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Disaster relief ministry looking to add supplies

By Brenda Smith
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Louisville—Being chased out of Florida by hurricanes—not once, but twice—would be enough to dampen the enthusiasm of most people.

But the challenging circumstances presented by this season's unusual hurricane season have served only to energize Kentucky Baptist disaster relief volunteers, according to Larry Koch, disaster relief coordinator for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Volunteers were deployed to Florida after Hurricane Charley struck in August only to be evacuated Sept. 1 due to the approach of Hurricane Frances.

The Kentucky units then redeployed to Florida Sept. 7 but just three days later had to pull out again to avoid Hurricane Ivan. They finally redeployed to southern Alabama, where they served meals and cleared debris until Oct. 1.

Through it all, Kentucky volunteers remained cheerful and dedicated, Koch said.

"Morale was the best I've ever seen," he said. "People just seemed to get along and that had a positive effect on our witness to the victims."

At least three people made professions of faith, and several others now are regularly attending church as a result of their experiences with Kentucky Baptist disaster relief workers in Florida and Alabama. Dozens more are interested in being trained as disaster relief volunteers.

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The other big blue



More evangelicals seek answers for depression

By Dorianne Perruci
Religion News Service

Washington (RNS)—Like her father, evangelist Billy Graham, Ruth Graham knows how to deliver an uplifting message.

After speaking to large crowds at Christian women's conferences, lines form to the youngest daughter of the most famous preacher in American history.

Many women come to discuss a subject previously taboo in evangelical Christian circles, a subject that used to suggest weakness, or a lack of faith, for those in its grip.

That subject is depression, a topic the younger Graham and other prominent evangelical women are addressing with increasing vulnerability and credibility.

They have fallen into that black hole, only to be pulled back up with the help of counseling, Bible study and prayer.

For years, Graham suffered silently because of what she perceived as her sins—a bitter divorce from a husband who cheated and teenage children who rebelled and became pregnant and turned to drugs.

"I felt like the weak link in a long line of Christian leaders," said Graham, author of "In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart," which, along with another book released this year by singer Sheila Walsh, addresses denial and ignorance about depression.

"We don't need to make Jesus and God look good," Graham said in an interview. "Our responsibility is to be honest and authentic."

Walsh, a former television co-host of "The 700 Club" with Pat Robertson, has done that in her book, "The Heartache No One Sees," which is as medical as it is spiritual.

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Ruth Graham

Kentuckians share Christ during Cross Over Louisville projects



CROSS OVER LOUISVILLE Fred Johnson (right), of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, prays in the home of Louisvillian John Urquhart (center). Johnson and James Coffey (left), from Vine Hill Baptist Church in Cocks Creek, weatherized Urquhart's house as part of Cross Over Louisville. (KBC photo by Larry Brannin)

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

Louisville—For Jamesetta Drake, a single grandmother taking care of three young grandsons, Kentucky Baptists' 2004 Cross Over effort "changed my life."

Drake, who lives in Louisville's Shelby Park neighborhood, was among the recipients of home winterization projects held in conjunction with Cross Over Metro Louisville.

"You could tell a difference," she explained. "I had a window that was deteriorating. They fixed all of it for me. It was such a blessing."

"I've been praying and God sent them here," she declared. "It makes me want to praise God 24/7 because they are helping people who are poor. If they can give their time to help me, I can go to church. I prom-

ise to be there Sunday."

Drake was among hundreds of Louisville-area residents assisted during the Kentucky Baptist Convention's fourth annual Cross Over evangelism blitz. This year's emphasis had a decidedly urban flavor, highlighting the theme, "Lifting Christ in the City."

More than 400 volunteers from 40 churches in Louisville and across the state took part in such diverse ministry projects as winterizing homes, distributing Christian videos and hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for inner-city youngsters. Other efforts included ministering to workers on Churchill Downs' backside, prayer walks and campus outreach at the University of Louisville and door-to-door community/prayer needs surveys.

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Father, son among 88 missionaries appointed by NAMB

By Joe Westbury
Georgia Christian Index

Stone Mountain, Ga. (BP)—“How many missionaries do we have here today?” Edwin Lamb asked as he looked out over the crowd gathered at Mountain Park First Baptist Church.

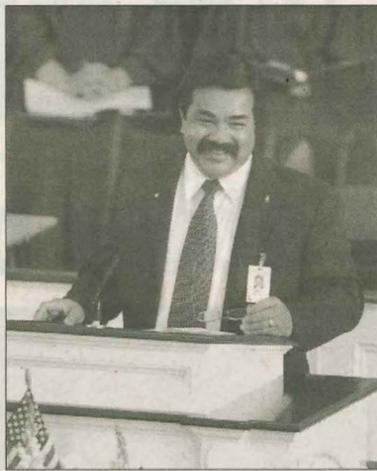
Seated before him were 88 Southern Baptist North American Mission Board missionaries and about 800 friends and members of the suburban Atlanta church.

As a few hands slowly began to rise, Lamb quickly responded, “That’s right, raise those hands. We are all missionaries, today and every day.”

Those comments set the tone for NAMB’s Nov. 7 missionary commissioning service as Lamb led the congregation in an opening prayer. As missionaries introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their ministry, the point was repeatedly driven home—God has called all believers to be on mission for Him wherever they live.

Missionary force tops 5,100

Southern Baptists’ newest missionaries will join more than 5,100 current NAMB missionaries who serve in every state, province and



FAMILY AFFAIR Samuel Caballero was one of 88 North American missionaries commissioned Nov. 7—along with his wife, son and daughter-in-law, all of whom will be starting churches in Colorado. (NAMB photo)

territory in the United States and Canada.

The commissioning service was especially meaningful for Samuel and Rebecca Caballero of Colorado who were being commissioned along with their son and daughter-in-law, Fernando and Donna Caballero. While the older couple will serve in Denver in church planting

among a variety of ethnic groups, the younger couple will be state-wide missionaries for multiethnic church planting.

“Dad and I have always worked together since I was 13. That’s when he first asked me to play the guitar for one of the new churches he was starting,” Fernando Caballero said. “It’s a real joy to be serving with him and mom as missionaries in Colorado.”

In his testimony, Samuel Caballero explained how he and his wife will be working among the 39 ethnic groups in Denver. With more than 100 languages spoken in the city, the challenge would be daunting without the prayers of Southern Baptists around the world, he added.

Caballero and his wife have started 18 churches in the past 31 years in Colorado and look forward to the opportunity to start even more. But he emphasized the need for more laborers to be called alongside them in the harvest.

“We are praying for you to respond to the call of God on your life, just like we read in Luke 10,” he said. “We need you to join us in the harvest on the mission field, wherever that might be.”

“If God has placed a burden on your heart, respond today to His calling,” he urged. “You will never regret your decision.”

The dual commissioning of a father and son was the first for NAMB, missionary mobilization team director Jane Bishop said.

Record: Maintain missions focus

NAMB President Robert Reccord told the crowd that the world of 2004 is identical to the world when Christ walked the dusty streets of Israel. It’s a world caught up in its own pursuits and is in just as much need for a Savior.

“In Acts 11:19 we read about the church going to the uttermost parts of the world,” Reccord said. “I want you to know that those who went were those laypersons who were sitting in the pews, just like you are doing today.”

Reccord noted that the early church encountered such phenomenal success because it was focused on its mission.

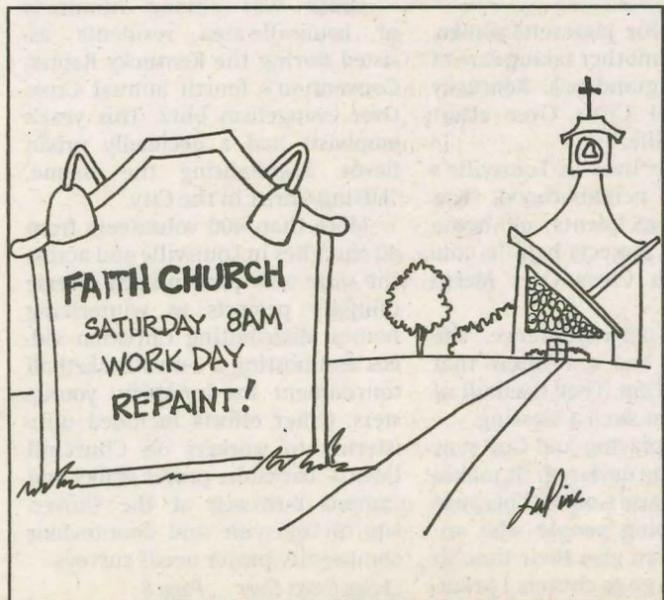
“I want to remind you that the church does not exist for those who sit in the pews; it exists for those who do not yet sit in the pews. It exists to reach those who have not yet been reached with the good news.”

BAPTIST DIGEST

ERLC emphasis registers 61,000 voters. The Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission’s iVoteValues initiative registered more than 61,000 voters, according to ERLC officials. The effort, also supported by Focus on the Family and the Family Research Council, registered voters online and through the iVoteValues 18-wheeler truck. “There is no question that American voters were sensitized to the importance of voting their values,” noted ERLC President Richard Land.

LifeWay releases ‘Year of the Bible’ resource. “Every Day with Jesus,” a special edition of the Holman Christian Standard Bible designed to encourage Christians to read through the Bible in 2005, has been released by Broadman & Holman Publishers. 2005 was declared “The Year of the Bible” by messengers to the 2004 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. Broadman & Holman is the publishing arm of LifeWay Christian Resources.

BJC names communications director. Jeff Huett, 26, has been named director of communications for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. Huett, the BJCR’s associate communications director since 2001, has been serving as acting communications director since May. Huett, a graduate of Baylor University and George Washington University, succeeds longtime communications coordinator Larry Chesser.



Falwell resurrects ‘Moral Majority’-type group

By Greg Warner
Associated Baptist Press

Lynchburg, Va. (ABP)—Jerry Falwell has announced plans to “resurrect” his Morality Majority with a new name in order to turn conservative momentum from the recent national elections into an “evangelical revolution.”

Falwell, a Southern Baptist pastor and political activist, announced the formation of the Faith and Values Coalition Nov. 9, one week after “moral values” voters helped re-elect President George W. Bush and adopt marriage amendments in 11 states.

Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., said the new group will build on “the national momentum” of the Nov. 2 elections and encourage evangelicals to continue to “vote Christian.”

In a news release, Falwell described the new coalition as “a 21st century resurrection of the Moral Majority.”

That earlier group, founded by Falwell in 1979, helped launch the Religious Right to national prominence by supporting Ronald Reagan

and other conservative Republican candidates and campaigning against abortion and other social concerns.

“At that time, God burdened my heart to mobilize religious conservatives around a pro-life, pro-family, strong national defense and pro-Israel platform, designed to return America to her Judeo-Christian heritage,” Falwell said. “And I distinctly feel that burden again. Our nation simply cannot continue as we know it if we allow out-of-control lawmakers and radical judges, working at the whims of society, to alter the moral foundations of America.”

Helping Falwell in the new coalition are “Left Behind” co-author Tim LaHaye, who will serve as the coalition’s board chair; Falwell’s son, Jonathan, who will be executive director; and Mathew Staver, president of the Orlando-based Liberty Counsel, vice chair.

The Faith and Values Coalition, Falwell said, will organize in 50 states and pursue three goals: passage of the Federal Marriage Amendment banning same-sex marriage; confirmation of “pro-life, strict constructionist” judges

to the U.S. Supreme Court and the federal bench; and “the election of another socially, fiscally and politically conservative president in 2008, along with other state and national candidates.”

Falwell, 71, said he disbanded the Moral Majority in 1989 to devote more time to his Liberty University. He committed to lead the new coalition for the first four years.

“Over the past few days, I have been inundated with requests from across America to ‘finish what you started 25 years ago,’” he noted.

Falwell said more than 30 million evangelicals “voted Christian” Nov. 2. He predicted the number of evangelical voters will jump to “at least 40 million” in 2008.

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, dismissed Falwell’s effort as a gimmick for fundraising that may be short-lived.

“I welcome Falwell’s new organization to the debate,” Lynn said. “I feel confident it will meet the same fate as the Moral Majority.”

With additional reporting by Religion News Service

Texas Baptists affirm convention restructuring plan

San Antonio, Texas (ABP)—Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas gave initial approval to the convention’s most significant reorganization in almost five decades and elected its first non-Anglo president.

At the BGCT’s annual meeting in San Antonio Nov. 8-9, 82 percent of messengers approved the first reading of constitutional amendments to reduce the size of the convention’s Executive Board from 234 to 90 members and streamline the convention’s decision-making structure.

Albert Reyes, president of Baptist

University of the Americas, an Hispanic school in San Antonio, was elected BGCT president without opposition.

The elections and restructuring reflect the BGCT’s goal of increasing ethnic participation in response to the state’s shifting demographics.

“I don’t think there’s any question that as we project the future, we have to be inclusive,” said outgoing BGCT President Ken Hall.

The role of Hispanics in the state and BGCT was front and center during the two-day convention, which met under a Spanish-language theme of “Celebrando la Familia

de Dios” (“Celebrating the Family of God”).

“I sense as we as Texas Baptists are becoming aware that the world around us is changing, we are changing,” Reyes told reporters.

Messengers approved resolutions supporting traditional marriage and public schools, but those statements make no mention of same-sex marriage or a proposed “exodus” of Christians from public education.

Messengers also rejected a motion to withhold funding for Baylor University, which currently is embroiled in a struggle over its leadership.

Partnership links Kentucky Baptists in east, west

By Dannah Prather
Partnerships Editor

Hazel Green—Director of Missions Jack Fletcher is calling 2004 the start of “the greatest evangelistic thrust in the history of Red River Baptist Association.”

In an effort to change the spiritual landscape of Red River’s six Appalachian counties, a unique partnership was formed in 2003 between Red River and two Western Kentucky Baptist associations—Little Bethel and Christian County.

