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BMA Missions Around The World

Barnabus Touch Goes To Nepal

On September 11 the second and final Barnabus Touch trip for 2013 concluded - 36 hours after leaving Kathmandu, Nepal for the return trip home to the USA. The team consisted of four Arkansas preachers - Rocky Goodwin from Warren, Mitch Dulaney from Humnoke, and Mike Goodwin & Danny Bullock from Magnolia. They had left eight days earlier - Mike & Danny from Shreveport and Rocky & Mitch an hour later from Little Rock. The Amsterdam airport was where they met



up about fourteen hours later via Atlanta. After about four hours in that airport, they boarded the KLM flight to New Delhi, India where they would get to "enjoy" over six hours of waiting before taking their final flight to arrive in Kathmandu in the early morning hours there. After clearing customs and hailing a taxi, they watched as the

driver negotiated the traffic in a city of 5.5 million people on streets that have no center stripe or lane markings. Arriving at the Hotel Goodwill at the

foothills of the Himalayas, the team went to their rooms to unpack, shower and try to get some needed sleep before preparing for Friday's first day of teaching.

The next morning they began their Old Testament Survey teaching that would cover all 39 books over about 25

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Annual Meeting at Southeastern College "Desiring the Glory of God"

by Ken Riley, President, BMA of Mississippi

October is here, which means it's time to be making plans to attend one of the highlights of the year, and that is the annual meeting of the BMA of Mississippi. The annual meeting of the Baptist Association of Mississippi will be held October 22-23, 2013 at Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel. We are very thankful that the college continues to invite us back year after year. This is an immense undertaking for them and I encourage you to pray for them as they prepare to hold this very important meeting. This is a very exciting time for all of us as we look forward to seeing many friends and hearing from all of our department's work of how God is blessing. This past

year has come and gone, but it has been a year that God has blessed our work as a whole.

I want to encourage each of you to pray for one another and encourage everyone who can to attend. I invite you to covet with me in prayer that our meeting this year will be one where love prevails, unity reigns, and immense amount of progress will be made in every facet of our work. We need, and should desire, this wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual renewal that will be experienced if we do our part. Our



theme for this year's meeting is, "Desiring the Glory of God." The text will be Exodus 33:18 "...Show me thy glory." We long to see our churches transformed, filled with power and the glory of God. Wherever His glory manifests, whether through faithful preaching or a simple testimony, people will run to taste it. It unifies us in awe.

When we meet in a few weeks to hear about our work and strive to be more effective in every area of our work, may we always do it so that Christ is exalted and magnified. Please see the schedule of the meeting that will be in the paper. There have been some changes from last year's schedule. I look forward to seeing you all there. May we be encouraged and find strength to carry out the work of proclaiming the gospel. May God bless you!

2013 "Walk for the World" Registrations Still Underway

by Diane Ward
National Walk For The World
Coordinator

It is not too late to register your church for this year's Walk for the World. Please visit our website at www.lifeworld.org/walk and click on Register for the Walk or you may call 800-543-1090. Our goal this year is \$450,000.

The Walk materials including the Walk Video may be downloaded from our website if you prefer. We encourage churches to host their Walk sometime during the month of October if possible; however, some walk later due to conflicts within that month.

First Giving gives you the option of

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First Annual BMA Golf Tournament

Monday, October 21, at 1:00 PM

Bear Creek Golf Club, Laurel, Mississippi

All interested golfers, please let me know by phone or email if you would like to play in the first annual golf tournament for the BMA of Mississippi to be held at Bear Creek Golf Club in Laurel. Tee times will begin at 1:00 PM, probably a shotgun start, depending on number of players. Also, lunch (hotdogs and/or burgers) will be served at 12 noon. Cost will run around \$20 per player depending on number of players. If we have at least 30 participants, cost will be a little less.

Interested golfers should contact B.J. Hudson @ HUDSONBJ@LIVE.COM or 601-770-4555 as soon as possible.

Cost will depend on quick response. Bear Creek Golf Course is located just off Highway 84 west of Laurel.



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Excited About Upcoming Annual Association Meeting

If you examined the schedule of the upcoming BMA of Mississippi annual meeting, printed in the Mississippi Baptist, which takes place on 22-23 October at Southeastern Baptist College, you surely noticed that the Missions and Revolving Loan Fund report is scheduled for Tuesday at 3:40pm. However, our missionaries will be reporting throughout the association meeting, one report just prior to each department report. I have to tell you that I am excited because, having already received their written reports, I can say that our missionaries have wonderful things to share concerning God's rich blessings on our missions efforts. I promise you that your heart will be blessed and I hope you will be there to enjoy the entire meeting.

In addition to the 11 men who will share with us at the meeting, there are 8 other men who are a part of our missions effort, but will not be giving a report during the annual meeting. These are the men who are working directly in church planting but are supported indirectly by us through our Hispanic and African American Coordinators. They do not receive a salary from us but they do receive valuable coaching, mentoring and oversight from our Coordinators, who we support directly. In some cases, they may receive designated work funds offerings from churches but in most cases their support comes directly from the churches pastored by our Coordinators; Bro. Estuardo Marroquin, Bro. Elvis Garcia and Bro. Ed DuVall.

