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Love Language

For Canary Islands Muslims, love is the missing ingredient

By Emilee Brandon
International Mission Board

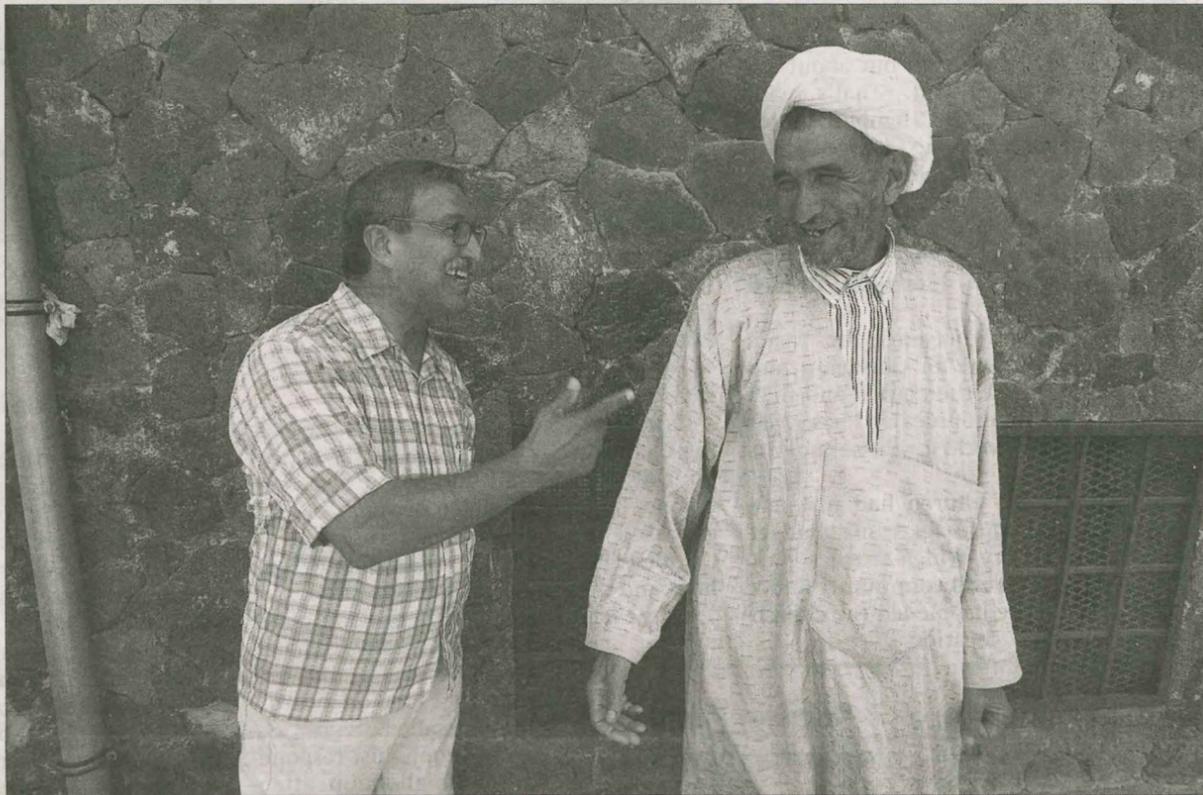
Fuerteventura, Canary Islands—Passersby hardly notice the mosque on this active street corner on the Spanish island of Fuerteventura. No crescent moons, no Arabic writing, no minarets piercing the sky—only dust and exhaust-stained apartments.

But looks can be deceiving. Behind a black metal door, stairs descend to what appears to be an old three-bedroom apartment. At the foot of the stairs stands a floor-to-ceiling shoe shelf. To the left is a trough with two water spigots where followers wash their feet in preparation for Friday prayers.

The air is still and hot at the mosque in Fuerteventura, one of the Canary Islands. Arriving worshippers stir a small breeze, wafting the pungent smell of shoes and body odor. No one seems to notice. Barefoot, each man crosses the holy threshold lined with red prayer rugs. "Salaam alaykoom" (peace be with you), each says as he enters. Those already there echo the greeting.

This is the first time Southern Baptist missionary Pepe Lopez* has attended a service at this location. Omar, one of Lopez's Muslim students, invited him. As it turns out, many of the students Pepe teaches Spanish to every week go to the mosque here.

Omar has not missed a Spanish



Southern Baptist missionary Pepe Lopez (name changed for security reasons) talks with a man before he goes into a small mosque for worship in Fuerteventura, Canary Islands. With many Muslim refugees and people coming to the Spanish islands looking for work, mosques are starting to pop up throughout the area. Lopez spends a lot of his time reaching out to these Muslim men. (IMB photo)

lesson since classes started more than a year ago. Lopez began teaching the free class after a new law required anyone seeking permanent residency be able to read and write basic Spanish. This made it impossible for North Africans like Omar to delay learning the native language.

Lopez said he believes he has garnered respect from his class because he does not force his beliefs on them. This alone gives him regard in the eyes of his students—Omar in particular. "He knows I'm a Christian ... he feels like he is trying to reach me. He doesn't know I'm trying to reach

him," Lopez said with a boisterous laugh.

But there is more to Omar and Lopez's friendship than who's reaching whom. Omar has taken to Lopez because he's proven himself truthful and trustworthy—important traits to Omar.

"Although in public Omar speaks highly of his parents, his faith, in See Southern Baptists share ... *Page 3*



KBC deaf ministry seeks largest unreached people group

By Erin Roach
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Louisville—People who are deaf or hard of hearing comprise the largest unreached people group in the United States, and the Kentucky Baptist Convention's deaf ministry is ready to help churches seize the opportunity to reach them.

"As far as we know, there are 30 million deaf people in the world," according to Tim Bender, a Kentucky Baptist missionary to the deaf. "It's estimated that probably 2 million of them live in the United States. There are probably about 80,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in Kentucky alone."

Enlisting someone to interpret worship services in sign language is a start, but there's so much more that can be done to help the deaf feel more a part of worship, Bender said.

Many deaf people in the state prefer to attend one of six KBC-affiliated deaf churches: one in Louisville, two in Lexington, one in Danville, one in Erlanger and one in Bowling Green. There the pastors either are deaf or are able to communicate directly to deaf people.

