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Dear Prayer Partners and Supporting friends,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and encouragement as you support me in my ministry of prayer. God has been good to me and given me health and strength as I pray daily. I have not been out of the house much in the past year but I keep busy as I pray daily for our missionaries and their special requests that they send to me weekly.

I plan to do a little more traveling in the coming months, visiting faithful churches. I want the Lord to be honored and glorified. Please pray for me as I need health, wisdom, and someone to go with me.

I was able to get to our BMFP stateside retreat last week and got to have some special time with most of the families that attended. The services were a blessing and I believe that all were encouraged to continue to serve Him. We had a couple of missionaries home on furlough who were there and my time with them was special too.

By God's grace,  
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Proverbs 3:5-7



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May 2022

Dear churches, supporters, and friends,

God has been very good to me and given me health and strength. I pray daily for wisdom and a sharp mind to pray as I should for each missionary family and their service for the Lord. I also pray for pastors and their churches that they will stay faithful in their ministry and giving to missions.

I am so thankful that He is still using me to be a blessing to ladies. I had the opportunity to speak to a ladies' group about their opportunities to participate in giving to missionaries and being a blessing to them. Then, I had the opportunity to witness to a lady about her need to be saved and she prayed the prayer and asked the Lord to save her. What a blessing that was! Lastly, I had the opportunity to speak to a ladies' group, encouraging each of them to be a good mother to her children and good wife to her husband.

I thank the Lord for every opportunity that he gives me and desire to continue to serve Him.

Thank you for praying for me and God bless you as you serve Him,

In Christ's love,

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March 2022

Dear Supporters and Praying friends,

It has been very different for me since my husband went to heaven. My daily prayer is that the Lord will keep me healthy and sharp minded as I pray daily for our missionaries and mission minded pastors who support missionaries.

Some missionaries do not respond to my emails asking for things they would have me include in my prayers for them, but I still ask for God's direction in their lives. Others keep me informed and we praise the Lord together when He answers their prayers.

There are several who are preparing to go to the field this month and I ask you to pray for a safe trip and for all to go well with all the red tape involved. For several, it's their first trip and that means a lot of changes as well as finding a place to live, etc. Others are returning after furlough, and they need time to readjust and get going again.

I have been praying for strength so that I might be able to visit nearby churches. They would be such a blessing to me and would love to be a blessing to them.

God bless you as you serve Him.

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November 2021

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Thank you for your prayers and support. I have been encouraged by the responses that I receive from missionaries when I let them know that I am praying for them daily. I spend my mornings with the Lord, praying for each missionary and their family by name. I have asked them to send me prayer requests and I add them to my prayers daily.

God has been extremely good to me. I am healthy and safe in His care and love. He blesses me daily and answers my prayers perfectly.

My daughter, Robin, comes down from West Virginia every couple of weeks to make sure that I am doing well. Please pray for safety for her as she travels back and forth. She is also willing to take me to the meetings that the Lord blesses me with.

My desire is to continue my ministry of prayer for missionaries and to have the opportunity to visit churches who have been a blessing in our service for Him. I am also praying that I can make it to the next European retreat.

God bless you, keep you faithful, and encourage you as you serve Him.

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September 2021

Dear Supporters and Friends,

As I'm sure you can imagine, this has been a very trying and busy month. I have been in constant prayer for God to have His way in all things.

Gene's death and funeral turned out just right in answer to my prayers for him. He and I had discussed his situation and especially that he was tired of fighting. I assured him that I understood and didn't want to see him suffer any longer. When Gene knew I was okay with it, he decided to stop the dialysis treatments and the medications that he was taking. We called in hospice to help us and he went home to heaven two days later. The Lord worked it out that we could have his funeral on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, September 11th. Our family is especially grateful to Pastor Cory Baines and the people of Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church in Martinsburg, West Virginia for making Gene's funeral a joyful graduation ceremony.

I have heard from so many who came to the funeral or watched it online. I want to thank everyone who has been in contact with me since his passing. I am still getting cards from dear friends. Thank you all for your kind expressions of love and support. They mean so much to me.

Going forward, my plan is to keep in contact with our missionaries and encourage them as they serve our Saviour. I will keep them in my prayers and communicate with them regularly. Pray that He will use me to encourage them as they serve Him.

God bless you and keep you as you serve Him.

From my heart,

Alice Burge

Prov. 3:5-7



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### **June 2020 Prayer Letter**

We praise the Lord for His goodness to us. When Spring comes we have several highlights that we look forward to. Among them is that Alice and I celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary in June. I am blessed to have a wife that is so faithful to the Lord and loves me. She loves our precious missionaries dearly. That is why most of them call her mom and their children call her Granny.

Like most of you the COVID-19 Pandemic had a major effect on our meetings, trips as well as our Candidate Training. This year we did online with limited classes. Those accepted were Kellie Childress (Philippines), Renae Thiessen, (Translation Ministry), Rob & Lynnell Dodson (Military), Jorge & Yulie Buitrago (Spanish), Josiah & Elizabeth Coates (Quebec) and Brandon & Maggie Byerly (South Africa). We also held our BMFP Board Meeting online also this year.

For many years I have said that BMFP is more than a mission board, but we try our best to be a Mission Family. I often say won't it be wonderful when we can get our entire mission family together. We started monthly

meetings on Zoom to include our missionaries in different areas of the world just to encourage them. On June 18th was our first meeting. Many of our missionaries in Asia joined in with some of our office staff and two pastors who serve on our board. Everyone involved was thrilled that we were able to spend this time together. We wanted to encourage them but instead Alice and I, as well as all of the others, were encouraged. Next month we want to do Europe.



Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial missionary support that allows us to do this vital worldwide missionary ministry. As you can see, the Lord is adding fruit to your account.

**The Lord Is Good All The Time!**

***Gene & Alice Burge***  
**Psalm 126:5-6**



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*April 2020*

Dear Co-laborers In Missions,

Greetings from our home where we have been basically confined for the last several weeks because of the adjustments to our lives and ministries due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This has given us more time to communicate with our BMFP missionaries and many other independent Baptist missionaries that we know and love. During these trying times Alice and I have tried to encourage them to center on God's presence in their lives and become content with His provisions, have confidence in His promises and comfort in His protection.

In January I was doing mostly rehab learning to gain strength in my legs and balance while walking. Because I have very little feelings in my hands and fingers, in February I had an operation on my right hand and arm. Physically I am getting better little by little. I praise the Lord I was able to preach two five day mission conferences locally. I want to thank Dr. Dewayne Jowers and the Grace Baptist Church and Pastor Anthony Jones and the Temple Baptist Church for being a blessing to us and the missionaries that were in the conferences. It sure was good to be able to preach again.

We have preapproved and welcomed into our BMFP Family Brandon & Maggie Byerly going to South Africa for an orphanage and Kellie Childress going back to the Philippines to continue to reach the children in the dumps over there. Both have agreed to be in Candidate Training this summer. We are also communicating with several more that will be coming with BMFP.

