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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

What a joy to be able to write and share of the goodness of the Lord! Every day is an opportunity to get involved in what God is doing around the world! Don't miss your opportunity to impact a world for Christ!

During the month of January, we were privileged to celebrate God's goodness to BMFP over the last 40 years. BMFP missionaries, field administrators and board members from all over attended this special meeting. BMFP began in the hearts of Dr. Garland Powell, Dr. Burge and several others on December 19th, 1980. The theme, "For the Glory of God" was emphasized all week long as we reflected on the soul and purpose of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples. As we face the days ahead, please continue to pray for the BMFP Family and for God to send labourers to the harvest fields of the world. We are excited to see what the Lord is going to do through BMFP in the coming years!

The month of March was spent on the road. This was really the first time that we have been able to do much traveling to represent BMFP in churches and colleges since last March. Our travels took us to Delaware, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, and NC. God gave us great meetings and some good contacts. One of our highlights was to be at New England Baptist College in Southington, CT. We were able to spend a week with the students, attend classes with them, preach a chapel service as well as the Wednesday night service at Central Baptist Church. An added benefit was to be able to spend some time with Stephen and Jason, our two boys, who are attending NEBC. We are trusting the Lord to give fruit and to call young people into full time Christian service to go to the regions beyond.

The months ahead of us will be full. We are preparing for the BMFP Candidate training June 14 - 18, a trip to Colombia, South America with our Latin Field Administrator, Alberto Gomez, and begin working on Mission Possible Retreat in Germany for November. Lord willing, the restrictions will be removed so that we can travel to Europe.

Would you pray about giving your life to the Lord as a missionary? We would be honored if you would consider the BMFP Family! We would love to come by your church and give a challenge on missions as well as present BMFP.

Again, thank you for all that you do for us and for BMFP. ***Remember to Pray for Souls to be Saved, the Saved to be Surrendered and Surrendered to Serve!***

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Greetings from NC! Rachelle and I are on a 21-day trip preaching and teaching about missions and promoting Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples.

Colombia, SA: Our trip to Colombia, South America was a huge success. We had the joy of going with Brother Alberto Gomez, his wife Nelcy as well as Brother Larry and Pattie Appleby, our BMFP Internship Administrator. We each had several classes to teach. I was able to preach on Faith Promise in the evening services. The building was packed out, and we had a good number saved throughout the week. We were able to go and see the new property that Brother Alberto has purchased for the work there in Colombia. He offered a free meal to the town close by, and two busloads came out for the meal. The gospel was preached and several received Christ as Savior. The Lord is good!

BMFP Sundays: The Lord has allowed us to do at least three BMFP Sundays, one in Clermont, FL and two in Winston Salem, NC. This is a project that the Lord laid on my heart to help churches understand what a mission board does for the local church. Many have come by and said that they have never heard that taught or explained. It has proved to be a huge blessing for churches and has been used to encourage pastors in the area of missions. If this is something that interests you and your church, please feel free to contact us.

BMFP Family Retreat: In September we were able to host the BMFP Family Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN. We had almost 80 in attendance. We do this every two years for our stateside missionaries and for those who are home on furlough. Our theme was “Magnify His Name.” This year we incorporated a special time for MK’S. Boy, what an encouragement they were to us. Brother Mike and Pam Eastridge did an outstanding job in being a blessing to our BMFP MK’s. God challenged our hearts through each message. We were encouraged by the great spirit and hearts of each missionary that attended.

If you are a supporting church and you would like for us to come by for an update, we would love to do so. Our goal is to be a blessing and an encouragement to you in any way we can. If you have someone interested in missions, we would love to talk to you! Thank you for all that you do for us. May the Lord bless you and **Remember to Pray for Souls to be Saved, the Saved to be Surrendered and Surrendered to Serve!**

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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

Greetings from Red Lion, PA! Rachelle and I are on the road in meetings representing Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples. Since January, we have driven over 12,000 miles. The Lord has been good and has protected us over the many miles that we have driven. We praise the Lord for the opportunities that He has given us to challenge others for the cause of missions.

Over the last few months, we have attended several funerals of BMFP Missionaries or family members of BMFP Missionaries. This is a constant reminder that time is short and that the work of the Lord is great. Please pray with us, that the Lord will raise up those labourers that take up the mantel of those that have gone on before us! We are praying for 30 new missionary candidates for this coming June. Candidate Training is June 13-17! There is still time to sign up!

The transition at BMFP has gone well, and we are excited to see the Lord at work as we move forward for the glory of the Lord. We have been working closely with the BMFP Board as we plan and prepare for the future. One of the major projects has been the upgrading of the building of the BMFP Headquarters and missionary apartments. As with any building project, what is ideal and timed correctly never seems to work out. What should have been a two-month process has now extended to 4 months. Both buildings needed to be painted and all three apartments need to be redone with fresh paint, carpet, lights, and showers as well as some other upgrades. Our goal is to have everything in place by our June candidate training week!

BMFP exists to aid local churches as they send out their missionaries. Our desire is to help and encourage missionaries and to produce lifelong servants for the Lord. We are excited to see how the Lord is using BMFP. Would you please consider financially partnering with Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples? Working together for the cause of Christ is an awesome responsibility and privilege!

Again, thank you for all that you do for us. We are available for mission conferences, college chapels and classes, or any way that we can be a blessing and an encouragement to you! Please feel free to call on us. May the Lord bless you and ***Remember to Pray for Souls to be Saved, the Saved to be Surrendered and Surrendered to Serve!***

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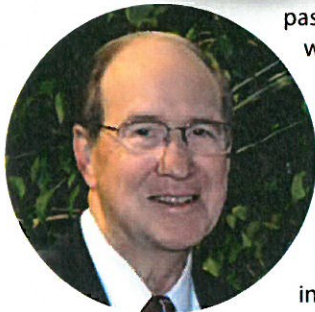
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Dr. Gene Burge
President Emeritus

Garland Powell often came by while I was pastoring in the late 1970s and we would talk about average missionaries passing over multitudes of overlooked or forgotten peoples. After much prayer and encouragement, a decision was made to establish Baptist Missions To Forgotten Peoples. All we had in the early days was a vision and a burden! Our first missionary was to the runaway teens in New York City. The first ministry was a boy's home in West Virginia. Before long, we had missionaries planting ethnic churches, US servicemen centers and a host of others.

It was amazing how the Lord grew the mission in the early years. I believe this is because Dr. Powell and I realized it was the Lord's ministry, designed to assist local churches. Those same principles guide BMFP today. Many changes have taken place in recent years as God has called new people into this ministry, but our founding principles have not changed.

BMFP was started as mission board to reach people that no other American mission board had set out to reach. Innovation has been a hallmark of the ministry for the last 40 years. From the very beginning we've helped those the Lord called as pioneering missionaries; even when others did not see the utility in sending them. Through it all we have remembered, "Thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee," (Jeremiah 1:7).

In recent years, the Lord has turned my heart back to the founding vision. As this vision has been poured into the next generation of leaders, we have utilized new technologies in videos, web pages, and video conferencing. The video conferencing has been the greatest joy to Alice and me. We have enjoyed renewed relationships with missionaries all over the world. It is our joy to see the Lord working in new ways through new people while holding true to the biblical principles and vision in which Baptist Missions To Forgotten Peoples was founded. Please continue to pray for more laborers and for Bro. Lyons as he takes on the leadership role as the new President of BMFP. It is my desire that BMFP continue in what the Lord started with vigor and innovation.

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Transition of Leadership not Lordship!

