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Reaching the World for Christ - 10/40 Window

by Ralph Izard, M.D.
BMMI Director

If you were going to partner with a Gospel missions effort to reach as many with the Gospel as possible, where would you begin? If you could locate a place on the map where millions and millions of people live in a very concentrated area, where two-thirds of the world's population live on just one-third of the earth's land mass, would that seem like a logical place to focus your efforts? There is a place that matches that description. It's called the 10/40 window.

The 10/40 Window (10 and 40 degrees north latitude) is where nearly 2/3 of the world's population, almost 4 billion people, is located. It represents the heart of the Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Animist and Atheist religions of the world. The people living there have very little or no access to any Christian resources. In fact, most of the governments residing in the 10/40 window are hostile to Christianity.

Baptist Medical Missions International (BMMI) has been led of the Lord to focus our ministry efforts working with BMA Missionaries to reach the people in the 10/40 Window. By taking much-needed medical care to the under served people living in the 10/



BMMI Director Dr. Ralph Izard during a recent trip 40 window, BMMI is opening doors for BMA Missionaries to plant new churches and make new disciples for Christ.

The average cost of caring for a patient in a BMMI Clinic is approximately \$20. That \$20 can change a person's eternal destiny. That \$20 makes it possible for a BMMI physician to care for a patient, pays for his/her airfare to the field, gives him a modest place to stay, allows for food expense, provides all of the medicines needed, pays for language translators, gives eyeglasses for patients who need them and

provides for an evangelistic team to share the love of Jesus with each patient who comes to the clinic. On each BMMI trip there are over 1,000 patients who are ministered to. That's 1,000 people who are given medical care and introduced to the Good News of Jesus... all for only \$20 per patient.

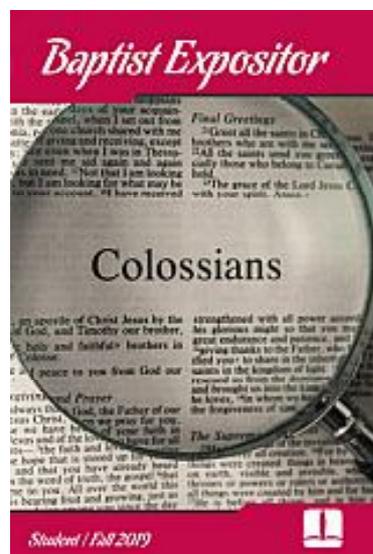
How can you be a part of BMMI's effort to reach the 10/40 window? First, please pray daily for the ministry of BMMI. Second, volunteer to be part of a BMMI team! You don't have to be a medical professional to go on a BMMI Trip! There are many places where you could be a real blessing! Your greatest qualification is a desire to see people come to faith in Jesus. Finally, help supply medicine, eyeglasses or support someone who has a desire to go on a trip by giving a generous offering to this ministry.

Help change the life of someone needing life-giving medicine and the life-giving message of Jesus by partnering with us financially at bmmi.org or by mail at BMMI, 611 Locust Street, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

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Literature Ordering Made Easy Baptist Publishing House Ready for Fall Quarter

Baptist Publishing House is excited to announce the launch of their new website: baptistpublishinghouse.com. This Website is designed to be user-friendly, simple, and efficient. You will be able to learn more about the new Bible study curriculum, and preview all the children's materials as well. Our goal is to provide churches with a convenient way to order their Sunday School/Bible study resources. We will begin taking orders for the fall curriculum on July 15. In the meantime, go take a look at baptistpublishinghouse.com!



Arkansas Flooding Relief Effort - BMA Support Ministry Update 'Just the Crumbs' Disaster Relief

by Lavon Haden, President

Just the Crumbs has chosen to set up at the Immanuel Baptist Church with Pastor Tony Crocker in Greenbrier, Arkansas, as a central location for going out into the surrounding areas to provide meals and supplies to victims and volunteer workers of the flooding of the Arkansas River. We plan to be at this location for 4 months. Volunteers, prayers, and donations of supplies and money will be constant needs throughout this time. Donations of supplies can be brought to the church, or other arrangements may be possible for delivery; monetary donations may be sent to the BMAA Missions Office in Conway, Arkansas.

If you have any questions, call 601-522-6055; if this phone isn't answered immediately, please leave a message to receive a return call. Volunteer groups

are welcome at any time; lodging and feeding will be supplied for these groups. They need to bring personal items, cots, and linens.



Just The Crumbs ministry set up in Arkansas to help with the recent flooding disaster

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“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all...” Rom 1:8a

It is such a delight to work with a group of churches which has such a passion for missions. Each month I find myself fascinated by the generosity of our churches as they support the ongoing efforts to plant churches across Mississippi and around the world. We just ended our Special Emphasis campaign for State Missions. We will continue to receive Special Emphasis offerings in June and July as churches process and send in what they received. We will recognize those churches in an upcoming issue. To date, we have received Special Emphasis offerings from the following:

- Ballardville, Tupelo
- Big Creek, Soso
- Caledonia, Caledonia
- Calvary, Taylorsville
- Cypress Creek, Brooklyn
- Divine Grace, Long Beach
- F.B. Bay Springs, Bay Springs
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- F.B. Shady Grove, Laurel
- F.B. Orange Grove, Gulfport
- Forked Oaks, Booneville
- Grace, Clinton
- Lebanon, Laurel
- Lone Oak, West Point
- Mt. Gilead, Columbia
- New Bethany, Ellisville
- Old Antioch, Soso
- Paramount, Perkinston
- Rankin, Dennis & Sylvia
- Springhill, Ocean Springs
- Washington, Neely

As I mentioned in my midyear report, we have asked Bro. Justin Cameron to serve as our “Foreign Missions Ambassador” to help keep our churches informed about the work of our Mississippi based (Mother Church is in Mississippi) Foreign Missionaries. This article will include his first report. I have asked Bro. Justin Rhodes to serve as the Church Ministries Coordinator, and his introductory report will also appear in this article. We are committed to helping our churches.