I received an email last week that was a reminder of the Lord's blessings of having a ministry for five and a half decades. A dear missionary wrote the following to me. "I don't know if you remember or not but it was through a mission conference that you did a long time ago at Rhineland, that my wife and I surrendered to ministry. God used you many years ago and through your preaching, you challenged us to "Hold the Rope" I will never forget that. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to the work he has called you to do."

Thank you for your faithful prayers, love and support that has allowed us to do our small part to reach the world with the saving message of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Is Good, All The Time,

*Gene & Alice Burge*

Psalm126:5-6

## Kathy Biggs

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**From:** Gene Burge <gburge@bmf.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 24, 2019 3:13 PM  
**Subject:** Thanks and Merry Christmas

Alice and I want to thank you for your love and prayers for us, especially since my hospitalization the last part of October. After a three weeks of home therapy that did not seem to be helping they changed me to a special new rehab for these last four weeks that has helped me greatly. I have lost the 36 pounds of water that went to my legs below my knees and my ankles and feet. The large water blisters have healed. Twice a week they have wrapped my feet, individual toes and legs. This rehab has helped me greatly to walk again. I have graduated from a walker to a cane. Now they have majored on my balance and strength. They believe I will be able to be back to myself in the next few weeks. Through it all Alice has been my faithful caregiver. I am blessed to have such a wonderful faithful wife.

So this Christmas season Alice and I have a lot to be thankful for, Not only have we been blessed with my health coming back, our house is full with our daughter Robin, her husband Scott and our grandson Jordan being here. Also our granddaughter, her husband Dyami and our two great grandsons, Micah (age 5) and Brody (age 3) are here. We only get to see them one time a year. What a blessing it is when those boys cozy up on our laps early in the mornings!

Alice and I also thank the Lord for our wonderful missionary family. Next to our Saviour and our family you are very special to us. We tell everyone how we are the most blessed people because we have hundreds of friends around the world that the Lord has brought into our lives.

It is our prayer that you have a Wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year. May we rejoice today like the angels did that first Christmas, when they proclaimed, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11. Thank the Lord, WE HAVE A SAVIOUR!

The Lord Is Good, All The Time





# Merry Christmas



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**December 2019**

Dear Co-laborers.

Christmas Greetings as we give you an update since our last prayer letter. Our travels took us to Arkansas, West Virginia, Florida and even the Caribbean. During this time we had some great meetings in supporting churches and rejoice in the blessings of great growth in Faith Promise missions giving where I had the honor of preaching and teaching it. In a day when many churches are just maintaining their level of giving, it is a blessing to see some still increasing. Several of our missionaries were in the meetings and were taken on for support.

As you know the Mission Possible European Retreat is very dear to our hearts. Each year we spend many hours putting together the books, promoting the retreat and working on the arrangements for the missionaries. We do our best to raise some funds to help several missionary couples and families attend the Retreat. Our thanks to everyone who gave to help missionaries attend. *As you can see in the picture below we were blessed with a capacity attendance.*

A week before our 22<sup>nd</sup> Retreat I became violently ill. Alice had to call 911, and I was taken to the hospital where I spent the next six days. They flooded my body with antibiotics and fluids because of a concern for my kidneys, heart and infections. When I left the hospital 35lbs of water formed in my lower legs and feet. Large blisters came out on my feet, and I was unable to walk. Since then I have been on home rehab with a nurse coming by every other day to wrap my feet. Needless to say, I was unable to attend and conduct the Retreat.

Alice and I regretted that we were unable to make the Retreat this year. It was one of the hardest decisions that I ever had to make. However, Gib Wood, John Radank and Jonathan Lyons gave great leadership as



well as Rose Radank leading the ladies' sessions in the absence of my wife who is caring for me. Everyone was blessed by Mark & Debbie Lawson for coming from Lupton Drive Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN to lead the music and for Cookie Johnson and her labor of love again this year to provide clothing for the missionaries.

Alice and I pray that you have a Blessed Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. Thank you for your love, prayers and support. We are honored to be partners with you in reaching the world for our Saviour Jesus Christ.

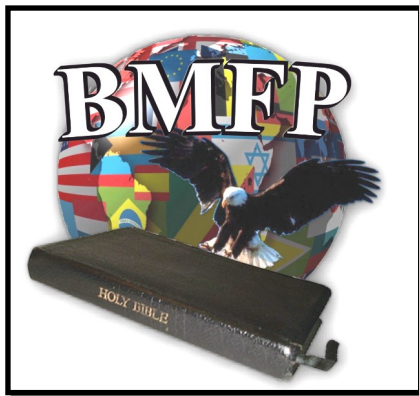
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## May We Be Thankful & Compassionate



**Dr. Gene Burge**  
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### How To Become Thankful

Maybe your relationship with God has grown stagnate or your faith has weakened or even lapsed. Our Saviour repeatedly challenges His followers to love Him, not just simply serve Him. Thanksgiving, for all that we have in Christ, comes when devotion to Him precedes our duty in the ministry.

Has your life grown routine, instead of being the loving relationship you once had with the Lord? How can your heart be set on fire again? Rev. 2:5 says, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." Here are a few suggestions we can do to become a thankful people.

#### Remember God's Faithfulness To Us

- He Saved Us
- He Satisfies Us
- He Sustains Us

#### Remind Ourselves Who Jesus Christ Is

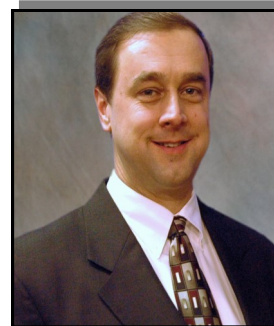
- He is our Redeemer; we should praise Him  
Psalm 71:23
- He is our Righteousness; we received His grace  
Titus 3:5-7
- He is our Sanctification; we experience His  
cleansing - 1Cor. 6:11
- He is our Wisdom - We trust His precious Word  
2 Timothy 3:15

#### Reminisce On Who We Are

- Make God the Master of our choices
- In Prayer, aligned our desires with God's desires
- Realize that in our Weakness, God is our Strength
- Recollect our Calling and His Promises

#### Reflect On What Awaits Us - HEAVEN

Rev 21:4 – "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."



**Steven Meyer**

### For the Love of People By Steven Meyer Pastor Trinity Baptist Church Bradenton, FL

Missionary, church member, Christian; there should be within our heart a love for all people. Jesus, as always, is our example and model to follow.