Thank you for your prayers and support of what the Lord has done through BMFP over these 40 plus years! God has been good and has used wonderful people who have been yielded to His call to accomplish great things for the cause of missions and of Christ around the world.



Jonathan Lyons
President, BMFP

Dr. Gene Burge and Mrs. Alice have been part of BMFP since its inception. God has used the Burges over the years to keep BMFP on the straight and narrow and to maintain the focus and drive that was needed to move ahead. Much of what we are today as a mission can be credited to Dr. Burge and his heartbeat for missions and for missionaries. A common phrase heard around the mission is, "You must have a heart for BMFP and for missions." Dr. Burge has been instrumental in helping literally hundreds of missionaries around the world to stay in the place where God has called them to serve. Rachelle and I are very grateful for the influence the Burges have had in our own personal lives and ministry. The Mission Possible European Retreat, as well as the Mission Possible Asian Retreat, were birthed in the heart of Dr. Burge. He has a burden to help and encourage missionaries who are struggling. These missionaries just needed someone to come along side of them, love on them, and encourage them. This has been a vital role in the Burges' lives and ministry.

As with any ministry, there must be a time when what has been accomplished, be placed into the hands of the next generation. In his vision for the future, Dr. Burge put into place key people who would be able to carry on the vision and ministry of BMFP. We have a wonderful team that is working closely together to make sure that all the bases are covered. Dr. Burge's ongoing serious health issues have inhibited him from being present and carrying on the work of the mission. Since January, I have been filling in for Dr. Burge as he has struggled through Covid 19 and then other health issues. After much prayer and concern for the Burges, as well as for BMFP, the executive board voted unanimously to give Dr. Burge the title of President Emeritus and make him an honorary BMFP board member, thus freeing him up to concentrate on his health and recuperation.

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by Jonathan Lyons

The BMFP executive board also unanimously voted that I step into the role of President of BMFP. Though this was all voted on in June, we decided to wait till September to make everything official. This has given us time here at the office to have everything in place to ensure a smooth transition.

We ask that you continue to remember Dr. and Mrs. Burge in your prayers. They are at a very difficult time in their lives and ministry and need all the love and support that you can give them. They are dealing with great health needs and needed medical attention. Please consider your continued financial support for them. The Burges have been faithful for all these years and have had a great impact on many missionaries and pastors, as well as for the cause of Christ.

Though there is a transition of leadership, there is no transition of Lordship! Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples belongs to the Lord and there is no change to our foundations or our established original vision. Our goal is to see that what was started over 40 years ago continue with the same values, local church emphasis, and missions' heart. Our desire is to build upon what has been given to us and see the Lord use BMFP in an even greater way. We covet your prayers and support as we follow the Lord in this new chapter in the missions life of BMFP!

Continued from front page
by Dr. Gene Gurge

I now have the freedom to do more for missions than ever before. Even though I am unable now to get around the way I used to, the Lord has allowed us to see over a dozen people ask Jesus into their hearts in the past several weeks. It has amazed me that when I was unable to go to the people, the Lord has sent them our way.

Please continue to pray for Alice and me. Our plans are to help BMFP and our missionaries in their endeavors for Christ.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and financial support that will allow us to continue to serve Him.

News From the Field
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Praise the Lord for five young people who made a profession of faith while we were at a park praying and fasting. They came to the park to practice driving but did not know that they would hear the Gospel that day. Please pray for these young people that they would be grounded in the Word of God and be plugged in at a local church near their place.

Please pray for the Lord to open the Canadian border and clear a path toward a Canadian Visa - Minister's Permit or Religious Visa. Please also pray for revival in Saskatchewan, that the Lord will work mightily in our church-planting ministry, and that we may be discerning, instant, and bold in sharing the Gospel to those whose heart the Lord has prepared.

Editor's Notes

As you can see in Dr. Burge's and Bro. Lyons' articles, our BMFP leadership wants to make sure BMFP missionaries and supporters alike understand the calling and founding principles of our mission. We also endeavor to be a family that grows, laughs, and cries together. In order to be the family we ought to be in the Lord, we all have to work together and place great importance on clear communication. It is not just for leadership to communicate with us, we are responsible too! Communication is not more important than other ethical behavior, but it is a binding factor in that right relationships are formed through communication. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29).

Bro. Lyons will continue to communicate the vision the Lord has put in his heart as BMFP forges ahead to reach the forgotten peoples of the world for Christ. Would you also commit to godly, ethical communication, in your own life and in our mission family? Let us get to know each other and love each other better than ever before, that together we may be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Prayer Nuggets For Your Missionaries

Pray For The Power Of God On Them: It is easy to labor in the flesh by depending on one's own strength, wisdom, and ability to accomplish a ministry, but how fruitless this would be. Only missionaries with God's power will be seeing souls saved and a ministry that will stand the test of time.

"The Gospel is not an old, old story, freshly told. It is a fire in the Spirit, fed by the flame of Immortal Love; and woe unto us, if through our negligence to stir up the Gift of God which is within us, that fire burns low."

Dr. R. Moffat Gautrey

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It has been an exciting few months to say the least! God has been so good to us and to BMFP.



April and May were preparation months for our 2021 BMFP Candidate training week. Due to border controls with Canada, we set up a dual candidate training with our BMFP Team in Canada.

They were able to participate with us and us with them. For the most part, everything worked well. There was a great spirit and a sense of excitement, and our new missionaries set off on the missionary trail. Everyone worked together and the Lord gave us a great week. Please pray for our new BMFP Missionaries.



(Ordination of three pastors and several deacons in Cartagena) (BMFP Missionaries , Rafael and Sandra Gomez)

What a joy it was for Rachelle and me to spend a week in Cartagena, Colombia with Brother Alberto Gomez. Brother Alberto and I taught the leaders in the morning on missions and leadership and each evening we preached on faith promise. Rachelle and Sister Nelcy had morning sessions with the leader's wives. It was a blessing to meet all the pastors and their dear folks. I was able to preach in three different churches in Cartagena. We culminated the week on Sunday with the ordination of three pastors as well as several deacons in the various churches. We carved out a little time to see some of this beautiful and needy country!



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BMFP Executive Vice President



LUKE 2:14
Glory to God
in the highest.

December 2020

Dear Supporters and Prayer Warriors:

Rachelle and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! WOW! What a year this has been! Things that were planned never happened, things that were not planned, happened and through it all the Lord has still proven to be as faithful as He always is!

Some of the things that were planned and never happen was our trip to Europe! We were to be in Spain and Germany in October and November. We were to be in our church in Spain for their mission's conference, but it never happened. What DID happen was that we were able to kick off their mission's month by way of ZOOM. We were able to see all of the folks that we love so dearly, and it was a joy to be able to spend some time with them through zoom.

Another event that did not happen, was our Annual Mission Possible Missionary Retreat in Rothenberg, Germany! It was a struggle to make the decision of not holding the retreat that has come to mean so much to all of us that serve in Europe. The Mission Possible Missionary Retreat is a highlight and family reunion for the missionaries. It has become a vital part of encouraging and keeping missionaries on the fields of the world. What DID happen, was a one-day event through ZOOM that allowed us to meet together with many of the Mission Possible Retreat Families. It was almost two hours of just fellowshiping together with precious families that have given their lives to serve the Lord on the mission fields of the world.

The Lord knew that we needed to be stateside at this time. On October 25th around 6:00 am, Rachelle's Dad, Rafael Catig, went to be with the Lord. In the Lords provision, we were able to be there with him in his last days. It was a sweet home going with all of his family to be there around him. Almost all of the family was able to be at the funeral, and God put many loving and caring folks around us during the week of the funeral. Thank you to many of you who sent cards, emails, texts and called the family. Each of you are a blessing and an encouragement to us.