Church Ministries - by Justin Rhodes

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve with Bro. Geraldson and the Missions Department in the area of Church Ministries. There are currently twenty-four churches in the BMA of

Mississippi that are without a pastor. As much as we are able, we would like to help these churches through their time of transition. Whether your church is in need of counsel regarding the process of searching for a pastor, someone to fill the pulpit, or names of available pastoral candidates, we want to serve you in whatever way you need help. If your church is in the process of seeking a pastor and we can help you in any way, please contact me (601-498-6692) or the Missions Office (601-428-8616). You may also reach me at pastorjustinrhodes@yahoo.com. If you would like for your name to be placed on the list of those available for pastoral service or pulpit supply, please let us know. If your church is able, please send an offering to BMA of Mississippi Missions marked “Church Ministries” to assist in helping our churches who may be in need during their transition time. My time in helping with this ministry is volunteer based so all donations received for Church Ministries will directly help those we send out and our churches.



Justin Rhodes

Canaan Baptist Mission, Waynesboro – (Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Mother Church)

We continue to meet every Sunday at 2:30 pm. We consistently have about 15 who attend from the Waynesboro area. Three of those are currently members. Of those three who are currently members, two were received by letter



Canaan Baptist Mission adds family of 10 and one by baptism. There are six who have joined on promise of a letter which we are waiting on, and four are awaiting baptism. In addition to these we have one lady visiting regularly, who has a Missionary Baptist background,

who has at least verbally committed to coming and supporting the work here. We have also signed and began our one year lease on the building and property we are using. Thanks to the churches composing the BMA of Mississippi, this lease will be paid in full. This is a huge blessing as it will remove the bulk of the financial burden from the Mission church. We have however, begun to collect tithes and offerings and have begun to support Mission work as well with our collections. As of now, I am full time ministry. I have finished my contract with Jones College. My time now is devoted fully to pastoral work and mission work. Please continue to pray for the Mission efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Your Local Missionary, Bro. Jason Howard (601) 394-8723 / jasonowenshoward@gmail.com



Canaan Baptist Mission's First Baptism (His name is Levi)

Salt Light Baptist Mission, Waveland – (Campground Baptist Church, Mother Church)



Volunteer Youth Group from Tennessee that came to Waveland and helped Salt Light Baptist Mission paint their building and do some much needed landscaping

A volunteer youth group came down from Tennessee to help the city of Waveland and the surrounding area with work projects. Salt Light Baptist Mission was recommended by the city of Waveland as one of the work projects. They painted our fellowship hall/block building and pulled the weeds and roots out of our flower beds and cleaned out around the fountain by the side doors. They worked very hard in some hot

conditions. God is so good! We continue to make progress on the remodeling. We hope to be able to start meeting in the sanctuary soon. We continue to have visitors and already have some who need to be baptized. Please continue to pray for us as we try to share the gospel in this area. – Bro. Johnny Williams, Missionary Pastor

Day Star Baptist in Sumrall

Day Star Baptist rejoices in having four baptized. God continues to bless



Four baptized at Day Star in Sumrall

and for that we are grateful! Thanks again to everyone for your prayers and support! – Bro. Phillip Burns, Pastor

Midway Baptist Mission, Batesville – (First Baptist Mantachie, Mother Church)

God is good! All the time! And, He is blessing us at Midway Baptist Mission. Since the last update was submitted, four first time visitors have attended our services, and one of them multiple times. Our people are learning the Word and how to apply it to daily living. That's the most important type of growth for a mission or a church. Bro. Sidney Farmer has visited with us and will be coming back in mid-July with a group from South Forest Baptist to conduct Vacation Bible School. Some of our folks have never participated in VBS and are excited about this planned event. God willing, doors will be opened through VBS that have, to this point, been closed to us. Many people in our area

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From The Mind of Chuck Lee

God Don't Make Lemons

Our air conditioning outside unit sprung a leak a week or two ago. The A/C repairman came out and looked and told me the amount it would cost to fix the problem. I laughed and said, "Good one!" He just stared as if he were in the presence of a mad man. As my breathing came back to normal, he suggested that we might just want to look into a whole new unit. After spending a week in a ninety degree home, I deduced that he was probably right. The problem was, this was not the first time this had happened. In fact, it was the third year in a row that we had a leak with this particular unit and each year the leak was in a different location. He said that sometimes you just get a lemon and had nothing to do with sending his kid to college. Seems like I get those a lot. A lemon, for the uninformed, is a product that continually breaks down.

The last few years has me wondering if I myself were not a lemon because I seem to be breaking down a lot. WebMd has verified my suspicions of rare and unknown diseases that I have contracted over the last few years, and if you can't trust WebMd, who can you trust? Next thing you will tell me is that Wikipedia is not a trusted source of information. Anyway, my wife and nurse to be daughter have somehow blocked my access to that website. Just



Bro. Chuck Lee

The last few years has me wondering if I myself were not a lemon because I seem to be breaking down a lot.

to spite them, I told them that I was going to diagnose myself using my own intelligence. They laughed and laughed, although as far as I could tell, the A/C man had already left.

I had gotten a little discouraged because my best friends all seem to be in excellent shape. They run miles, play basketball, and bike the trace to the tune of about 20 miles a pop. I considered getting new friends, but just didn't have the energy, possibly because of some rare and unnamed virus that is yet to be discovered. Having a rare and unnamed disease named after you is not something people aspire to. My brother that is a year older was admitted to the hospital having chest pains, (he had a small blockage that blood thinners should take care of), and a good friend that lives out of state had a pulmonary embolism, (again, blood thinners) and they are both around my age. That made me feel some better

and I appreciated their efforts at cheering me up.