Bro. Inocencio Rivera was born in Veracruz, Mexico on July 20, 1984. He was raised in a strong Catholic traditional family. He finished high school at Veracruz, Mexico. In 2008 he came to America and in April 2009 a friend invited him to attend a meeting at El Camino Church. After he heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he made the decision to accept Christ as his Savior. A month later, May

31, 2009, he was baptized with other new believers at El Camino Church. In 2010, after a conversation with Pastor Estuardo Marroquin, Bro. Rivera decided to enroll in the Bible Institute with the desire



Bro. Inocencio Rivera on right in his heart to be a part of a mission work. Now, Bro. Rivera is leading the work at the Hattiesburg mission. He is training and discipling people in the mission field. He is also helping teach BMA doctrines at the Bible Institute at El Camino Church.

Bro. Marciano Montalvo was born in Puebla, Mexico on May 23, 1980. He was raised in a Catholic family. He finished high school at Puebla, Mexico. He came to America in 2002. In August 2008 a good friend in-



Marciano and Maria Montalvo

vited him to attend a small group meeting led by El Camino Church and after hearing the Bible study, he made the decision to follow and accept Christ as his Savior. He was baptized on January 11, 2009. Bro. Montalvo is married to Maria

Romero, has three children: Alex, 7 years old, Helen, 5 years old and Natalie, 6 months old. In June 2009 he was invited by an El Camino Church member to enroll in the Bible Institute and started to study and serve the Lord. Now Bro. Montalvo is helping to develop the missions work in the Hattiesburg area by winning souls, discipleship, and in leading small groups.

Bro. Lorenzo Mendoza was born in Oaxaca, Mexico on August 15, 1984. He came to America in 2004. In 2007 he received an invitation from an El Camino Church member to attend an evangelistic conference and accepted Christ as his Savior. He was baptized in June



Bro. Lorenzo Mendoza

2007 and enrolled in The El Camino Bible Institute. He began to serve the Lord as a small group leader and in 2012 came to help in the Biloxi Mission Project. Bro. Mendoza travels every weekend to visit, win souls, and disciple the new believers in the Biloxi area. The small group has a good attendance every Saturday evening. Fifteen people attend the Bible study. They pray that next year they can start to meet on Sunday with regular services at Temple Baptist Church. The Lord continues to open new doors in the Hispanic community around Biloxi. Since January we have shared the gospel with 60 people; 14 accepted Christ. We ask you to continue to pray for Bro. Mendoza and that the Lord continues to use

his life for extending the missions work at Biloxi.

Bro. Humberto Navarro was born in Queretaro, Mexico on January 23, 1987. He comes from a Catholic background. He came to the United States in 2005. He and his wife, Rogelia Regalado, have two children: Abigail and Aaron.



Humberto & Rogelia Navarro

Bro. Navarro received Christ in August of 2008 and was baptized by immersion on October 12, 2008.

Bro. Navarro has taken classes at the Bible Institute for 3 years. He has served in the areas of evangelism, worship leader, small group leader, and discipleship. Bro. Navarro is currently serving as a missionary in Tupelo, MS where the average attendance is 25-30 people. They have 8-12 people in small group studies.

Erlin Pech is originally from Campeche, Mexico. One day the brothers of Way, Truth and Life Baptist Church came to visit him and that was where



Erlin Pech

he was introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ. He received Him in his heart as his Savior. Since

then he started to attend the church. He was baptized shortly and he joined the church, and that was where he started his preparation in Bible College. God has called him to serve in missionary work, and he is currently serving as a missionary in the city of Oxford. They already have two small groups and are training new leaders. Their desire is that in the beginning of 2014 they'll have their first Sunday service.

Brother Byron Morales is from Guatemala. He has a wife, Claudia, and two sons: Samuel and Caleb. He came to Mississippi about 9 years ago and the first place he visited



Byron & Claudia Morales

was a small Baptist church where he met Pastor Elvis Garcia. He was baptized there and began to serve in various areas. He now serves in a pastoral position of the church and has the privilege of serving in the administration of the church, as well. Brother Morales attended college where he studied Business and Administration and he has also attended the Bible Institute in Ripley. He has trained approximately 20 men and women in the Bible Institute and in their small group. His wife is the director of the Children's Ministry.

Bro. James A. Cook is from Tattnall County, Georgia. He graduated from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

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...Got the T-shirt!

When someone gives us information we already have or tells us to do something we have already attempted, we usually respond with: "Been there! Done that! Got the T-shirt!" This simply means what they are telling us is in our circle of experience and personal history.

There are many things in my spiritual journey that are in my circle of experience and personal history. These are things I wish I had realized I "...had the T-shirt" before repeating the same process over hoping for different results this time. I have the T-shirt with the following behaviors:

- Speaking harsh words: "Wow! Did I say that out loud?"

Yes I did say those hurtful words. My tongue went into the reservoir of my heart and spewed venom. I need an XXXL size T-shirt just to fit over my mouth.

- Saying the right words: Please, thank you, I'm sorry, and other words like this we learned in kindergarten are difficult to say yet greatly needed in my circle. Yes, I have the T-shirt for not saying them soon enough

and often enough at the time of need.