On December the 8th, BMFP hosted the North Florida Preachers Christmas Fellowship. Due to Covid, we had only about 35 Pastors, Missionaries and their wives to come to this special event. The Lord blessed us with a wonderful time of preaching and fellowship!

Well, 2020 would not be complete without COVID! Two weeks before Christmas, Rachelle and I tested positive for COVID and ended up in quarantine for 10 days! Due to Covid, our Christmas plans have been changed and we are just not sure what we are going to do for Christmas. However, whatever we do, we are going to be thankful for all of His blessings to us.

Once again, Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for us throughout the year. We love and appreciate each of you. May the Lord bless you!

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Greetings once again from sunny Florida where the temperature is hot, and humidity is high! However, we are committed and resolved to reach a world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

We want to thank each of you for your constant prayers and support of us through this unique summer of ministry. Though we have not been able to travel much, we have been involved with the Spanish ministry as well as helping different pastors in the area throughout the summer. BMFP has continued to work through the summer as we update things and work on needed projects here in the office. Please check out our new web site that Bro. Matt Quitter, our Pre-Field Administrator, was able to put together. He did a great Job! **BMFP.org**

The BMFP Zoom Fellowship meetings have continued, and we have successfully met with each of the regions where BMFP has missionaries. What a blessed time of fellowship and a joy to see our missionaries all over the world as they serve faithfully in the place that the Lord has called them. This had been a huge encouragement to us as well as to our BMFP missionaries. They are able to share their burdens and cares with us, and we can better understand what they are going through. Once again, we are reminded that prayer is the key.

BMFP had started to dedicate more time in the mornings to pray for our missionaries as well as for labourers. **“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest”** (Mt. 9:38). We want the missionaries that God wants us to have! Would you join with us in praying for the Lord to call out his labourers for His harvest?

August was a huge milestone for our family. We became empty nesters! Our youngest son, Jason, has settled into New England Baptist College in Southington, Ct. for his freshman year in Bible College. We are excited to see what the Lord is going to do through our children as they serve Him.

Please continue to pray for us as we serve here at BMFP. We want to be a blessing to the mission, to our missionaries and to those who we serve. As the saying goes, **“Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.**

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Wow, what unusual times we are living in! However, we can take joy and comfort in knowing that the Lord is still in control! Rachelle and I want you to know that we are praying for each of our supporters and that God would give you wisdom and grace as you navigate through this time of unique ministry.

As with each of you, we here at BMFP have had to make certain adjustments as to how we do ministry. Pretty much everything on our schedule has been canceled or postponed though January of next year. Colleges closed, our Field Administrators meeting was canceled and our 40th Year BMFP Celebration was moved to January. Along with all this, Churches have canceled their services and traveling to certain states proved to be challenging. However, the Lord has blessed us with meetings here in Florida as well the opportunity to continue helping Brother Alberto Gomez in the Iglesia Bautista Hispana Westside here in Jacksonville.

Our Candidate training, as well as our annual board meeting, had to be done through ZOOM. Though, this is definitely not our preferred method of meeting, it has proven to be very effective and has opened up some unique opportunities to reach out to our missionaries as well as others associated with BMFP. As a result of this medium, BMFP has started Zoom Fellowship times with our missionaries all over the world. We meet by region and invite them to join in with us just for a time of encouragement and fellowship. We started with our Asian Missionaries. This month we will be meeting with our European missionaries, African and Caribbean missionaries and Latin America. Our goal is to be able to meet with all of our missionaries by the end of the summer.



We have had several important family events to take place over the last three months. I had the privilege to perform the wedding of our son Benjamin and his Bride, Amber the first weekend in June. What a joy to see how the Lord has worked in their lives and to be able to share this special day with them. They are now living Pensacola, Florida. Our youngest son, Jason, was finally able to have a graduation ceremony. West Meadows Baptist Academy, here in Jacksonville, has been a huge blessing to our family. Jason graduated valedictorian and the school gave me the honor of preaching the ceremony.



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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

Proverbs 3:5. We thank the Lord for the fact that in certain days and in uncertain days, we can trust the Lord and we do not have to understand everything!

Trusting Him in the Way:

It has been interesting to see how the Lord has worked things out as we seek to follow His way and not our way. Usually the months of January through April are filled with meetings and traveling, presenting BMFP in various places over the country. It is no mistake that His “Way” has been that of staying close to the office here in Jacksonville.

Dr. Burge has had some difficult days and it has meant that we needed to stay close by to be a help and support for him as well as BMFP.

As a result of being here, we have been able to help out several churches in the area and specifically our Latin American Field Administrator, Bro Alberto Gomez. He asked me to help him in the Iglesia Bautista Hispana Westside here in Jacksonville. I have been teaching Baptist Distinctives in Spanish. What a joy it has been to get to know these dear folks and see how the Lord is working the Spanish community here in our area.

As a result of all that is going on, almost all of our meetings for colleges and churches have been cancelled. But this is the “Way” He wants us to walk in at this time.

Trusting Him with our Wages:

I hear from missionaries and see the struggles that they are having during this season for uncertainty. Some are in lock down in their countries of service, some are separated from their children who can’t get home after their college closed for the rest of the year. You could say that there is a lot of stress on

the missionaries at this time. Some missionaries are home on furlough and can’t get back to their church and ministry. I am sure that their support is also a concern. Please consider your missionaries and uphold them in your prayers as they are facing very real challenges around the world at this time.

Trusting Him for Wisdom:

As with each of you, we are all facing and experiencing a unique time in our lives and ministry with all that is going on. Each pastor, missionary and ministry leader needs God’s wisdom to make the right decision for their family, flock and future execution of the ministry with which God has entrusted them. More than ever, we need God’s direction and help as we move forward. We at BMFP need wisdom to be able help our missionaries deal with different situations on the field: missionaries that want to get back to the field but can’t, helping those who are on Pre-Field ministry that have had meetings cancelled. We ask you to help us pray for His wisdom!

Trusting Him for a Win:

As we head toward our Candidate Training for BMFP in June, we are excited about the prospective new missionaries that will be joining BMFP. We are praying for more laboures to join BMFP to reach a world for Christ. If you or know of anyone that is interested in missions, please give the BMFP Family a consideration! Together we can “Win” the world for Christ!

Again, thank you for all that you do for us and for BMFP. ***Remember to Pray for Souls to be Saved, the Saved to be Surrendered and Surrendered to Serve!***

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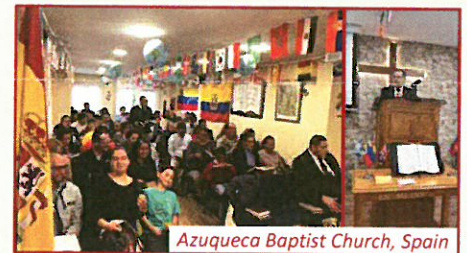
LUKE 2:14 Glory to God in the highest.

December 2019

Dear Supporters and Prayer Warriors:

Rachelle and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we have finished up another year of service for our Lord! The Lord has been good, and we have much to be thankful for as we look forward to the coming year.

The last few months of 2019 have been very busy with traveling and presenting the work of BMFP. We were in several conferences as well as colleges in September and October. The month of November took us to Spain and Germany. It was a joy and privilege to be back in our church in Azuqueca and to see how the Lord is blessing. Their Faith Promise went over 12,000 Euros for this year! There was a packed house and one saved the Sunday we were there. PTL!