The Bible tells us just how much God loves this world. John 3:16 reminds us, "*God so loved the world*" and Romans 5:8, "*God commendeth His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" When no one else cared for our soul – God did. When Jesus saw the great multitudes of people in Matthew 9:36, "*He was moved with **compassion** on them.*"

Our world is in great despair and trouble is brewing everywhere; people are suffering and hurting. How can we help and encourage people within our immediate circle of influence? I believe the answer is found throughout the Scriptures, but Jude 22 sums it up like this – "*And of some have **compassion**, making a difference.*"

Our human nature tells us to hate the sin and the sinner while God loves the sinner and hates the sin! Who is right? "*As for God, his way is perfect*" Psalm 18:30.

It is difficult for the missionary as he looks into the faces of people who are different. However, to make a difference in the lives of the people, God has called us to never forget this one word – compassion. The difference is made when people care. Do you care enough to look past the differences? Do you care enough to follow the example of Jesus? Compassion to make a difference?

**Every Christian is commanded to have Compassion.**  
"*And of some have compassion, making a difference*"  
Jude 22.

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**For the Love of People**  
**By Steven Meyer**  
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**Compassion is a Ministry.** Be a loving, caring person! People on your mission field, are hurting, discouraged, depressed and many, sadly, commit suicide. I wonder if one person showed them compassion, would it be enough to change their life and move them toward Jesus Christ? When we show people we genuinely care, extending compassion like Jesus, it makes a difference.

This requires action on our part; actually doing the work of compassion. *“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works”* James 2:18. Compassion works! It works in America, it works in Europe, it works in Asia, Africa, South America – Compassion works worldwide! And, it is something everyone can do!

**Compassion Helps the Church.** *“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us. . . but whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth”* 1 John 3:17.

Compassion is seen, felt and heard. God graciously gave us a church family where people show compassion towards one another. Last night a visitor with cancer came to the church. She is completely bald. She sat by herself until one of our ladies got up and sat next to her the rest of the service. They became immediate friends. She left with a smile on her face having felt and heard compassion.

Compassion is usually just being there for someone, listening, caring – but it always requires that we do something. Open up your *“Bowels of Compassion!”* If we struggle with being compassionate, we should ask ourselves why. Jude 22 says, *“And some having compassion making a difference.”*

**Compassion Helps and Makes a Difference.** The cry of the world has always been a cry for compassion. The needs and hurts are still there, and the cry is still being heard. We can read about the deaf man and the leper in Mark 1, the maniac of Gadara in Mark 5, the possessed boy in Mark 9, the blind man in Mark 10, and the cry of a mother in Luke 7. Jesus in all cases extended His hands of grace and compassion, making a difference!

Compassion will make a difference in your life and in the lives of others; the people you are trying to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**News From the Fields**

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I am starting work in the northern Bago region which is 99% Buddhist. This area was devastated by recent flooding with over 100,000 people displaced. We would like to help. If we can, it will help gain credibility with the government and allow us to share the Gospel throughout the region. We can receive push back of varying severity from the government as soon as we share the Gospel, so your prayers are important.

Heavy upon my heart at this time is a 14 year old young lady by the name of Didi Moo who has moved out of our community. The family said she has a boyfriend but I am concerned the family sold her. We shared the Gospel with her many times and I thought we were making headway with both her and her family. Her little brother gave me a big hug yesterday while I was in the slum. Pray for us as we try and reach this community with the Gospel. Nationals tell me that this is the area with a lot of AIDS and crime.

**Gib & Kathy Wood**  
**Military in Germany**

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The Gospel is the reason for missions and for all that missionaries do on the fields of the world. In Germany, and at Rheinland Baptist Church, much of our efforts are spent in the cities, towns and villages of the local area. In fact, I just returned from covering two villages: Sambach and Eulenbis. These villages represent about 1,200 German and American souls. Sometimes we are able to have friendly conversations and share a personal word of witness. But always, we know God's Word will not return void! Our goal is to get a Gospel tract into every home in 80-100 cities, towns and villages in our area. We trust the Lord to reap the harvest, but are busy doing our part. Every two months we encourage our church family to be involved and cover a larger town in a single day. It's a good work, and a good way to encourage people, even kids, to be involved!

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We were able to return to the field for a short visit this past month with our Pastor, Randy Tucker and Bro. Quitter. The four churches we planted actually multiplied. They are practicing faith promise and supporting their pastors and missionaries. The pastors greatly desire to start a Bible Institute and medical clinic. These are in work as I write and will be on the top of our list as we return. Please pray for souls to be saved and new works started.



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## Complacency Concerning Our Faith



**Dr. Gene Burge**  
President, BMFP

One of the things that concerns me as I travel is to see the complacency among God's children concerning communicating our faith with people all around us. This is true here in many of our American churches and even on many mission fields. It amazes me how many good Christians will give to help missionaries go to foreign lands to reach people with the Gospel yet have never personally shared their faith concerning salvation in our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the ways that show evidence that Christ is real in our lives is our desire to communicate our faith in Him with others. We are not only to keep the faith but to share His saving message with others. Our text comes from Psalm 126:5-6 which says, "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."

If we are not endeavoring to be witnesses and share our faith, then we are not wise or perhaps even right with God. The Bible refers to us as witnesses. Someone has said that a lawyer argues his case; a witness tells what he has seen and heard. The question comes; how can we be more effective witnesses and share our faith in Christ to others?

We must be deliberate witnesses of our faith. Verse 6 says, "**He that goeth forth.**" We must intentionally be sharing our faith. Many feel that they can simply be living a good life and that should suffice as a witness of our faith. Living a good life for the Lord is essential in having a good testimony, but our lives cannot save anyone. People are not saved by our lives but by salvation in Jesus Christ. The Gospel message is ". . . how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-4).

We must be distressed witnesses of our faith. Notice it says, "**and weepeth.**" We should be heartbroken over the lost. Jesus wept over souls. Luke 13:34 says He wept over the souls in Jerusalem. **(Continued on next page)**



**Sergio Reyes**

**Laboring Together**  
By  
**Pastor Sergio Reyes**  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Melbourne, Florida

In this passage Jesus is speaking to the disciples, who we know will be crucial to the spreading of the gospel message after the Lord ascends into Heaven. We know that when Peter gets up and preaches the first sermon, three thousand people will get saved. But it isn't just the work of these ex-fisherman that turn hearts to Jesus. Harvest time is a window of time. Reaping must take place then, or not at all. Our time upon this earth is short and what we do for the Lord we must do promptly. The wages of souls are not of this world, they are the eternal fruit abounding to our account.

When we read this passage we rarely put the emphasis on verse 38, instead we gloss over it as the end. However, it has a crucial message; for centuries God's prophets readied the Jewish people for their Messiah. John the Baptist preached repentance and prepared the Jewish people to receive their Messiah. Others had sown seed along the way, and now it was time for the disciples to reap. The good seed had been sown of which the New Testament ministers gathered the fruit.

When your calling is to invest in lives, sometimes you'll get to reap...and sometimes you'll just be sowing seeds. Sometimes you will pour your heart and soul into sharing God's love with a person, and you won't see them come to Christ. You might invest years; time spent serving, listening, loving them, and praying, and never see any fruit. But, do it anyway! Only God changes hearts.