- Caring for those nearest me: My family is the closest neighbor I have. Sometimes I am kinder, softer, and more forgiving of strangers than I am of my loved ones. I have a closet full of old, ratty T-shirts on this one.

- Being too busy with the

unimportant to attend the most important each day. The most crucial thing I will do today, or any day, is to be alone with God. I don't need a grand scheme of ritual prayer or pixilated plan of Bible reading. I need to be quiet in His presence, and for me it is in the morning time. I really don't need this T-shirt, but sometimes I'm afraid I have it.

- Thinking about the awesomeness of Gods' grace: Today "awesome" seems to be an overused word. I want to reserve it for the things of God, for He is awesome in His grace to me. I sometimes slip to think it is of my own doing that I am what I am. Brother and sister, do I have a trunk full of T-shirts regarding this!

When it comes to those things I have mentioned here, yes, I have been there, done that, and, yes, I have the T-shirt. May the Lord grant me spiritual acumen to avoid collecting those T-shirts that I already have-and more than enough!

Leave It To Cleaver



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AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

Listing of names does not indicate endorsement. This column is for information purposes only.

Sidney Davis

Bro. Sidney Davis has resigned as pastor of Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Taylorsville, and is available for service. He may be reached at 601-782-9309.

(Editor's Note - To prevent confusion, this is not the Sidney Davis who is manager of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home)

Travis Dunlap

Bro. Travis Dunlap is a member of Skyway Hills Church, Pearl and serves on staff in the area of



Travis & Lisa Dunlap

Music, youth and associate pastor duties. His desire is to be used of the Lord and to preach. He and his wife Lisa have one son. He may be reached at 601-942-4890 or through his pastor, Bro. Steve Clark at 601-498=1827.

CHURCH NEWS

News articles should contain information that will be of interest to the general public who are not members of the church that is reporting.

Canaan Church, Lucedale to hold Youth Revival

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Lucedale, Mississippi, will be having a Youth Revival, October 6-9. Our guest speaker will be Bro. Jacob Bogard. Services start Sunday the 6th at 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. the 7th - the 9th. We welcome all to come & join us.

Rachel Wilson, Church Reporter

Hobolochitto Report

The 157th annual meeting of the Hobolochitto Baptist Association has come and gone. It was a great day with 10 churches out of 13 represented.

Reports were heard from Bro. Sidney Davis and the Mississippi Baptist Children's home with two of the Home's children singing a couple of songs. Bro. Paul Lee reported on the Prisoner's Bible Crusade and Bro. Ray Boone,

BMA of Mississippi missionary to New Heart Baptist Mission in south Hattiesburg, gave a report on the mission.

All officers were reelected for the new year with one exception. The Association elected Bro. Stanley Adams for the position of Missions Ambassador. Bro. James Reeves gave a great message entitled "Why Don't We See Today What We Saw in Days of Old?" taken from 2nd Chronicles 7:14.

The fellowship after the meeting was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 11 at Benville Baptist Church.

Wayne Rice reporting

Laurel Church to hold ordination

Fairview Baptist Church, 563 Poole Creek Rd., Laurel, will be having an ordination service on Sunday October 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. to ordain Bro. Vince Moss to the Gospel ministry. All ordained deacons and ministers are invited to come and participate in this service.

Florence Church Sets Homecoming

Trinity Baptist Church in Florence will hold a homecoming service on Sunday, October 27, followed by revival services Monday thru Wednesday nights. Our speaker will be Bro. John Grimes, one of our former members who is presently serving as pastor of

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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

A Trustee Message

by Matt Hudson,
Trustee Chairman

The trustees of Southeastern College met a few weeks ago and discussed important business. One of the items of business was to put some everyday leadership in place. I have been trying to give some time to the college, but church responsibilities are numerous at this time. Dr. Aaron Parker is the person we have placed there until our October meeting. We are looking forward to the messengers of the BMA of Mississippi meeting on our campus in October. We hope to have everything ready for your visit. If any of our departments or ministries need tables for display, please call the college office and let them know how many you need.

Alumni Breakfast Set For Annual Meeting

Another activity this year is the Alumni breakfast. This will be held on Wednesday morning at 7:30 in the fellowship hall of Shady Grove Baptist Church. If you plan to attend, please call the college office by October 14 and let them know how many will be

Oak Grove Baptist Church in Lucedale, Mississippi. We invite everyone, especially all former pastors and members of Trinity, to these special services.

Lucedale Church Sets Revival

Oak Grove Baptist Church in Lucedale will be in revival services October 6-9. Sunday service begins at 11:00 a.m. An afternoon service will be held at 1:30. Monday - Wednesday services will be at 7:00 nightly. Bro. Kenneth Bobo will be the guest evangelist. For more information you may call Pastor John Grimes at 601-717-3743.

Gospel Concert at Parkway Church, Petal

Parkway Baptist Church on Highway 42 East of Petal will host the Harper Family on Friday, October 11. The concert

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attending. We invite all former graduates and students to attend. Thanks to the ladies of Shady Grove Baptist Church for their help.

Thanks for your support of Southeastern College.

From The Campus

by Dr. Aaron Parker

Greetings from Southeastern Baptist College where we are approaching the mid-term period for the Fall semester. Though our numbers are down this semester, the students we have are great. The atmosphere is very spiritual, chapel is uplifting, and the classrooms are exciting.