"They're not going through an interpreter and they feel more comfortable. It's more expressive. They have more of a sense of ownership and they don't feel inferior or intimidated," said Bender, who has been at his missionary post for 10 years and also is pastor of Louis-

ville Baptist Deaf Church.

The Kentucky Baptist Conference of the Deaf celebrated its 50th anniversary this year, and about 30 churches in the state have established deaf ministries that at least include sign language interpretation of worship services.

Also, the deaf can enroll in seminary classes geared toward them through Seminary Extension based in Nashville. Bender, who teaches in the program, said more than 20 deaf people in Kentucky have taken classes there. Many deaf leaders in the state also have completed the North American Mission Board's church planter training and have planted deaf churches, he noted.

"I'm really proud that the KBC has had this as an ongoing process, to be so concerned about reaching the deaf and helping them grow spiritually that we have a full-time missionary who is recognized throughout the United States as one of the foremost experts in the area of reaching deaf folks with the gospel," said Larry Baker, KBC's director of new work and associational missions.

"It's not a high-profile ministry, but it's something that's very important for people who can't hear," Baker noted. "We are making a huge difference by being able to fund this through the Cooperative Program."

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BEYOND WORDS Tim Bender, a Kentucky Baptist missionary to the deaf, leads in song during a deaf mission trip to the Ukraine.

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Cecilia church credits SBC emphasis for boom

By Erin Roach

Cecilia—Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church, a thriving Kentucky Baptist church with two locations, credits a book from the Empowering Kingdom Growth emphasis with ushering in a season of increased attendance, record giving and an interest in missions.

Rob Sumrall, preaching pastor at Franklin Crossroads in Cecilia, told Baptist Press that leaders reviewed several stewardship studies and chose to implement "Making Change" by Ken Hemphill, national strategist for EKG.

"The material was just right on the spot, and we really wanted to make it not just about financial stewardship but about life stewardship," Sumrall said. "That's really the heartbeat of what Dr. Hemphill is getting across through 'Making Change.'

"He does a wonderful job of helping people see that we're not just stewards of money, we're managers of all the things that God gives us," Sumrall added. "That was something that we felt like really needed to be said."

"Making Change" presents the basics of money management for Christians and casts a vision for how the church and individuals can use the resources God has given them to change the world for the sake of His Kingdom.

Last January, the church had just embarked upon the most aggressive budget increase in its history, which reaches back to 1854. Cecilia is a rural community and a desire to reach more people led the church to plant another location in nearby Elizabethtown in 2007.

"A couple of things led us to the aggressive budget. One was the Cooperative Program. We are committed to the Cooperative Program, and as we faced the budget crunch, essentially we had to decide if we were going to reign in salaries and staff or cut missions giving," Sumrall explained, noting that the church gives 10 percent of undesignated receipts to missions through the Cooperative Program.

The multi-campus approach eventually increased the staff size from two full-time ministers and several part-time ministers to four full-time ministers and several part-time staff members.

"That stretched us greatly," Sumrall said. "There was some thought that perhaps we needed to cut back missions giving. But after much prayer and some pretty intense meetings, the church decided that what we'd rather do is to just go forward in faith and maintain that commitment to the Cooper-



BAPTISM CELEBRATION Rob Sumrall (right), preaching pastor at Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church in Cecilia, and Travis VanMeter, the church's youth minister, baptize a girl during revival services. The Central Kentucky church credits the "Making Change" stewardship emphasis with triggering an increase in attendance, giving and missions interest.

ative Program."

Franklin Crossroads introduced the Making Change study during the Sunday school hour, which Sumrall said didn't please everyone. Because it's video driven, the leaders asked everyone to meet corporately for the first 15 minutes of their small-group hour and then break off for discussion.

"That was different for them. Some of the older folks, it really stretched them. But much to their credit, they got on board," Sumrall recalled.

"The people just responded. Our small-group attendance grew during that time, and I think some of that had to do with the hot-button issue of the economy," he added.

"I think it's a time when the church really needs to speak to those issues. We were a church that was speaking to those issues with clarity, thanks to the help of Dr. Hemphill," Sumrall said. "I think that helped draw the crowd."

Small-group attendance jumped to an all-time high during the study, averaging 380 people.

"It became obvious that we were striking a nerve in the community," Sumrall said.

Though the church had experienced a budget shortfall during the last few months of 2008, giving improved dramatically as people studied "Making Change." In 2008, from January to June, the church received \$278,236 in offerings. During the same peri-

od this year, giving jumped to \$348,655.

"Our aggressive budget has been met. Both campuses of our church continue to grow. 'Making Change' has truly blessed our congregation," Sumrall noted.

Hemphill told Baptist Press that Franklin Crossroads, where he preached to launch the emphasis, serves as an example for other Southern Baptist churches where people are struggling to manage their resources according to God's plan.

"I think first we can learn that we should not fear teaching the biblical truths concerning money," Hemphill said. "It is important to note that their attendance increased because they were talking about an issue that was important to people in the community."

"Second, it should teach us that when we allow God's Word to challenge the heart, His Spirit can change thinking and action. The giving appreciated substantially during a time when most churches were in the cut-back mode."

"Third, it visualizes what I have been saying to Southern Baptists," Hemphill noted. "This is a time of opportunity, not one of crisis. This is our greatest opportunity to reach out to a hurting world. We cannot allow our fear to overcome our faith."

Since the emphasis ended, Franklin Crossroads has continued to see God move. The church averages 330 in small groups and have had more than 100 baptisms since January. The church has organized at least four mission trips this year abroad, including Costa Rica and Africa.

"We've surfed a wave of momentum this year that only God could have given us," Sumrall said. (BP)

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Ken Hemphill, national strategist for EKG

Missionary: There are many ways churches can reach deaf

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For the smaller KBC churches that may have only one or two deaf people as members or prospects, Bender recommended having a couple of people enroll in a sign language class at a community college. Until those people are trained, enlist a friend or family member of the deaf person to help interpret.

He also offered some recommendations for what to do if a deaf person attends a service for the first time and the church doesn't have an ongoing deaf ministry.

"Use a lot of hand signs, waving your hand at them and smiling. Shaking their hand makes them feel welcome," Bender said. "If nobody knows sign language you can maybe try to point out in the Bible what verse the

pastor is talking about or in the song book point out what song the congregation is singing. A lot of churches now have most of it on PowerPoint and that's very helpful.