The timing of the harvest is only controlled by God. The harvesting process is not up to us. Sometimes we reap, and sometimes all we do is sow. And the thing is, you never know what might come of your efforts down the road. The couple you befriended who moved away might experience a crisis, think of something you planted and step inside the doors of a church and become part of their harvest. That estranged family member who rejected your gospel presentation, might meet a Christian co-worker who is able to lead him to Christ. **(Continued on next page)**

**Complacency Concerning our Faith**  
**By Dr. Gene Burge**  
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In Matthew 9:36, “he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” The Apostle Paul says in Acts 20:31, “Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.” Jeremiah says of himself in chapter 9:1, “Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!” How long has it been since we wept over souls?

We must be dependable witnesses of our faith. Our text says, “**bearing precious seed.**” The precious seed is the Word of God. Notice it says “bearing.” Many times when I preach I hold up the Bible and say, “This is the Word of God.” I then explain that God has entrusted His Word to us as born again Christians. If we don’t sow the seed of God’s Word, who will? It is our responsibility to sow the seed. I have been told by some, and on occasions I have seen for myself, tracts, Gospels of John, and even whole Bibles locked up in sheds on mission fields, mildewing and rotting. As tragic as that is, what is the difference of locking up the seed of the Word of God in our lives and not sharing it with those all around us?

We must be devoted witnesses of our faith. Finally, Psalm 126:6 says, “**shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.**” What a wonderful promise of God. If we devote our lives by sharing our faith, by witnessing to a lost and dying world, by going, by weeping, praying, and even giving, then we will find the greatest joy in this world is coming into the presence of Jesus with our sheaves (souls) to lay at His feet. No wonder Proverbs 11:30 says, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.”

**Laboring Together**  
**By Sergio Reyes**  
**(Continued from front page)**

We should sow never expecting to reap, that’s another season. We may be there for the reaping or we may not, if we do we rejoice.

Occasionally, we get in on an effortless reaping that cost us no labor, let us not forget that we have entered into another man’s labor. Let us not forget that the sowing is the hardest part of the harvest. It takes preparation, planting, watering, and protecting. However, someday, the sower and the reaper will be glad together, because we’ll be in heaven celebrating these amazing stories of how one sowed the seed and the other reaped it. We will find out how our stories are intertwined, and it won’t matter who did what, because we’ll just be thrilled that souls are there with Jesus.

It is our calling. Don’t stop investing, don’t stop sowing, and don’t stop praying. Your calling is not to manipulate hearts – your calling is to connect, serve, share, grow, and pray. The rest is up to God, it is His field!

**News From the Fields**

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A couple months ago, we passed the 10,000 tract mark. These are tracts that we are sure were received (not thrown on the ground or in the trash) as there are laws requiring us to pick them up in public areas or risk getting fined. I was approached by police officers concerning my giving out tracts in the place I usually go. Had I not had an official authorization (not required by law) I could have been made to leave the area. Two of the officers might have been Christians though, which is unusual in France. Still, I witnessed to all of them; and gave them tracts too!

**Jimmy & Tracy McGaha**  
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Upon hearing of the death of her child, a day before the 2015 earthquake, my (Tracy) heart broke for a young village woman. Puspa’s son was bitten by a snake and died in his father’s arms. Other villagers only rebuked them for worshipping the Christian’s God. I gave my tears and prayers to her along with ladies from supporting churches. Some time later, we visited the village and I encouraged her with few words, prayed with her, and showed her Proverbs 29:25. A few weeks ago, the pastor in the village called to tell us Puspa went to her husband and asked him how to become a Christian and accepted Christ as her Savior and hope. We should all consider doing what we can, even if it is just a few words coupled with tears and prayer!

**Steve & Pam Myers**  
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In the past few months we have had some ups and downs. We had 6 saved and 3 baptized, with one 68 year old Zulu man named Gumedede, who got saved and is excited about living for Jesus. One of our men will disciple Gumedede. On the downside, someone climbed over our barbed wire fence and tried to steal the church van. They broke the ignition and even tried to jump start the motor with no battery in it. We have some of the worlds dumbest criminals! Our youth camp was held July 2 –7. Please pray that God will use what they learned to strengthen our young people to serve the Lord with all their heart, soul and mind.



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**July 2018**

Dear BMFP Co-laborers:

Alice and I want to thank each of you who pray and give sacrificially to allow us to represent you in worldwide missions. The second quarter of the year has been busy with meetings in Arkansas, Canada, Tennessee and Florida.

In April, while in the mission conference at the New Horizon Baptist Church in Ward, Arkansas, the Ray Family yielded their lives to fulltime missionary service and made the decision to come through our Candidate Training. We also held our BMFP-Canada Board Meeting at the New Testament Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ontario where board member Doug McClain is pastor. We praise the Lord that Brother Brian Thiessen and his family have moved to their new location where he serves as our BMFP-Canada Field Administrator. He is greatly respected throughout Canada and will be a real blessing to our mission family.

In May, Alice and I were able to attend the graduation service at the Ambassador Baptist College where our missionary Todd Uhl received his Master's degree and also was the recipient of the President's award for outstanding character. He and Rachel are raising their support to go to Nepal. Sister Ruth Cuthbertson also graduated and the next day she was married to our missionary Richard Jertberg. They plan on going back to Madagascar by the end of the year.

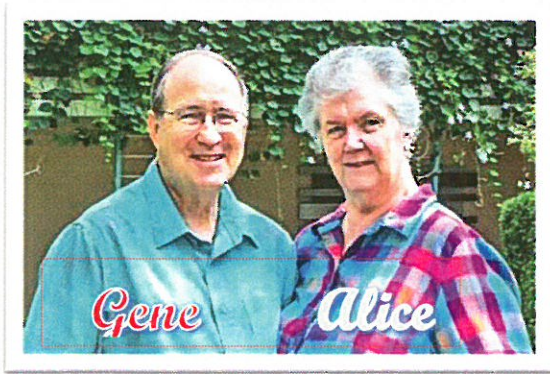
June is one of our busiest months with the preparation for our Candidate Training Week and our BMFP Executive Board Meeting, as well as two missionary retreats in the coming months. We are honored that Larry & Patti Appleby have brought their "Well Ministry" with BMFP. Alice and I have known them for forty years. They are a special couple. We are thrilled also to have joining the BMFP Family Georges & Roselene Aqise to France; Russell & Swany Ray to Thailand; Steven Wirick to Myanmar and Ruth Jertberg to Madagascar. Please pray that the Lord will bless each one of the dear missionaries.



Alice and I are greatly honored to partner with our missionaries and you in doing a small part of reaching our world with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please always remember, the Lord is good, all the time!