We look forward to the Trustee meeting and the annual association meeting in October and are praying for God's blessings on these meetings.

Thank you to all that sent in special emphasis offerings. Our goal was \$20,000 and we have received \$10,752. Hopefully, there are others that have not sent in their offering yet. Please keep this work on your heart, in your prayers, and help us financially during this time of difficulty. God bless you and keep you.

Revival

East Amory Baptist Church

905 Hatley Road, Amory, MS
October 13 -16, 2013



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10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
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Just Around The Corner

Many times we refer to things being "just around the corner". That means that time is short and if preparation has not been made, then we had better 'get at it'.

Jesus' return is just around the corner, and if I understand the word *imminent* then we have been told this plainly in scripture. I hope you are ready.



Don Brown
Editor

Annual Meeting

Yes, it is just around the corner. The churches of the BMA of Mississippi will meet at Southeastern College in just a few short days. This is always a good time of fellowship, reporting and planning. Pray for all of our department workers as they prepare for this meeting and make plans to be there.

Opportunities

There are so many opportunities for churches and individuals to reach out with the Gospel. You will see some of those represented in this issue.

I made a trip to Haiti two years ago with BMMI. What a great blessing that was to this writer! Also on that trip was Bro. Michel Poirier, our BMA missionary to Canada. Bro. Mike's native language is French and this, along with having church members with relatives in Haiti, allowed him to be a blessing and an asset to missions directed at the Haitian people. He still makes regular trips to minister to the people of Haiti and is involved a number of ministries on this island nation.

One of the needs is for funds to purchase food for an orphanage in Port au Prince. His latest newsletter indicates that one dollar per day will purchase a 55 pound bag of rice. While on our trip with BMMI we were able to visit this home and care for some of the medical needs of these kids. It is heartbreaking to think that food is short and the quality is not up to the standards we enjoy here in America. They were extremely appreciative and the need is certainly great.

If you, your Sunday School Class,

auxiliary or group are looking for a need to fill, then I would suggest food for the kids in Haiti. You may contact Bro. Poirier by Email at ostervald@axiion.ca or by phone at 418-209-3710.

What a blessing you have waiting for you "just around the corner".

This is just one of many opportunities to reach out with the love of God to people in need.

Other opportunities are available at our Mississippi State Missions Department, Southeastern Baptist College, Senior Adult Ministry, Mississippi Baptist Children's Home, National BMA Missions, and endless places around the world.

Countless opportunities are available literally "just around the corner" in the towns where we live, worship and work.

Go and take advantage of the opportunities and be a blessing to those in need.

Faith Comes By Hearing

There is a ministry called *Faith Comes By Hearing* that distributes Audio Bibles to our military troops. The device is called Military BibleSticks or MBKs. BMA congregations have now funded 2,591 MBKs! Overall, 352,614 MBKs have been sent to 1,343 Chaplains for distribution to the troops. 7 BMA Chaplains have participated in the distributions.

BMA pastors and church members can obtain information and even an MBK sample and a video with additional support material if they would like to help during this season. You can communicate with David Powell by email at david@fcbhmail.org or by phone at 800-545-6552. This is a great way to show support to our military personnel and to share the Gospel.

We hope to have more information available at the state meeting.



**Sofilthy's
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by Barbara White

A Child Of Mine

(To All Parents)
by Edgar Guest

I will lend you, for a little time,
A child of mine, He said.
For you to love the while he lives.
And mourn for when he's dead.
It may be six or seven years,
Or twenty-two or three.
But will you, till I call him back,
Take care of him for me?
He'll bring his charms to gladden
you,
And should his stay be brief.
You'll have his lovely memories.
As solace for your grief.
I cannot promise he will stay.
Since all from earth return.
But there are lessons taught down
here,
I want this child to learn.
I've looked the whole world over,
In search for teachers true.
And from the throngs that crowd
life's lanes,
I have selected you.
Now will you give him all your love,
Nor think the labour vain.
Nor hate me when I come
to take him home again?
I fancied that I heard them say,
'Dear Lord, thy will be done!'
For all the joys Thy child shall bring.
The risk or grief we'll run.
We'll sheltered him with tenderness,
We'll love him while we may,
And for the happiness we've known,
Forever grateful stay.
But should angels call for him,
Much sooner that we've planned.
We'll brave the bitter grief that
comes.
And try to understand.



A U.S. Sailor listening to the Bible on an MBK while at work

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Singing School of Hard Knocks

I'm not much of a complainer (I'm working on it), but every now and then I get something on my mind that just won't ease up. When I was a child, for some reason I found myself at a Singing School. We must have been visiting my grandparents at the time because there was no such thing around the area where I was raised. It may have been that my parents had heard me sing and figured there was simply no hope and reason to allow me to attend a Singing School.

Anyway, as I sat there enduring the music instructor's Do-Re-Mi's or Me's or whatever's, I had no idea that the little shapey note things on the hymn book page had any relevance to the song that was played and sung. Come to find out, years later, they are vitally important to the way a song is performed! Amazing! Each one of those notes represents the note a person sings. Boy, if I had known that growing up, I probably would be a famous singer by now. But, alas, it was only after I was grown and had vocal issues that I became enlightened to this treasure chest of knowledge. Shoot! I would have liked to try out that fame and fortune life.