"Just do your best to make deaf people feel welcome, and they appreciate that. You don't want to treat them like children."

Bender advised against stereotyping the deaf.

"They don't all fit in one mold because some know sign language, some know both sign language and lip reading. Some deaf are totally oral—they only read lips—some use signed English, some use pure American Sign Language.

"Some have gone to the deaf school in Danville. Some have been mainstreamed. Some

have been half and half," Bender continued. "Then you have some deaf with a cochlear implant. Some wear hearing aids. Some are able to talk fairly well, some aren't. Some can read lips, some can't. Some have good jobs. Some have never been able to work."

Church leaders who are interested in starting deaf ministries can visit www.KyBaptist.org/DeafMinistry to download a brochure that includes guidance. Churches also can contact Bender by calling (502) 957-6820, or sending an e-mail to TLLBender@aol.com.

"I will be happy to send them some material or come out to their church and speak to them and share about our deaf work in Kentucky," he said.

Mathis appoints chairs for '09-'10 KBC committees

Louisville—Four former state convention presidents are among the 16 committee chairs appointed for the coming year by Kentucky Baptist Convention President Don Mathis, staff evangelist at Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

The committee chairs include 12 pastors, two laypersons, a church staff member and a seminary professor.

Individuals appointed to chair state convention standing committees are:

Skip Alexander, pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church, Committee on Order of Business.

Don Dilday, administrative pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, Committee on Arrangements.

Ray England, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Greenville, Committee on Resolutions.

Adam Greenway, member of First Baptist Church of Mount Washington and assistant professor of evangelism and applied apologetics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism in Louisville, Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

Mike Hamrick, pastor of Sand Spring Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, Committee on Credentials.

Rick Hatley, pastor of High Point Baptist Church in Mayfield, Committee on Nominations.

Chip Hutcheson, member of Southside Baptist Church in Princeton and publisher of the Princeton Times Leader, Committee on Public Affairs.

Wesley Noss, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Versailles, Committee on Committees.

Kentucky Baptists appointed by Mathis to head KBC Mission Board committees are:

Paul Badgett, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville, missions growth.

Charles Barnes, member of Hurstbourne Baptist Church in Louisville, business and finance.

Alan Dodson, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington, resource development and communications.

Darren Gaddis, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Corbin, administrative.

Chip Pendleton, pastor of Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville, agencies and institutions.

Ronny Raines, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cold Spring, leadership development.

Michael Stacey, pastor of Buena Vista Baptist Church in Somerset, nominating.

John Mark Toby, pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Church in Somerset, church development and evangelism.

Southern Baptists share language, love with Canary Islands Muslims

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private he has shared how his father, particularly, has been rough on him," Lopez recalled. "He is a very lonely person ... and has few friends" since he finds it difficult to trust people.

In order to build relationships with his students outside the classroom, Lopez said he first shows them he is a loving friend.

"That is practically an unknown in their culture or faith," he noted. "Love is a missing ingredient of their life. Just to love as a brother ... goes beyond anything they have known."

As the friendships blossom, Lopez finds opportunities to share the true reason he loves. "Jesus has loved me unconditionally," he said. "He will always forgive me when I ask Him to, even when He doesn't like what I do. That, too, is an unknown to them."

In contrast, Omar's faith requires him to make up for his faults. If he misses a prayer he must do something to get back in Allah's good graces.

"To know that God just forgives us when we repent and ask for forgiveness is an eye-opener," Lopez said of Christianity. "Where for them it is always 'perhaps' Allah will hear my prayer, 'perhaps' Allah will remember my good works, 'perhaps, perhaps, perhaps.'"

There is no "perhaps" with Lopez's God.

"I can speak with deep conviction of an assurance of forgiveness, of constant, steadfast love and conviction that at death I will dwell with God. That just blows (Omar's) mind."

On more than one occasion Omar has shared his admiration of Lopez's strong faith and how he wants to be sure of his own life after death. "When I start seeing a wishful, wistful look," Lopez said, "I know that I am getting through."

That look makes it all worth it for Lopez. It's all the payment he needs in return for teaching Spanish to young Muslims and cultivating relationships with them.

Lopez's wife, Shari, also led a class for a short time, though not one she expected to teach. Her passion, she said, is leading children's camps, but being new to the island, she knew relationship building came first.

When Shari was given the opportunity to lead a Weight Watchers class, she had doubts. She knew

the program worked—she had lost 20 pounds on a recent stateside assignment—but she worried it would interfere with her new ministries.

After praying and talking with her husband, she reluctantly agreed to teach.

A bigger plan began to appear. "I felt what God wanted me to accomplish was to get to know people," Shari Lopez noted.

The friendships built during the Weight Watchers class allowed her to reach areas of the community that previously would have been nearly impossible. Several women in the class were school-teachers from various parts of Fuerteventura. They helped spread the word across the island about the children's camps Lopez was starting.

Most campers don't come from Christian homes. Though Shari's camps are not overtly Christian-themed, many parents say they see a difference between these and others their children have attended.

The Lopezes said they know why the camps are successful. It's not because of them, but because of Jesus. They hope their relationships with the children will develop into friendships with parents so they can share what really sets their camps apart from the others.

And they have plenty of time. Pepe and Shari are retiring to Fuerteventura. The island is starting to develop more work opportunities, infrastructure and tourism.

"What better place to start and continue ministry, to see it grow together with the rest of the development of the island?" Pepe said.

Mainland Spain has two ports with regular ferry transportation to and from Morocco. Because of its close proximity, Fuerteventura recently became the third ferry route to Morocco. This new port has brought significant increases in the number of visitors and new residents.