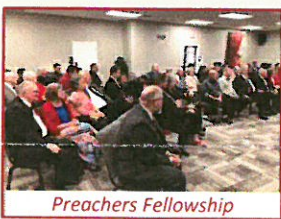


Azuqueca Baptist Church, Spain



2019 Mission Possible European Retreat

From there we went to Germany for the 22nd Mission Possible European Retreat. We had our highest attendance and were blessed by the messages from the missionaries. There were over 140 missionaries, pastors and laymen that came from all over Europe and the US. We already have folks signed up for next year! Why don't you plan now to be a part of this retreat next year: November 9 – 14, 2020. You can register at BMFP.org.



Preachers Fellowship

Upon our return to the US, BMFP hosted the North Florida Preachers Christmas Fellowship. We had 58 pastors, missionaries and their wives to come to this special event. The Lord blessed us with a wonderful time of preaching and fellowship! Our new training center room was a huge blessing this year. We were also able to enjoy a time together with the office staff of BMFP. God has put together a great team, and we praise the Lord for His blessings on BMFP this year!



BMFP Office Family

Along with all of these blessings, Rachelle and I became grandparents once again! Matthew Sawyer Lyons Ruiz was born on November the 8th. Gerson, Priscilla and baby are all doing well and adjusting to another little one in the house! Nathan is very happy to be a big brother and wants another one. We could get used to this grandparent thing!

Once again, Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for us throughout the year. We love and appreciate each of you. May the Lord bless you!

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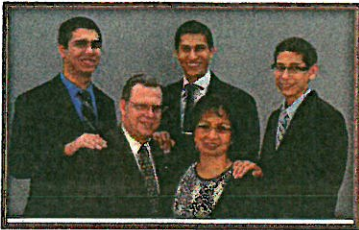
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Greetings once again from the Lyons Family! As we sit here contemplating on the goodness of the Lord and all that He has done over the last few months, all that comes to mind is WOW! What a wonderful God we serve!! Now after over 30 years of serving the Lord, it still amazes me that He would choose us to serve him. We never get over the fact that we get to serve an awesome God!

Our Travels began the middle of July, and we have had meetings in Florida, North Carolina, Connecticut, Arkansas, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina. We have had the privilege of being in several great conferences as well as individual churches with a heart for missions. We are optimistic that there are still churches that are alive and well and excited about missions.

In August, we took our son, Stephen, to New England Baptist College. He is studying pastoral ministries and has a desire to serve the Lord. He seems to have settled in well and is getting the hang of things as he adjusts to his new environment.

In September, we found ourselves in Ward, Arkansas for the BMFP Field Administrators meeting. This is a time of encouragement but also a time of many hours of working on projects for BMFP. Pastor Kevin Bernard and the gracious folks of New Horizon Baptist church went out of their way to be a blessing to BMFP!

The 31st of October, I will be heading to Spain to preach in the church we started and then to Germany to be a part of the 22nd Missions Possible Retreat. I will also be in four different military churches while on this trip. Our goal is to be a help and a blessing along the way and encourage them as they labor faithfully on the mission fields of the world.

We thank the Lord for a full schedule through Thanksgiving. There have been opportunities to fill in for local pastors here in Jacksonville as well as in other places. If we can be a help to you in any way, please feel free to call on us! It would be our pleasure to be a blessing and an encouragement to you!

On a personal note, our second grandchild is to be born sometime the first of November. We are excited to receive this great blessing from the Lord! Thank you, again for all that you do for us! May the Lord bless you!

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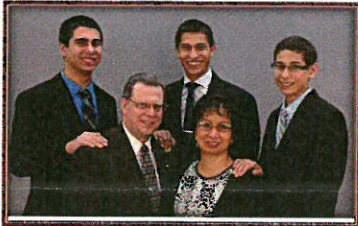
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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

We pray that his letter will find you well and rejoicing in the goodness of your Lord. Please accept our apologies for the lateness of this prayer letter. We have been on the road for some time and things have been very hectic over the first quarter of the year! Praise the Lord, we are busy in the Lord's work!

The BMFP Family was greatly saddened by the loss of Brother Don Smith, International Field Administrator. Brother Don was a great encouragement to our BMFP Missionaries and will be greatly missed. Many of the BMFP Family were able to attend the funeral in Martinsburg, WV. Please remember Ms. Joanne in your prayers as she adjusts to life without her mate!



Praise the Lord for the progress on the BMFP home office building. After a year and a half delay, the work is finally moving forward, and we can see the end in sight! We are excited to be able to use our new candidate center this coming June as well as meet the new candidates that we have signed up for this year! I appreciate all of those at the mission who have carried the brunt of this responsibility of getting this project done.

Once again, the Lord has allowed us the privilege of being in meetings in Vermont and Canada. The opportunity was also afforded to us to participate in the Leadership Conference at New England Baptist College on the 13th of April as well as preach at the church and chapel services. The Lord has provided some great opportunities to meet new missionaries, students and church members who have a heart to serve the Lord. Please continue to pray for laborers for the Harvest field!

The BMFP Annual Field Administrators Meeting was held in Hamilton, Ontario the last of April. We enjoyed a wonderful time of planning, encouragement and great fellowship!

In May, we are excited for Benjamin's graduation from PCC. He plans to stay on for his master's degree! Then in June, we will be having our Candidate training week at the Mission!

In closing, Gerson and Priscilla just announced the upcoming birth of our second grandbaby in November.

Thank you for all that you do for us and especially for your prayers for us. May the Lord bless each and every one of you! We could not do what we do without your help and support!

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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

Happy New Year from the Lyons Family and BMFP! We thank the Lord for the good year that He has given us in 2018! It has been a year full of blessings, challenges, trials but most of all a year of learning and growing in the grace of God!



We finished up the year with our BMFP Stateside Retreat the end of October and our 21st European Mission Possible

Retreat in November in Rothenberg, Germany! Our retreats are focused on encouraging the missionaries as they serve around the world. For most missionaries, this is a very busy time of year as they plan activities and functions for their ministries. Many give up family traditions and comforts to be a blessing and a help to those to whom they minister. We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of the Missionaries.



While in Europe. God allowed me the privilege of being in the church we started in Spain as well as several other churches in Spain and in Germany. While in Spain, we had the opportunity to be with our BMFP Missionary, Corre and Claudia Meyer. They have begun a new church plant on the southern side of Madrid in the town of Alcorcon. They are doing a great job and already have a building full of people!



On a personal note, we ended the year with the sad news that my Mother-in-Law, Dimpna Catig, has stage 4 cancer. As a result, we have had to make some adjustments so that we can help with the care of Rachelle’s mom. Rachelle, along with her siblings, are taking turns in her care. Please be in prayer for her and for the trying days ahead.

We still have some open dates in 2019 for meetings if you are led of the Lord to have us come by. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We love and appreciate each one of you! Keep this in mind as we start out a new year! **“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” Gal 6:10**

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“It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” Lam 3:21-22. We just want to thank the Lord for His faithfulness to us and for your faithfulness in your prayers and support of the Lyons Family as we serve here with Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples! Each of you are special and we pray for you on a weekly basis.

Faithfulness in Meetings:

What was to be a slow summer with little travel turn out to be a very busy summer with extra meetings here and there, the Sword Conference and BMFP Summer camp. God blessed in each one of these events. Now our schedule is full till Christmas and almost through to next June of 2019! God has been faithful in fill up our schedule to present BMFP and missions in churches, and colleges on the east coast.