Even after learning of this, it only became relevant to me after pastoring a church that actually used this information during their song service. Thus did I become aware that there were other songs out there besides "Victory

in Jesus", "Blessed Assurance", and "The Old Rugged Cross". Now these are excellent songs, so don't write the editor and demand that the blasphemer be banned from writing stories anymore, but after singing them approximately 5,432 times (but who's counting), they perhaps become, well, monotonous. Besides, it's unfair to the thousands of other songs that get no playing time because we don't know how to read the little shapey note thingies.

I have learned how to spice these old staples up a bit, though. I sing each verse using a different part each time. (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) I figure that people don't like wearing the same clothes everyday, eating chicken the same way, or doing anything the same way for any length of time, why sing the same songs and sing them the same way every time?

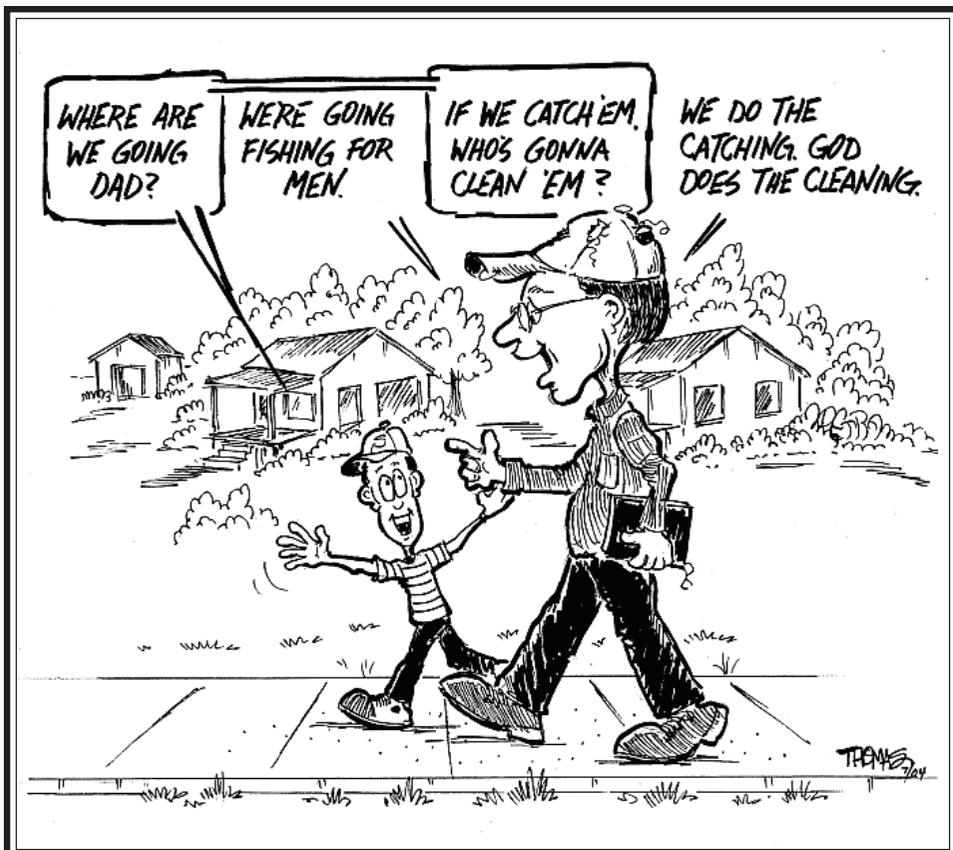
I figure God created music. He made sound and pitch and decibels and gave us the privilege of arranging them in such a manner that it would exalt Him. With all the resources available, it would be a shame to limit our praise to the Maker of music to just a few songs. Maybe we should quit being lazy and learn how to apply what God has given us so that we can expand our ability to lift Him up in a greater way than ever before! Besides, I think people are getting tired of my Alto rendition of "Hide Thou Me".



From The Mind of



Chuck Lee



Mississippi Baptist Children's Home



Providing Children with a life of stability and structure in a Christian atmosphere that is honoring to God and true to His Word.

Special Emphasis

October 1, 2013

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home:

We greet you who not only serve and love our Lord Jesus Christ dearly, but also love and appreciate the Baptist Children's Home in Laurel, Mississippi and its ministry. In thinking of writing this Special Emphasis letter this year, at least two thoughts come to mind.

First, there is a great need in our society today to return back to the basics in family life that is to the glory of the Lord. Psalm 127:1 reminds us, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." We must look to the Lord to help us accomplish His purposes in each of our homes that it will reflect His glory.

That leads me to my second thought and that is where the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home comes into play. The primary reason for the existence of the Home is to provide children with a life of stability and structure in a Christian atmosphere that is honoring to God and true to His word.

With these thoughts in mind, we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider participating in this year's Special Emphasis for the months of October and November. Your help during these economic difficult days that is prevalent throughout our country is vital to the ongoing operation of the Home. Over the past few years funds have been on the decline for one reason or another. Cutbacks have been made, but they have not kept up with the decreases in revenue. Therefore, offerings received during this emphasis will be used to offset the deficit in the regular operating account.