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### February 22, 2018

The first two months of this year have been extremely busy for Alice and me for which we praise the Lord. The blessings are we have seen souls saved, missionaries encouraged and churches seeing their Faith Promise Missions Giving greatly increase. The Lord sure is good to us.

In January I contracted pneumonia again. Two days before we were to leave for Thailand to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Possible Asian Retreat the doctors released me to go as long as I promised to have my lungs checked when I returned for which I did. I went to the hospital for a surgical bronchoscopy of my lungs. According to the Pulmonologist they washed my lungs out to kill bacteria I had from all my years of traveling to many countries. Praise the Lord no cancer was found. They did find out that I had pneumonia again and that my immune system was only 40% so they are trying to build that back up. Through it all I am still ticking like the Energizer Battery bunny!!! I even preached a mission conference last week, and they had a large increase in their Faith Promise. My voice was weak, but I made it through. I start another one next week.

Many blessings also came our way as we were able to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Possible Asian Retreat in Bangkok, Thailand. We had missionaries from Asia which included Guam, Nepal, Malaysia, South Korea, Thailand, India, and also from Germany, and the United States. I want to thank especially Missionaries Gib Wood, John & Rose Radank, and Tom & Sandy Hastings who came from Germany to help us. Also coming from the USA



to help from our mission board were Jon & Carolyn De Rusha, Matt & Diadem Quitter, and Jonathan & Rachelle Lyons. Also from the States came Pastor Kevin Bernard and several of his church members, What a blessing all of these were to the missionaries.

Please continue to pray for Alice and me and especially our health and strength. The Lord has given us an extremely full schedule and our desire is to do what we can to promote the cause of our Saviour Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We are honored to partner with you in world missions.

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**October, 2017**

We praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us. Much has happened since our last prayer letter. During Missionary Candidate Training Week I was climbing steps at our office when I heard something snap and I went down. By the time Alice got me to the emergency room my left ankle and leg were swollen twice their size. The tendons to the Achilles' heel and muscles ruptured. On top of that I had an operation to clear the blockages in the arteries in that same leg. The doctors say it will take six months to a year for my leg and ankle to heal completely. Praise the Lord I am able to keep my busy schedule.

In July we saw the passing of our beloved missionary, Dr. Mickey Johnson. Brother Mickey served as our International Field Administrator and along with his wife Cookie headed up Project 61-3 Ministries where they supply new clothing free of charge to missionaries and their ministries around the world. Please pray for Sister Cookie as she continues the ministry of Project 61-3 Ministries.

August saw another tragedy as BMFP Missionary to the Philippines Mandy Calinisan fell and hit his head and went home to be with his Saviour. Brother Mandy was greatly used of the Lord for over a quarter of a century to build a great church and ministries in Manila. Please pray for his wife Lynn and their son Alex as he is a missionary with BMFP and will be taking over the ministries there.

As most of you know in September a hurricane hit our city, Jacksonville, FL. Our office lost our electricity for several days and the internet and phone system were down for a week. On a personal note we have damage to the roof on our house which caused some leakage in the house. Our roof needs to be replaced. Because of all the damaged throughout Jacksonville it will take several months before they can do it. Praise the Lord the damage that was done was covered by insurance and we only had a \$1500 deductible to pay.

Below is a group picture of our BMFP Field Administrators that was taken at the New Horizon Baptist Church in Ward, AR. One time a year we have our planning meeting and at the same time conduct a Bible conference where our Field Administrators preach. These are some of the finest men and women that BMFP have. We want to thank Pastor Kevin Bernard and the church for the gracious hospitality in hosting this meeting,

Please pray for the Mission Possible European Retreat which will be held in Rothenburg, Germany on October 30 - November 3. We have the largest registration we ever had. Our desire is the honor the Lord and encourage the missionaries that are coming from 15 countries.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

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### July 2017 Prayer Letter

We praise the Lord for His goodness to us. When Spring comes we have several highlights that we look forward to. Among them is that Alice and I celebrated our 52nd wedding anniversary in June. I am blessed to have a wife that is so faithful to the Lord and loves me. She loves our precious missionaries dearly. That is why most of them call her mom and their children call her Granny.

In addition to overseeing the ministry of BMFP Alice and I have the joy of traveling and being with many of our missionaries that serve through our mission board as well as many of our other missionary friends. Along the way we thank the Lord for many opportunities to do personal soulwinning and for the joy of preaching in their ministries. Thank the Lord that He allows us to lead people to the Lord and see many yield their lives to the Lord. Here is a brief update for the last three months.

In April we were with Pastor Kevin Bernard and the New Horizon Baptist Church in Ward, AR. What a blessing to see how this church has grown especially in the area of Faith Promise Giving. From there we traveled to Canada where we had the privilege of preaching for Pastor Doug McClain at the New Testament Baptist Church in Hamilton, ON. Pastor McClain serves as president of BMFP-Canada and hosted our board meeting. He, along with his wife Debbie and his church family, have been a real blessing to us over the years.

From there we traveled to be with Pastor Brian Thiessen and the Mississauga International Baptist Church. Brother Thiessen was our first church planter in Canada over 20 years ago; I had the privilege of preaching their first mission conference. He invited Alice and me back so I could preach their 20th anniversary mission conference. The Stan Kamps Family were sent out of this church as BMFP Missionaries to the Netherlands and the church flew them back to be in this special meeting. Brother Thiessen has been led of the Lord to become the Field Administrator for BMFP

in Canada. This fills a great void. What a blessing he and his dear wife Cindy will be to the missionaries there and to all of our BMFP Family. I know the Lord will use them all over Canada.

May saw us in Germany. I preached the mission conference for John Radank, pastor of the Hohenfels Baptist Church and then we conducted the planning meeting for our Mission Possible European Retreat. We also had the privilege of preaching for BMFP Missionaries Andrew Wilson and Gib Wood.

In the month of June we conducted our Candidate School. Coming with the family of BMFP this year are the following: Jacob & Amanda Gerasimof, Alaska; Alex & Riza Eva Calinisan, Filipinos in Canada; Ben & Sara Bernard, Thailand; Brandon & Tabitha Murdock, Germany; Romeo & Maria Victoria Cerico, Filipinos in Canada and Chris & Rachael Holaday, Missionary Air Care. Please be praying for each of these dear couples as they begin their prefield ministries.



Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial missionary support that allows us to do this vital worldwide missionary ministry. The Lord is adding fruit to your account. What a blessing to partner with you in missions.

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that we have seen souls saved, missionaries encouraged as well as a new missionary family coming with BMFP. The Lord sure is good to us.

The first three months of this year have been extremely busy for us for which we praise the Lord. It has been filled with many blessing and some deep heartaches. The blessings are

Our hearts were grieved by the home going of our beloved missionary Dr. Bill Bradley. He and his dear wife Dot have served as missionaries since the early 1980's with Baptist Missions To Forgotten Peoples. For many years, Brother Bill served as the Director of The Haven Serviceman Center and for the last 13 years as the National Field Administrator for Baptist Missions to Forgotten People representing us in churches and colleges. Please remember his dear wife Dot. They were a real team in the world of missions. The Lord used both of them in a great way. Across the globe there are missionaries and pastors that yielded to fulltime service under their ministry.