This year more than 300 volunteers from approximately 20 Western Kentucky congregations traveled to Eastern Kentucky, working with local Baptists to share the gospel throughout Red River communities.

“Our pastors are more excited about this than anything we’ve ever done,” said Bob Morrison, director of missions for Little Bethel Association in Madisonville.

The first year of revivals, block parties, sports camps, surveys, backyard Bible clubs and other projects yielded professions of faith, baptisms and countless other testimonies of changed lives, fueling enthusiasm among Kentucky Baptists from Natural Bridge to Land Between the Lakes and back again.

“We are seeing a lot of people excited about seeing people saved,” said Johnny Hurt, pastor of Red River’s Mill Knob Baptist Mission.

The partnership began when Christian County Director of Missions Larry Baker attended a meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board in December 2002.

Baker said he was stunned to hear that Red River Association was among “the least-churched” areas of the country.

Exploring a spiritual vacuum

Between 1990 and 2000, only one new Kentucky Baptist church was started in Red River, bringing the total to 12. Today, the Mill Knob congregation, a mission of Stanton Baptist Church, brings the total to 13.

The American Religious Data Archive compiles statistics from churches, denominations and other religious organizations across the country, including the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board.

The archive reported that of approximately 65,000 residents in the Red River area, fewer than 6,000 attend any church regularly.

Area pastors Ron Barnett, Bill Boldt and Vaughn Rasor say the spiritual vacuum comes from communities demoralized by unemployment, poverty, illiteracy, illegal drugs and other social ills.

“The ol’ devil’s running pretty strong,” said Barnett, pastor of Campton Baptist Church in Wolfe County. He has ministered in Appalachia for nearly 20 years, first in Pike County before moving to Campton nine years ago.

“We have a horrendous drug problem,” said Boldt, pastor of Stanton Baptist Church in Powell County. “Economically we’re in bad shape. We just don’t have the job market or the economic foundation.”

Rasor said the situation in



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY Western Kentucky volunteers lead a Bible club in Eastern Kentucky as part of the partnership between the Little Bethel, Christian County and Red River Baptist associations. The trailer was equipped with a tent, chair, sound system and other materials so volunteers could conduct Bible clubs during the day and revival services in the evening.

Jackson, where he is pastor of First Baptist Church, is the same. “Eighty percent of the people who live here are on welfare,” said Rasor, who has served in the Breathitt County community more than 12 years.

The toll on Appalachian families is obvious; Barnett said. “There are a lot of foster children up here.”

He said his congregation is small, but active. “We try to minister every way we can.” To help the needy in their area, Campton members conduct clothing and toy drives and contribute to the church food closet.

“We realize we have a monumental task,” said Boldt, who has served in Appalachia approximately 15 years. “There’s a mission field here.”

Pastors vote to “open presents”

Baker proposed the partnership ministry to the Hopkinsville-based Christian County Association. Upon the board’s approval, he began discussions with Fletcher.

Morrison heard about the partnership idea from Baker at a May 2003 workshop. Like Baker, he said he was shocked to learn that “one of the most desperate needs was just a few hours away.”

In September 2003, the two DOMs and several key pastors of the Western Kentucky associations traveled to Eastern Kentucky to meet with Fletcher and Red River pastors.

The two-to-five-year partnership proposal was discussed and Fletcher told the local pastors they should vote on whether to proceed.

Rasor laughs at the memory. “I thought he was kidding. It was like having someone ask you over to their house for Christmas and taking a vote on whether or not to open the presents.”

But with few concrete plans at that point, Fletcher said he wondered whether Red River pastors would sign on. “There was not one dissenting vote, even though most of them didn’t know what would happen, including me,” he recalled.

In November 2003, Baker and Morrison accompanied Fletcher as he drove through Red River communities pointing out homes, churches and businesses, talking about the many needs.

After the “windshield probe,” Morrison said, “we had a big list of junky notes.” From the list, projects

were developed and by January 2004, the DOMs were recruiting volunteers from churches in all three associations.

“We wanted to make sure this was a project of prayer,” Morrison said. Christian County and Little Bethel put out the call for prayer support. Today, “there are more than 1,000 people praying every day for the ministry at Red River,” he said.

The formal kick-off of the partnership was in March 2004, when Western Kentucky pastors and church members conducted simultaneous revivals in four Red River counties.

West Kentucky youth do leg work

Volunteers also did door-to-door survey work, something Rasor said was a great help to his mostly senior-adult congregation in Jackson. Because homes are spread over a large geographic area, visitation is difficult for older church members, he said.

The Western Kentucky volunteers—many of them youth—blanketed the area knocking on doors, handing out tracts and free light bulbs, and collecting contact information.

Rasor said the partnership helped his church collect names and addresses of 44 families in his area, making the task of visitation more manageable for his congregation.

The experience was repeated in other locations in Red River. “I don’t think there was a door they didn’t knock on,” Barnett said.

With the help of the KBC, Little Bethel and Christian County equipped a trailer with a tent, chairs, tables, pulpit, a sound system and other equipment and supplies. Red River Association had its own trailer for concessions. Local and Western Kentucky volunteers traveled throughout the area during the summer, holding Bible clubs for children during the day at the site of evening revival meetings.

In July, at the peak of summer events, 48 professions of faith were recorded in the association, according to Fletcher.

“The way it all came together, we knew God was at work,” he said.

Rasor said residents of Appalachia often are wary of visitors, noting that the social problems of the

Partnership at a glance



Christian County Baptist Association

Located in: Christian County.
Director of missions: Larry Baker.
KBC churches: 41 (plus 2 missions).
KBC church members: 16,000.
Population 72,265.
Unemployment: 7 percent.

Baker



Little Bethel Baptist Association

Located in: Primarily Hopkins County with churches also in Webster, Lyon and Christian counties.
Director of missions: Bob Morrison.
KBC churches: 48.
KBC church members: 15,000.
Population: 46,519.
Unemployment: 7.7 percent.

Morrison



Red River Baptist Association

Located in: Breathitt, Lee, Menifee, Morgan, Powell and Wolfe counties.
Director of missions: Jack Fletcher
KBC churches: 12 (plus 1 mission).
KBC church members: 4,500.
Population: 64,822.
Unemployment: 8-10.6 percent (depending on county).

Fletcher

Sources: Association offices, American Religious Data Archive, U.S. Census, Commonwealth of Kentucky

region make it a curiosity for some people who come “just to see the ‘Third World country.’ That happens a lot in the hills and the people are very sensitive to that.”

The long-term design of the Red River Partnership creates a different situation, he said. Western Kentucky volunteers are becoming familiar faces, and Rasor said local residents know these visitors “aren’t running roughshod over them.”

Fletcher said this year’s activities have been very encouraging to local pastors and congregations.

Recalling Acts 1:8, he said before the partnership, Red River Baptists had asked themselves: “How can we evangelize our Jerusalem?” He admits, “It looked impossible.”

With the combined effort of Little Bethel and Christian County Baptists, now the Red River ministry involves dozens of churches, hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours of prayer. The task seems more possible than it did just a year ago.

Recently, the DOMs, pastors and spouses met again for a retreat in Eastern Kentucky. Unlike the first meeting, there were plenty of concrete plans discussed, including summer camp for Red River youth, discipleship and evangelism training for local church members, more revivals and Bible clubs, and, by the end of 2005, at least one new church in Red River Baptist Association.

Look for more stories about the Red River Partnership in coming weeks. To learn more about the partnership, visit www.redriverpartnership.org.

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'Jesus' film marks 25 years of ministry

By Erich Bridges

Richmond, Va. (BP)—I participated recently with other volunteers in distributing the gospel on the streets of a sprawling mega-city in Central Asia.

We struck up conversations with shopkeepers, cafe owners, college students, bus passengers and anyone else willing to talk to us in the overwhelmingly Muslim city. We prayed for opportunities to give our new acquaintances small packets containing a New Testament, a video showing local followers of Christ and how they worship—and a DVD version of the "Jesus" film.

Not everyone took our gift. Some declined politely; a few returned it after looking it over. But many accepted it with curiosity, gratitude, even emotion. They seemed eager to read, hear and see all they could about Jesus. Several asked for extra packets.

Most-watched movie in history

Almost anywhere you find the gospel—and people hungry for it—you'll find "Jesus."

It's by far the most-watched and most-translated movie in history. It's also one of the church's most potent evangelism tools. The film, which first appeared in theaters in 1979, is marking the 25th year of its amazing run. The Jesus Film Project, an arm of Campus Crusade for Christ, distributes various versions worldwide. A few "Jesus" statistics will give you a feel for its global reach:

■ Cumulative viewing/listening audience (includes multiple viewings) since 1979: more than 5.8 billion.

■ Languages with "Jesus" film/audio translations: 874, with 229 more in the works.

■ Countries where the film has been shown: 228.

■ Countries where the film has been broadcast on television: 176.

■ "Jesus" film prints, videocassettes, DVDs and VCDs in circulation: more than 510 million.

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■ Personal decisions to follow Christ at public film showings: more than 197 million.

There's no slowing down on the horizon. In addition to its availability in tailored versions for various formats and age groups, "Jesus" just made its Internet debut. In October the entire film became accessible online—in more than 300 languages—via streaming video at www.JesusFilm.org.

"To our knowledge, a film has never been freely available on the Internet in so many different languages," says Jim Green, who directs The Jesus Film Project. "The 300-plus translations available represent the heart language of more than 90 percent of the world's population."

What is the continuing power of this movie? When people see "Jesus," they see Jesus—and understand His words—often for the first time.

"Jesus speaks our language!" one elderly woman in Mozambique joyously cried after seeing the first showing of "Jesus" in her Makhuwa language. Southern Baptist International Mission Board missionaries spearheaded the Makhuwa version of the film and saw thousands come to Christ among the 5-million-member animistic people group.

The emotional impact of witnessing Jesus' life and death—particularly His crucifixion—also explains part of the film's appeal. In many places audiences weep, tear their clothes and toss dirt in the air to express grief, throw sticks at the Roman soldiers beating Jesus on the screen—or sit in silent awe.

Perhaps the true source of the film's power, however, is this: It conveys the Word of God, specifically the Gospel of Luke, with virtually

COMMENTARY

What are you thinking?

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'Kentucky Baptists Connect'

"Kentucky Baptists Connect" is a five-year emphasis adopted by the Kentucky Baptist Mission Board to involve Kentucky Baptists in new levels of connecting with God and one another. The objectives and goals of the emphasis are designed to increase baptisms, strengthen churches, start new Bible study units and develop new believers and leaders for Kingdom ministries and missions.

It begins with Kentucky Baptists connecting to God through Jesus Christ in vital relationships as described in John 15:5. In order for God to use us in connecting other people to Jesus Christ, we must be connected to God in an intimate and growing relationship that results in obedience.

Eric Allen, the KBC's Mission Service Corps and prayer consultant, says more than 500 Kentucky Baptist churches now have prayer coordinators. I think we are seeing the beginnings of a prayer movement in Kentucky.

Connecting also requires humility for pastors and churches to reach out to one another in mutually agreed upon ways to assist one another in vital ministries. Christian County, Little Bethel and Red River associations are excellent examples of this kind of cooperation.

During Red River Association's recent annual meeting, Bob Morrison, director of missions for Little Bethel Association, thanked the Red River pastors and churches and Director of Missions Jack Fletcher for their wonderful cooperation. Larry Baker, director of missions for Christian County, along with volunteers from his association, conducted surveys in Jackson in cooperation with First Baptist Church there.

It was gratifying to hear testimonies of how the churches have been strengthened by the partnership. It is a true partnership as Red River pastors have ministered in partner associations as well.

Kentucky Baptists Connect places

word-for-word faithfulness.

A recent campaign in Tomsk, Siberia, drew thousands of people to free screenings around the city. Theaters overflowed, and at least 150 people turned away from one cinema walked more than a mile in the cold to see the movie at another location.

"I'm tired of thrillers," one of the viewers said. "I want something that will talk to my heart. It's time to believe in God."

Major missions strategy

So great is the film's impact that IMB mission strategists include its availability as one of their measures of the evangelization of a people group. The Jesus Film Project has formally partnered with the IMB since 1997. Southern Baptist mission teams remain the top users of the film worldwide—and they continue to find new and more effective ways to utilize it.

As missionaries "continue to push into people groups that have little literacy and no Bible knowledge, it's requiring them to re-think using the 'Jesus' film," IMB media strategist Mark Snowden notes. "In many places, they delay showing the film until basic concepts of God, sin and redemption are understood by the people. Otherwise, in places where ancestors or other gods are worshiped, the people will just add Jesus to their pantheon of gods."

When those concepts are effectively communicated first, the film is increasingly becoming "a discipleship tool for new believers," Snowden adds. "They view Jesus' life and readily identify with the disciples who are seeking to follow Jesus."

Happy 25th birthday, "Jesus." May your influence increase!

Erich Bridges is a senior writer for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board

an emphasis on world missions by strengthening the foundation for missions—the local church. Gayle Toole, pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, led the dedication of that church's new facilities on Oct. 24. It was a privilege to participate in a powerful worship experience and witness decisions for Christ. (Please pray for Gayle as he continues to deal with cancer.)

Kentucky Baptists Connect also places a strong emphasis on inspirational worship. Second Baptist Church of Greenville, where Ray England is pastor, started conducting a contemporary worship service at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. It has grown to the point that more than 300 people are now in regular attendance each week. During the summer, the church helped provide meals to more than 150 needy children and to 47 homebound individuals daily.

Please pray that Kentucky Baptists will find new ways to cooperate in connecting all people to Jesus Christ following the Kentucky Baptists Connect emphasis at this week's KBC annual meeting, Nov. 16-17.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention

FAMILY

Giving thanks is
God's clear will
for His followers

By Jeremy White

We often rub our hands, put on a spiritually serious look and

ponder God's will for a situation. We pray and seek to discern God's will.

Do you know one area

where God's will is very clear? The Bible says in I Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

That's not so hard to figure out. It's God's will for me to give thanks.