Faithfulness in Ministry:

What a joy it is to serve the Lord and be able to encourage pastors, fellow co laborer's and missionaries around the world. Lord willing, I will be taking off for Europe the last of October for about a month, getting back in time for Thanksgiving with my family. Spain and Germany will be our focus with opportunities to be with our missionaries as well as with other churches, including the one



we started in Azuqueca, Spain! Our missionary, Brother Corre Meyer and his wife Claudia have also begun a new church plant in Madrid, (Iglesia Bautista Mas Vida) and it will be our privilege to be with them as well. This is all part of the blessings of being faithful in the ministry.

Faithfulness in Missions:



BMFP celebrated our Family Retreat in Pigeon Forge in September. BMFP has a history of faithful men and women who have been faithful for years as they have served on the mission fields of the world. What a joy it is to be surrounded by those who have given up everything for the cause of Christ. Along with this, we are celebrating our 21st Mission Possible European Missionary Retreat in Rothenberg, Germany November 12-17. We are expecting our largest turnout ever! Please pray that we will be a blessing and an engorgement to these precious missionaries from all over Europe. There is still time for you to sign up by going to the web page: <http://mpeuropeanretreat.org/>. Praise the Lord for those who have been faithful in Missions!

Faithfulness in Motivation:

As one of our BMFP representatives stated, **“Not called, why not volunteer!”** The Lord is still calling for volunteers for the harvest fields of the world. We would love an opportunity to be able to motivate you toward the cause of Missions by visiting your church, college or school. We would count it an honor to be able to talk to you about your call to missions!

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We live in exciting times and even more with the anticipation of the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! As my dad used to say, I am looking for the “upper taker” not the “undertaker!” “Set your affection on things above not on things of this earth” – Col. 3:2. So as we begin this prayer letter, we are looking up to the Lord, how about you?

Looking up in Travels:

We have been blessed with several meetings in the month of April, May and June. Most were closer to home. We are busy scheduling for the fall and winter and are excited to see how the Lord is going to put things together. If you would like us to come by and update you or present our ministry here at BMFP, we would love to do so. Feel free to contact us and we will do our best to be a blessing and an encouragement to you!

Looking up for New Trainees:



2018 Candidates, BMFP Pastors and Administrators

What a need for new recruits for the mission fields of the world! We just finished our 2018 Candidate Training week! It was a very intense week of teaching and learning but a time well spent in investing in our new candidates. The Lord gave us 4 couples and one single man, as well as 5 others that participated as auditors with prospects of coming with BMFP in the future. Our prayer for each of them is that they will follow the Lord’s call and be faithful in their service to the Lord. If you know of someone interested in Missions, we would love the opportunity to meet and encourage them in their service for the Lord!

Looking up with a Leadership Team:



BMFP Board Members

We praise the Lord for the leadership team that the Lord has put together to help guide and direct in the decisions of BMFP. Each one of these men are experienced pastors and leaders and we look forward to a continued great working relationship with them!

Looking up for Tremendous Times to come!

We hit the road again in July with the Sword of the Lord Conference (**Come by and see us at our booth!**) and BMFP Missions Youth Camp (**July 23-28, 2018 in Asheboro, NC**). If you have a young person interested in attending this camp, feel free to contact me.

In September, we will be having our BMFP Family Retreat with our stateside missionaries and those on furlough. All of this with meetings in between and getting ready to head to Europe in November! What a privilege to be able to serve the Lord here at BMFP! **Please Pray for Souls to be saved, the Saved to be surrendered and Surrendered to Serve!**

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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

What an exciting start to 2018! God has been good and has allowed us to be part of some great meetings since the beginning of the year.

BMFP Local Pastors Meeting:

In January, we held an open forum meeting with local pastors, Board members and Field Administrators. The purpose of this meeting was to gather input from local pastors on how we can better help sending churches with the oversight of their missionaries. Obviously, we did not solve all the world's problems, but we were able to gain some vital information that will help us moving forward.

Trip to Bangkok, Thailand and the 2018 Mission Possible Asian Retreat:



All I can say is, WOW, what a meeting! The Lord moved in a very unusual way especially among the missionary kids that were there this year. It is well worth the investment in the lives of these missionaries. We had a group of about 50 with many expressing the importance of this retreat.



for the Gospel to be shared! Will you answer the call to go? There is a world in need of Christ!

We were also able to be in several different Thai works, including a prison ministry. What a needy place



29th Wedding Anniversary:



While in Thailand, Rachelle and I celebrated 29 years of marriage! God has been so good to us and has allowed the privilege of serving him together for all of our married life!

Meetings on the Road:

We arrived back in the US the middle of February and attended the **IFFB Conference** in Orlando, Florida. During this conference the news came that our Pastor, Bro. Bobby Roberson, had gone to be with the Lord. So, from there we made our way to NC to attend this wonderful celebration of a life well spent for the Lord. We are forever grateful for our pastor who has stood behind us for all of these years. **What a meeting in the air!**



After being home for about a week, I left for my trip to New England by way of NC and the **Grace Baptist Bible College**, where I spent three days with the students in Chapel. From there we have been in several churches in Vermont, Southington, CT at **New England Baptist College** and then up into Canada, arriving home just before Easter. I will finish up the Spring in Florida at **Landmark Baptist College**. Then we will be in full swing preparing for the 2018 BMFP Candidate training in June.

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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

Love What you are Doing: A friend of ours slipped me a note that said, “**Love what you are doing and you will never work a day in our life**” What a great and awesome thought! Rachelle and I can honestly say that we love what we are doing! Serving the Lord is a joy and an honor and we get to have a great time! It is all about perspective. We get to help Missionaries and Pastors. We get to travel and be a blessing to others but most of all we get to see others grow and lives changed by the power of the Gospel. What an honor to serve our Lord. So love what you’re doing!

Love Where you are Going: We have traveled over 8 thousand miles in the last three months. From Florida to Quebec, Canada, we have braved rain, snow, ice and yes even sunshine as we have presented BMFP all over the east coast. It was a blessing to visit New England Baptist College, Atlantic Coast Baptist College and Grace Baptist College. Young people are still answering the call to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Please pray for new recruits for the harvest fields of the world! Yes we get road weary, but we love where God is taking us!

Love Who you are Engaging: In June we had our 2017 BMFP Candidate Training week here in Jacksonville. What an incredible week with our new candidates.



Candidate Training 2017

We are excited to see how they are going to be used by the Lord to reach a world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Engaging the next generation of missionaries is always exciting! Here are our new Missionaries. Please pray for them. I know that they would be a blessing if you could have them come and present their ministries.



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3. Ben & Sara Bernard - Thailand benbomb88@yahoo.com
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Looking ahead, we will be helping one of our supporting churches with VBS and then head to NC to represent BMFP at the Sword Conference. From there, we go to the BMFP Mission Possible camp in Seluda, NC. In August, we will be taking care of some things here in Jacksonville before we start out on the road again.

Rachelle and I want to thank you for your faithful prayers and support! Each of you are a blessing. Please continue to pray for us as we raise much needed support and carry on the ministry here at BMFP.

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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

“He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater; He sendeth more strength when the labors increase: To added affliction He addeth His mercy, to multiplied trials, his multiplied peace.” – Flint.

The last three months were filled with excitement as well as heart breaking situations. It is God’s grace that sustains and provides through all areas of life and ministry!

Exciting times: We believe that one of the keys to keeping missionaries on their fields of ministry is the provision of genuine and uplifting encouragement to the missionary on their fields of service. One of the ways to accomplish this is through the Mission Possible retreats! We were able to be apart of the European Mission possible retreat in November. What an exciting time as we met together for the 19th year! There were over 120 missionaries from all over Europe, as well as other parts of the world!