With all of the problems that seem to be accumulating, I still believe God doesn't make lemons. As soon as the doctor checks out this cough, (I might get her to explain why my joints hurt so often, along with some digestive issues, and if she has time look at a spot on my arm, and if possible, check my heart rhythm, and a few other minor things that I am sure is sneaking up on me to kill me), then I will explain to you why God makes everything just right. *Lee serves as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Purvis. He may be reached by email at leecharles47@yahoo.com*



Mississippi Baptist Children's Home

118 Lowe Road, Laurel, Mississippi 39443 - (601) 426-3928
Dwight Lindsey - Director



Dwight Lindsey

Fostering Faith...in busyness:

Summer is upon us. It is a great time for events, activities, and projects. For those of us planning these wonderful opportunities, it can quickly change from an opportunity to a chore. Let's remember, focus, and be purposeful with our activities and busyness this Summer.

In Colossians Three, Paul was giving inventory and instruction on the character and conduct of believers. I believe the last few verses of chapter three give us a picture of how we should serve. Beginning in verse 22 it says, "Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons." As a believer, our obedience to serving in a task is to be done with a singular purpose. We serve because of our reverence for God. Because of that relationship we serve from a living, vibrant, and zealous heart created by God. We serve knowing where our reimbursement is coming from and where it will be redeemed. The Lord is the only source of our inheritance and re-

ward. No paycheck, bonus, or gift will ever compare to the eternal inheritance awarded to believers because of the service of Christ shown in His death and resurrection. Do not let the busyness of summer, even the busyness in doing good things like mission projects, distract you from the single goal of Christ.

I want to say thank you to the churches who have adopted the Home for a summer project. Some of you have given Vacation Bible School offerings and some of you are coming to the Home to put your hands to the plow, as it were. I am thankful for brothers and sisters in Christ who want to serve their Lord here at this place.

Continue to pray for our potential cases. I believe the Lord may be giving us this time to get things in order for our next generation of children. If you feel like you could contribute monetarily or by offering your services please don't hesitate to give us a call. Please contact us if you would like for us to come to your church in August, September, or beyond. Contact the office (601-426-3928), our Facebook page, or my cell phone (662-605-0996). Stay on the lookout for updates, prayer needs, and service opportunities. We are glad to launch our new logo preceding the upcoming launch of our website at msbch.org. Let's stay busy while staying focused on Christ.

Missions

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are unchurched and unsaved, but resistant to the gospel and those who attempt to share it. Pray for us as we continue to walk in faith; believing that God will break down barriers so that souls can be saved and added to the local church. Blessings to you all, Dr. Kenneth Pollock, Mission Pastor

Redemption Baptist Mission, Diamondhead - (Campground Baptist Church, Mother Church)

"The Lord continues to bless us greatly in Diamondhead. We are in the middle of our building remodel. There have been some delays along the way, but we are making good progress. It's our hope that we will be in the new building by the end of the summer. We have started to make payments on the new building, but we still must pay rent on our current building. I'm thank-

ful for individuals and churches who have blessed us financially to make both payments. God bless you! We are excited about launching at the new location but there is still ministry to be done before then. We are currently making plans for our VBS which will be at the end of July. This has always been a great outreach for us, and we are praying that we can meet new families and share the gospel to more children this year. The Lord has been good, and I can't wait to see what he has in store for us. I thank you for your continued prayers and support." - Bro. Wesley Martin, Missionary Pastor

African American Missions - Bro. Ed DuVall, Coordinator

God is doing some amazing things here at Home Stretch. Two weeks ago, I was able to lead a young lady to the Lord and baptized her, as well. A young man accepted Christ as his Savior and will be baptized this Sunday. We are planning to have a two-day VBS with

some sister churches from the south in July. I have started a new class for young adults who struggle with substance abuse or struggle with overcoming strongholds in their lives. I am keeping busy with whatever doors God opens for me. Keep me in your prayers.

Hispanic Missions Report - Bro. Estuardo Marroquin, Hispanic Missions Manager

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" Psalms 126:5-6.

"It is a joy to report to you about Hispanic Missions in our State of Mississippi. Every field continues with steps forward and advancing to share the gospel, reaching the lost with the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Way, Truth and Life in Oxford reports new visits and continues to train leaders on Sunday evening.

El Camino in Biloxi reports 12 in

worship services on Sundays and is starting to begin meetings in a new small group for ladies on Thursday morning.

Bro. Lucas Gomez at Canton, Mississippi, reports an average of 14 people in their small group attendance, one person saved, and give thanks to our Lord because they received the blessing of a new baby boy in his family. Abraham was born on May 18. Thanks to everyone who's been praying for them.

Bro. Leo Adan reports from El Camino in Hattiesburg a good attendance on May 12. Over 50 people attend a special service on Mother's Day. The month of May had the highest attendance in the last 6 months, 59 in worship service and 8 people accepted Christ as personal Savior. Bro. Leo and his wife received a blessing from the Lord, on May 11 baby girl

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Don Brown
Editor

Your *personal* Mission Project?

I recently have been in touch with Doug Lee, our missionary who works at the Philippine Bible College. He is the president of the college, teaches classes, and is involved in many aspects of church planting. Many of the individuals he works with are missionary pastors who have graduated from the Bible College.

Being a missionary in the Philippines is not like being a pastor or missionary here in the states. Bro. Lee recently shared the plight of one young pastor who was walking 5 miles just to lead a weekly Bible study. Can you imagine the dedication it takes to walk 5 miles to just one such meeting? This is the type of individual who needs and surely is deserving of our support.

Bro. Lee shared that they were buying a motorcycle for him to use. Having visited the Philippines personally I saw first hand that small motorcycles are a major mode of transportation.

Bro. Doug shared the following need, "I need \$250 so I can complete the purchase of a dirt bike which cost about \$650 more than a street bike. The last street bike I purchased cost \$995. I have \$1450 on the purchase of the dirt bike. And I also have a pastor that is walking about 5 miles just to have a weekly Bible Study. This really breaks my heart."

The Lees have a heart for the work in the Philippines and for those dedicated to carrying on that work. He was able to raise the additional funds and purchase the bike. The young pastor and the bike are pictured in the attached photo. The Lord filled the need and this will make this young man's ministry more effective and no doubt allow him to reach more people for Christ.