How do we "give thanks"? We can give thanks with our words or in prayer, in our attitude and in our actions of helping others. We also can give thanks by giving money. That's how we often measure things: Are we willing to put our money where our mouth is?

Apparently not. The IRS says the average American who itemizes his or her deductions gives 3 percent of total income to charities. Other surveys indicate that the average giving is about 2 percent.

In my financial planning practice, I have found that regular and planned giving enhances clients' lives. And not just a warm, fuzzy feel-good-down-inside enhancement, but giving enhances their financial lives.

How can that be? Admittedly, giving is hard to prove mathematically as a necessary step toward improving your finances. God's ways are not man's ways. We can trust Him to provide for His faithful managers.

When I say He will provide, I am not saying God will rain down cash in your backyard or cause you to win a magazine sweepstakes contest.

Being God, He could do that. Probably, however, He will help your car run longer, have someone share something with you, give you more control over impulses or just help the ends meet.

God says to us, "Come on, I dare you. See if I will not pour out blessings" (see Malachi 3:10). This is not a name-it-and-claim-it or gab-it-and-grab-it philosophy. God urges us that giving works. He loves cheerful givers. He wants us to do His will. Many Christians do not tithe and, consequently, have the same financial problems of others in the world.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let's follow God's will and give thanks.

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How can parents help kids cope with childhood fears?

Q: How can I help my child face typical childhood fears?

The reality TV show "Fear Factor" places ordinary people in all kinds of frightening scenarios. Because real life includes a fear factor, sooner or later your children will face children in some form. Parents can help children handle fear by teaching the following truths:

Everyone is afraid of something. Help your child understand that fear is a common feeling. Public speaking ranks as the No. 1 fear for adults. The most common fears for children ages 6-11 are dentists, doctors, thunder and lightning, airplanes and burglars. Even Bible heroes like Moses, Esther and Mary were afraid. Read their stories with your children and ask, "Who was afraid? Why?"

Being brave does not mean not being afraid. Speakers and performers often are filled with fear, but they take the stage anyway. Soldiers are afraid, but they fight on. Ananias was afraid of Paul, but he met with him anyway (Acts 9:1-19). People of all ages face all kinds of dangers and difficulties daily. We might sometimes be afraid, but we don't have to give up.

When we fear, God is near. Psalm 56:3 and Isaiah 41:10 both teach this tremendous truth. Read these verses with your children. When we are afraid, God will be with us and help us. He will give us strength to handle the scary situation. As you read and talk about the Bible stories referenced above, ask another question: "How did God make a difference?"—David Garrard

Q: My husband and I divorced 10 years ago. I've been through divorce recovery, I've gone a long way toward forgiving my ex-spouse, and I feel recovered and healed from my divorce. My ex-spouse has married someone else. My problem is that I feel trapped by Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount. Can I ever marry again while my ex-spouse is still alive? How should I interpret Scriptures that seem to suggest that all remarriage is the moral equivalent of adultery?

It always helps before making application to put each scripture in its historical context.

Jesus was speaking to a culture where only men could divorce and where women were viewed as property. Notice John 8, where only the woman was to be stoned to death for committing adultery.

Jesus spoke in the midst of a raging debate about divorce. The question was, "Is it acceptable for any and all reasons for a man to hand his wife a certificate of divorce?" This is the context to which Jesus spoke.

Even those who lust for the spouse of another fall short of God's plan by committing adultery in the heart. Jesus gave no comfort to those who would leave one spouse merely to marry someone else who might please him more. It was to this kind of practice that the prophet Malachi thundered his famous words, "God hates divorce." To leave one's spouse for another and then to try to legitimize it through marriage is nothing more than "legalized lust," and was the kind of remarriage Jesus was teaching against.

Jesus' whole point in the Sermon on the Mount was for our righteousness to exceed that of the Pharisees, the most righteous people of that day. It is not enough to legalistically follow the law. It is not enough for your life reflects righteousness in your heart that you are living with the true intent of God's plan.

Seek spiritual counsel from a pastor or pastoral counselor as you work through this issue. While there are a variety of interpretations of Jesus' teachings, "serial monogamy" clearly comes under the judgment of Christ when one is seeking to legitimize an immoral relationship by way of a marriage altar. A study of God's Word can reveal that Christ is able to "make all things new" as you are healed to live a new life in Him.—James Stillwell

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Thanksgiving: A time for thanks & giving

Conducting an in-depth study of the word "thanksgiving," I have uncovered its deeper meaning. When broken down into bite-size pieces, this compound word actually means "thanks" and "giving."

OK, in reality, it means "giving thanks," but one practical way to give thanks is to give to others—whether it's giving a word of encouragement to a neighbor or co-worker; giving food, clothing or other resources to those in need; or giving time to your family, church and others.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, hopefully your celebration will include both "thanks" and "giving." The starting point, of course, is offering sincere thanks to God for His gracious, abundant blessings. Sadly, many people in our state and nation will go through the Thanksgiving season without understanding to Whom their thanks should be directed.

"Thanksgiving" is a rich biblical term that appears more than 25 times throughout Scripture. Roughly one third of those uses, as you probably would expect, are in the Psalms. But both the Psalms and other passages can offer us a fresh appreciation of the significance of giving thanks in each of our lives. Consider these verses:

Leviticus 17:12-13: "Now this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be presented to the Lord. If he offers it by way of thanksgiving, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and cakes of well stirred fine flour mixed with oil."

Rather than offering physical sacrifices today for sin, peace offerings or thanksgiving, we have the privilege of living under the grace of Jesus Christ. In the words of 2 Corinthians 5:21, "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." In response, God calls His followers to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, ac-

ceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). This Thanksgiving—and every day—there is no greater blessing for which Christians can offer thanks than our eternal salvation through Christ's selfless sacrifice on our behalf.

Psalm 95:1-2. "Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song."

In addition to family, food, fellowship, friends and football, make certain that worship is part of your Thanksgiving tradition. Whether you have a time of family worship on Thanksgiving Day, attend a community Thanksgiving service or pause to give thanks during regular worship services, take time to "sing for joy to the Lord" in appreciation for Who He is.

Philippians 4:6. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

In our hectic world, being anxious is a common trait. As you celebrate Thanksgiving, it also is appropriate to share your concerns with God. Along with words of thanks and personal requests, one way to give to others is to intercede in prayer on their behalf. Rather than being anxious, God offers us the incredible freedom of placing our burdens before Him and trusting Him for the answers.

Revelation 7:12. "Amen: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

There are innumerable reasons for us to thank God continuously. During this Thanksgiving season, search God's Word for your own insights about the privilege of giving thanks. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving as you experience the joy of thanks and giving.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

What can the righteous do?

By Henry Blackaby

Atlanta (BP)—King David knew perilous times.

Over and over again he saw the enemies of God's people coming against them to destroy them. He personally experienced severe opposition. In Psalm 11:3 he expressed these moments with a serious

question: "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" This is a question each of us must face, and we must face it together. It seems that so much is targeted toward God's people and all that we stand for in these perilous days: The family is under attack; the use of the name of God in public often is prohibited; even the mention of Jesus in public meetings is sometimes banned. Many of the values Christians cherished for centuries are now ridiculed and rejected.

The future often looks bleak, so we too ask: "When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

There are several things we can do. We can courageously speak up. We can confidently stand up. We can walk in strong faith as those described in Hebrews 11.

We can personally, and with others, pray earnestly to God, who always hears and answers and delivers His people. And we can, like the persecuted churches of the New Testament, walk together with "one heart and one mind" (Acts 2:1). God and though they were severely persecuted by the world around them, God was able to turn the Roman Empire upside down through them.

These are days when God's people are to be of one accord. Politics are not our means to stabilize our nation, though we should be actively involved in the political process. Our strength is in the Lord, Who always has defeated completely any enemy of His people, provided His people were walking in righteousness with Him.

His name is at stake in His people, and He always protects His name. In the workplace, God's people must be "salt" and "light." Our lives must be holy, transparent and real. The "fruit of the Spirit" and real God-love must be seen, experienced and believed by a watching world around us. Our families must be as God intended. Our churches must walk in love

with one another—with one heart, one mind and one soul.

And the world around us must see the salvation of God in us (Luke 3:6). We must not only share the greatness of God's salvation with words, we must live it before them. The best witness is changed lives from God's presence and power in our daily lives. And it is the most believable. Our changed lives must be so attractive that others will want to know and experience the God we serve. Then their lives can be changed, and ultimately that process will affect decisions being made in our nation. The culture can then return to higher values.

We must never "grow weary of doing good" (2 Thessalonians 3:13). And the exhortation of the Apostle Paul to the often-suffering people of God in his day must now be lived out by us:

■ "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts"

■ "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly."

■ "And whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:15-17).

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Judge Siler expands family legacy of KBC leadership

By Trennis Henderson
Editor

Louisville—When Judge Eugene Siler concludes his term this week as Kentucky Baptist Convention president, he also will complete a major chapter in his family's legacy of state convention leadership.

Only five laymen have held the state convention's top elected position during its 167-year history, according to KBC Executive Director Bill Mackey. Three of those five are Siler, his father and his grandfather.

A.T. Siler was moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, the former name of the KBC, in 1943-45. His son, Eugene Siler, Sr., served as moderator in 1952-54.

In his role as KBC president, Siler "has brought a historic legacy of support and involvement in Kentucky Baptist Convention life," Mackey noted.

Siler's involvement as "a layman and active churchman" also are significant strengths, he added.

"Judge Siler understands the diversity that is represented in the Kentucky Baptist Convention," Mackey said. "I think he has done his best to represent all Kentucky Baptists."

"An honor to serve"

Reflecting on his opportunity to serve as KBC president, Siler said, "It's been an honor to serve in this capacity. I'm sure it would have pleased my father and grandfather."

Rather than dwelling on history, however, Siler prefers to point to the state convention's future—especially the KBC's "Kentucky Baptists Connect" emphasis that will be launched at this week's annual meeting in Louisville.

Major goals in the five-year evangelistic emphasis include challenging Kentucky Baptists to baptize 125,000 people, launch 75 churches and start 500 Bible study units by 2010.

"This Kentucky Baptists Connect emphasis is going to be a great program," Siler noted. "I'm pleased with how it has started out and I'm sure it's going to be a big success."

Siler, who has served as a federal judge since 1975, was appointed to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by former President George H.W. Bush. Prior to becoming a judge, he served six years as U.S. attorney in Eastern Kentucky.

In addition to his judicial career, Siler is a deacon, Sunday school teacher and trustee at First Baptist Church of Williamsburg. He also is board chairman of Baptist Healthcare System and a trustee of Baptist Seminary of Kentucky as well as a former member of the KBC Mission Board and former chairman of Cumberland College's board of trustees.

A graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Siler also has served two terms as KBC first vice president.

Representing the laity

Citing his election last year as president, Siler said, "I was not elect-

ed because I was the best speaker or had the best spiritual background, but because I am representative of the laity.

"Although the ministry is the highest calling, God may call people to be in the laity," he added. "They may be able to reach some people that pastors cannot."

As a result, he noted, "we've got to get the laypeople involved in the KBC as well as in their local churches."

"There are so many people who need to be reached" with the gospel, he emphasized, citing a particular burden for immigrants, the poor and other people in need across the commonwealth. "We're trying to enable churches to get to people who are not going to church."

Affirming "a good sense of cooperation and good feelings toward the goals of the KBC" among Baptist leaders throughout the state, Siler said, "I think one of our great strengths is that we have been able to all work together and not be factionalized like so many conventions have been."

He said he hopes participants who attend this week's annual meeting "will take away the feeling that Kentucky Baptists Connect is going to be a great success."

Even more importantly, he added, "I hope they will do everything to effect the goals and work with the Holy Spirit to do so."



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"Judge Siler understands the diversity that is represented in the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

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House visits are cross-cultural experience

Louisville—House-to-house visits were a cross-cultural event for many participants in Saturday's Cross Over Louisville activities.

In southern Louisville, seminary students, Hispanics, African-Americans and Anglos visited local apartments to conduct community needs surveys.

The surveys asked residents what needs exist locally, what services churches should provide and whether a church representative can visit later. Surveyors also distributed Christian videos and tracts.

Jesus Pacheco, a regional missionary for Hispanic ministry, divided the group into teams of three, placing someone who spoke Spanish in every group.

The apartments they visited in had a broad mix of cultures. Approximately half of the residents were Hispanic, Pacheco said, but other residents were Albanian, Asian and other nationalities. "It's a cross-cultural experience for my folks, too," he noted.

Eric Fields, pastor of nearby Hazelwood Baptist Church, took part to learn more about the rapid cultural changes in the neighborhood. "We've got to change with it and learn how to minister to this part of the community."

Many residents cited a need for more attention to safety issues, said Alan Witham, a regional church development strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "We've had a lot of people talk about police protection."

Von Shobe, a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Louisville, worked with Fields to visit 30 apartments. Afterward, the two talked about returning to that complex and building a presence so local residents would feel they could trust local Baptist churches.

"One time is not enough," Shobe said. "There's a lot of fear and distrust in this community because there's so many cultures."

Cross Over volunteers share faith before convention

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Dan Garland, leader of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church development/evangelism team, noted that "working in the downtown Louisville area has been a tremendous blessing for us."

"We've been able to share the gospel and see people come to Christ," he said. "Hopefully, we've demonstrated what following Christ means in working together across ethnic, social and cultural lines."

The annual ministry emphasis, coordinated by the KBC church development/evangelism team, was co-sponsored by the Louisville-area Long Run Baptist Association in cooperation with local churches and related ministries.

A four-day servant evangelism effort in Louisville's Shelby Park area focused on winterization and minor home repairs for families with limited incomes.

Jason Lee, a church planter with the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board and student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, coordinated the repair projects through Immanuel Baptist Church.

"I think it will have a great impact as we try to take the gospel to the community," Lee noted. He said efforts to "feed the hungry, clothe the poor and put plastic over windows gives us credibility to share the gospel verbally. ... We're trying to minister to the whole person."