2016 European Mission Possible Retreat

Let me encourage you to plan to be a part and sign up for our special 20th year European Retreat in Rothenberg, Germany. **October 30th – November 4th, 2017!**

In February we also had the joy of being a part of the very first Asian Mission Possible Retreat in Bangkok, Thailand. We have found that missionaries are the same all

over the world; they need to be encouraged in the Lord and in the Ministry! There were 42 that attended this first retreat from all over Asian, Europe and the US.



2017 1st Mission Possible Asian Retreat

On the sad note: We lost a faithful member of our BMFP team, Dr. Bill Bradley: He was such an encouragement to us personally and was a great asset to BMFP in recruiting in colleges and churches. I was honored to be able to be a part of his home going celebration. Bro. Bradley will be greatly missed. Please continue to hold his dear wife, Ms. Dot, up in prayer.



Dr. Bill Bradley

Our next trip will take us to Connecticut, Vermont, Canada, New York, Philadelphia, Delaware and NC. We will be in three Bible colleges and many churches along the way. Please pray for Laborers for the Harvest Field! Will you **Go**, Will you **Give**, Will you **Pray**? There is nothing greater than to be used of the Lord to reach a world that needs the Gospel! Thank you for your prayers and faithful support!

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What a wonderful time of year! There is excitement in the air, Christmas is only a few weeks away and there should be joy in our hearts. Take time to meditate and ponder on the goodness of the Lord as we celebrate His birthday and all of his wonderful blessings over the past year! What exciting times we live in, even with all of the world's problems, we have the peace that passeth all understanding!

We have so much to be thankful for. Over the last few months we have been able to be involved in several different meetings, 2 missions' conferences and two missionary retreats. These travels took us to Florida, Alabama, NC, Virginia, Tennessee and Germany! We signed on a house the last of September in Jacksonville. We were to move in sometime in October but due to some complications on the previous owner's new house, it now looks like it may be January.

BMFP Family Retreat



The last of October, we celebrated our BMFP Family Retreat. This Retreat is a time that we spend together encouraging our own missionaries who are on Pre-field ministry or who are on furlough. It is an opportunity to get reacquainted with our missionaries and to help and encourage them as they labor for the Lord. God gave us a special time as well as a great spirit during this meeting! What a privilege to be a part of the BMFP Family!

Mission Possible European Retreat



The first of November, Rachelle and I headed over to Germany to participate in the 19th Mission Possible Retreat. This retreat is designed to help and encourage independent Baptist missionaries in Europe. Once again, God gave us an outstanding time. We had over 120 in attendance from 15 different countries. Please let me encourage you to come and be a part of this retreat in October of next year. It will be our 20th year! Sign up early!

We are looking forward to our Christmas with our family as well as the birth of our first Grandchild, Nathan David Ruiz, on the 16th of December. Please remember Gerson and Priscilla as they face a new challenge of a new baby with Spina Bifida and all that entails.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you! Thank you for all that you do for us in the Ministry. We are truly blessed to have each of you in our lives! May the Lord bless you!

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Dear Supporters and Praying Friends:

We want to thank you for taking the time to read this update! God has been good to us and we never cease to be amazed by God's goodness and grace.

This summer has been a time a waiting on the Lord in many areas. We had hoped to be in a house by this time but we wait for God's timing. Lord willing, we will close on the 29th of September but due to circumstances beyond our control, we will more than likely not be able to move in until the middle of November. With that said, God has been faithful and we know that He is in control of every step of our life.

We have been on the road quite a bit this summer as we ministered in different churches presenting BMFP and being involved in Missions conference. We were able to help a church here in Jacksonville with their VBS.



In July, we were in Saluda, NC for the BMFP Youth camp. Wow, what a week that was as we saw God move in an awesome way in the hearts and lives of the teens. Let me encourage you, if you have a teen in your church ministry with an interest in serving God fulltime; please consider sending them to BMFP Mission Possible Teen Camp. What an opportunity for your young person to get focused on God's will for their lives.

We have also had the privilege to meet up with Missionary Friends as they have come through Jacksonville. We try our best to be a help and an encouragement to the missionaries when they come home on furlough.



It was our joy to be with Pastor Ruben Ruiz and his family from Spain. He is now the Pastor of the church that my Dad started over 30 years ago.

In August we dropped off our son, Stephen at Masters Baptist College in Fargo, ND. We are excited for him as he starts out this new stage of life and ministry!



In November we will be heading to Germany to be in two different churches and to help with the BMFP Mission Possible Retreat! Thank you for your support prayers for us! May the Lord bless you!

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Dear Praying Partners and Supporters:

It seems that the older we get the shorter time becomes. The Bible states that our “life is but a vapor”. This encourages me that we need to make the most of the time that God has given us. Are we occupying in His work till He comes?

ON THE ROAD:

Since March, we have been traveling and presenting BMFP up and down the east coast. It has been a blessing to have been able to encourage churches in their missions programs, recruit in different colleges as well as just being able to meet up with our missionaries along the way. Our van now has over 225,000 miles on it as is still going strong. We have logged over 7,000 miles since March.

The Lord allowed us the opportunity to speak in the chapel services of Atlantic Coast Baptist College near Dover Delaware and of New England Baptist College in Connecticut. What a joy to see and meet these young people who are preparing for ministry.

ON THE MOVE:

Many have asked about how things are coming along with our move to Jacksonville. We are still waiting for the Lord. We are still working on paper work and details. We are praying that by the end of August, we will be able to secure a place that will be adequate for our family needs as well as ministry needs. We covet your prayers as we proceed in God’s will.

ONWARD WITH NEW RECRUITS:

What a joy it was to once again participate in the Candidate Training for our new missionaries with BMFP! The Lord gave us six new couples and two single men as new missionaries. We are excited to see how they

are going to be used by the Lord to reach a world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here are our new Missionaries. Please pray for them. I know that it would be a blessing if you could have them come and present their ministries.

1. **Arron Brawley (Mexico)** -Aaron.brawley@yahoo.com
2. **Andy & Kyra Broskie** - Ark Baptist College - pabroskie@gmail.com
3. **Don & Carmen Cross** - Columbia - bus4jesus@gmail.com
4. **Eli & Katie Guiltner** – Japan - mtwitness@gmail.com
5. **Chip & Lavaughn Hull** - Youth in Juvenile Corrections - chiphull@gmail.com
6. **Scott & Brandy Payne** - Military - Scott4phil411@yahoo.com
7. **Todd & Rachel Uhl** -Nepal - Uhl.todd4christ@gmail.com
8. **Sam Vegkley** - Korea -samuel.vegkley@gmail.com

Along with them, three couples and a single missionary were back for Advance Training. Lord willing, they will soon be on their way to the field!

Upcoming Events:

Here are just some of the ministries that we will be involved with in the next few months:

- July 24-18 - BMFP Mission Possible Teen Camp
- August – Take our son Stephen to Fargo, ND for College
- September – BMFP Meeting in Ward, Arkansas
- October 24-28 – BMFP Stateside Retreat in TN
- November 7-12 – Mission Possible European Retreat in Germany

Please know that we greatly appreciate your faithfulness in support and help in the ministry. We would love to come by and be an encouragement to you in the area of missions. Please feel free to call on us!

Redeeming the time as we serve you,

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Great is the Lord and worthy to be Praised! When you stop and think about all of God’s blessing, you cannot help but stop and praise the Lord for His goodness!