Pastor with new motorcycle

I share this to encourage you, the reader, to consider taking on a "personal mission project". Yes that is right - a PERSONAL one. Churches, Associations, WMAs, Brotherhoods, Sunday School classes, and others take on a mission project for the purpose of advancing the cause of Christ and that is good. The closer you get personally to a need, the more apt you are to vigorously support that need.

Why not contact those who are leading in our mission work, both in the state and nationally, and ask about any particular need? If you know a missionary or have met one, then contact them directly and ask, "What can I do to help you with your personal ministry?" You will be surprised at the needs and most probably how easily you can help. Yes, it will cost you some money! Yes, it will be a big help and blessing on the mission field! And yes, you will be blessed personally!

Let these words from the Bible speak to your heart. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17

Taking on a 'personal mission project' will be a good thing!

Positions Available

Mill Creek, Picayune

Mill Creek Baptist Church of Picayune, Mississippi, is seeking a full-time Lead Pastor. We are pursuing a man who will be a wise shepherd for the members of Mill Creek Baptist Church, an active participant in Pearl River County Mississippi, and is committed to building a long-term ministry. He must faithfully communicate the timeless truth of God's Word with the aim of leading his listeners to the redeeming quality of Jesus Christ.

The Lead Pastor is responsible for the spiritual oversight, leadership, and care of the church body. This includes training and equipping the saints at Mill Creek Baptist Church for the work of ministry, visitation and counseling of church members, participation in church activities, and provides oversight of the day-to-day operations of the church office. Consequently, he must meet the Biblical standards of eldership as laid out in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

If you feel led to pursue this position, please mail your resume to the following: Ronnie Spiers, 23399 Mitchell Rd., Picayune, MS 39466 or email ronnie.v.spiers.mil@mail.mil.

Greenwood, Fulton

Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church located in Itawamba County, Mississippi, is seeking a full-time pastor. E-mail resumes to kelbycomer18@hotmail.com or mail to 1400 Greenwood Church Rd., Fulton, MS 38843.

Campground, Gulfport

Campground Missionary Baptist Church located in Harrison County, Mississippi, is seeking a full time pastor. If you feel led to pursue this opportunity please Email resumes to southernirrigation@att.net or contact Alan Sullivan at 228-860-8740.

Lone Oak, West Point

Lone Oak Baptist Church, in West Point, Mississippi, is seeking a full-time Pastor. We are located at 233 Lone Oak Road, West Point. Anyone who feels led should send their resume to Joe Arick, P.O. Box 1097, West Point. MS 39773, or email

joe@ahlectricalhvac.com. He may also be contacted at 662.574.5391.

FBC Galena, Kansas

First Baptist Church of Galena, Kansas, is seeking a full-time pastor. A parsonage is provided. If you feel led to pursue this ministry please send a resume via email or request additional information from Cliff McQuillen @fbcgalea@gmail.com.

Celebrate VBS!

Below is a photo of the VBS kids from First Baptist of Shady Grove, Laurel. Send us your VBS pictures and share what God is doing this Summer at your church! Share your projects and victories during Vacation Bible School.



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-Dr. John M. Adams

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President's Perspective

"Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy." 1 Chronicles 29:9

Praise the Lord! This fall student enrollment is looking very good! The basketball team is set. The choir is selected. Numerous prospective students are submitting application packets. God is on the move on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College and we must keep up with Him! There is so much to do to prepare the campus for yet another wave of new students. The women's dorm needs new flooring throughout and their common kitchen needs to be renovated. The men's dorm needs upgrades and touch ups. The exterior requires a professional upgrade. The locker rooms and weight

room projects need to begin. With all these urgent needs, we are asking each of you to pray about how God would have you help us, physically and/or monetarily.

We have set the dates of June 29 and July 13 as Volunteer Work Days. Each is a Saturday and we will work on various projects from 8 a.m. to Noon each day or longer if individuals wish to keep working. There is painting, installing equipment, flooring, gardening... oh, so much to do! If you have a willing heart to serve, allow the Lord use you on these days. If you cannot make any of these days, almost any day this summer is available for your volunteer help. Give us a call and we will put you to work!



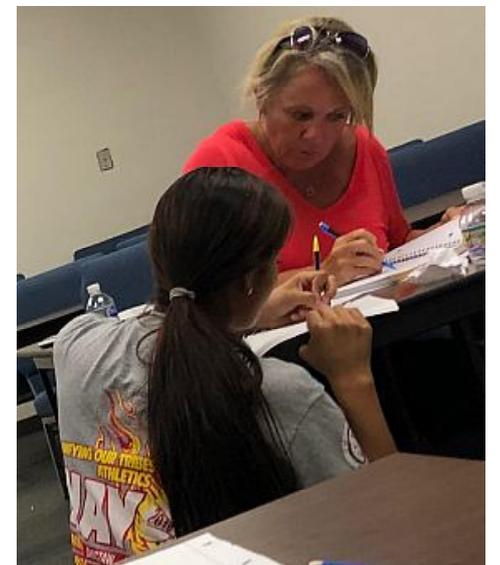
Dr. Scott Carson
President

July and August are Southeastern Baptist College Special Emphasis Months. We have asked our Alumni to help us meet an immediate financial need to finish this fiscal year in the black. We are about to close out this fiscal year which ends June 30. It is imperative that we remain financially in the black. We have a short term goal of applying for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation. Praise the Lord, we

were in the black last year. If we finish in the black this year, we will have completed three consecutive years in the black which that will qualify us for application.

If you or your church is able to send both your June and July donations in the month of June, this would help us greatly ensuring that we complete the second year in the black. We estimate that we need \$35,000 to safely close out this fiscal year.