Expressing Christ's love

Todd Robertson, Long Run Association's missions strategist, described the repair projects as "a very simple, basic expression of the love of Christ."

"Any time we can relieve physical needs of somebody, it gives them a better opportunity to consider their spiritual needs," he pointed out. "In general, love is a pretty practical thing."

Fred Johnson, associate minister at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, worked alongside Robertson and other volunteers.



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP Lizzi-beth Spence, KBC collegiate ministry specialist, serves a hot dog to Stuart Jackson, 9, at the Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville's West End. Jackson was among dozens of area youngsters who participated in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament as part of Cross Over Metro Louisville.



KNOCK KNOCK Debby Duda (front center), worship leader for Shepherd's Way Community Church in Rineyville, her daughter (left) and Johana Figueroa (right), a member of New Jerusalem Baptist Church at Iglesia Bautista Nueva Jerusalém, conduct a needs assessment survey with an Albanian family in southern Louisville. The surveys ask what needs local churches could meet and whether a local church representative can visit later.

Cross Over projects "are breaking down some of those long-held concepts of whites and blacks not working together," he said. "It's good that we as Christians put the Kingdom of God first rather than the differences that divide us."

Crossing racial and cultural barriers also was evident at the 3-on-3 basketball tournament held Saturday in cooperation with the Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville's West End.

Citing a rash of recent violence in the area, Matt Smyzer, the center's executive director, said his ministry often reaches out to people who are "helpless, homeless and hapless."

Affirming Cross Over's positive impact on African-American youth in the neighborhood, he added, "You have blacks, whites, people from all across the state who came together to impact a community in a very positive way."

The tournament, held in Maupin Elementary School's gym, featured a carnival atmosphere with hot dogs for participants; a volunteer making balloon sculptures; and off-duty police officers involved in Shield of Faith, a Christian police officers association, mingling with the teens and children.

Positive role models

"We just want to be here so people can put a face with a uniform and know that we are people too," explained police Sgt. Donnie Chambers, a member of Corinth Baptist Church in McQuady.

"The kids are being lost to the streets. The role models aren't there," he said. "When we can reach them at this age and let them know that Jesus is the perfect role model, things will be a whole lot better for them."

Gary Rose, youth minister at Sherman Baptist Church in Northern Kentucky, brought a group of 20 youth to serve at Cross Over.

Noting this is the third year his youth group has participated in Cross Over, Rose said it provides "an opportunity for our kids to serve and minister to others."

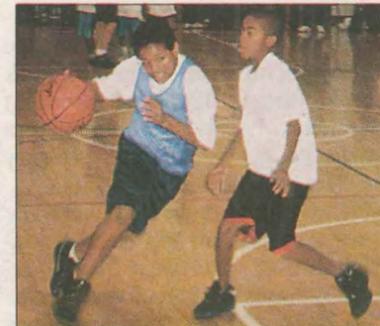
The teen volunteers "learn that it's not about them," he added. "It's

about others and about what God is going to do with us this weekend."

Making a difference

Wesley Pitts, executive director of Long Run Association, agrees that Cross Over can help make a significant difference in ministry efforts throughout the region.

"It helps the whole state focus in on some of the unique ministry opportunities here in Louisville,"



TOURNEY TIME Youth from neighborhoods in Louisville's West End competed in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Nov. 12 as part of Cross Over Louisville's community-outreach efforts. The tournament was co-sponsored by Long Run Baptist Association and the Baptist Fellowship Center.

he said. "It will give some guidance on ways we can reach out in the future."

In addition to Cross Over's immediate impact, Garland said one of his goals is to "get church people out into the communities" throughout the commonwealth.

"When we think of missions, we often think of someplace far away," he noted. "But the truth is that missions is right here under our nose. In some case, it's just a few miles or a few blocks away."

"Hopefully, what people do in Cross Over, they will do in their own communities and not just do it once a year at Cross Over."

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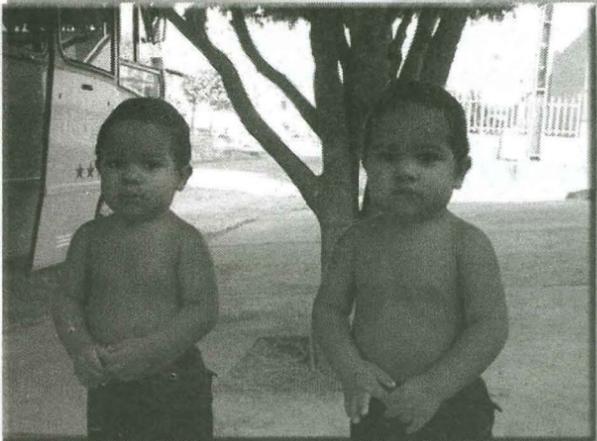
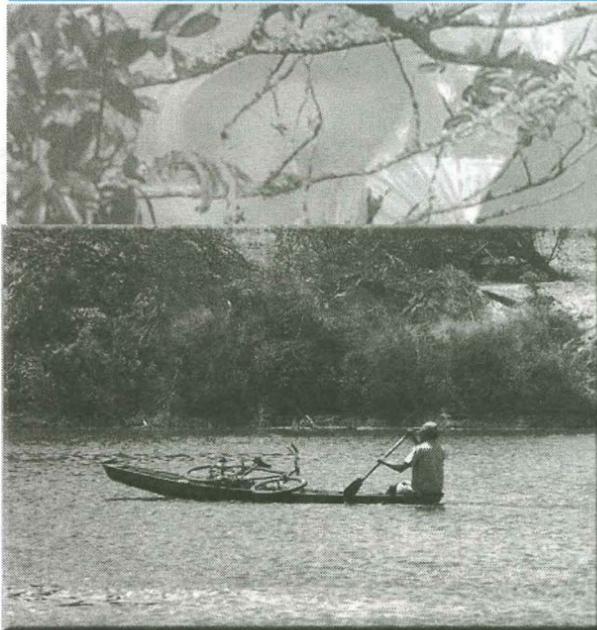
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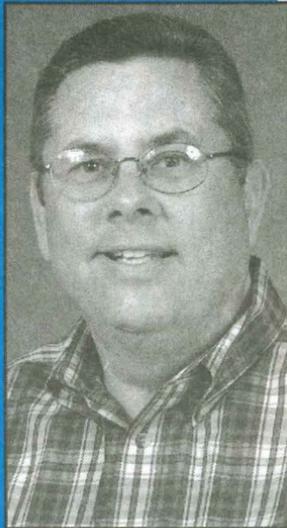
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It's Already An Exciting Partnership!

A letter from
Ross Bauscher,
Partnership
Missions Director

I am referring
to our newest
partnership with
the Piaui Baptist
Convention in
Northeast Brazil
for 2005-2008.



This summer, seven mission teams from Kentucky served in Teresina, Brazil with some incredible results for the glory of God. I praise God for the wonderful Kentucky volunteers, churches, associations, and prayer partners that continue to demonstrate a passion for God and His purposes.

In this special insert, you are going to be challenged to involve yourself in church planting, evangelism, construction, leadership training, children's ministries, etc. You will read some comments from our Kentucky mission volunteers who served in Teresina, Brazil that will both inspire you and encourage your future participation.

These mission volunteers have learned that we serve for God's glory and not for our gain. They have realized a wonderful truth – there is no limit to what God can do through His children who are yielded to Him. From ordinary people like us, He can do extraordinary things. He reminds us in Romans 8:31:

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"



Kentucky Baptists Partner With Brazilian Baptists

By Robert Hadley

LOUISVILLE - Did you know that Brazil, population 168 million, is one of the least evangelized South American countries? Its northern state of Piaui has Baptist churches in only 140 of 223 counties. Eleven states are evangelized at less than 1 percent, and the primary religion is a mixture of Roman Catholicism and indigenous pagan religions.

That's why the Kentucky Baptist Convention has partnered with the 52-church Piaui Baptist Convention to send missionaries from Kentucky to help spread the gospel.

After a strategy session with Scott Pittman, a missionary in Teresina, Brazil, KBC Partnerships Missions Director Ross Bauscher felt God was leading him to explore developing a program in Brazil.

"I just knew right off that this was where we were supposed to be," Bauscher said. "I told Scott I would be willing to do five to six projects with him with the understanding we'd move forward as the Holy Spirit leads into a full-blown partnership."

At its May 2004 meeting, the KBC Mission Board approved a new partnership with Baptists in Brazil. The goal of the partnership is to assist Brazilian Baptists with planting 30 new churches and strengthening 52 existing churches through leadership training, evangelism, construction missions and meeting needs for medical care.

The new partnership will officially begin in 2005 and continue through 2008 although preliminary project trips have already begun.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, the Piaui Baptist Convention in Brazil is planning in the next three years to plant 20 new churches; train 200 new pastors, lay leaders and church planters; and disciple 900 new believers through follow-up programs, Bauscher said.

Other plans include open-air evangelism, presentations of the "Jesus" film, revivals, evangelistic Bible studies and training in personal evangelism.

"We're hoping to present the gospel to 100,000 (people) in three years," Bauscher said. He hopes the effort will yield a sizeable number of decisions to follow Jesus Christ.

Developing a Fervor for Missions

James E. Castlen, director of mission for Three Forks Baptist Association in eastern Kentucky, has joined the KBC in putting together teams to go on missionary trips to Brazil. Castlen, a missions trip veteran, previously taught missions at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville and joined Three Forks with a desire to be a catalyst for mission involvement and participation.

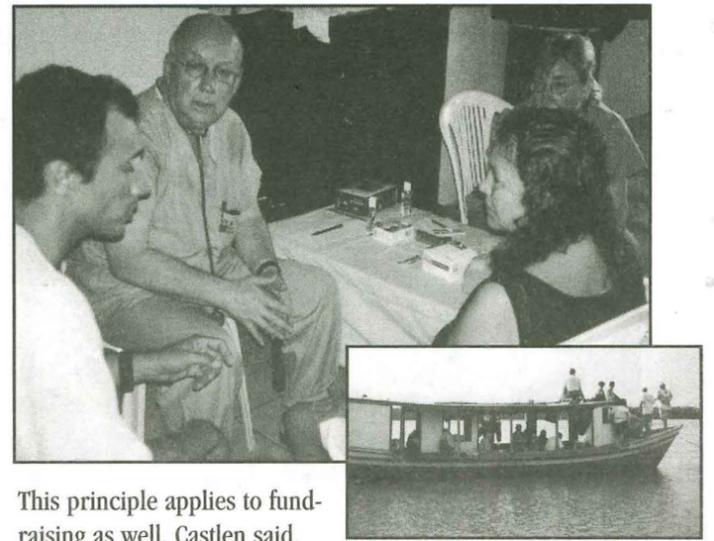
"Missions is in our blood," he said. "It fits in with our sense of vision and purpose."

Before he joined Three Forks, mission trips were rare. Individual pastors from the association's 43 churches had been on trips to Tanzania, Romania and the Ukraine, but lay involvement was virtually nonexistent.

As a missions director for an association that hasn't sponsored overseas missions trips in years – if ever – Castlen has the daunting task of motivating the association's 3,000 members for the task as well as fund-raising for the trips.

Castlen led a 10-person trip to Teresina, Brazil earlier this year that lasted from June 29 through July 9 and included members ranging in age from 24 to 67. It was the first overseas missions trip for half the team, which included three pastors. Castlen expects the group will become enthusiastic missions supporters.

"Once people have been overseas, they do the selling," he said. "The spirit is caught, not taught."



This principle applies to fund-raising as well, Castlen said.

For the summer trip to Brazil, one of the Three Forks churches paid for two women. Already, the association has budgeted \$3,000 for trips next year.

"I'm a firm believer that as God leads endeavors like this, it will strengthen the overall stewardship on the home front," he said.

Smooth Sailing

The trip went surprisingly smoothly. A typical day began with breakfast and group devotions. The teams then split up in the morning, with the women off to vacation Bible school and the men conducting door-to-door witnessing visits. After lunch, both the men and women continued house-to-house witnessing. Some days included presenting the gospel with the "Evange-cube," a Rubik's cube-styled block showing scenes from Jesus' life.

Castlen said the population is mostly receptive to the gospel because they view the world in terms of moral absolutes, unlike the relativism that affects their American counterparts.

Sherry Allen, who went with a different team, Aug. 2-13, agreed.

"We have everything at our fingertips (in America)," Allen said. "We're able to superficially satisfy every need. People in Brazil are searching for just those basic needs to be met, and wanting to know if this is all there is."

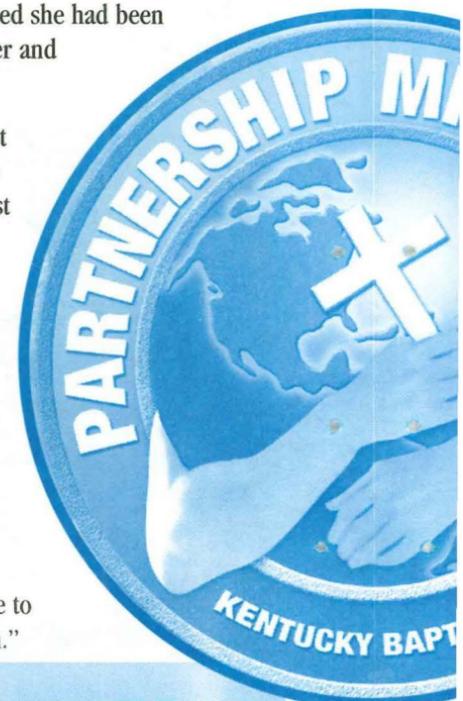
More than 50 people decided to become Christians during home or church services during his trip, says Castlen, and another 25 made decisions during brief, on-the-street presentations.

Farrell Isenberg, pastor of Crosspointe Baptist Church in Owensboro, Ky., attended the August trip with Allen's group. Though he had done some short-term missions trips in the United States, this was his first overseas trip. During one door-to-door visit, a woman admitted she had been praying for someone to come to her and explain the gospel.