Many blessings also came our way as we were able conduct the First Mission Possible Asian Retreat in Bangkok, Thailand. For the last fourteen years I had the privilege of preaching the mission conference for Kevin Bernard, pastor of the New Horizon Baptist Church in Ward Arkansas. Brother Bernard has a real burden for missionaries in Asia. After attending one of our European Missionary Retreats he entreated me for several years to do a Retreat in Asia. At the same time I have been receiving emails asking me to do the same. After much prayer Alice and I agreed to do so.

To God's glory we had missionaries from ten countries which included Nepal, Taiwan, Vietnam, Palau, South Korea, Thailand, India, the Philippines, Germany, and the United States. The Asian Retreat was a great encouragement to all who attended. I want to especially thank Missionaries Gib Wood and John & Rose Radank who came from Germany to help us. Brother Wood and the Radanks, along with Alice and me, have been to all of the 19 European Retreats. Also coming from the USA to help from our mission board to help were Jon & Carolyn De Rusha, Matt & Diadem Quitter, and Jonathan Lyons. Also from the States came Pastor Kevin Bernard and several of their church members, Pastor Bruce & Wanda Stewart and Pastor Matt & Wendy Swenson. What a blessing all of these were to the missionaries. The Lord willing we will be doing another Asian Retreat at the end of January 2018.

Please continue to pray for Alice and me and especially our health and strength. The Lord has given us an extremely full schedule and our desire is to do what we can to promote the cause of our Saviour Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We are honored to partner with you in world missions.

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As the 2016 Christmas season approaches, Alice and I pause to give thanks for each of you that faithfully support us through your prayers and financial giving. Because of you, our **“Partners in the Ministry”** we were able to experience a great year in our personal ministry as well as the overall ministry of Baptist Missions To Forgotten Peoples.

Alice and I just finished two Missionary Retreats with a week in between. The BMFP Family Retreat was held in Pigeon Forge, TN on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> - Oct 27<sup>th</sup> and then we flew to Germany to do the Mission Possible European Retreat on November 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. Words cannot express the blessings that we received from both of them. What a joy to conduct these Retreats and watch the Lord work in the hearts of missionaries.

The BMFP Family Retreat is for our BMFP missionaries. This year we had over 70 in attendance. The Lord blessed as missionary after missionary gave testimony of how the Lord used the messages and fellowship with each other to be a real source of encouragement to them

The Mission Possible 2016 European Retreat in Rothenburg, Germany was our 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference that we conducted over there to help encourage the missionaries in Europe. This year we had independent Baptist missionaries from 15 countries. What a blessing to hear veteran missionaries testify how this Retreat was unlike any other they ever attended and was greatly needed. The music was Christ's honoring and every message was on target and was some of the finest preaching we have ever heard.

Christmas is a glorious time of the year. As we remember the birth of our Saviour may He give us a renewal in our lives to reach out to our friends and family with His saving message. We want you to know how much your love, friendship, prayers and support have meant to us this past year. You have been a real source of strength and encouragement to us.

Alice and I pray that the joy and beauty of Christ's love will abound in your home and heart this Christmas season. We wish you a Merry and Peaceful Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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June is always an exciting month with our Candidate Training being held during the second week. We had six couples and two singles accepted as new BMFP Missionaries. They are as follows: Aaron Brawley, Mexico; Andy & Kyra Broskie, Ark Baptist College; Don & Carmen Cross, Columbia; Eli & Katie Guiltner, Japan; Chip & Lavaughn Hull, Juvenile Corrections; Scott & Brandy Payne, Military; Todd & Rachel Uhl, Nepal and Sam Vegkley, South Korea. Please pray for them as they start out by faith to fulfill God's will for their lives.



On June 19<sup>th</sup>, Alice and I marked our 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary. This year to celebrate we went to Cartagena, Colombia where we had the privilege of establishing BMFP-Colombia among the churches that the Lord used BMFP Missionaries Alberto & Nelcy Gomez to plant. What a privilege it was for me to preach to them concerning reaching their country and the world by giving God's way through Tithes, Offerings and Faith Promise Missions Giving. There was excitement in all their churches as they took these steps of faith in order to send out more church planters

and missionaries around the world. What a blessing it is to see these Colombian churches take on the responsibility of supporting their own ministries and their church planters.

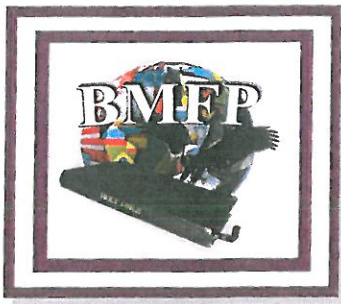
Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. You are vital part in the ministry that the Lord has given to Alice and me. The Lord is adding "fruit to your account."

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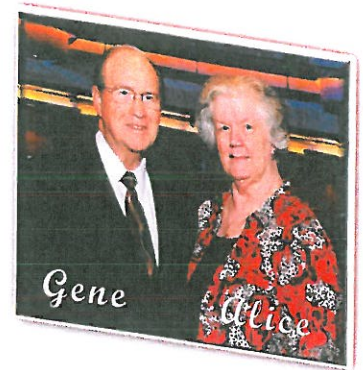
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Dear Co-laborers In World Missions:

Since our last prayer letter Alice and I have been very busy with doctor appointments and especially with the ministry of Baptist Missions To Forgotten Peoples. Doctors like to send us to specialists who in turn send us to other specialists. Through it all we are getting back fairly good reports on both of us. We greatly appreciate your prayers..



On the ministry front we have resume our full travel schedule once again. Once again I had the privilege of preaching the Faith Promise Mission Conference at the Pembina Valley Baptist Church in Winkler, Manitoba. They had a tremendous Faith Promise Commitment. On Sunday evening several dozen stood to their feet during the invitation indicating that the Lord had called them to some type of fulltime service. Pastor Sullivant invited us to stay a second week so I could teach in depth Faith Promise to the students at their Canadian Baptist Bible College. In addition a large group from the church attended also for each of the sessions.

From there we flew to be with Dr. Brian Thiessen and the Mississauga Intl. Baptist Church. Brother Thiessen was BMFP-Canada's first church planter. Over the years the Lord has used him to build a strong church.

Ark Baptist College in St. Augustine, FL was started by BMFP Missionary Terry King. The college has a strong emphasis on world missions. They had their first annual Bible Conference to promote the college and I had the honor to preach. It was also our joy to preach at Landmark Baptist Church and College and also the First Baptist Church of South Brevard in Melbourne, FL. We also had great mission conferences at the Tri Country Baptist, Franklin, WI, New Horizon Baptist Church, Ward, AR and Hohenfels Baptist Church in Germany. While in Germany we conducted the planning meeting for the 2016 Mission Possible European Retreat that will be held in November. This will be our 19<sup>th</sup> Retreat.