Our new president of the Alumni Association, Brother Corbey Jones, has asked SBC Alumni to match a grant from a generous donor of \$15,000. Brother Jones requests that each alumnus send to SBC a donation of \$100 before June 20, 2019 in order to raise a total of \$30,000. Now is the time to help your beloved college! We suggest you give in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, or pastor, or an SBC professor, or others who have helped you spiritually in your walk with the Lord. Many have fond memories of having attended SBC and now is the time to help SBC and show your appreciation for what the college has meant to you. We can do



Our new Algebra professor, Dr. Patterson, working with a Summer Semester student this with God's help!

Mark your checks as: Alumnus in honor of/or in memory of (and state the person/s name). Or, you can donate online at: <http://southeasternbaptist.edu/donations> Be sure if donating online to put the same comments as on a check in the comment box. We will publish these honorariums and memorials in the Mississippi Baptist Paper. Mail your donation (before June 20 to ensure timely delivery) to:

Southeastern Baptist College
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The Graduating Class of 2019 (left to right): James McGhee, Jr (BS in Ministry); Zechariah Rogers (BS in Ministry); Mark Lee (AA in Bible); Thomas (Jess) Jackson (AA in Bible)



Summer Semester algebra students studying in a cooperative learning assignment

I know the Lord will meet our needs. He has done so much already! I foresee great things happening on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College over the next 24 months and He is going to use His people of the BMA of Mississippi to achieve it.

"My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous. Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts." Psalm 119:172-173

Equipping the Saints!
Dr. Carson

Danny Pitts Lecture Series

Southeastern Baptist College will host the Danny Pitts Lecture Series with Dr. Charley Holmes, President of the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminar, as guest speaker to be held on the campus of the college. Mark your calendars for August 19-21. The program will begin at 7 p.m. each evening.

SBC Choir

Yes! Praise the Lord, we have a choir! We are blessed to have Krista McKenzie as the Director of our newly formed SBC Choir. Krista has recruited fifteen local students who will register for the Fall Semester. Does your church or ministry want to host the SBC Choir? Now is the time to reserve dates for their performance. Hurry, we anticipate their schedule to fill up quickly. Contact Krista at 601-426-6346. Please note the professor highlight that features Krista and her vision for the Choir.

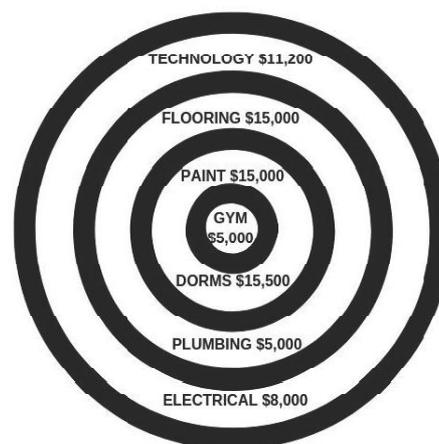
Newest Accolade

Southeastern Baptist College was named the "Most Affordable Bachelors Programs in Christian Ministry, Biblical Studies & Theology" for the 2019-2020 academic year! This recognition can be found on the nogre.com website.

A Golden Opportunity!

SBC possesses the 2018 Gold Award level as a military friendly college! Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them! And remember, many benefits are now fully transferable to family members. SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

CLEAR THE WALL In July & August



Southeastern Baptist College Special Emphasis Months are July and August. Each BMA of Mississippi church will soon receive a "CLEAR THE WALL TARGET" banner and a 'Bullseye for Blessings' visual to guide all to share \$\$\$ blessings toward specific projects for much needed SBC progress.

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Volunteer Work Days

June 29 and July 13 are designated as Volunteer Work Days. Each is a Saturday and we will work on various projects from 8 a.m. to Noon each day (longer if individuals wish to keep working). There is painting, installing equipment, flooring, gardening, pressure washing... and so much more to do! If you have equipment and tools, bring them. If you, or folks in your church or ministry organization have a willing heart to serve, allow the Lord to use you on these days. If you cannot make any of these days, almost any day this summer is available for your volunteer help. Give us a call and we will put you to work!

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Elizabeth was born. Bro. Leo and his wife are thankful for everyone who has been praying for them.

El Camino Hispanic Church at Laurel reports 125 on worship service, three people accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Now, they are making plans for the annual Hispanic camp that will be in the month of August. Thanks for your continuous prayers and support for the Hispanic Missions in our BMA of MS. May God Bless every one of you, in Christ."

Mississippi Based Foreign Missions Report – Bro. Justin Cameron

I am honored to serve our association, through the Missions Department, as Foreign Missions Ambassador for our Mississippi based Foreign Mission-

aries. My goal is to communicate with our churches on behalf of the five missionary families from Mississippi that are serving on the foreign fields. The following is a brief report from each family



Justin Cameron

Danny and Rita Ballard-Manila, The Philippines – (Vardaman Street Baptist Church, Mother Church)

"Right now, we are currently working in several areas of ministry. We are conducting a children's ministry in the nearby neighborhood and currently running on average 40-50 children each weekend. We also have 2 Bible studies each week They are geared more towards discipleship for those who at-

tend. In July, I will be hosting two teams from the US that are coming to minister to the Filipino people. Rita has not been able to do her cancer support ministry for a while now because of her recent back surgery, but Lord willing, she will be able to resume soon. Another area of ministry and prayer concern is the Training Center that we are trying to get up and going. We have most of the renovations completed, but are lacking the funds to finish it at the moment. The Training Center will be a place where church leaders and future church planters will be able to get local training that will help equip them for the ministry. Also, in time it will be an extension of the Bible College in Bacolod.

Pray for Rita's speedy recovery from her back surgery. She will begin physical therapy in a few days to help strengthen her muscles around the area that she was operated on. Pray for the ministries mentioned above, for the Lord to give us wisdom and for souls to be saved through each ministry. Pray for the funds needed to complete the Training Center. Pray for our furlough time this summer from August through October. We are currently looking for churches that will allow us to come and share the ministry with them and who may partner with us

financially. We will focus on Mississippi during the month of August and early September. If anyone would like for us to come by, please contact me via email. Pray for the financial need. As you know we have to raise our support to be able to continue the work here and we have had some financial partners to stop supporting because of their financial problems. Pray for our two daughters Kristina and Katrina."