Pray for the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home as we help provide children with a life of stability and structure in a Christian atmosphere that is honoring to God and true to His Word.

A Ministry for Children to the Glory of God, Revelation 4:11
 Sidney D. Davis
 Director

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Shoe Box Missions

by Jackie Ricks
National WMA Editor

Many WMA, GMA, or Sunbeam groups wonder what they are able to do as a mission project when they cannot go on long trips. Shoe Boxes are the answer. Our BMAA missions department, through the BMMI (Baptist Medical Missions International), welcomes individuals, groups or even

whole churches, thus giving them the chance to share God with others through the shoe box ministry. Right now the warehouse in Little Rock has several thousand shoe boxes, wrapped in

Christmas paper, sitting there waiting to be sent to Peru and Romania this year. Each year the destination is different.

One year, the shoe boxes were shared in Bolivia as the BMMI group ministered from aboard "The Arrington," the river boat used in that area because there's no other way to reach the people along the river bank. Sometimes a stop may involve only one family and other times, there may be 50 or more waiting to come aboard when the boat docks.

At one larger settlement that year, Pastor David spread the word that all children should come to the river bank. The Arrington was loaded with many shoe boxes to be distributed. The children began to appear after about an hour. They lined up—boys in one line and girls in another—waiting eagerly to receive the colorfully



wrapped boxes full of wonderful things, including a Spanish Bible. As the children opened their boxes, they pulled one gift after another from the boxes, examining them with huge smiles and laughter. As in many places, many of these boys and girls had never received even one gift, much less a box FULL of gifts. The most precious of all was the little

book that they could read and learn about the greatest gift of all—the gift of life. Now they will also understand better when Pastor David and others make visits up and down the river tell them that there is One who loves and cares for them and that He has a wonderful plan for their lives.

If you would like to help with shoe boxes, the deadline has passed for this year, but it's not too early to begin planning for next year. You may want to check out ordering shoe boxes (unless someone you know loves shoes and has many regular-size boxes available) from a place such as U-Line.com. Check out the after Christmas sales to purchase the discounted wrapping paper. Then look for the published list of items needed in next year's boxes after they decide what countries will receive those. If you set a certain amount of boxes to fill, then each individual who helps will know exactly how many bars of soap, dolls, toy cars, or toothbrushes, etc., to buy. Then have a wrapping party with your group. After that, you may fill the boxes and find a way to get them to the mission office to wait for delivery.

Washington District Report

The Washington District WMA will hold its next meeting at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church on October 14. Food will be furnished by the host church and door prizes will be awarded. We encourage all of the Washington Association churches to be present.

Wanda Decker, reporter

How To Break A Bad Habit

The battle is in the brain. If you want to break a bad habit, or stop some sinful thoughts, then you need to realize that the real battle ground is located between your ears. The mind. When you want to stop some behavior for self-improvement; then the key to success is changing what you are thinking about. Failure comes when we start thinking about that habit. That behavior that is a compulsion for us. You think you have to do something. When you are not doing it, you think about doing it. When alcoholics are not drinking; they are thinking about drinking. When a smoker tries to stop, they are obsessed with thoughts of smoking. Break the train of thought.

The TV is not a diversionary tactic. You can still think about what you are trying to stop while watching TV. TV requires no

thinking. Therefore you can still think about the habit you want to break while watching it. Try praying. Then get out your Bible and start reading for a good bit of time. Surround yourself with scripture up on the walls, the



Family Ark Ministries

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refrigerator, and the bathroom mirror. The Word of God is powerful, alive and has the ability to bring about change. The Word of God can create something new. Something out of nothing. "Let there be light." God's Word cre-

ated a change. It really, really can help you. Then sing. After singing, listen to some music. As soon as you start thinking about your compulsive behavior you want to stop, move on to something else. Read a book. Go on a walk. Read something of interest to you on the internet. Pick a large number and count backwards for 30 seconds. It derails your thought patterns.

It really doesn't matter what you are doing, so long as you are not sitting around dwelling on what you so desperately want to do, but are trying to stop. Exercise is a great thing. Believe it or not, it will actually take your mind off of your problems. Walking, running, lifting weights are great health enhancers, stress reducers and mind soothers.

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hours of class time. About ten pastors (mostly young) had come in from outside Kathmandu for the teaching, and they were joined by 6 or 7



other local men who came in and out as their schedules would allow. The team members would learn from Pastor David, who put the conference

The shoe box recipients are not the only ones who receive a blessing from the Christmas boxes prepared by hundreds of BMAA church members as gestures of love. That love showers over on the ones providing the gifts as they think of the smiles on the many faces when the children receive their presents. Even greater will be the reward in Heaven over those who possibly received The Gift of Jesus Christ from the seed planted by this small token of love sent across the miles to those who may never have heard the Word before.

together, that many Nepalese pastors only preach from the New Testament. There are a few Bible schools in Kathmandu, but many of these men would have neither the resources nor the time to attend. This is why he had requested EIM to come and give them better understanding of the Old Testament. Those present were very attentive and



took many notes as the team members taught through an interpreter who was the associate of Pastor David.