"I hope and pray that we can start an Arabic-speaking Baptist church in the Canary Islands before I go to be with the Lord," Pepe remarked, "and that it may be a starting place where many Moroccan and Western Saharan brothers and sisters will carry the message to their families and friends on the mainland of Northern Africa." (BP)

*Names changed for security reasons

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Pepe Lopez*, Southern Baptist IMB missionary to the Canary Islands

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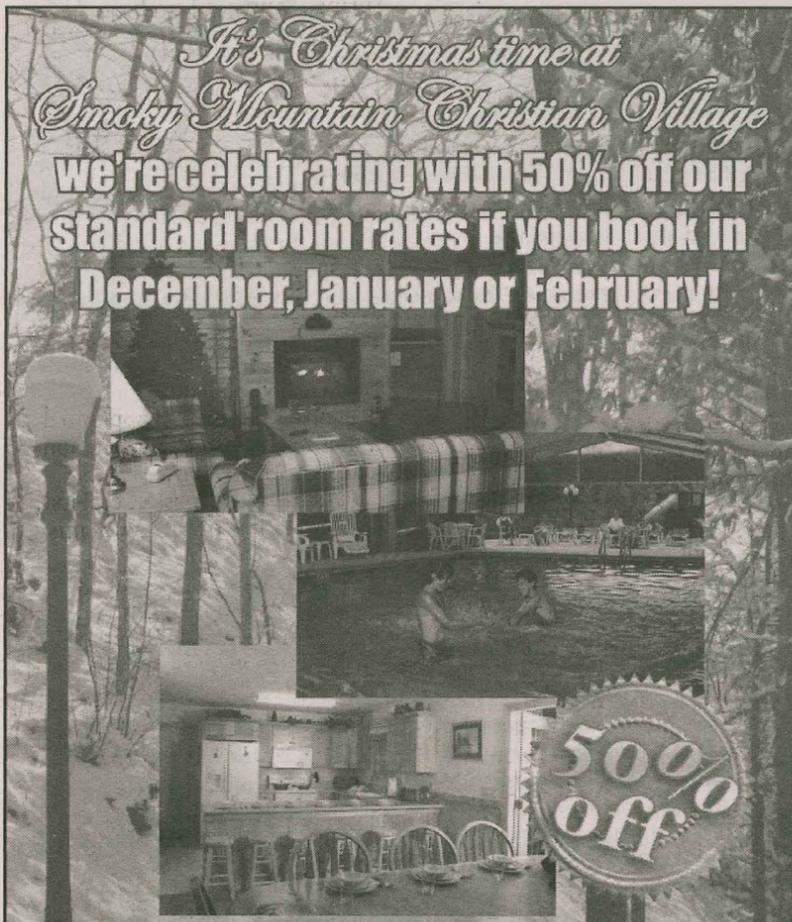
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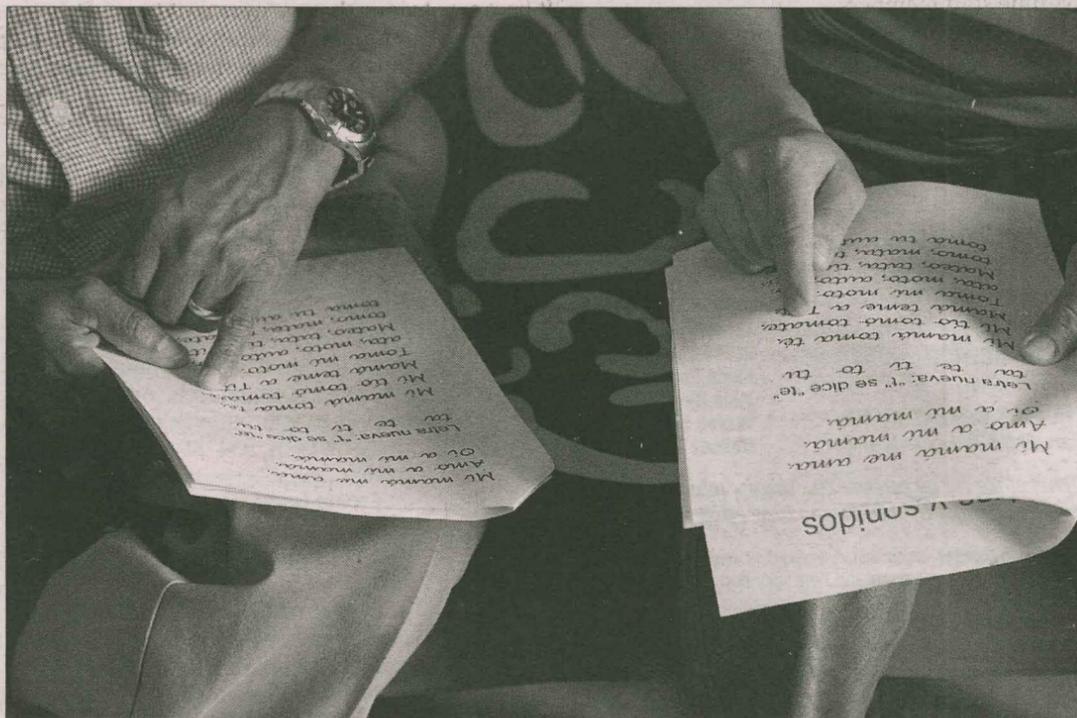


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LANGUAGE LESSON International Mission Board missionary Pepe Lopez (name changed for security reasons) tutors a young man from North Africa in Spanish. Everyone who moves to the Canary Islands must learn Spanish in order to acquire a driver's license. Lopez normally teaches a class with nearly 20 students, but he also does one-on-one teaching. (IMB photo)

A legacy gift to Lottie Moon

The Kentucky Baptist Convention recently received a check for \$138,751.20 from the estate of Dixie Hester sent in care of Stamping Ground Baptist Church. The gift was for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

Partners in the Mission



By Bill Mackey

It was with heart-felt gratitude that we received her gift and had the privilege of sending those funds to the International Mission Board. Because of her faithful stewardship and generosity through her estate, Hester's resources will continue to be used to send missionaries who will see hundreds and thousands come to faith in Jesus Christ.

The Lord's timing is awesome. She made the decision regarding this gift under the lordship of Jesus Christ several years ago. Now it becomes available during an economic crisis when 62 missionaries are waiting for funds in order to be sent. This gift will make it possible for at least three international missionaries to serve for one year.

It is obvious that Hester was committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person in the world. And it is probable that she gave generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering most of her life. She demonstrated a mature understanding of Christian stewardship by supporting her church and missions during her life and through her estate.

This Christmas is a time of great opportunity for all of us to help send the 62 international missionaries who are waiting to be sent and hundreds of others who are in the process of being approved for appointment.