Sam & Dawn Freeman-Bacolod, The Philippines – (Plainview Baptist Church, Mother Church)

This year is quickly shaping up to be a very busy one. I have conducted one "Pastors and Missionaries Training Conference" on the other side of our island, but I have six more scheduled between now and July. These conferences are focused on teaching the associational model of church planting, and how working together we can do more. After the last conference in July, we will begin preparing our conferences for next year which will focus on Discipleship. We just completed a week of medical missions with the BMMI team.

Please pray for the local pastors who will be following up with over 1,100 people that were ministered to during that time of ministry. Publications has been racing forward to meet our goals. Since the first of this year we have rolled out two Adult Sunday school quarterlies, published the inaugural issue of the "BMAP CHRONICLE" which is a quarterly newspaper that will be sent to all 115 BMAP churches and missions. We have published a new VBS material kit for our churches to order this summer (that starts in April here), and we just completed the layout and publishing work for Children's Sunday School literature which we are now offering for sale to our churches. Yes, we've been busy!

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New Southeastern Choir Director

Southeastern Baptist College is thrilled to welcome Ms. Krista McKenzie to our staff! Krista comes on board as Director of Concert Choir and she's excited too! When asked about her newest endeavor, Krista stated, "I am so excited to have such an amazing opportunity to serve the Kingdom, the community and this College. Being on staff at Southeastern Baptist is evidence of the faithfulness of God and His ability to make all thing new and beautiful in His time.

It is my prayer that all who come in contact with this institution see what I see, and that is, a place to start afresh, and be part of a mighty move of GOD!". Krista is no stranger to music. At the age of 6, she began singing by following her father, Pastor Leander Bridges. She studied voice as a high school junior under the instruction of Mrs. Wanda Saul. Krista holds degrees in Music Education from Jones County Junior College and a B. A. in vocal performance from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is an experienced choral director, pianist and vocal coach. Krista accompanied her brother, Leander Bridges II, to Carnegie Hall with the award-winning Laurel High School gospel choir for 2 consecutive years in 2013 and 2014. She is an accomplished musical talent having released albums of her own. Krista has also performed in places such as the Czech Republic as well as opening for a number of gospel



Krista McKenzie



Bro. Hubert Dyess really gets into his work!

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artists. Krista is a devoted mother and currently serves as Music Director/Worship Leader at Springhill M. B. Church in Ellisville, Mississippi.

Missionaries on Leave

Danny and Rita Ballard, missionaries to the Philippines, will be home on furlough from August through mid



Danny and Rita Ballard

October. Churches wishing them to come by and share their ministry while home may schedule a visit may contact them by email me at ballardsphilippines@gmail.com.



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Brotherhood News

Current Brotherhood Projects

The BMAA Brotherhood (national brotherhood) Project 2019-2020 (to April 2020) is "Moral Action" (65%), National Galileans (25%), and General Fund (10%). Designations may also be sent for the Bro. Arthur Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund - for the National Mr. Galilean to attend a BMA sponsored school. Send project money to the Secretary/Treasurer: Roy Caldwell, 166 Twin Creek Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452

The Brotherhood of the Mississippi BMA (state brotherhood) Project 2018-2019 (to October 2019) is "Just The Crumbs" (60%) and Mississippi Galileans (40%). Designations may also be sent for the Disaster Relief Fund. Send project money to the Secretary/Treasurer: Roy Caldwell, 166

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Are You An A.C.L.U. Member?

You may be a member of the American Civil Liberties Union as you joined 1,200,000 others to protect your voting and civil liberties. Every so often, Americans receive a business reply mail to join this nationwide organization. Moral Action urges you to consider this decision carefully in light of God's Word, the Bible and your defense of the Christian life.

I. Some A.C.L.U. good attributes are presented in their brochures and writings. The A.C.L.U. is non-profit, non-partisan, and they do not receive any government funding. Member dues and grants from private foundations pay for their work.

A.C.L.U. projects, state-wide and nationally, are issues with AIDS, prison punishments, lesbian and gay rights, immigrant rights, reproductive freedoms, voting, workplace issues, etc., etc.

This group has become liberal and anti-Christian in their views and helps. They have assisted controversial issues and unpopular stands, especially unpopular to Christian men and women that adhere to the scriptures.

They have gone to court for American Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, the Nation of Islam and the N.A.A.C.P. In a recent A.C.L.U. 50 State Survey sent via mail, Americans and Christians were asked 1) Are you concerned about President Donald Trump undermining the rule of law, 2) are you concerned about the American government's harsh treatment of immigrants and their due process, 3) are you concerned about efforts to under-

mine the Roe vs. Wade abortion law, and 4) are you concerned about President Donald Trump and conservative efforts to deny L.G.B.T.Q. (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer) people their fundamental rights, and on and on with 14 detailed questions.

They oppose the death penalty, they oppose government preference for religion over non-religion, and the right for L.G.B.T.Q. people to adopt children and babies. Since 1920 they have harshly promoted and sought to enforce separation of church versus state, have taken court cases in behalf of the Communist Party, and they have a policy in favor of pornographic material about children.

II. God's Churches in this 21st Century now visualize the A.C.L.U. as "the Sometimes Civil Liberties Union", because they have formally reversed its support of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Basically this so-called liberties organization is no longer interested in mounting a consistent defense of all people of Christian faith...Robby Soave, 06-29-2015.

God's people have promoted and lived by "In God We Trust", "Under God", or "So Help Me God" over the years of our American history. A.C.L.U. wishes to radically remove any religious titles, comments, and inspiring mottos.

Churches of America, especially conservative churches that are Bible believers, have supported Christian businesses and Christian entrepreneurs like Hobby Lobby and Chick-Fil-A, that have fought against the liberal think-tanks and such anti-Christian groups.