The ten pastors who had ridden buses into the city slept on the concrete floor of the rented church building, used the outhouse for their bathroom, and drew from a well for their drinking and bathing water. They were fed daily by the church members with EIM providing the money for the meals.

Nepal is predominately Hindu and Buddhist with only 1.4% professing Christianity. Multi-headed and multi-armed

"gods" are everywhere for the people to worship. EIM has been ministering in the country for over seven years as a result of Pastor David contacting them after finding their website. Tentative plans are to return next September with another team after determin-



ing what subject matter needs to be addressed.

The dates for the Barnabus Touch trip to India have changed. The BMAA Missions Office will teach the multiplication training to the leaders there earlier in October than originally planned. When the 2014 Barnabus Touch trips are planned, the dates and places will be announced in the state papers so that opportunity will be available for anyone to join us on any of them. Anyone who wants to go on a trip or wants to financially support one of them can contact Danny Bullock at 870-904-5032 or danbull0550@gmail.com for further information.

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Do not go into the kitchen. You do not want to stop one addictive behavior and take up another. Food, comfort food, is an easy fix to people who are stressed and trying to stop something. Go walk. The only exception to this rule would be if you love being a gourmet cook and it gets your mind off of things. Otherwise, don't go in there because no problem was ever solved by eating your way to resolution. You heard me. Put that bag of chips back up. Stay away from that cookie or doughnut. You just think you are hungry, but really you are bored, depressed or stressed. Even with food, the battle is not the battle of the bulge, but it is the battle of the mind. People can never diet correctly if they don't realize the mental and emotional components to overeating. Get out and go walk.

It's too hot to walk? Then go walk anyway and gripe to yourself the whole time about how hot it is. But at least you aren't thinking about your bad habit. My joints hurt. Okay. In all of life, whether it is spiritual disci-

Laurel Church To Celebrate World Hunger Day

Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel, welcomes Bro. Francis Horton to speak in the morning services on October 13 in recognition of World Hunger Day. Bro. Horton is the area director of Baptist Global Response in Central and South Asia. BGR is a disaster relief and community development ministry organization with a heart for helping people in desperate need such as victims of the recent flood in Mexico, those in need of food in India, and refugees of the current Syrian crisis, among others.



Horton

BGR seeks to mobilize and involve the influence, prayer, and financial resources of like-minded Baptists for worldwide relief and development. Support for this ministry comes from state conventions, local associations, independent churches, as well as individual donors. We are excited to be hosting Bro. Horton in this ministry opportunity. Our services begin at 10:45. We invite and encourage your involvement and we ask for your prayers.

pline to read the Bible daily and pray or whether it is to exercise, etc., we can make the time or we can make excuses. You may not be able to run a 5K race, but God will help give you the mental and physical strength to do something. God is on your side in this battle. You're his kid and he loves you. He wants you to have the victory over this. It is not like he is a parent who doesn't care about His kid's success. He cares deeply for you. Heaven is cheering you on. You can do this. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37. "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37. Put these verses up around your house or office and when you think of the behavior you want to break, read these.

The Bible tells that the key to overcoming is what we think about. Philippians 4:8 states, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS."

Also, remember to change your environment. When you start thinking the wrong way, get up and move to a different location. Go to a different room in the house. At work, get up and walk down the hallway or go look out a window and comment on the weather. Break your routine up. Whatever you do every morning or every evening - stop it. Even a little change in your daily routine will get your mind thinking in new directions. All you have to do is break the train of thought and you will establish new ways of thinking. Then you can break your patterns of behavior for a lasting change. II Corinthians 10:5 tells us to take every thought captive for the Lord. You are not doing that. You are obsessing how much you want to do what you deep down want to stop. Get up. Start singing your favorite hymn. Glance over at your scripture you put up on your wall. Take a deep breath. Be still and know He is God. With Him, you got it. Victory!

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will begin at 7:00 PM. The Harper Family is a Bluegrass Gospel group from Missouri. They have won awards and travel all over the country singing and bringing

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the Gospel by means of their music. The public is invited to attend.

Gospel Sing at Mount Gilead Baptist Church

The Mount Gilead Baptist Church, located at 131 Mt. Gilead Road, Columbia, will be hosting its 4th Annual Community Wide Gospel Sing on Saturday night, October 5. The church will provide a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 with the sing beginning outside at 6:30. The Lord has blessed in previous years with beautiful weather and we are praying for the same this year. Each one needs to bring a lawn chair and blankets depending on the temperature. In case of rain, the sing will be held in the church.

The featured groups this year will be the Calm Assurance Quartet, the Good Hope Road Quartet, The Camerons, and Mark Lanier. Our previous sings have provided wonderful times of worshipping the Lord together with many churches being rep-

resented. We expect the same this year. If you need information concerning the service or directions to the church, please feel free to call Pastor Ed Steele at 601-794-8861.

Oak Grove Association Report

The 55th annual session of the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Association met with Midway First Baptist Church on September 12. Due to the absence of the elected Moderator and Vice-Moderator, Bro. Ted Quinby was elected to serve as Moderator for the session.

Officers elected to serve in the coming year were Ted Quinby as Moderator, Ed Steele as Vice-Moderator, Sam Oglesby as Clerk-Treasurer, Glen Pace as Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, and Ed Steele as Reporter. Bro. Denny Patterson was elected to bring the annual message next year with Bro. Greg Medenwald being the alternate speaker.