There are thousands of Kentucky Baptists who could step forward this Christmas and send one of these waiting missionaries for one month (\$3,438.23), six months (\$20,629.38), or one year (\$41,258.77). And there are thousands of Kentucky Baptists who could help ensure that hundreds of thousands of unreached people could come to Christ and be disciplined in a local church by placing international missions in their wills or making a legacy gift enabling missionaries to spend their lives sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The theme for the international missions emphasis this year is "Who's Missing? Who's Mission?"

Hester has helped us understand that our mission is to learn who is missing and to then pray for them, partner with missionaries to reach them and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering sacrificially so missionaries can be in the field to share the gospel.

Because you gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering last year, 26,970 churches were started, 565,967 people were baptized and 562,091 new believers were in discipleship. Through your sacrificial gifts this year, others will be inspired and encouraged and—empowered by the Holy Spirit—the harvest will exceed all expectations.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Airport chaplains offer hope to travelers, workers

Lee Eames meets his congregation coming and going each week.

As lead chaplain at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Eames coordinates the efforts of approximately two dozen chaplaincy volunteers in serving the spiritual and emotional needs of travelers and airline employees in one of the region's busiest hubs.

"Chaplaincy is a ministry of presence, often just showing up in a spirit of Christian love," said Eames, whose ministry is supported by Northern Kentucky Baptist Association and the North American Mission Board. "It makes such a difference to the passengers and airline employees," he said, explaining that "on any day, I may get to pray with a dozen to 15 people."

Approximately 16,000 employees work at the airport and some 18 million people pass through its gates every year. In a crowd that large, many are bound to be experiencing some sort of crisis in their lives.

"It is a beautiful ministry," Eames nodded. "We are providing pastoral care for people who are underchurched or unchurched."

The interfaith ministry began back in 1989 when a group of area clergy and laity, including Randy Jones, former NKBA director of missions, approached airport officials about creating a chapel. In 1997, the chapel, which was staffed entirely by volunteers, was relocated to terminal 3 near the baggage claim area for Delta.

During the recent construction of a sky mall, the chapel's ceilings and walls were damaged by water. Many airport employees were delighted when the chapel reopened a few weeks ago after having been closed three months for repairs.

"Most of a chaplain's time, however, is not spent in the chapel, but in the airport," said Cliff Wartman, a member of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Fort Thomas, who is president of the chapel's board of directors. "Still, the chapel is there for anyone who wants to come in and pray," he added.

Some 30 to 50 people usually visit the chapel each day, Wartman said. "Most of a chaplain's work is building relationships with the airport employees and 'being on mission' by assisting and comforting distressed travelers. By gaining a rapport, those who do not have a church home often look to the

chaplain as a pastor, he explained.

Eames, a former pastor, loves to train chaplaincy volunteers in observation skills, encouraging them to "walk through the airport looking for faces that seem anxious or hurting." Sometimes all someone needs is a listening ear, and "once they tell their story to someone, they usually feel better," he explained. Many times, chaplains can direct a person who is grieving, hurting or lonely to a pastor, counselor or another resource where they can find further help or support.

"Lee (Eames) has a gift for initiating conversations and getting to know people in just a few minutes," observed Rick Robbins, current NKBA director of missions and a member of the chapel's board. "He knows a lot of people at the airport and they often call on him."

For example, a woman who worked at the airport on Sundays was "starving spiritually" and wanted to get back to church. Eames was able to connect her with a local Hispanic congregation, where she has started leading the music. She has invited four of her friends to attend church with her.

And, after a Muslim man recently made a profession of faith in Christ, Eames was able to counsel him about where to start in his new faith.

Then, an Army officer was having difficulty obtaining a rental car to get to his hotel, which was more than an hour away. Eames offered to drive him and en route shared several Scriptures and encouraged him to commit to a deeper relationship with Christ.

Last year, a woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer became very disheartened and began to lose her faith. Several months ago, however, she began pulling Eames aside to ask him to pray for her and her family. "She has found peace of mind in the midst of a busy airport," Eames said.

Airport chaplaincy provides a tremendous opportunity to minister to an international community, Robbins observed. "It's a ministry to people from all walks

of life, and many of them are traveling because of life crises—deaths, divorces, serious illnesses and accidents," he said. "A lot of people are open to talk with a chaplain," searching for someone who can offer a word of hope ...

Along the Way

By Todd Deaton



There's an angel on that roof

A simple, well-lit stable stands visibly on your church lawn. A lighted sign says "Turn here for free live nativity." Music is playing and costumed nativity characters create a captivating Christmas-card-like setting. People stop to observe, and church members welcome them with steaming cups of cocoa. The atmosphere is worshipful yet joyfully celebrative.

A live nativity can be an effective witness to your community and may attract hundreds—even thousands—to your church. Add oomph to your church's nativity with a few of these fresh ideas.

Create interest:

- A giant lighted star high above the church. A searchlight. Laser lights.

- An invitation banner. Business card size invitations for church members to share. Hand-deliver invitations wrapped in small gift boxes to neighbors, media and businesses.

- Stage the nativity on multiple evenings. How about a Christmas Eve date? A children's nativity

night?

Add details:

- A stable built to hold angels on its roof. A few hay bales for seated viewing.

- Luminaries or staked Christmas lights mark a driving route. Light the church steeple or stained glass

- Add beards, wigs, shepherd staffs and creative headwear. Ask a women's class to craft elegant kings' gifts or crowns.

- Nothing stops traffic like live animals—a camel, sheep, baby goat, donkey or chickens in a wooden cage. Take great safety precautions, of course.

Teamwork works:

- Include many in preparation. Delegate costumes, props, music, construction, lighting, sound system, publicity, traffic plan, animals, literature, refreshments.

- Church members sign up for shifts as a greeter, mingler, helper, traffic director or nativity character.

- Two sets of costumes allow smooth shift transitions. The dressing area has an atmosphere of joy.

Fresh Ideas



Diana Davis

Point to Jesus:

- Encourage each shift of characters to pray together before reverently taking their place.

- Spot lighting focuses on the baby. Costumed characters don't take their eyes off Jesus.

- Add bits of video, drama, live music or reverent choreography. Characters rotate kneeling beside the baby.

- A trio of kings or angels sings to Jesus. The children's, youth or adult choir wears biblical costumes and worshipfully sings to Jesus.