Louise Melling, deputy legal director of the A.C.L.U. stated, "We (A.C.L.U.) can no longer support the federal "Religious Freedom" law. This

only, deceiving your own selves." The 2019-2020 officers were presented and elected. They are as follows: President Mark Jones, 1st VP Van Widger, 2nd VP James Laminack, 3rd VP Hank Burroughs, Sec/Treasure Roy Caldwell, Asst. Sec/Treas. Jimmy Thompson, Editor & Promoter Richey Hester, Galilean Director Kenneth Colvert, Asst. Galilean Dir. Dan Williams, Song Leader Bill Thornton, Asst. Song Leader Matt Hudson.

The national project was up for discussion. Moral Action was chosen - 65% Moral Action, 25% Galileans, and 10% Brotherhood. The Brotherhood officers want to encourage everyone to send the project offering into Bro. Roy Caldwell. We hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer.

Yale Law School graduate under her leadership since 2015 has led in the Supreme Court decisions to marry same-sex couples as a fundamental right, challenged anti-abortion groups, fought for Muslims to serve in Congress, and to specifically fight against government promotion of church. You can tweet her at Louise Melling @LibertyLouise to voice your objections as a born again Christian.

Churches must know that we are to stand for our Savior and to defend the faith, whoever the opposition may be. So where do committed, truly dedicated believers of Christ take their Christian stand? Christians are against liberalism; we are supporters of Christian teachings, Israel, and we support

the church. Where in the Bible? God's Word states:

- 1) I Peter 3:15, a true defense,
- 2) II Corinthians 10:4-6, mighty champ of God,
- 3) Philippians 1:6-7, confident, and
- 4) I Kings 18:36-39, God's Elijah, and on and on!

Believers, we are commanded to use apologetics in as many or more places as we are told to preach the gospel. A powerful writing that enhances our younger church people with courage is "Apologetics Study Bible for Students, Trade Paper", Dr. Sean McDowell and "The Apologetics Study Bible" by Holman. May we take our faith - stand against such anti-God programs as "the A.C.L.U." Are you a member?

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We will a retreat t-shirt with the proceeds going to our State WMA project. Registration will begin on Friday, September 20th at 1:00 p.m. We will have Crafts, Silent Auction, and the Prayer room set up to enjoy from 1:30-5:00. Dinner will be at 6:00p.m. The General session will begin at 7:00p.m.

The conference fee is \$45.00 per person and includes 3 meals. Room accommodations vary on type of room desired. Rooms at Patterson Place have 2 queen beds and are \$120.00 per night up to 4 people per room. Accommodations in the other parts of the conference center are single beds at \$15.00 per person (must furnish own linens). These cabins have outside bath houses. All sleeping areas are air-conditioned. Rooms are assigned on "first come first serve" basis. Registration form, conference fee, and room charge must be received together to get room choice. DO NOT delay, send registration in beginning June 1st.

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Please fill out registration form above, clip, and mail with registration fee and room fees to Beth Caldwell, 166 Twin Creek Rd. Lucedale, MS 39452. Please feel free to make copies of this form. One person per registration form.

CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019. For more information or questions, contact Jessica Haden at 662-251-0455 or 601-797-4597 or email at jessicahaden3@gmail.com

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These projects, including sponsorship of Galilean ministries by the Brotherhoods, are very worthy. Your Project contributions help us support Galilean ministries. Why not give to both today?!

National Brotherhood Report from the Annual Meeting

by Richey Hester-Editor & Promoter

The National Brotherhood met on May 7, 2019 in Rogers, Arkansas, during the National BMA meeting. A theme verse was given by President Mark Jones. The verse was James 1:22; "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers

Killing Sacred Cows

By Dr. Allen Tilley
from *Baptist Progress*

All churches have sacred cows—things that are no longer useful or relevant but are still revered by some in the church. It might be a classroom, a chair, a ministry, an order of service, or some other long-held tradition. Dealing with a sacred cow head-on can be disastrous, leading to the end of a pastorate. Here's how I've learned to deal with sacred cows.

Make it a matter of prayer. Overcoming sentimental attachment is difficult. In your prayer time ask God to reveal any ill-will on your part, to help you see things from the other viewpoint and to help you handle things with grace. Then pray that God would soften the hearts of those who are attached to the sacred cow. Do not proceed until you saturate the situation with prayer. Only God can change hearts.

Is it worth the fight? When I was

younger, I made everything a test of faith. Now that I'm older and battle-scarred, I realize that sometimes the best course of action is to take no action at all. If it doesn't affect the health of the church, leave it alone. Stirring up people for small or insignificant incidents doesn't impact the kingdom. Your goal as a pastor is to rally the people to join God in doing something significant in your church and community.

Whatever you do, do not place yourself in a position where it's me against them. If you do, you will lose because many people see the pastor as being temporary. Start alternatives. If you meet an immovable object, then don't



Allen Tilley

move it. Begin other programs or activities that will eventually replace it. That way you won't be accused of killing off a sacred cow. Those who are ready to move forward will join you, and eventually the results will be evident to all concerned. When starting something new, be sure that it is not seen as an alternative or competition but another source of ministry or avenue for doing ministry.

This will diminish any push back from the other side. Let it die. If left alone, sacred cows tend to die of natural causes. Just remember no one can champion a dead cause forever. Time has a way of erasing many of the problems and problem people that we face in ministry. The problem comes when we try to rush the situation. Again, if it isn't hindering the gospel and you can wait it out, then leave it alone. If it is causing a problem, then follow the other steps I've outlined in this column.

Enlist others. Before confronting a sacred cow, always build a consensus. However, don't form an attack group. Unruly mobs seldom do things in a

godly way. Instead, find faithful prayer warriors and influencers who share your vision and who can help you in circumventing the sacred cow. If you can't find vocal allies, then you may be the problem.