"It puts you on a spiritual high, just being a part of leading someone to the Lord," Isenberg said. "The most exciting thing about the trip was going from house to house and seeing those people eager to receive Jesus."

Castlen hopes to have enough volunteers for three teams next year – one for direct evangelism, one for medical work and another for construction.

"My problem," he said, "is I'll have to decide which one I want to go with."



Bivocational Pastor Key To Partnership Missions By Melinda Rainer

MEXICO, Ky. - It took a trip to the other side of the world for Joe Baker to embrace his call as a bivocational pastor. Now Baker is encouraging other bivocational pastors to consider partnership missions as part of their calling.

Baker, who is pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church in Mexico, Ky. and owns his own construction business, experienced his call to ministry during a 1994 missions trip to Russia. Baker says he knew he was supposed to be a bivocational pastor, but avoided taking the steps to make it happen.

"God took me 10,000 miles away and got me out of my comfort zone and away from all my excuses. He took me to school and reaffirmed my call to be a pastor," said Baker. "I went to Russia with the intentions of doing carpentry work and helping the Russian people and little did I know God was teaching me how to work with people."

Because his church is supportive of his mission work and he is self-employed, Baker can usually schedule time for



one mission trip a year. Baker has now made five trips to Russia as well as trips to Poland, Mexico and Germany.

"The Lord has commanded me to go through the Great Commission," he said. "I don't think that was supposed to end at county lines or city limits. After being overseas the first time, I saw the tremendous need."

Baker said bivocational pastors might also be uniquely qualified to meet those needs.

He said bivocational pastors from the United States can be a tremendous encouragement to national pastors, most of whom are also bivocational. Seeing the challenges their counterparts face in other parts of the world is also an encouragement to American bivocational pastors.

"Maybe it's not as hard on us as we think it is," Baker said.

Also, bivocational pastors may bring job skills to the table that other pastors in different settings might not possess.

Calvin Wilkins, partnership missions consultant for the KBC, said Baker's skills have been a great asset to the missions teams he has joined.

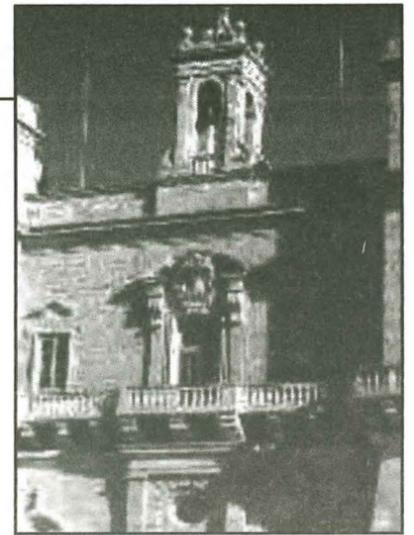
"He is a very valuable volunteer to our project. He not only is able to work with his hands and knows construction

work, but he is also a gifted preacher," Wilkins said.

Wilkins says many bivocational pastors like Baker hesitate to explore partnership missions opportunities because they find it difficult to get time off from their secular jobs, while others struggle with finances.

But according to Wilkins, finances need not be a barrier to missions involvement. The KBC Partnership Missions office can offer financial assistance to a bivocational pastor willing to serve as a team leader for a project. The office will also send letters to churches asking them to assist their pastor in a mission opportunity or seek out funds in the associational budget to enable pastors to go on these trips.

Baker has learned that going where God wants him to serve is what matters. "It's hard for me to comprehend every time an opportunity comes around that God wants to use somebody like me."



College Students Are Big Asset To Partnership Missions By Jessica Perkins

OWENSBORO - The first few days of summer break found 11 Owensboro-area college students thousands of miles away from home at a housing project in Wroclaw, Poland. Instead of picking up a summer class or two, taking a vacation or working a summer job, the students chose to kick off their summer with a 14-day mission trip organized through the Partnership Missions Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The students were to teach conversational English to high school students and lead a children's ministry in cooperation with the Second Baptist Church of Wroclaw.

But the students' hopes of an exciting adventure were nearly dashed when the housing project turned out to be one of the dreariest, darkest places they had ever seen. They had heard rumors that the neighborhood was dangerous, and they were not sure how they would be received.

The anxiety and fear quickly diminished, however, as the group was met with the elated voices of little girls who ran up to greet them. The girls were excited at the coming of these foreigners and warmly wrapped their arms in enthusiastic hugs around the students' legs.

"The children were so hungry for love. It was amazing to have a week with them and be able to share the love they were longing for through sharing the love of Christ," said Laura Vincent, a student on the team and recent graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

The team spent time playing games with the children and sharing Bible stories. Parents and grandparents began flocking to their meetings to hear these stories. In two weeks, eight professions of faith were made. Months later, a group of 20 teenagers continue to meet on a regular basis, learning about Christ and how to serve others through creative ministries



such as music and interpretive movement.

This partnership missions trip – and others like it – changed lives on both sides of the Atlantic.

"Partnership missions gives students the advantage of feeling like they are a part of a whole – the cooperative Baptist effort. They are able to be a part of the big picture and work with other students across the state," says Cindy Pelphrey, who led the trip. "Faith is heart and soul, but it must be acted upon."

Pelphrey, a 30-year veteran of campus ministry who currently serves as campus minister for Kentucky Wesleyan College, Brescia University and a number of community colleges in Western Kentucky, is passionate about educating college students about Partnership Missions opportunities.

"Missions is my passion and young people are right in there alongside," said Pelphrey. "I want college students to understand their purpose and to be educated on missions."

Through the work of the Partnership Missions Department, Kentucky Baptists have the opportunity to serve alongside career missionaries in a number of partnership areas, including New England, Europe and Brazil.

Vincent served on a number of Partnership Missions teams throughout her college years. She now works as an intern at the campus ministry office at the college and is able to encourage other students to participate in ministry opportunities.

Convincing college students to go on Partnership Missions trips is not a tough sell, she said. They are excited about new learning experiences and are willing to be flexible with their time and money in order to serve.

"It was a life changing experience. Money was an issue for me and it was my first time to fly, but God provided for me and protected me. If it's His will for you to go, he will definitely provide," said Amber Davis, a sophomore at Brescia University.

College students are tremendous assets to Partnership Missions projects, says Pelphrey.

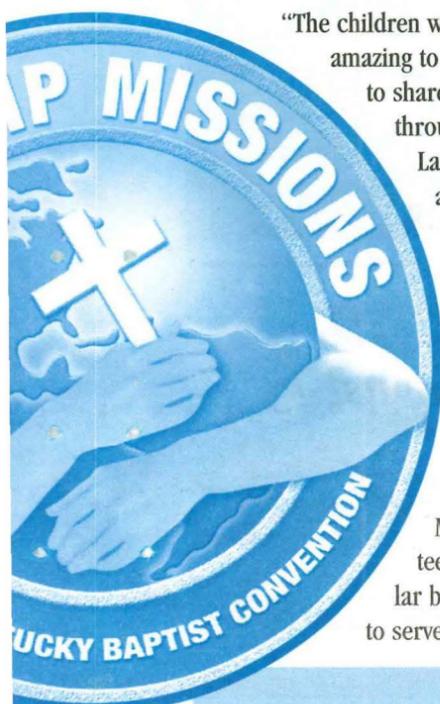
"They bring energy and physical strength to the team. Our team of students would be on the go for 15 hours a day and never wanted to stop – never complained. They are excited about where they are, as they try to understand what a daily walk with God is like," said Pelphrey.

Vincent said churches and associations should support campus ministries, and support college students who want to be involved in Partnership Missions.

"By churches supporting and sending students on mission trips through the partnership missions program they are giving students experiences that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives," said Vincent. "They will bring back those experiences to their communities."

Davis agrees.

"The trip encouraged me to get involved in things locally. It's given me an opportunity to share Christ with the students on campus," added Davis.



Partnerships



North Brazil

Kentucky Baptists have an opportunity to assist in a number of important projects designed to further the cause of Christ in the largest nation in South America. From working with children in pre-school education to participating in an evangelistic mission to thousands of fishermen who operate along the largest open sea delta in the hemisphere, there is a place for you!



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Other Projects



Malta

How would you like to follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul by sharing the Good News on the Mediterranean island nation of Malta? Acts 28 describes how the

Apostle Paul was shipwrecked on the island of Malta (located just south of Italy and Sicily) on his way to Rome. Kentucky Baptists have an opportunity to follow in his footsteps by sharing the Gospel there today. Teams are needed for children's outreach and prayer.

Poland

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Upcoming Projects

Location	Date	Project Type
BRAZIL		
Federal District	Feb-June	Seminars for Pastors
Federal District	Feb-June	Methods for Growing Congregations
Federal District	Feb-June	Methods for Evangelization
Federal District	Feb-June	Six Medical Teams
Federal District	Feb-June	Training for Sunday School Teachers
Federal District	Feb-June	Theological Conferences (Seminary)
Federal District	July-Dec	Construction Teams - September
Federal District	July-Dec	Construction of Chapels
Federal District	July-Dec	Training for work with Children
Federal District	July-Dec	Simultaneous Revivals (25) Churches
Federal District	July-Dec	Evangelism Team of (2) per church
Teresina	Dec. 30-Jan. 1	Interpreter Training
Teresina	Feb. 14 - 25	Prayer Walks/WMU
Teresina	March 7 - 19	Evangelism
Teresina	April 4 - 15	Medical/Evangelism
Teresina	April 18 - 29	Special Evangelism - City Wide Simultaneous Revivals
Teresina	June 6-17	Evangelism/Church Planting/Preschool
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Teresina	June 20-July 1	Evangelism/Church Planting Team
Teresina	June 20-July 15	Evangelism/"Micarina" Carnival
Teresina	July 18-29	Evangelism/Church Planting Team
Teresina	July 18-31	Construction/Chapel & General Evangelism
Teresina	Aug. 1-12	Evangelism - Pastors Training
Teresina	Aug. 1-12	Evangelism/Church Planting Team
Teresina	Aug. 15-26	Medical/Evangelism
Teresina	Aug. 22-Sep. 2	Evangelism/Church Planting Team
Brazil	Sept. 5-16	Evangelism/Church Planting Team
Brazil	Sept. 19-30	Evangelism/Church Planting Team
Brazil	Oct. 3-14	Evangelism/Church Planting Team
Brazil	Sept. 17-28	Evangelism/Church Planting Team

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Kitzingen, Germany	March 31-April 11	Marriage Enrichment Seminar, Weekend
Bremen, Germany	June	Children's Ministry Training, Parenting Seminar And Prayer Walks
Paris, France	Jun-05	Construction Team
Sedge Fen, England	June 15-25	Construction Team
Paris, France	Jun-05	Construction Team
Interlaken, Switzerland	July 6 - 16	Summer Assembly, Interlaken
Interlaken, Switzerland	July 6 - 16	Euro Venture Cooks and Nurse
Jurbise, Belgium	August 1-5	VBS Team
Wiesbaden, Germany	August 1	VBS or Backyard Bible Club
Landerson, France	Sep 2-5	IBC Family Conference

OTHER PROJECTS

Malta	July 9-2	Children's Festival Outreach
Malta	Aug. 6-18	Children's Festival Outreach
Malta	Dates Flexible	Prayer Walking & Scripture Distribution

POLAND

Wroclaw, Poland	Oct. - March	Coffeehouse Remodeling
Wroclaw, Poland	Spring Break	Student Ministry/Coffeehouse
Wroclaw, Poland	May 18-31	Student Ministry/Coffeehouse/VBS
Wroclaw, Poland	May 18 - July 30	Student Min/Coffeehouse/VBS/Engl.
Glogow, Poland	June 8 - 24	Varied Ministries
Wroclaw, Poland	May 4 - 20	Construction/New Hope BC
Wroclaw, Poland	July 13 - 29	Construction/New Hope BC

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Disaster relief looking to add more equipment to its ministry

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Koch said that after an eventful autumn, however, Kentucky Baptist disaster relief units now are seeking to expand their ministry with new equipment and more volunteers.

Disaster relief ministry leaders hope to add a mobile shower unit and safety gear for chainsaw operators to their arsenal of tools, Koch said. Churches and associations are being invited to consider sponsoring the equipment.

Volunteers primarily would use the mobile shower unit—showers, water tanks and heaters housed in trailers that can be hauled behind pick-up trucks. Volunteers usually are housed in local churches, many of which don't have shower facilities. The mobile shower unit also could include a washer and dryer.

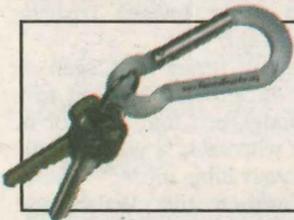
The shower unit also would be available to other Baptist Men on Mission groups, including Kentucky Changers and Baptist Builders, as well as to victims of disasters.

Koch also is seeking to add two full sets of safety gear, including helmets and specially designed chaps, to the seven disaster relief equipment trailers across the state. The safety gear will protect volunteers from injuries as they use chainsaws to clear fallen tree limbs and other debris.

The total cost for the shower unit will be approximately \$18,000, while the helmets and chaps can be purchased for \$33 per set.

Koch said the increased visibility brought on by the Kentucky units' response to hurricane relief efforts in Florida and Alabama has resulted in numerous inquiries from people interested in becoming trained volunteers. Disaster relief training is scheduled Jan. 25 at the Warren Baptist Association office in Bowling Green, and Feb. 17 at the Mercer Baptist Association office in Harrodsburg.

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More evangelicals link faith, psychology to fight depression

"To imagine that our brains are affected physiologically by sin is a new concept to a lot of Christians."

Scott Wigginton, associate professor of counseling at Campbellsville University

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Taken together, along with the advance of Christian counseling and psychology in recent decades, the books illustrate a potential sea change in the way evangelicals are talking about depression.