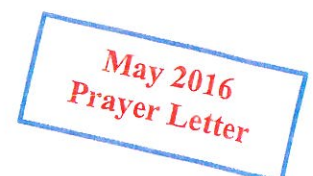
While in Germany we received word that BMFP Missionary Sally Evans had passed into the presence of her Saviour. Please pray for her husband BMFP Missionary Lawrence Evans and his ministry. We were also saddened by the home-going of Brother Bob Barker, Pastor of the Victory Baptist Church in Fairmont, WV. He was a long time member of the BMFP Executive Board. Please pray for his dear wife Rose. Our BMFP Family will greatly miss both of these dear precious servants that were greatly used of the Lord.

We are looking forward to several new missionary families that will be joining BMFP in June. The Lord keeps blessing us with wonderful missionaries. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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**Merry Christmas - 2015**

Dear Co-laborers in World Missions:

Alice and I wanted to write this special Christmas letter to thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support down through the years that allows us the privilege of being a Mom & Pop not only to our BMFP Missionary Family but also to hundreds of other Independent Baptist missionaries around the world. In fact, many missionaries' kids call us Grandma and Grandpa. What a great honor.

One of our greatest joys is to be able to conduct the Mission Possible European Retreats. On November 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> we conducted our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Retreat just outside the beautiful old walled city of Rothenburg, o.d.T., Germany. This year was our largest Retreat ever with Independent Baptist missionaries coming from Canada, Estonia, Germany, England, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Ukraine, United States and Wales. Of all the meetings that Alice and I do, this is without a doubt the most unusual and sweetest of them all. The purpose of this meeting is to encourage Baptist missionaries and those seeking God's will. Every preacher, every speaker, every testimony, and every message was right on target. **(Below is a picture of us singing Christmas Carols In The Christmas City)**

Christmas is always a wonderful time of the year. To those of us that have accepted Christ as our personal Saviour, it is a time when we pause and remember that "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" John 1:14. What a joy it is to be able to give leadership to Baptist Missions To Forgotten People in the world of missions. Thank you for partnering with us so we can continue to tell the world the real Christmas message.

Please accept our love and prayers this Christmas season. We pray that you will have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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October - November, 2015

Dear Co-laborers in World Missions:

Alice and I rejoice in the Lord's blessings as we resume my preaching schedule again. I am slowly getting my strength back again from all my heart procedures over this last year and Alice is doing better. We also had the joy of attending three weddings over the last few months. Two of the couples feel the Lord is calling them to the mission field. The third couple was our own BMFP missionary to Japan, Katie Folden. On October 17 Sister Katie married Brother Eli Guiltner who was also serving in missions in Japan. We are thrilled that they will be returning to Japan as missionaries with our board. They are a quality couple and will continue to do a good ministry for our Saviour. Please pray for them as they start their new life together. What a joy it is to see the Lord raise up younger couples to serve Him in missions.

September and October saw us in meetings in Hagerstown, Maryland; Atlanta, Georgia; Montgomery, Alabama; and Chattanooga, Tennessee. In Florida, we had the joy of being in meetings Palatka, Pensacola, and Ocala. We rejoice that in all the churches that I had the joy of preaching Faith Promise Giving their mission commitments increase. In the midst of a bad economy it is good to see churches step out on faith and do more for their missionary outreach.

I am writing this just a few days before Alice and I leave for Germany where we will conduct the 18th Mission Possible European Retreat. It will be held just outside of Rothenburg, Germany on Nov. 9-13. This year we have the largest registration we have ever had. This Retreat seems to have taken more work than ever before but it will be worth it if we can be an encouragement to the missionaries and friends that will be there. BMFP missionaries, Dr. & Mrs. Gib Wood are our European hosts and Alice and I have the joy of being the Retreat hosts. This meeting would not be possible without the help of many of our missionary friends across Europe that work tirelessly each year to bring this together. This has become indeed a labor of love for many of us. Hopefully, I can give a report when I send out our Christmas newsletter. Here is the website for the Retreat: <http://www.mpeuropeanretreat.org/>.

We would greatly appreciate your prayer that the Lord will continue to use us as we challenge people, young and old, concerning the need of reaching the world the the Gospel of Christ. Truly the fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial missionary support that allows us to do this vital worldwide missionary ministry. The Lord is adding fruit to your account.

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**August, 2015**

Dear Co-laborers in World Missions:

One of our favorite missionary verses is 2Cor. 1:11 which says, "Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf." Alice and I greatly appreciate our co-laborers who have teamed with us with your love, prayers and financial support. What a blessing it has been to be able to resume my regular schedule again and represent you in missions as we have for over three decades. Physically I am doing good except I get tired quickly. Alice has been having some physical problems and is going through some medical tests now.

Since our last prayer letter Alice and I were in Germany for three weeks where I had the privilege of preaching in three missionary independent Baptist military churches. All three ministries are always a blessing to us. How we thank the Lord for these and other faithful missionaries that are ministering to our US Military around the world. While we were in Germany we held our planning meeting for the 18th Mission Possible European Retreat. It will be held just outside of Rothenburg, Germany on Nov. 9-13. Here is the website: <http://www.mpeuropeanretreat.org/>. Please join us. We would love to have you.

June is always a busy month with our Candidate Training plus this year we also had a special meeting to go over some important business for BMFP. With some of the rulings being handed down from the Supreme Court we have to make sure that everything is in place to protect our religious freedom. June 19<sup>th</sup> was also a very special day for Alice and me as we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. It doesn't seem possible that 50 years ago I married my preacher's daughter. We celebrated in typical Burge fashion. We made two trips to North Carolina where we attended two weddings. The Lord willing both couples will be going into fulltime service as missionaries in the near future.

During July we flew out west where I had the privilege of preaching in two independent Baptist churches. One was in Utah and the other in Idaho. Both of these dear pastors have good solid ministries and have a burden to see other independent Baptist churches planted out west. I receive calls regularly from people out west asking me if we have any missionaries who already have support that could come help them plant a church. Some of the calls are from small groups that even have buildings. As Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" - Matthew 9:37. Please pray for more missionaries!

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Psalm 126:5-6



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Dear Co-laborers in World Missions:

The Lord has blessed us greatly this year. Through the goodness of the Lord Alice and I are resuming our schedule again. As most of you know last year was a hard year physically for me. I am now regaining my strength and what a joy it is for me to be back preaching again. Alice did have a minor operation on her foot but is progressing nicely. Since Alice nursed me throughout last year I tried my best to care for her, She and the doctor said I did a good job. Please also pray for her as she continues to have trouble with the Osteoarthritis.