Welcome to Christmas:

- Give guests a candy cane, Bible, handmade ornament or a well-worded bookmark about the nativity and God's salvation plan. Every guest receives a verbal and printed invitation to Sunday worship.

- Allow children viewers to wear a robe and reverently join the nativity, standing near the manger for a minute or two. Snap a photo and invite parents to pick it up on Sunday.

Get the picture? A live nativity will stop traffic ... and those cars are full of folks who need to meet the Christ of Christmas.

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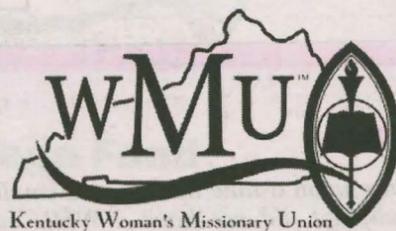
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Can we give 10% more?

Winter 2009-10

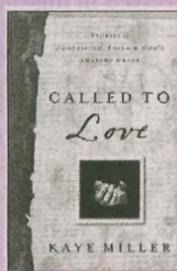
Called to Love

2010 Kentucky WMU Missions Celebration & Annual Meeting
 Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, 2010
 Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville

Special Guest Kaye Miller



President,
 WMU, SBC
 & author of
 "Called to
 Love"



- Kentucky missionaries serving around the world
- Luncheon honoring Patricia Reaves, president of Kentucky WMU, 2006-10
- Ministry Project & Conferences
- Open House at the Kentucky Baptist Convention Building & Reception for Kaye Miller
- "Find It Here" Celebration
- Welcoming the World to Kentucky: The World Equestrian Games, with special guest Pat Day
- Louisville Ministry Tour
- Sessions are Friday morning, afternoon and evening, and Saturday morning



Patricia Reaves

A Personal Word

Partnership is one of my core values. It is also a core value of WMU. Working with others to achieve goals is vital and helps us accomplish more than any of us could do alone. It is the reason that we are Woman's Missionary Union.

In WMU we partner with the Southern Baptist Convention to support missions and enable sending missionaries by the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board. The WMU partnership includes sending out posters, prayer guides, and envelopes. It includes planning each missions emphasis in our churches and taking the lead in promoting missions offerings.

As we begin the international missions emphasis, challenge your church to exceed last year's giving by 10 percent. Missionaries are awaiting appointment. Unreached people groups are dying without a gospel witness. We have exceeded the \$4 million mark in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering giving for the past 3 years. A 10 percent increase would put us in reach of \$5 million! It took us nine years to move from the \$3 million mark to \$4 million. Can we reach \$5 million in half the time?

"Find It Here," the largest simultaneous evangelism effort ever attempted in Kentucky, is another important WMU partnership. Kentucky WMU has been involved in planning and promoting "Find It Here" in cooperation with the Kentucky Baptist Convention from the beginning. Now, across our state, as associations mapped out their area and worked with churches to assign every street and road for prayerwalking, WMU members have responded with enthusiasm. There is an excitement about what is happening.

It is important to recognize that "Find It Here" is not just a Kentucky effort. In cooperation with the North American Mission Board, "Find It Here" is a part of a multi-year strategy called God's Plan for Sharing (GPS). Other states are participating, too. Pray for this effort across our nation to share Christ. Continue to pray for your community. It's not too late to prayerwalk and prepare the "soil" for planting gospel seeds in March when we will deliver bags with a gospel presentation to every household in Kentucky.

Above all, WMU partners with God to fulfill the Great Commission. Our watchword, "Laborers together with God," is taken from 1 Corinthians 3:9, and echoes Paul's understanding of his role in spreading the gospel. In the months ahead, we will hear much about a "Great Commission Resurgence." As Kentucky Baptists consider how we should respond and partner with the SBC, Kentucky WMU remains committed to partnership and cooperation with churches, associations, our state convention, the SBC, and with Great Commission Christians around the world.



Joy Bolton
 Executive
 Director-Treasurer

Watch for publicity and registration information to be mailed in early January.
 Westport Road Baptist Church is conveniently located just off the Gene Snyder Freeway (I-265), exit 32, at 9705 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40242

2010 Annual Meeting Hotels

Blocks have been reserved at these hotels:

Hampton Inn
 4100 Hampton Lake
 Way
 Louisville, KY 40241
 502.327.8880
 Rate: \$87.00 + tax
 (includes continental
 breakfast)
 Cut off date: March 26
 Use Code: WMU
 - General Block

Hilton Garden Inn
 9850 Park Plaza Ave
 Louisville, KY 40241
 502.123.0018
 Rate: \$94.00 + tax
 (does not include
 breakfast)
 Cut off date: March 9
 Use Code: Kentucky
 Woman's Missionary
 Union

Other area hotels (but no block reserved):

Courtyard by Marriott
 10200 Champion
 Farms Drive
 Louisville, KY 40241
 502.429.9293

**SpringHill Suites by
 Marriott**
 10101 Forest Green
 Blvd.
 Louisville, KY 40223
 502.326.3895

Churchwide



Is your passion and zeal for missions and mission education still flourishing?

This time of year, we are thinking of the Christmas holidays: winter, family and settling in with a hot cup of coffee or hot cocoa.

However, this is not the time to take it easy.

Your role as WMU director is just as vital now as it is in the fall. You are the key to keeping mission education, mission involvement and missions, Missions, MISSIONS in the forefront of your church. Your role is to keep the passion alive!

Most of us are into the second quarter of the WMU year, and there are opportunities for your church.

Week of Prayer for International Missions: You should have already received your International Missions packet from Kentucky WMU and ordered your materials to celebrate in December. If you have not ordered your materials, it is not too late! Use this emphasis to inform and educate your church family on the importance of missions internationally and at home. Provide as many resources as possible to reach those who attend and are members.

Focus on WMU: This annual emphasis allows you to teach your church what WMU is. Include the entire WMU leadership team to coordinate an event that includes each age level organization and the ministerial leadership. If you have not worked with your pastor on this before, this is a great time to get to know his vision and heart for missions. Make sure to include the six areas of missions focus as you share WMU with the church. These six areas are what the church is about. Tell them what WMU is doing through its age-level organizations and the church, the community and world.

Project HELP: Poverty: You have only nine months left to emphasize poverty as the Project HELP ministry area. Find information on pages 42-43 in the current yearbook.

