, send me."

-Kenn Winn
Jr. High Youth Director

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