Bro. Larry Geraldson represented the State Missions De-

partment and introduced three of our State Missionaries who also gave reports concerning their respective fields: Bro. Ray Boone, Bro. Phillip Burns, and Bro. Estuardo Marroquin. Bro. Kenneth Flynt spoke on behalf of the Commission on Senior Adults and Bro. Paul Lee gave a report from Prisoner's Bible Crusade.

The next meeting will be with Westover Baptist Church, in Hattiesburg, on November 14 and the Association voted to designate it as a "God and Country Rally". No business will be conducted at the meeting. We are hoping to have Dr. John Adams, of Moral Action of Mississippi, as our Speaker and have a choir consisting of members from each of our churches. The churches will be notified of practice times for the choir.

Bro. Winnie McMahon brought an excellent message entitled "Walk Ye In Christ" using Colossians 2:6 as his text. Midway provided a wonderful meal at the conclusion of the meeting.

Ed Steele, Reporter

Missions Report

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He has served on staff at the Kirby Woods Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and the Longview Baptist Church in Olive Branch. He is married to Deloris Cook of twenty-eight years. They have three children: Kimble L. Hall, Jonathan E. Cook and Min. Jarvis A. Cook; four

Grandchildren: Kerri B. Cook, Dravius A. Hall, DaShawn O. Hall, and KaShawn Hall. Bro. Cook is the Missionary Pastor of Harvest Baptist Mission of



James & Delores Cook

Olive Branch, MS, which is a mission out of Homestretch in Cleveland where Bro. Ed DuVall is the pastor. His mission involves planting a church that can be a safe gathering place for all people to come experience the grace and forgiveness of God.

Bro. Donnie Loggins is the Missionary Pastor of All Nations Baptist Mission in Indianola. He began his mission work through New Beginnings in Olive Branch and later transferred the work to Homestretch in Cleveland.



Donnie & Jewel Loggins

He has an Associate Degree in Bible and is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist College. He has been married for 32 years to Mrs. Jewel Loggins. They have three

grown children who have all graduated from college. Their children are all a big part of the All Nations Baptist Mission.

I praise the Lord for what he is doing through the efforts of BMA of Mississippi missions. Thank you and please continue keep us in your prayers.

Missionary Activities

Bro. Loggins in front of All Nations Baptist Church



Bro. Rivera preaching at Hattiesburg Mission



Biloxi Small Group Meeting



Bro. Humberto soulwinning



Oxford Mission meets for Bible study



Hattiesburg Mission meets at Westover Baptist Church

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setting a personal fund-raising goal for the Walk and raising more money than ever before through your social media and e-mail contacts. From our website, you may sign up by clicking on www.firstgiving.com/lifeworld.

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2013 BMA of Mississippi Schedule Southeastern Baptist College Laurel, Mississippi October 22 & 23, 2013

Tuesday Morning - October 22, 2013

- 8:00 am Registration Begins
- 9:00 am WMA (*Shady Grove Baptist Church*)
Brotherhood
(*Southeastern Baptist College*)
- 10:30 am Pastor's and Laymen Conference (SBC)
Bro. David Watkins, Speaker
- Noon Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon

- 1:30 pm Music
- 1:35 pm Presidents Message and Theme
- 2:00 pm Enrollment Committee Initial Report
Seating of the Messengers
Election of Officers
Annual Site & Speaker
Mid-Year Site & Speaker
Nominating Committee Initial Report
Missionary Bob Burch (Report)
Southeastern Baptist College
Missionary Phillip Burns (Report)
Youth Department
Missionary Sidney Farmer (Report)
Revolving Loan Fund & Missions
Missionary Kenneth Pollock (Report)
Publications
Closing Scripture Reading & Prayer
Adjourn

Tuesday Evening

- 7:00 pm Special Music / Cong. Singing
- 7:30 pm Annual Message

Wednesday Morning - October 23, 2013

- 7:30 am SBC Alumni Breakfast
(*FBC Shady Grove*)
- 9:00 am Scripture Reading & Prayer
- 9:05 am BMA of MS Foundation
- 9:10 am Missionary Coord.
Estuardo Marroquin (Report)
- 9:20 am Commission on Senior Adults
- 9:40 am Missionary Kelby Johnson (Report)
- 9:45 am Moral Action
- 10:15 am Missionary Elvis Garcia (Report)
- 10:25 am Commission on History and Archives
- 10:35 am Missionary Danny Bartlett (Report)
- 10:40 am Children's Home
- 11:10 am Baptist Music Fellowship
- 11:15 am Missionary Bobby Elliott (Report)
- 11:20 am Brotherhood
- 11:30 am Missionary Coord. Ed DuVall (Report)
- 11:40 am WMA
- 11:50 am Missionary Ray Boone (Report)
- 11:55 am Salary Committee Report
- 12:00 pm Final Enrollment Committee Report
- 12:05 pm Nominating Committee Final Report
- 12:10 pm Closing Scripture Reading & Prayer

Note: National Workers are encouraged to attend and be available for fellowship and to answer questions messengers may have. They will not be given any formal time to present their particular department due to the limit of time.