"There is an attitude in the evangelical community that you can pray (your problem) away," said Walsh, who in an interview talked frankly about the antidepressant medication she takes regularly for clinical depression.

Walsh started taking an antidepressant during a stay in a psychiatric hospital. For months, "I couldn't concentrate, or sleep, or eat well," displaying classic warning signs of clinical depression.

Before getting help, it was easy to ignore the obvious.

"Christian ministry provided the perfect place for me to hide," Walsh said.

She began her journey out of denial in 1992, when an on-air guest turned the tables and asked about her shortcomings. Walsh, then a co-host with Robertson, cried and fled to her dressing room.

"I had no idea what was wrong with me. I thought I was losing my mind," she said.

Straight out of the Bible

For some evangelicals, therapy can come straight out of the passages of the Bible, said psychiatrist Paul Meier, who heads Meier Clinics, which provides Christian psychological care at 26 clinics across the country.

"Psychiatry is more biblical than churches," said Meier, pointing to a verse in James 5:16 admonishing believers to "confess your sins one to another."

Meier, who says that more than 3,000 women a week flock to his clinics, estimates that about 20 percent of all evangelicals still think seeking help outside the church is wrong.

That's a big drop from the 80 percent he observed in the 1970s.

Not everyone in the evangelical community applauds such a shift.

Jim Pile, pastoral care pastor at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, Calif., argues that the Bible is sufficient to address issues of the soul.

He's in line with his senior pastor, John MacArthur, whose book, "Our Sufficiency in Christ," warned against therapeutic solutions.

"There are spiritual principles that can be applied to whatever the issue is," Pile said.

But every remedy isn't spiritual, argues Meier, citing the eating disorder bulimia as one example.

"There are some disorders that take 10 or more years of training to recognize," said Meier. He said in those situations "most pastors are not very well equipped to give the right advice."

In Kentucky, Scott Wigginton has counseled both pastors and laypeople who struggled with depression and anxiety.

"What I try to help them understand is that ... the brokenness we deal with as a result of sin touches our physical self just as much as other parts of our self," said Wigginton, associate professor of pastoral



OUTSPOKEN Singer Sheila Walsh speaks to thousands of evangelical Christians about her depression at "Women of Faith" conferences. (Women of Faith photo)

ministries and counseling at Campbellsville University.

Kentuckians' views

Previously, Wigginton spent 17 years as a counselor at Walnut Street Baptist Church's Lifecare Counseling Center.

"To imagine that our brains are affected physiologically by sin is a new concept to a lot of Christians," he said.

"You find a lot of people who want to beat themselves up because (they think) somehow if they were better Christians, if they had more faith, if they studied their Bible more, if they prayed more, then they would not deal with this."

Jeff Eaton, pastor of Hope Community Church in Lawrenceburg, said he's seen people who responded to spiritual answers to their depression and others who needed more.

Though not a professional counselor, Eaton has studied a form of lay counseling called "deep level healing" in his doctorate studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

He cites Isaiah 61:1 ("He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners") as his guiding verse.

"We don't tell anybody not to take their medication. I can't diagnose. I just come at it from a totally ministerial level," he said, adding that many people suffer depression from believing lies about themselves and others.

"I just think people are so wounded. I think they're beat up. I attribute it to the enemy. He's the father of lies," he said. "We do refer (clients) a lot. But if I sense it's spiritual, then we try to—through Scripture and prayer—handle it. And we do see success from it."

Depression might seem easy to recognize, given that 19 million Americans suffer from it every year, and women suffer twice as much as men, according to the federal government's National Institute of Mental Health.



So if all churches haven't clearly seen the problem, others in the evangelical Christian community are paying close attention.

Since 1999, membership in the American Association of Christian Counselors, based in Forest, Va., has more than tripled, from 15,000 to more than 50,000.

"Of course you need prayer and Bible study, but women need help," said Dr. Tim Clinton, AACC's president.

In 2000, the AACC began offering "Caring for People God's Way," a certificate program on mental health issues that Clinton said has trained 60,000 pastors, professional counselors and lay ministers. AACC also sponsors "Extraordinary Women" week-end conferences.

Pain "swept under rug"

Ruth Graham's appearance at a recent conference drew 7,000 women. By the end of the year, AACC expects up to 200,000 to attend a conference, an increase of more than 50 percent since 2003.

"Women of Faith," featuring prominent Christian women as speakers, including Walsh, is expected to attract 365,000 women this year.

"A lot of pain and hurt has been swept under the rug," said Clinton. "We know now there are physical issues for depression in women—thyroid, hormone fluctuations. If we really accept that the church is a spiritual hospital, we can't deny these issues."

"But we're not for raw psychology," said Clinton. "We're trying to champion faith."

"I think it's fine that the church is skeptical of therapy, but there is a strong God component in Christian counseling today. Our goal is to see the counseling movement go squarely into the church, and for the church to become a healing

Resources

Books on depression include:

In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart by Ruth Graham.

The Heartache No One Sees by Sheila Walsh.

The Lies We Believe by Chris Thurman.

Unmasking Male Depression by Archibald Hart.

Feeling Good by David Burns.



community."

Wigginton encourages people to look for a counselor who models the description of King David in Psalm 78:72, "David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them."

"When they look to Christian counselors, they need to make sure that that person both has integrity of heart—a growing relationship with Christ—and also skills that can help them diagnose and understand and then move toward treating people," he said.

"Too many times it is seen as an either/or: 'Either I sell out to a secular model, or I find a pastor or counselor who says, "I will pray for you. Read your Bible more."'"

With women like Walsh and Graham being so publicly transparent, more evangelical women are seeking the healing they so often neglected or ignored.

"It's all about connecting with one another and connecting with God," Walsh said. "In some churches, if I stood up and said I had a brain tumor, you'd pray for me. But if I talk about mental illness, that becomes a divisive issue."

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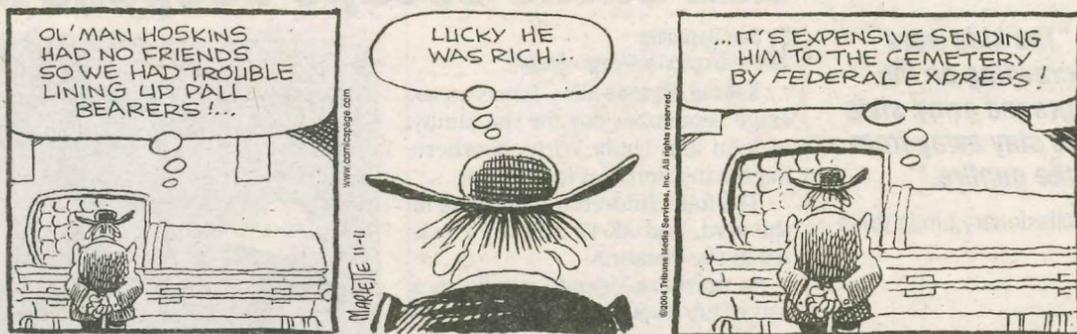
The seminar fits nicely into a Sunday or Wednesday evening service or a consolidated adult Sunday school session. There is no cost for the seminar or the consultation.

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Bible Crosswords

John H. Thornberg

Across

- 1 To engrave with acid
- 4 Common contraction
- 7 Woodwind
- 11 Powerful lobby in D.C.
- 12 Erstwhile emerald?
- 14 "___ we like sheep have gone astray" (Isaiah 53:6)
- 15 Proximal's polar opposite
- 17 Central African nation
- 19 Gemstone comprising third foundation of wall of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21)
- 21 To know (Scot.)
- 22 Spigot
- 24 Balaam's beast
- 25 Marble for marbles?
- 29 Scold constantly
- 31 "___ is finished" (John 19:30)
- 32 Gem in second row of high priest's breastplate (Exodus 28)
- 33 "I find ___ fault in him" (John 19:4)
- 34 "And on earth peace, good will toward ___" (Luke 2:14)
- 36 Bottom of the barrel?
- 37 "Some of them thought, because Judas had the ___" (John 13:29)
- 38 Familiar name of Brazilian port
- 40 Geographical abbr.
- 42 Gemstone comprising seventh foundation of wall of 19 across

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- 47 Return to original speed (music)
- 49 Indian communal village
- 51 Zilch
- 52 Formerly known as the coney, in Bible times
- 54 Row
- 55 Gem in fourth row of 32 across
- 56 "Thou anointest my head with ___" (Psalm 23:5)
- 57 Cause disintegration of blood cells

- 13 Conscious self
- 16 Exposure in Ixtapa?
- 18 "Go to the ___, thou sluggard" (Proverbs 6:6)
- 20 Covers with a hard, glossy surface
- 23 Slender cigars
- 24 Aspire to
- 25 First ___
- 26 Needlefish
- 27 What to wear
- 28 Printer's measure
- 30 ___ and Magog (Revelation 20)
- 35 Well

Down

- 1 "But the ___ of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4:7)
- 2 Practical joker
- 3 Converts into cold, hard currency
- 4 Soft mineral
- 5 Linking verb
- 6 To scatter or cluster
- 8 Tree found on Persian Gulf
- 9 Not a spring chicken
- 10 Character actor Jack, whose stock-in-trade was westerns
- 12 Cohort

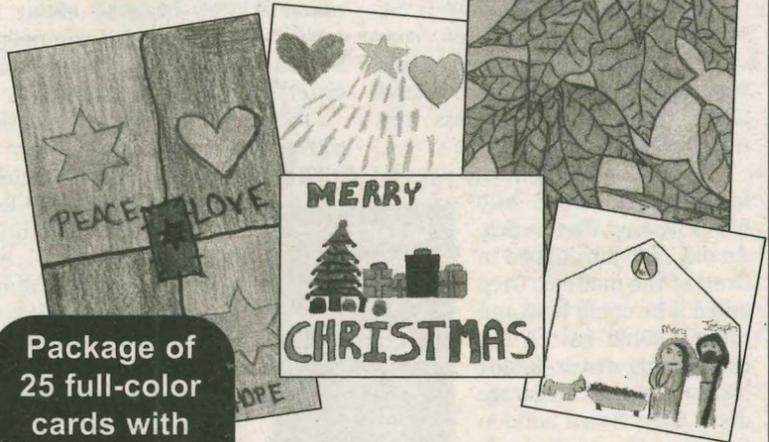
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Gun battle escape deepens missionaries' bond with locals

"The kids were crawling on the ground army-style to stay away from the gunfire."

Missionary Linda Witte

By Sue Sprenkle
SBC International Mission Board

Kabong, Uganda (BP)—It was an average September day for the family of John and Linda Witte, Southern Baptist missionaries in Uganda.

The four children were playing in the yard, and AK-47 rifle fire crackled in the distance.

In northern Uganda, gunfire is a way of life if you live among the ever-warring Karamojong people.

Suddenly, a loud boom echoed across the desolate valley. It sounded like rocket fire, and it was close.

Four Ugandan army tanks and a personnel carrier had rolled in to confront Karamojong warriors—in the Wittes' front yard.

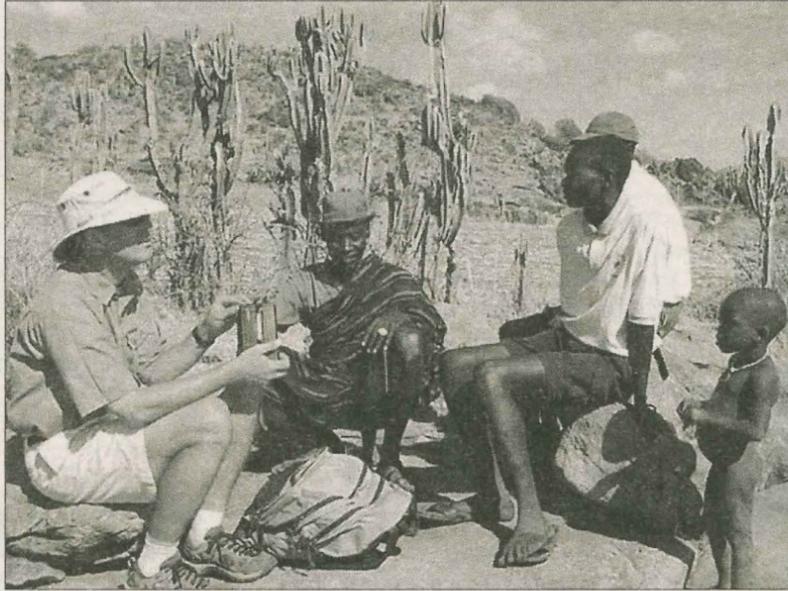
John and Linda said they never had felt endangered by the everyday fighting. But that day they were caught in the middle. Government troops fired over the house at warriors on the hill behind the missionary compound.

"Bullets whizzed by," Mrs. Witte said. "The kids were crawling on the ground army-style to stay away from the gunfire. We could hear big blasts and booms off in the distance."

John grabbed the radio and tried to make contact with other missionaries. He was surprised when the message went out clearly. In the remote area of their home, the radio often didn't work.

After hours of gunfire, the Wittes finally heard a break in the fighting. John sent Linda, their four kids and two house guests from the United States out the back. The group fled the compound on foot. All the roads were closed.

"When we got to a clearing by some big rocks and sat under the



TELLING THE STORY John Witte, a Southern Baptist missionary in northern Uganda, says Bible stories in the heart language of the Karamojong people are "really breaking through the darkness, as they learn God's Word and hide it in their hearts." (IMB photo by Sue Sprenkle)

tree, we met up with some of our people from the villages," Mrs. Witte recounted. "When we saw each other, we all rejoiced. The women and I started singing Bible songs right there under the tree."

Exploding rockets

Witte had stayed behind to maintain radio contact with the plane coming to evacuate them. The kids stood on a boulder, watching through binoculars for their father. Their teenage daughter, Jordan, caught a glimpse of him running from the house with three Ugandans.

Then a rocket exploded just 200 meters from the fleeing men.

"I thought my dad was hit," she said. "I kept watching, and then there he was. He came running out of the dust. He and the other men were OK."