NEW POSITION:

In January, BMFP honored me with the position of Vice president. I thank the Lord for Dr. Burge and BMFP and for the privilege of being able to serve so that others can be reached with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will still be serving in the role of Field Administrator for Europe and Africa.

NEW LOCATION:

We are now needed in the Home Office in Jacksonville so we stepped out by faith and moved all of our belongings to a storage area in Jacksonville and are waiting on a house to come available. Meanwhile, we are booked up through the end of June as we visit new churches as well as some of your supporting churches. We need to raise up our support so that we can more effectively do the ministry that God has called us to do. Please be in prayer for us as we will be on the road for the next 6 or 7 months. If you could use us for a Missions Conference or a Missions emphasis Sunday, please feel free to contact us.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES:

With new responsibility comes with new opportunities. We are looking forward to being involved the lives of ALL of our BMFP family. We will be going to Canada to be with some of our missionaries there as well as being with some of the Pastors that are on the board for BMFP. Then in November, we look forward to being back in Europe for the European Mission Possible Retreat. Remember, if you have a missionary in Europe that needs some encouragement; please help them to attend this year’s Retreat, November 7th – 11, 2016. We would love to see you there!!

SAME RESPOSABILITY:

We may do many different things as missionaries but our responsibility to reach the world is still the same. We thank the Lord for the privilege of serving Him and for allowing our lives to impact others for the cause of Christ. *What are you doing to reach a world that is lost and dying with the Gospel of Jesus Christ?*

May the Lord bless you and thank you for what you do for us!

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

Merry Christmas from North Carolina! We trust that the Lord will give each of you a special time as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful time of the year to let our light shine for the cause of Christ.

Paul said “In all things give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus Concerning you.” We have had some very extraordinary trials over the last couple of months. I share this not to complain or discourage you but to show that God is still in control even when we are not. In October on the way back from ND, the transmission went out on our van which required us to leave the van in Wisconsin and go back a week later to get it. Through this, what some would call an unfortunate, costly event, God allowed us to meet some wonderful people and give the gospel out to some who would not have heard otherwise. God put us right where we needed to be for his glory.

In November, Rachelle and I were able to go to Europe for the BMFP Mission

Possible Retreat as well as to Spain for a mission’s conference in our church as well as other meetings. God blessed in a great way as we saw God encourage many missionaries and nationals as they continue on their fields of service for the Lord. Please remember to pray for your missionaries especially at this time of year!

While we were away, our house in NC was broken into and needless to say we were relieved of many earthly possessions. This was first for us and were not able to file anything till we returned from Europe. We will more than likely never get back what was stolen, but we have the peace of God that’s worth more than any earthly treasure.

As we give thanks for all of God’s blessings, we like to say that we thank the Lord for each one of you who pray and support us in the ministry. We could not do what we do without your help. We are booking meetings for 2016 and would love to come by and be a blessing and an encouragement to you. Please feel free to call on us! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

“I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work.” Boy, what a challenge for us in the day and age in which we are living. The longer we serve the Lord, the more urgent we see the need to get the job done.

God has blessed us over the last three months. Much of this time has been spent on the road trying to help and encourage our missionaries as well as pastors as they serve our great Savior. We had the privilege of being able to participate in the commissioning service for BMFP Missionary Jennifer Andrews as she left for Germany to do language study and then to Liechtenstein to serve the Lord in that needy country. It always thrills my heart to see our missionaries’ progress to the next stage of service and to see the excitement of finally getting to the field.

We also were able to participate in the BMFP Missions Possible Camp in Saluda, NC. WOW! What a week the Lord gave us. It was one of our largest groups. God really did a work in the heart and lives of the young people as they made personal commitments in their service for the Lord. It will be exciting to see what the Lord does with these young people as they set out to make a difference for Christ!

Due to some changes, we were not able to make it to Cartagena, Colombia in September. We are planning to do this trip sometime next year.

Rachelle and I will leave the 4th of November and will be gone till the 24th of

November. We will be in Germany preaching in two churches, one German and the other Military. We will also be visiting some of our missionaries as well as ministering at the BMFP Mission Possible European Retreat! We look forward to helping and encouraging the missionaries as they come to this exciting week. It is not too late for you to sign up and be a part of this great and encouraging event. We will also be in Spain preaching in at least two different churches and Rachelle will be speaking at a ladies meeting in the church we established in Azuqueca. We want to be a blessing and encouragement to the folks there as well as to the missionaries.

We have a full schedule traveling till the end of the year. We are now booking meetings for 2016. We would love to come by and help and encourage you and your church ministry in the area of missions. Please call on us if we can help you in anyway.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for us. We are now at 70% of our needed support! We ask that you pray with us that the Lord will supply as only He can. We appreciate so very much the sacrifice that each of you make for the cause of Christ and for missions. May the Lord bless you!

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters:

Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work! What a challenge from the Word of God for the day in which we live. As we look around us, there is an urgency to get the Gospel to a lost and dying world! What a Joy it is to be a part of God's worldwide program of reaching the peoples of this world with the GOOD NEWS of salvation!

The last three months have been very intensive both in the ministry and as well in our family life. We spent the months of April and May on the road participating in several missions conferences as well as other meetings encouraging churches in the area of missions. Arkansas, Florida Tennessee, Alabama and West Virginia are just some of the states that we visited as we challenged God-s people to do more for Christ and to surrender their lives for missions.

The Month of May, we found ourselves in Lancaster, California for the much anticipated college graduation of our daughter Priscilla. It was a wonderful time as we saw how the Lord had supplied for her as she prepared for the next stage of her life.

June was spent in preparing the final details for Priscilla's and Gerson's wedding. This was a special time as the big day arrived. We had almost 300 in attendance and it was conducted in two languages, English and Spanish. We tried our best to honor the Lord through this special ceremony. We appreciate so very much all of our friends, family, Pastors and acquaintances that came, called and prayed for this special day. Please continue to pray for and encourage Gerson and Priscilla as they seek to follow the Lord.

Looking ahead, we have several opportunities for which we need your prayer and support. First of all, we have been asked to go to in September to the



country of Columbia with our BMFP team and preach on the family as well as missions to the churches there. We need about **\$1000 for airline tickets** for Rachelle and I. We are trusting the Lord to supply this need as we want to be a blessing and encouragement to the folks there in Columbia.

Our second project is in November with our trip to help with the **European Mission Possible Retreat.** Lord



willing, Rachelle and I will be going to Germany for the conference. Let me encourage you to sign up and be with us this year: November 9th – 14! If you cannot go, then please pray for this special meeting and give so that another family might be able to go. Go to the retreat web page www.mpeuropeanretreat.org, and see what God is doing through those great meeting of encouragement to the missionaries. We will also be preaching in Spain and Iceland on this trip. If you would like to help us with the airline tickets, it will cost us about **\$2500** all gifts can be sent to BMFP.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters:

We are well in to the New Year and God is doing great things in our lives and in the lives of our missionaries around the world.

We want to start this letter off with a personal announcement! Our daughter

Priscilla is now engaged to be married on the 27th of June to Gerson Ruiz, one of our young men from our church ministry in Spain. They

will be married here in North Carolina at the Gospel Light Baptist Church. Gerson is a fine young man who loves the Lord and is preparing for the ministry. Please pray for them as they take this step in their new life together in the service of the Lord.

On a ministry note, we have been in several missions' conferences presenting BMFP and the need of missionaries for Europe and Africa. Our travels have taken us from Melbourne, Florida to Hagerstown, Maryland. We have also been sending out Via Email, a missionary emphasis letter on each of our missionaries and where they serve. So far we have covered Spain, Iceland and Liberia, West Africa. If you would like to receive these updates, please let me know by sending me an email. This only goes out via email.