We had one of our missionary families receive their approved visas and are now on their mission field in India. Please pray for Stanley & Joni Helm and their children as they adjust to their mission field. Also pray for Phillip & Rachel Wild as they are waiting for the visa to also go to India.

**During February and March** we had the joy of conducting meetings and mission conferences in Florida. We also held a four day BMFP Field Administrators' Bible Conference for Harvest Baptist Church in Hagerstown, MD where BMFP Board member Jim Moore is pastor. Each night two of our Field Administrators preached. Brother Moore sent the following email from one of his families. "Thank you for having the conference this week. It spoke to our hearts, plus the messages really worked on the hearts of our children. The two oldest were strengthened in their desire to serve the Lord. Elisabeth said she feels God is calling her to fulltime service and wants to do more soul winning now. Even our youngest three mentioned serving the Lord. We are so thankful to God for this week. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to hear such good missionary minded preaching."

**In April** Alice and I will in be Arkansas for a Faith Promise Conference. From there we fly to Germany where I will be preaching in three military churches. While there we will be having our planning meeting for the 18th Mission Possible European Retreat which will be held in Rothenburg, Germany on November 9-13. For information on the Retreat please go to <http://www.mpeuropeanretreat.org/>.

**We often say that BMFP is a family.** My wife and I received this email a few days ago from one of our BMFP missionary families. "My wife and I both said this today!!! We definitely picked the right mission board! The customs agent said that its best to have family help you, and that's just what we did; BMFP is our family. Thank you for all your help. We love you both." **Things like this keep us going.**

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# *Merry Christmas From Gene & Alice Burge*

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Dear Co-laborers,

Alice and I want to take this opportunity to thank our supporters and co-laborers who continually hold us up before the Lord in prayer. What a joy it is for us to represent you through the ministry of BMFP. Our prayer is that the Lord will give you a wonderful Christmas and a blessed 2015 New Year. Christmas season is an extraordinary time of the year. The main reason of course is because the world pauses to remember the birth of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is also a time when family and friends come together to express love for the Lord and each other.

Our hearts were warmed early this year by conducting in November the Mission Possible European Retreat in Rothenburg, o. d. T., Germany. It is hard to believe that this was our 17th annual retreat. This Retreat has been greatly used of the Lord to provide a bonding friendship among the missionaries, pastors and friends. It has become like a family reunion.

Alice and I have much to be grateful to the Lord for this Christmas season. This has been a very difficult year for me (Gene) health-wise. With quadruple heart bypass and three months later congestive heart failure combined with pneumonia, we thank the Lord that He has allowed me to regain my health back to continue His work. To be able to continue to see people saved and called to the ministry is our greatest desire. We love missionaries and to see them successful brings us great joy.

We want you to know how much your love, prayers, friendship and support have meant to us this past year. Thank you for being our "Partners in the Ministry" that allows us to continue to declare the message; "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

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## *May The Lord Bless You During The New Year*

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**September, 2014 Prayer Letter**

Dear Co-laborers In World Missions:

I would like to take liberty in this prayer letter to praise the Lord for his goodness to Alice and me these last fifty years. Paul said in 1Corinthians 9:16, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

I was sixteen years of age when I answered the call to preach. In fact, I was sitting beside Alice in church when her dad preached and the conviction to preach became so great I yielded my life to him for the ministry. It was on the last Sunday of August, 1964, at the age of 17, that I stood in the pulpit and preached my first sermon. It seemed like I preached the whole Bible in less than ten minutes. Praise the Lord that on August 24, 2014 I was able to preach in the same church on my 50<sup>th</sup> preaching anniversary.

I want to thank Dr. Corey Bane, Pastor of the Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church in my home town of Martinsburg, WV and Dr. Don Smith, Pastor Emeritus, for inviting me to preach. What a blessing the church was to us on my 50<sup>th</sup> preaching anniversary.

As most of you know, I had quadruple bypass heart surgery on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Alice and I want to thank you for your prayers, phone calls, emails and cards that we received from you. The only answer I can give people when asked how I was able to preach just six weeks later is that we had a great family of prayer warriors that were lifting up my name in prayer. Truly, we can say with the Apostle Paul, "Ye also helping together by prayer for us" (1Corinthians 1:11a). Please continue to pray that I regain my strength as Alice and I have a full schedule beginning the end of September. And yes, I promised the doctors and "my wife" that I would take it slow and easy. Alice is the best and most caring nurse that I know. She is a very special lady not only to me but to missionaries around the world.



The Lord continues to bless Baptist Missions To Forgotten Peoples. Alice and I ask special prayer for those on their pre-field ministry that they would be able to raise their full support. Please also pray for the BMFP Family Retreat in October in Tennessee and the Mission Possible European Retreat in Germany in November. Our desire is to encourage missionaries in their personal and family life as well as their ministries.



Thank you for your love, prayers and support. We are honored to be laborers together with you.

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## July 2014 Prayer Letter



Dear Co-laborers in World Missions:

Since our last prayer letter many things have taken place in our lives and ministry. Personally, Alice and I celebrated our 49th wedding anniversary in June. The Lord has greatly blessed us over these years as we have served the Lord together the entire time in fulltime ministry. Of course this year the Lord blessed us with the birth of our first great-grandbaby. We saw him at birth and are anxious to see him again at Christmastime this year along with our children and grandchildren.

This year we held our annual BMFP-Canada Board meeting in Hamilton, Ontario. The Lord has given us godly missionaries from Canada now serving throughout their home country and many areas of the world. From there we crossed the Atlantic once again for meetings in Germany. We are thankful for the faithfulness of missionaries who minister to our US Military and also to the German indigenous people, as well as the immigrants who have moved there. I had the privilege of preaching in churches concerning Faith Promise. The Lord blessed with the churches having good increases in giving to missions. While there, missionaries met us for our planning meeting for our 17th Mission Possible European Retreat that will be held just outside of Rothenburg, Germany in November. The Lord has used this retreat to encourage and strengthen many missionaries across Europe. The website for this Retreat is <http://www.mpeuropeanretreat.org/>.

In June, I preached a mission conference in Florida and then BMFP held our Candidate Training Week for missionaries who have come with us these last several months. This is always an exciting time as most of our Field Administrators, Executive Board Members & their wives, join us here in Jacksonville to help teach and encourage our newest missionaries. This year we had two veteran missionary couples join our BMFP Family. Jonathan & Rachelle Lyons come with us in the capacity where he serves as our Europe/Africa Field Administrator and Doug & Michelle Cook where he serves as Missionary/Pastor of a US Military Church in Germany. Also joining our BMFP Family are the following: T.J. & Rachelle Burris, Guyana; Russell & Bianca McCrocklin, Germany; Corre & Claudia Meyer, Spain; Denny & Melissa Mitchell, USA; and Kurt & Rachel Robertson, South Korea. Please pray for them as well as all of our BMFP Missionary Family

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