MissionsFEST/FamilyFEST: It is not too early to advertise and get members of your church to register for an opportunity to get involved in missions. In 2010 there are FamilyFEST opportunities in Cincinnati, Ohio and Wichita, Kan. MissionsFEST participants will be able to serve in Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands.

Called to Love: Continue to emphasize the second part of our watchword that we "love our neighbors, as ourselves." As our sweet mission friends say: "Love God, love others."

Keep warm, yet on fire for missions and mission education!

Peace, Joy and Blessings!
Wanda

Adults

Once upon a time there was a small church that did not have a WMU or Women on Mission group. They were in a populated area, but the church was out in the country. One day some women thought, "Isn't there more to church than just worship and Bible study?" Then one of the women said, "I've heard about this mission education organization called Women on Mission. Maybe we could do that here at our church. I will call and find out more!" She called the Kentucky WMU office and learned that her church qualified to be a new start organization. They received materials to help them get organized and started learning about, giving to and praying for missions.



And now for the rest of the story: this group has been together for eight months. Their enthusiasm has grown as they meet weekly for an hour before the Wednesday night service. They have been involved each month is serving others in their church and community.

What a testimony to WMU and Women on Mission!

Did you read? This group meets every Wednesday night. They do a mission lesson, Bible study and, sometimes, another devotion! They always name and pray for the missionaries.

A quote from a recent letter says, "It is such a blessing for us ladies to gather, study, converse and form closer friendships with one another. Please continue to pray for our group as we do our part in mission work."

Recently in a chapel service, the speaker challenged listeners to put as much time in their Bible study and time with God as the time spent watching television. In fact, the speaker said that if people would use the eight minutes of commercial time in a thirty-minute program for Bible reading, one could read the Bible in a year. What would happen if we extended that same zeal to supporting missions in our community, church and world? If we gave up an hour of TV time or whatever takes a lot of your time and gave to God in prayer and Bible study then add another hour to mission and mission education...wow!

How will your story read?

Winter Blessings!
Wanda Walker

Youth

Plans are underway for Exalt 2010 at Georgetown College, April 16-17. The theme next year is "Scarred Warrior" based on Isaiah 53:3-5 and Ephesians 6:10-19. Gayla Parker will be our speaker. Gayla is the author of the student prayer book "Connections," a former Acteens director for Arkansas, and current executive director of Maryland WMU. Danielle Harrison will be our worship leader. A former Acteen, Danielle lead worship at Exalt 2008 and Splash 2009.

On Saturday afternoon, we will head to the Kentucky Horse Park for an after-



noon of prayerwalking, ministry projects and worship.

The World Equestrian Games will be held at the Horse Park in September through October. Officials expect 600,000 visitors from around the world during the games. Our purpose will be to pray for the world and that there will be opportunities to share the gospel. Pat Day will share with us during our closing worship service.

This time of year we focus on international missions. You will want to challenge your youth to find their place in God's mission with the International Mission Study, available from national WMU. The study focuses on North Africa.

It is not too late for you to begin planning a mission trip or ministry project for this summer. Mission trips are a great way to help your youth put their faith into practice and make it their own. Please call me if you need any ideas.

You can receive training for missions opportunities at the Youth Missions Workshop at the Creative Ministries Festival. The festival will be held at Southern Seminary in Louisville, March 5-6 and at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, March 12-13. Contact me for more information.

LaRaine Rice



Preschool & Children

Preschool

Through Mission Friends, preschoolers can change the world! During the winter quarter:

- Involve preschoolers in the International Mission Study in December. The study, which focuses on missions in North Africa, can be found in the *International Missions Study 2009 Teaching Guide for Preschoolers*. The study coordinates with the December unit in *Start*.

- Observe "Focus on WMU," Feb. 15-21, to help your church recognize Mission Friends as a part of WMU. Plan with the church WMU director for this special emphasis using suggestions in "Start" and the "2009-2010 WMU Year Book" pages 27-28.

- Begin preparing for the North American Mission Study coming up in March! The March unit in "Start" focuses on missions in Nevada.

- Visit www.missionfriends.com for more information about Mission Friends,



including the Mission Friends Leader Forum, where you can share ideas and thoughts with other Mission Friends and WMU leaders.

Children

As Girls in Action and Children in Action continue to become "Fit 4 God's Mission", make sure to include these highlights:

December marks the emphasis for International Missions. Provide the opportunity for the children in your church to participate in the 2009 International Mission Study for Children. Children will learn about missions in North Africa and how missionaries reach out to share

God's love there. Encourage members of Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, and Children in Action to attend. Use this special time to invite boys and girls who are

not involved in missions education.

The third annual Children's Ministry Day is February 20, 2010! This special day, sponsored by national Woman's Missionary Union, is for all children in the church to get involved in hands-on ministry. Children and leaders across Kentucky, as well as throughout North America, are encouraged to participate in ministry projects to meet needs in their own communities. Think about the impact thousands of children's groups can have when they go beyond the walls of their churches and reach out to others in both rural and urban settings with acts of compassion. Visit www.childrensmisions.com to learn more about the special day and the resources available. While you are there, check out the discussion forum where you can share ideas and thoughts with other children's missions leaders.

Brenda Price



President's Perspective

When I became president of WMU, I told you I felt like I was in the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh, the Places You Will Go." Now I'm reaching the last pages of my book. I can't believe that I have only a few more months to serve as your president. It has certainly been a time of beyond belief experiences.



Pat Reaves
Kentucky WMU
President

Recently, I have had the privilege to visit some of your churches. I've had opportunities to train some of you to do Mission Friends, and that is my favorite thing to do. I had the opportunity to spend some time with LaRaine and the Acteen Panelists as they planned Exalt. What great young ladies.

In October, the Executive Board of Kentucky WMU met at Cedarmore. We spent much time in meetings and planning, but had times of worship too. (Ngan) Kim Price, one of our board members, gave her testimony. Kim is from Vietnam and told us how she lived as a Christian under communist rule. Thanks, Kim, for making me more grateful. Twyla Sheffield updated us on the Heritage Fund. Would you prayerfully consider giving to this fund? I appreciate the ladies on the board for serving through WMU. Our WMU staff always does a good job getting the meeting together. Thanks to all of you!