The month of February and March were spent in Iceland at the First Baptist Church of Keflavik. My son Stephen and I were privileged to fill in for Brother Patrick

First Baptist Church in Keflavik



Weimer. What a joy to get to know this folks and to see firsthand the need for missionaries in Iceland! The Weimers are the only Fundamental Baptist missionaries in Iceland.

We head to Ward, Arkansas, Pensacola, FL and Alum Creek, West Virginia for the next month of meetings and then out to California the first of May for Priscilla's Graduation from West Coast Baptist College. We are booking meeting for the fall starting in July through the end of the year. We would love to come by and encourage you in the area of missions.

Lord willing, in November, Rachelle and I will be going to Germany for the Mission Possible European Retreat then down to Spain and then back through Iceland. We covet you prayers and support as we encourage missionaries in their fields of service to keep going on for the cause of Christ.

Also please pray for our support that the Lord would bring in the funds so that we can carry on the work of the Lord. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What a wonderful time to reflect on the goodness of the Lord and to count our blessings that have come from His hand! The Lord has just been awesome this year in providing for us in ways that we could have never imagined. "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Psalm 34:8

This year has been a year of great testing in our lives. Our transition, the kids schooling, two of our children in college, setting up a house, beginning of a new ministry and Rachelle having to go to work. All of this has been a little overwhelming but with confidence we can say that the Lord is good all the time, all the time God is good! Let us share some ways the God has been good this year:

Family: God has provided for Benjamin's freshman year of college and Priscilla's final semester of college. They are doing great and we are excited to see how the Lord is working in their lives. God has also provided a wonderful job situation for Rachelle and she is able to be flexible with the homeschooling for the boys.

Ministry: We have had a full schedule of meetings. I was able to spend a month in Spain and in Germany during the month of October and November. What a joy it was to be in our church in Spain and to see how the Lord is advancing the Ministry. Our people are growing and new folks are coming into the church. It is exciting to see what the Lord is doing in their lives. I spent three weeks in Germany and was in 6 different churches visiting and encouraging the missionaries. The highlight was the 17th European Mission Possible Retreat. What a week of great preaching, missionary encouragement and fellowship. What a time to be a blessing to the missionaries as they come together, many needing just to be encouraged as they go back to their place of ministry. The Lord worked in a great way as each message dealt with Faith.

We are looking ahead to February, when I will be going to Iceland for a week to help our missionary Pat Weimar as he takes much needed furlough. My son, Stephen will be going with me to help in the ministry. We will need about \$2500 for this trip so please pray and if you can give toward this trip so that we can be a blessing to Brother Weimar as well as to the church ministry there in Iceland.

We are booking meetings for 2015 and need to fill up our spring and fall schedule. We would love to come by and be blessing to you and your church. You can contact me at jonrachlyons@gmail.com or 336 782 8277.

Thank you for all that you are doing for us! You are a great blessing!

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July – September 2014

Dear Supporters and Praying Friends,

We want to start off this letter by expressing our thanks to each and every one of you that are faithfully praying and supporting us! God has been good and has provided for us in ways that paper and ink could never express! The Bible tells us, that as Christians, we should be thankful, "in everything give thanks". Each and every one of you is important to us. As Paul wrote, "I thank God upon every remembrance of you"

Ministry: We have been able to fill up most of our dates until Christmas and we are now looking to book meetings and conferences starting in **January of 2015**. We have actively involved in helping our missionaries and have been able to get some of them into new churches. I have, by faith, just purchased my airline tickets for the trip to Europe in October and November. If you would feel led of the Lord to help us with this expense, you can send in a gift to **Jonathan Lyons, BMFP, BOX 37043, Jacksonville, FL 32236-7043** and mark it "European Trip" I will be in Spain the last part of October and then in several of our military works in Germany in November. I will be visiting several of our missionaries and then be involved in the BMFP Mission Possible Retreat. If you have a missionary that you support in Europe, let me encourage you as a church, to help them come to this retreat, (They do not have to be with BMFP). They will come away encouraged and ready to continue in the Ministry where God as placed them. Visit our web site for more information: <http://www.mpeuropeanretreat.org/>. If I can help you in any way please feel free to call or email me.

Family: Our summer has been very busy with helping out in our home church. We are now attending the Spanish side of the Ministry where we are more able to be involved whenever we are in town. Stephen and Jason were able to attend camps this year as well as be involved with the National Youth Conference and the National Sword Conference here at Gospel Light. Stephen is now teaching a guitar class at the Spanish church with about ten students. Benjamin has started his freshman year at Pensacola Christian College and seems to be doing very well. He is working 10 hours a week and has 16 hours of class! Priscilla is a senior and in her last semester at West Coast Baptist College. Through her work program this summer, this final semester was completely paid for!! PRAISE THE LORD!

Once again, thank you for your investment in our lives and in the Ministry of the Lord! We are very conscious of your sacrifice and do our best to use what is put into our hands for the glory and work of the Lord. May the Lord bless you!

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PRAYER

Benjamin's freshman year at PCC
Priscilla's senior year at WCBC
New church contacts and supporters. We are at 80% support!
Opportunities to get into colleges and universities
Funds needed for Ministry Trip to Europe in November
Safety on the Roads and to Europe

PRAISE

Great missions meetings
Rachelle was able to get a good part time job to help us with the lack of support
Priscilla's final semester **paid in full**

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June 2014

Dear Supporters and Praying Friends,

The Bible tells us that "for everything there is a season". For the last six months, it has been a season of regrouping, reestablishing, rediscovering, redesigning and reprogramming. Through it all, the Lord has been real and He has taken very good care of us. We appreciate all of your kind words of encouragement to us in these last few months.

This month we dropped off our oldest son, Benjamin, at Pensacola Christian College. He is in the summer work scholarship and will be a freshman in the fall. Priscilla has one more semester left and we thank the Lord for how He has provided for her. She is working in Baltimore, Maryland for the summer doing Jewish Ministries with a group from West Coast Baptist College. It is very taxing, but the Lord is blessing her and she is enjoying it. Stephen and Jason are still plugging along and are looking forward to a good summer with camps, youth conference and other activities that they have not been able to participate in before.

We just finished up Candidate training. Among the candidates, we have two new couples for Europe, The Corre Meyer family, going to Spain and the Russ McCrocklin family, going to Germany. If you are interested in partnering with either of these families you can call me or email me and I will get you in contact with them.

We are in the middle of planning our trip to Europe in November. Lord willing, we will be visiting some of our missionaries as well as participating in our **Mission Possible Retreat** in Rothenberg, Germany. Let me encourage you to consider helping your missionaries in Europe to get to the Mission Possible Retreat. The dates are November 10 – 15, you can sign up at: <http://mpeuropeanretreat.org/>. **This retreat could make the difference of a missionary staying or leaving the field.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone or email.

We are booking meetings for 2015 and would love to come by and update you on the ministry and/or do a missions emphasis Sunday or conference for you. We are also looking for opportunities to get into colleges to challenge and recruit young people for the cause of missions.

Once again, thank you for all of your prayers for us and for your faithfulness to us in the ministry. May the Lord bless you!!

Serving you,

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PRAYER

Our son Benjamin as he starts college at PCC
New church contacts and supporters. We are at 68% support!
Opportunities to get into colleges and universities
Funds needed for Ministry Trip to Europe in November

PRAISE

Safety on the road
Transition has gone well
Summer Work for Priscilla and Benjamin

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Priscilla

Jonathan

Jason

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Stephen

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"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the GAP before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

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