Point out why the cow needs to die. If you can't leave the sacred cow alone, then lovingly and biblically show why the cow needs to be removed. Explain the benefits of killing the cow and how ministry can be more beneficial without the cow. Understand that not everyone responds logically, especially if they are tied to the cow out of sentiment. Be patient; give the Holy Spirit plenty of time to work. By moving slowly, you give people time to grieve. Losing a cow can be heartbreaking.

Dr. Allen Tilley is pastor of First Baptist Church of Carthage, Texas. He has over 30 years of pastoral experience, and God has continually blessed his ministry with dynamic spiritual and numerical growth. Contact him at allen@firstbaptistcarthage.com.

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is moving right along, as well. I had the privilege of baptizing five new converts before I left in January, and Bro. Alan informed me yesterday they will be baptizing two more this Sunday. Praise the Lord! I believe God is going to do great things through Fairview Baptist Mission in Valencia.

Finally, I want to say thanks to Bro. Larry Geraldson and the trustees of the BMA of Mississippi Missions Department for this opportunity to share what God is doing with your missionaries from Mississippi. I also thank Bro. Justin Cameron who is willing to be our "voice", even when we are thousands of miles away. Lastly, to all our BMA of Mississippi churches and pastors, "THANK YOU!" for your continued prayerful and financial support. We cannot do our jobs without you. You are making a difference."

Doug & Diane Lee, Talisay City-The Philippines – (Mill Creek Baptist Church, Mother Church)

"As most missionaries here, I wear many hats. Director of the Bible College, teach classes, teach private piano and voice lessons, and church planting. Diane and I are sponsoring 3 full-time missionaries and hoping to expand to at least two more in the next year. Placing our graduating students into their internship roles is also a big challenge. This year we will be sending two of our Religious Education students to China for their internship. Much preparation and work goes into sending students abroad; especially, areas where the main religion is Muslim. Sending students to do their internship in other places gives us a chance to spread the gospel "creatively" in other countries. This is a big prayer request. Pray for their safety as they go and teach English in those counties.

The fields are white unto harvest and

we have laborers who are willing to go, but our finances are limited. The cost is about \$200-\$250 per month for a local or indigenous pastor to support their ministry.

Pray for Joel Francisco and his family. He is a member of the Ati tribe that settled in the Philippines many years ago. He is currently pastoring an Ati church and in the process of moving to an area in the mountains. There are three Ati villages where he will be working as one of our missionaries. Also, Pastor Joel will revive a church group that disbanded many years ago because of the lack of a pastor. Please pray for Pastor Joel and his family as they make this move. If you would like to help financially toward his support, please send contributions to our work-fund for Joel Francisco Project."

Mike & Ruth Poirier - Quebec, Canada – (First Baptist Bay Springs, Mother Church)

"Seeking the lost in Quebec is exciting because you never know who you're going to meet at the door. Our ministry is located in Levis Quebec, with a population of 140,000 people with only one Baptist church and it's ours. We began in Levis in September 2011 with only Ruth and I and Michel and Josie Barton renting a little 800 square feet open floor space. We had our ups and downs, we received threats on our lives, paint on our building but all those things were not important to us, especially when Christ started working in the hearts of the people. We have people that came and got saved and also others came through the door and asked for salvation. Praise the Lord! We are now running on Wednesday 30 and Sunday 40. My wife does a puppet show on Facebook to reach young children and try to reach their little hearts for Jesus.

We have another ministry in Haiti, teaching the leaders by way of Skype but this is not easy because the internet is not reliable always. Ruth and I go to Haiti 3 to 4 times a year, if we have the finances. We have two other places that we are working

to plant a work in Haiti, The area of Gros Morne (4 hours from our place) and Jeremie, (8 hrs from our place).

We also have another ministry in Cameroon, Africa, with a group of three leaders and a congregation of 40 people that meet 5 times a week. Me and my old associate from Sainte Marie, Serge Leclerc and I teach through Skype. These people are very excited to work with us and so appreciative of the time we spend with them.

Our ministry is all in the French language. We are excited to be your missionaries and we pray that we are the servants that you expect us to be." For the cause of Christ : Jer 33:3, Michel and Ruth Poirier; ostervald@axion.ca (418-209-3710).

Cris & Alicia Samson-Bacolod, The Philippines – (Good Hope Baptist Church, Mother Church)

"Our ministry includes primarily church planting with the support ministry of medical missions to reach people with the Gospel of Christ. Our goal for ministry is to minister to the physical needs of people in order to build relationships that bring about opportunities for ministering to spiritual needs. Our motivation for this

ministry comes from the examples that Jesus set for us by doing this kind of work during His earthly ministry.

Cris and I are currently home on an extended furlough for two primary reasons.

1.) For me (Alicia) to take the U.S. medical licensure exam. Although I was allowed to attend and complete medical school in the Philippines, I am not allowed to take the Philippine licensure exam. It is only available to Filipino citizens. In order for me to be licensed, I must take the U.S. licensure exam which unfortunately is much more in depth and extensive, but fortunately this will give me the legal right to practice in the U.S, if needed.

2.) To raise financial support! Eight years ago, I (Alicia) was elected by the BMA of America as an employed missionary. This meant that each month I received a fixed amount, as an allowance or "salary" from the BMA of America Missions Department. It covered all my personal expenses, but additional expenses for specific ministry needs were raised separately. As some of you know, economic issues impacted the finances of the BMA of America Missions Department, creating financial constraints which preclude their ability to continue providing a fixed monthly allowance for each missionary. Missionaries are now asked to raise 100% of their salary as well as their ministry expenses. This is a great challenge.

If you are interested in hearing more about our ministry or having us visit your church, please contact us today to make an appointment or give us your contact information so we can contact you in the near future."

The Gospel is our Mission and the world is our field. Therefore, let's support those who have given their lives to take the Good News of Christ to all Nations. If you would like any information concerning any of our Mississippi based foreign missionaries, please contact me. Justin Cameron, Foreign Missions Ambassador justincameron@bellsouth.net (601-325-3047).



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