The reunited family had to walk to an airstrip six miles away. The roads were closed, and the walking paths were too dangerous to take. Their friends from the village led them through the bush to the circling plane.

"In that one experience, we bonded with our friends like never before," Mrs. Witte said. "Since we were on foot, just like them, we were hiding in the bushes from the bullets. In fact, we were completely dependent on them to help us stay safe."

The Wittes said they hope this new bond will open the door to sharing the gospel—something the Karamojong have resisted in the past.

Because they deal with drought and famine—and war—on a daily basis, the Karamojong are so busy trying to survive that they don't have much time for anything else, Mrs. Witte said.

Penetrating spiritual darkness

In the past year, however, the Wittes say God has opened doors and a missionary team has been able to begin chronological Bible storytelling.

"We had no chance of getting the gospel to them in our own efforts. It's only through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit," Mrs. Witte said. "There is such a darkness there. The Holy Spirit is the only thing that can penetrate."

"But these people are beginning to understand. Storying the Bible is really breaking through the darkness as they learn God's Word and hide it in their hearts."

Such a breakthrough is desperately needed, Witte noted.

Of the 120,000 Dodoth people—the Karamojong subgroup to which the Wittes minister—only about 500 are evangelicals. While the New Testament has been translated into their language, the Karamojong are an oral people, and almost no one reads. The "Jesus" film, however, is available in their language.

The Wittes are asking for prayers that the Bible storytelling groups will continue despite the recent unrest and fighting. Their children ask for prayer for friends left behind, who still are dodging bullets.

'Change' is a good word

Changes in Oneida's tutoring lab are resulting in student improvements

By Charmaine Nichols
Tutoring Lab Director

"Change" is a word that brings a different mental image to each of us. To one, it's about leaving the comfort zone (or the comfort zone being invaded). For another, it's the only opportunity to be successful. Yet another might view change as a vehicle to greater productivity. Let me tell you about changes that occur when God speaks and His servants listen.

The tutoring program began with a volunteer librarian helping a student in one corner of the library. It expanded to six periods a day in a couple of classrooms known fondly as the "special help department," then moved to a spacious building later renamed the "tutoring lab."

But more than physical changes were taking place. Program and structure were being refined continuously to accommodate students who needed reading and math skills remediated, or just supplemental help with regular class work. It included locating tutors willing to work with an unusual compassion for student differences.

Now this is where you really see God at work. A lab tutor might stay a year, then move on to another position at Oneida Baptist Institute—or leave this ministry altogether. Another might be a "long-termer" like Martha Harmon, beginning her 19th year in the same place. But the need always is filled, in a time God chooses.

But sometimes God does the spectacular. I'm thinking of Teri Phoenix, who can teach phonics to high school students with the gravity of phys-

ics. It works because she's a real "Barnabas" with an unusual compassion to treat each student's problem, however trivial, with concern, consoling and encouraging with incredible sweetness. Although offered other positions on campus, Teri chooses to work with students having the severest problems, where upsets can be mollified, unwise decisions redirected, cheering them on in the smallest victory.

Then there's Sharon Grant, mother to a special-needs child—who thanks God every day for that privilege! Because of such proximal experience, she innately seeks innovative ways to accommodate student differences. Add to that her wonderful skill for organization plus a bubbly disposition on the worst day, and she's a natural for overseeing tutors and students in the high school area. She successfully started an independent reading program for tutoring lab students needing help only in comprehension, a previously unmet need. More recently, she introduced a math computer program to more effectively address our students' need for daily review and evaluation.

A fourth long-termer, Karen Case, had home-schooled their five children and also had special education experience before coming to OBI. It became apparent that her knowledge of materials and methods were God-sent. It was inevitable that she would oversee middle school tutors and students. Consequently, changes in the reading program are having a greater impact on student success than ever before.

In the tutoring lab, change is a good word. W.F. Underwood is president of Oneida Baptist Institute, Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972; www.oneidaschool.org; e-mail: president@oneidaschool.org



W.F. Underwood

Thankful for guardian angels

Indiana alumnus encounters a frightening robbery

After what happened April 14, alumnus Greg Hodnett is "convinced, more than ever, that angels supernaturally protect and defend God's children in countless and invisible ways."

The 1982 graduate, who lives in Indianapolis, drove into his driveway after lunch. An old, red van stopped in front of the mailbox. Greg asked if he could help and offered some gas to the thin, young driver. Beside his car, closing the garage door, Greg heard sudden footsteps. The young man placed a semi-automatic pistol to the back of Greg's head and said, "You make one sound, and I'll blow your head off."

He took Greg's billfold and forced him into the house for more money. Death threats were repeated over and over. A strategy to get the man outside came to Greg and he told him he had money in the bank. The robber decided they would go to the ATM.

"The voice of God was clear in my heart," Greg recalled. "I decided I would not get into that van under any circumstances." When the robber broke eye contact getting into the van, Greg slammed the rear

door closed, and ran across the street, yelling for help.

A 9 mm round from 35 feet missed Greg's head by about 10 inches. Greg pretended the neighbor was at the door and said, "Dial faster! Look, there he is! Hurry!"

The diversion worked and the robber hurriedly drove away. A high-speed police chase ensued;

the van wrecked and the man started running, finally tripping as his sagging pants fell around his ankles. Legal maneuvers have postponed the trial.

Greg states, "I was forever changed by this event. I pray for the perpetrator often—for justice in the legal system, and for God's mercy through Jesus Christ. I am so thankful to God for His power and protection."

"Our friends in Christ have been super encouragers too. Our family has drawn closer. We have affirmed our conviction that physical possessions are of little value. Earth has its happy, even exuberant moments, but we are laying up treasures in heaven, where guardian angels daily await their assignments to protect and defend."

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Bill Whittaker

Supreme Court asked to review Oregon's assisted-suicide law

Washington (RNS)—Oregon's one-of-a-kind law allowing doctor-assisted suicide moved toward the ultimate legal test last week when the U.S. Department of Justice asked the Supreme Court to review a lower court decision that upheld the law.

The Justice Department argued that Oregon usurped the Controlled Substances Act by permitting doctors to prescribe lethal doses of pain-killing drugs. Assisted suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose" of the drugs, it said.

The U.S. Supreme Court typically takes about six weeks to decide whether to accept cases. If it rejects the petition, the Oregon law would remain in effect and could be blocked only by an act of Congress.

Supporters of the Oregon law said they liked their chances, whether the Supreme Court chooses to hear the case or not.

Oregon has prevailed at each step as the case, known as Ashcroft v. Oregon, worked its way through federal courts.

During the six years since the Oregon law took effect, 171 Oregonians have died by doctor-assisted suicide.

Conservative leaders oppose Specter as judiciary chairman

Washington (ABP)—Religious conservatives are objecting to the elevation of a pro-choice Republican to the chairmanship of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee.

Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter is in line to become the committee's new chairman when the 109th Congress convenes next year.

Sen Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the previous chairman, was scheduled to turn over the reins because of term limits the Senate Republican Conference imposed on committee chairmanships.

But when Specter spoke to reporters following his own re-election, he appeared to warn President Bush against sending the Senate any far-right nominees for federal judgeships—particularly the Supreme Court.

"When you talk about judges who would change the right of a woman to choose, overturn Roe vs. Wade, I think that is unlikely," he said, according to published accounts.

Since then, conservative religious and anti-abortion groups have asked their supporters to flood Senate Republicans with messages opposing Specter's chairmanship. The Judiciary Committee controls the approval process for the president's nominees to the federal bench.

Despite the opposition, Specter might still survive. He repeatedly has attempted to clarify his comments, claiming that he was only saying Senate Democrats are likely to filibuster Supreme Court nominees who might take more conservative positions on abortion rights or other issues.

According to media reports, Specter has been calling fellow senators to reassure them that he would not impose a "litmus test" on Bush's nominees to the federal bench.

Still, as many as 20 conservative groups have opposed Specter's elevation to chairman.

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, has told Baptist Press, "Arlen Specter has not been a reliable friend of those who want conservative, strict constructionist judges on the federal judiciary."

Few prominent Republicans have publicly come to the senator's defense.

The Judiciary Committee's members will vote on whether Specter should become chairman. That decision can be appealed to the full Senate Republican Conference, chaired by Specter's Pennsylvania colleague, Sen. Rick Santorum.

Even though Santorum and Bush are more conservative than Specter on social issues, both campaigned heavily for him earlier this year, when Specter faced a tough primary challenge from a social conservative.

With additional reporting by Baptist Press

Democratic strategists: Party must embrace values language

Washington (RNS)—President Bush's victory shows Democrats that they need to better communicate with voters on moral and cultural issues, according to two veteran Democratic strategists.

"I think Democrats, if they are wise, all of them are going to Bible school, and they are going to learn the language of values, relearn the language of values again," said Robert Borosage, co-director of the Campaign for America's Future, a progressive policy organization. "That's a grand Democratic tradition from Dr. King, to Jimmy Carter, to Bill Clinton."

At a National Press Club news conference on Nov. 5, Borosage and Kerry adviser Stan Greenberg assessed their party's struggle with religion and moral values, which exit polls indicated were key components to Bush's victory.

"Moral values by far is the strongest driver in terms of dictating the votes for George Bush," said Greenberg, a Democratic pollster, referring to an exit poll he conducted for Campaign for America's Future.

But the Democrats stressed that Republicans are not the ultimate arbiter of morality and suggested that voters should include poverty, health care and equality in education in their evaluation of candidates' standing on moral issues.

"Religion is not a partisan attribute," Borosage said. "Progressives will and should challenge the right wing's claim to morality and to religion. It's a moral disgrace that low-wage workers in this society work full time and are not paid enough to lift their families out of poverty. America has a moral imperative to provide health care and quality education for every child."

Joseph Loconte, the William E. Simon Fellow in Religion and a Free Society at the conservative Heritage Foundation, challenged the notion that the Democrats' problem is one of communication.

"The myth that's floating around right now is that the Democratic Party needs to develop a language for morality and values and faith," said Loconte, who was not at the news conference. "The problem for the Democratic Party goes much much further than that."

Loconte said it was a problem of fundamental core ideals. "Democrats were not able to persuade most Americans that they share their moral vision for America."

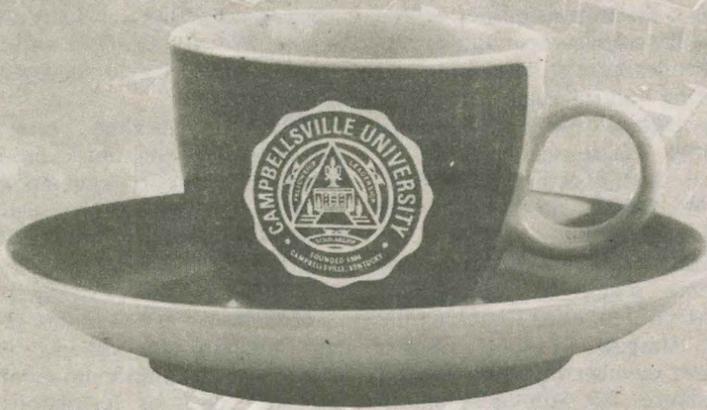
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■ **BOWLING GREEN**—First Church is sponsoring a "Holiday Hope" program Nov. 21, 5 p.m. It is designed to help those dealing with grief during the holidays. For more information, contact **Rodney Vincent** or **Marsha Hopper** at (270) 842-0331.

■ **CENTERTOWN**—Waltons Creek Church recently called **Randall Brown** as pastor.

■ **DE MOSSVILLE**—**Doris Spegal**, volunteer medical director and board member for the Northern Kentucky Baptist Convalescent Center, died Oct. 6 at age 88. Spegal, a graduate of Cumberland College in Williamsburg and University of Louisville School of Medicine, was a member of Wilmington Church. She served 20 years as a professor of pediatrics at Dallas Medical School.

■ **ELIZABETHTOWN**—Severns Valley Association called **Tommy Purvis** as director of missions effective Dec. 1. He previously was pastor of Ballardsville Church.

■ **ERLANGER**—Erlanger Church will host a Thanksgiving banquet Nov. 21, 6 p.m. Comedian and author **Mike Williams** will be the featured speaker. For information, contact

the church at (859) 727-2588. **Dan Francis** is pastor.

■ **FLORENCE**—Kento-Boo Church recently ordained Youth Minister **Daniel Crowther** to the gospel ministry.

■ **GLENDALE**—Gilead Church will host a community Thanksgiving service Nov. 21, 6 p.m.

■ **HORSE CAVE**—Retired Baptist pastor **Leon Larimore** died Nov. 8 at age 93. Larimore, pastor of Third Avenue Church in Louisville for 29 years, also was pastor of churches in Edmonson, Green, Hart, Metcalfe and Monroe counties.

■ **LONDON**—Corinth Church recently called **Keith Reynolds Jr.** as minister of music.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Beargrass Church recently called **Matthew Smyzer** as pastor.

Edward Boyd, pastor of Chapel Park Church for more than 33 years, recently retired.

Kenwood Church recently called **Peter Beck** as pastor.

Angela Hartman recently resigned as music minister at Midlane Park Church.

Vine Street Church recently called **Josh Howell** as minister of

Christian leaders gather at U.N. to launch global anti-poverty campaign

New York—Representatives of more than 260 Christian relief and development agencies met recently at the United Nations to launch the Micah Challenge, a global anti-poverty campaign.

The goal of the effort is to cut world poverty in half by 2015. The Baptist World Alliance General Council voted earlier this year to join the coalition.

During the meeting at the U.N., Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane of Cape Town, urged churches to join in the effort to fight global poverty.

"How can we claim to follow Jesus if we are not prepared to work to achieve His gospel good news for the poor?" he asked, adding that "Christians can play a vital role in helping global leaders meet their commitments.

"When Christians work with one another, united across nationalities and races, across rich and poor, across men, women and children,

we have an enormously powerful and influential voice," he added. "We must speak loud and clear."

Describing poverty as "evil," Ndungane said he supports the Micah Challenge because "its results will lead to the alleviation of poverty in many parts of the world."

Paul Montacute, director of Baptist World Aid, was among Baptist representatives at the meeting.

"As I travel to some of the poorest part of the world, I see too many children lacking the basic essentials of life: food, clean water, basic medications and education," Montacute said. "They deserve better than this."

Other Baptist participants included Michael Smitheram, the international coordinator for the Micah Challenge and a member of Canberra Baptist Church in Melbourne, Australia; and Doug Balfour, general director of Tearfund, the largest evangelical relief organization in Great Britain.

Georgetown names development VP

Georgetown—Dan Miller, a 1982 graduate of Georgetown College, has been named Georgetown's vice president for development effective Jan. 3.

Miller has served since 2000 as vice president and executive director of the WHAS Crusade for Children, a children's charity that raises more than \$6 million annually to fund a variety of agencies, schools and hospitals providing service to special needs youngsters. He also has held other management positions with WHAS-TV.

Noting that Miller "made his mark by bettering the lives of spe-

cial needs youngsters in Kentucky and southern Indiana," Georgetown College President Bill Crouch added, "We look forward to benefiting from his expertise, experience and passion as we prepare future generations of leaders for new frontiers."

"I am very excited about beginning a new career in higher education," Miller said. "My family and I look forward to this big adventure."

Miller and his wife, Patti, who also attended Georgetown College, have two sons: Michael, 13, and Jeffrey, 9. They currently attend Highland Baptist Church in Louisville.



Miller



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

20 Creative Ministries Workshop
101, Hillcrest Baptist Church,
Hopkinsville.

December

13-14 KBC Mission Board meeting,
Baptist Building, Middletown.

24-31 KBC Christmas Holidays,
Baptist Building closed.

January

13-15 Shepherding the Shepherd
Conference, Lexington.

25 Pastors' Forum, Severns Valley
Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

27-28 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for
Spiritual Awakening, Maple Grove
Baptist Church, Louisville.

28-29 Preschool/Children's Ministry
Meeting, Trinity Baptist Church,
Lexington.

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youth. **Mike Snearly** is pastor.

■ **MAYFIELD**—First Church recently called **Dean Brown** as minister of worship. **Bob Swift** is pastor.

New Vision Church recently licensed **Donnie Harrison** to the gospel ministry. **Chad Frizzell** is pastor.

■ **OWENSBORO**—Hall Street Church will host a Southern gospel concert Nov. 21, 6 p.m., featuring the **Specks** and the church worship choir singing selections from the **Specks'** choral collection, "For the Glory of Christ."

■ **POOLE**—**Harry "Bud" Breamer** recently resigned as pastor of Poole Church.

■ **UNION**—Big Bone Church recently licensed **B.J. Sanders** to the gospel ministry. He recently was called to Hebron Church as youth minister.

■ **WINGO**—Fellowship Church will hold revival services Nov. 14-17, 7 p.m., with **Charles Powell** as evangelist. **Barry Summersville** is pastor.

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SEEKING: God's called man for full-time pastor of Temple Hill Baptist Church, 8427 Tompkinsville Road, Glasgow, KY 42141. Church resident membership: 395; worship attendance: 135; Sunday school attendance: 105. Please send resumé to: Pastor Search Committee, 124 Siloam Road, Glasgow, KY 42141, or fax to (270) 651-6087.

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SEEKING: Full-time minister of music/education for Sharon BC, Wichita, Kan. (MSA 500,000+). Blended worship. Experience/seminary preferred. Resumés to: bhartmann@sharonsbc.org.

SEEKING: Full-time associate pastor with ministry focus on students and recreation for a vibrant First Baptist church in Southeastern Kentucky. Seminary training and youth ministry experience preferred. Please send resumé to: Search Committee, 201 North Main St., Barbourville, KY 40906, or e-mail to chsec@barbourville.com.

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Kindergartner's Christmas candy cane court case gets settlement

Gresham, Ore. (RNS)—The candy cane Christmas card court case—in which an Oregon kindergartner's religious cards provoked federal litigation over the First Amendment—has ended in a settlement.

But the kindergartner's lawyers and the Gresham-Barlow School District still dispute what happened in the first place and what last week's settlement in U.S. District Court means.

Lawyers for the American Center for Law and Justice, which represents 7-year-old Justin Cortez, said the settlement spells out precisely how the Gresham-Barlow School District in suburban Portland will, in the future, avoid violating students' right to religious expression. Justin will be allowed to bring candy canes attached to a religious message into his first-grade classroom this year.

But School Superintendent Ken Noah said the settlement merely "describes exactly what we did in this case, and says we'll do that in the future."

The case started last year, before a holiday party at the North Gresham Grade School where students were allowed to exchange cards and gifts. Justin had signed cards that included candy cane ornaments and a story linking the candy cane to the story of Jesus.

Julie Cortez said that after she left the bag of cards at school, she got a call from the teacher and principal saying that under the First Amendment, the school was prohibited from distributing cards that promote a religious viewpoint.

Cortez contends that the school was violating another part of the First Amendment, which says government can't prevent students' free expression of religion. She called the ACLU, a constitutional-law group in Washington, D.C.

But Noah said that though school officials declined to distribute a "religious tract," they did offer to make the cards available to students in the classroom—the action required by the recent settlement.

Under the settlement, students wouldn't be able to hand the cards directly to their classmates, said ACLU's Stuart Roth. But the teacher will let the class know they are on a table in the room, and the students can pick them up if they like.

Courts are often less willing to allow student-led religious expression among younger students, Roth said. Some judges have reasoned that young students "can't differentiate speech from other students and speech from the teacher. ... Cases have gone both ways," he said. "I think it's a fair compromise."

Muslim convert seeing growth, conflict

By Shawn Hendricks
SBC International Mission Board

Richmond, Va. (BP)—Most of the messengers in the crowd never saw his face. But they may remember seeing and hearing his story at this year's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Indianapolis.

"Abdullah," a South Asian Muslim who became a Christian, helped spark a movement in his homeland that has changed thousands of lives for Jesus Christ. His story was depicted in a video dramatization just before he walked on stage.

Abdullah, whose real name was not used for security reasons, spoke with his back to the crowd to protect his identity and answered questions from International Mission Board President Jerry Rankin. Standing next to Abdullah was retired missionary Tom Thurman, who led him to the Lord years ago.

Abdullah told stories about persecution and martyrdom. One of his childhood friends was among nine evangelists in the movement murdered for their faith. Despite persecution, the ministry had more than 400,000 followers and 9,000 churches at that time.

Three months after Abdullah shared his story at the annual meeting, word has come of amazing growth within the ministry—and increased opposition.

Despite increasing opposition to Abdullah, the movement has continued growing. Abdullah recently crossed a border into another area of South Asia to share the gospel.

Today, the number of believers and churches involved with the ministry has ballooned, according to a missionary who has worked closely with Abdullah on the field.

"The movement has grown so quickly, we have found it almost impossible to have 'actual' numbers,"



he said.

Abdullah's enemies also have continued to increase.

"He called today to let us know that he has received some very specific threats against his life, his family and others who work with him," the worker said. "These threats are actually being (left) on his mobile telephone."

63 Christians in prison

In addition to the death threats, 63 Christian men who are involved in the ministry were arrested recently. All of the men remain imprisoned.

"In the past when Abdullah's people were placed in jail, (Christians) would scramble to raise money to get them out. It is different this time," another worker said.

Instead of paying for lawyers and

various court fees, any money that is raised is going to the men's families, the worker says. Each wife will receive about \$20 for food while the men are in jail. This amount should maintain an average-sized family for two to three weeks.

"They are thinking that God has placed all of these men in jail for a purpose," the worker said. "We feel confident that incredible things are taking place inside the jails."

"When the 63 men get out, we will hear their stories."

The workers ask Baptists to continue praying for Abdullah and those involved with the ministry. They specifically seek prayer for the prisoners' protection, their families and strength to endure what occurs in prison. They also request prayer that prison guards would be open to the gospel.

SBC REPORT Tom Thurman, right, a retired missionary who served 33 years in South Asia, and Jerry Rankin, center, IMB president, talk with "Abdullah" during the SBC annual meeting in June. Because of Abdullah's witness, more than 400,000 people have been baptized and 9,700 churches and 500 Bible study groups have been started, Thurman said. The movement continues to grow. (BP photo by Matt Miller)

Author: Do you know spouse's love language?

By Shawn Hendricks
SBC LifeWay Christian Resources

Winston-Salem, N.C. (BP)—Gary Chapman enjoys getting love letters.

But not all of them are from his wife. They often come from couples who have attended a marriage conference he has led.

One such letter came from a man who gushed about his revitalized marriage and how Chapman had helped him love his wife again.

The man credited Chapman's book, "The Five Love Languages," for helping improve his marriage in one weekend.

Chapman shared how couples can apply these love languages to their marriages—quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service and physical touch—during a recent Fall Festival of Marriage event sponsored by LifeWay Christian Resources.

Chapman addressed both how to keep the emotional love experience alive in their relationship as well as the biblical view of sexuality.

He integrated the five love languages into the sessions to teach couples how they can energize a struggling marriage and communicate love to their spouses.

The key, he said, is to find the

love language that one's spouse best responds to and communicate it in the marriage.

Problems can occur for couples when they continually communicate in the love language that they, not their spouses, respond to the best.

"Just because one spouse feels love by being complimented and praised, doesn't mean that the other spouse will feel loved by words of affirmation," he said.

"I think couples are very sincere because they're reaching out in their own way," he said. "It's not a matter of sincerity. The problem is that what makes one person feel love isn't necessarily what makes the other person feel love."

No couple sets out to have a bad marriage, Chapman noted. Most try to make their relationship work, but over time, both spouses become emotionally drained. Chapman referred to the problem as having an "empty love tank."

"If people never feel love, their love tanks eventually will run dry, leading them to find it wherever they can," he said.

Some people don't feel comfortable saying words of affirmation, Chapman said. "They may feel uncomfortable saying even simple

things like, 'You look nice.'"

But if they learn that this is what their mates respond to, Chapman said they usually want to do it, and then it becomes a matter of putting the information to work.

Speaking from experience

Chapman admitted he and his wife struggled in their relationship during their first few years of marriage. He attributed some of their struggles to not having access to the resources like the ones available today.

Chapman said he enjoys helping other couples avoid the same struggles, noting, "I have a passion to help couples with their marriages. It's a calling that God has given me."

He encourages couples to attend a marriage festival or conference at least once a year. "I personally encourage couples who have never been to a fall festival to go," Chapman said.

"If you just pick up one idea, it's worth the investment of the weekend," he added. "Many people say to me the lights came on when they learned what they were doing wrong. You can keep love alive if you can learn how to speak the other person's love language."

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Worship Schedule

Sunday
 8:30 - Worship
 9:00 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Morning Prayer
 12:00 - Lunch
 1:00 - Youth Choir
 4:00 - Evening Worship
 6:00 - Senior High Service

Tuesday
 6:00 - Prayer Time
 6:30 - Choral Chapel

Wednesday
 7:00 - Bible Study
 7:15 - Handbell
 8:30 - Senior High Service
 8:30 - Fellowship Meal
 8:30 - Bible Study
 9:45 - Children's Church
 10:00 - Prayer Time
 10:00 - Children's Choir
 10:00 - Bible Study
 10:00 - AGAPE

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:45 Am
Worship 11:00 Am
Evening 6:00 Pm
Wednesday 6:30 Pm

Workers for the Week of October 10th

Deacon: Gary Williams
 Project Care Team:
 Team 4: Regina Williams
Sunday AM Nursery:
 David & Stephanie Mackey
 Norma Franklin, Ann Kratzke
Sunday PM Nursery:
 Joe & Angela Carter
Wednesday Nursery:
 Ruth Ellen Stanley, Kelsey Walker
Children's Church:
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Deacon: Paul D. Hawn
 Project Care Team:
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Sunday AM Nursery:
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Re-JOYCE with Nathan
Staff Infections
 Clergy and laity. Understanding the role difficult at times. Does God have a special lives of some for vocational ministry? Is this than those who serve God in more secular is the role of each in the church?

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 If you know of
 the household or college

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Weekly Opportunities for Service and Growth

Wednesday, October 8
 5:00 pm Fellowship Meal
 6:15 pm Prayer Time, Fusion (6th-12th)
 7:00 pm Bible Study
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 9
 7:00 pm 40 Days Home Training
Friday, October 10
 7:00 pm Prayer Time Rehearsal
Saturday, October 11
 8:00 am Prayer Time Rehearsal
Sunday, October 12
 8:30 am 40 Days of Community Begins
 8:45 am Awakening Worship
 11:00 am Abiding Worship
 6:30 pm Bible Study with the Pastor
Monday, October 13
 6:30 pm Conversation Time & Fellowship
Tuesday, October 14
 6:30 am Prayer Time Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Prayer Time Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Brandon Circle 10th Mtg

40 Days of Community for Preschoolers

Our preschoolers will be participating in the 40 Days of Community during the Wednesday Worship hour. James and Gilbert Graves will be leading our preschoolers in this exciting study.

Week 1 Traveling Together
Week 2 Building Together
Week 3 Reaching Out Together
Week 4 Belonging Together
Week 5 Growing Together
Week 6 Serving Together
Week 7 Working Together
Week 8 Celebrating Together

Children's & Youth Ministry

God has prepared for our children and youth. Church, I want to thank you for your prayers and support of our ministries. They are appreciated! I want to encourage us to be Godly examples for children and youth. Galatians 5:22-23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus will crucify their flesh, set it not become conceited, provoking and envying of each other."

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 Have a great week! Phil

The Record Speaks
 October 3, 2004

Preschool	22
Children	37
Youth	27
Adults	27
Total	113
Worship	256
8:30 am	127
11:00 am	135
Total	262
Offerings	\$13,700.00
Unexpended	\$1,632.00
Total	\$15,332.00

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