Dudley and I have had the privilege, for many years, to serve as family group leaders at the International Student Conference in Cave City. This is always a highlight of the year. We have the opportunity to meet many international students going to school in Kentucky. Our Baptist campus leaders do a great job befriending these students as they introduce them to Christianity. Thanks to all of you who give to the Eliza Broadus Offering. This is one of the ministries that probably wouldn't happen if you didn't give. If you haven't taken your Eliza offering, it isn't too late!

We are working on plans for the 2010 annual meeting. The date is April 9-10 at Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville. Kaye Miller, national WMU president, will be with us. We will have missionaries, ministry projects and many other things.

I hope you have been a part of "Find It Here." We are prayerwalking the community around my church, and it is an eye-opening experience. You realize just how many lost are all around us. Please take part in this huge project, praying for each household in Kentucky and then inviting them to our churches in April. **Love God. Love others.**

Working together,
Pat

Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund

June 1–Aug. 31

The following people were honored or remembered through gifts to the Kentucky WMU Heritage Fund during the fourth quarter of the 2008-09 fiscal year. Thanks to each person who gave to the Heritage Fund in honor of or in memory of someone significant to you and WMU.

In honor of

Novella Anderson
Melissa Mae Bean
Betty Williams Chandler
Gerald & June McNeely

In memory of:

James H. Harris
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Louise Hayes Williams
Anna Shearer
Christine Woods
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Barry & Larie Allen
Maribeth Hambrick
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Joy Bolton
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Phronsie Quinn

*Toward pledge

In addition, gifts for the 1000² Campaign for the Heritage Fund continue to come in. Pledge gifts are noted each quarter and may also be given in honor or memory of someone. You can still participate in the 1000² Campaign by making pledge or gift today!

1000² Campaign Contributions

(includes \$1,000 gifts, pledge payments, and other gifts)

Irma Woodrow
New Salem Baptist Church PGDL Circle
Kentucky WMU Staff
Bill & Charmaine Nichols
Clayvillage Baptist Church
Dry Ridge Baptist Church Night Women on Mission
Westport Road Baptist Church WMU
Jo Pelham
Patty Renfrow
Crestwood Baptist Church WMU
Oakland Avenue Baptist Church WMU
Cheryl Hatfield
Twyla Sheffield

Scholarships Available!

Young women who are seeking a career in missions, social work, or a full-time church related vocation are encouraged to apply for endowed scholarships awarded annually by Kentucky WMU.

Scholarships are available for college and seminary students as well as Acteens. Most are designated for Kentucky women, although men and out-of-state applicants are eligible for a few of the scholarships.

Criteria for available scholarships is detailed in the Kentucky WMU scholarships brochure. Please contact Kentucky WMU for a brochure and application. Applications are due by February 1.

Become a Fan of Kentucky WMU on Facebook to get all the latest information

Active Compassion

Women on Mission Regional Retreats

Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, Corbin, January 29-30

Camp Schafer, Hawesville, March 12-13

What exactly is Active Compassion?

Compassion brings a desire to help, the desire has to be moved to action for compassion to make a difference. Compassion by itself is nothing more than a feeling we experience. Our feelings also cannot change another's hardships. So what happens when we add "active" to "compassion?"

Is it worth the cost?

Search your heart and mind as Gayla leads us to find out what this means for today.

Leading our retreat is Gayla Parker, former missionary to the Philippines and currently serving as the Executive Director of Maryland-Delaware WMU.

Registration costs \$55, including three meals, lodging and study materials. For more information please contact Kentucky WMU.

Calendar

November/December

Nov. 29-Dec. 6 Season of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering

January

29-30 Women on Mission Regional Retreat, Laurel Lake, Corbin

February

15-21 Focus on WMU
20 Children's Ministry Day

March

5-6 Creative Ministries Festival & Youth Missions Workshop, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville
6 Hispanic WMU Event, Elizabethtown
7-14 Season of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
12-13 Creative Ministries Festival & Youth Missions Workshop, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green
12-13 Women on Mission Regional Retreat, Camp Schafer, Hawesville
26-27 Kentucky WMU Resource Team, Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville

April

8 Kentucky WMU Executive Board Meeting, Louisville
9-10 Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville
15-17 Baptist Nursing Fellowship Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, Texas
16-17 Exalt & 4:GO, Georgetown College

Make a difference for Christ!



Join the Mission Adventure Camp Staff!

Staff positions include: Recreation Leader, Worship Leader, Kitchen Coordinator, Fellowship Leader, Crafts Leader, Nature Leader, Lifeguard, Technology Leader.

Salary: \$200 per week, plus \$25 per week for lifeguard certification

For more information contact Stacy Nall, Stacy.Nall@kybaptist.org, (502) 489-3454, or visit www.kywmu.org

Make plans now for 2010 Mission Adventure Camp

Make your plans now to attend Mission Adventure Camp at Cedar Crest! This summer campers will be challenged to Live Love as they learn about missions in Kentucky and around the world. Campers also will be challenged to share the Good News in their own communities. Campers will meet a missionary and participate in worship and Bible study. As always, campers will enjoy exciting recreation opportunities!



Mission Adventure Camp has exciting new camping opportunities!

■ Teen girls in grades 7-12 and their church leaders are invited to join us for an Acteens Overnight at Cedar Crest.

■ Required leaders for weeklong and express camps receive a reduced rate! Female leaders are required for every 1-7 girls and male leaders are required for every 1-7 boys. Leaders can receive the discount rate if they lead 2-7 campers. Any additional church leaders

Camp/Dates	Costs
Girls, grades 3-6 June 14-18 June 21-25	\$180*
Leaders for both weeks	\$25
Teen girls, 6-12 & leaders June 18-19	\$48
Express Camps (Girls & boys, grades 3-6) June 28-30 June 30-July 2	\$96*
Leaders for both camps	\$20
Mother/Daughter Overnights (Grades 1-3) June 18-19 June 25-26	\$53*

All rates are early bird rates and are per person.

* Rate includes T-shirt.

pay the camper rate.

■ Weeklong and Express Camps: Bring 6 campers get the 7th camper free!

"Live Love" at Jonathan Creek

Find your place in missions this summer at Overnights at the Creek! Learn how to use your gifts and talents to spread God's love.

June 25-26

• Mother/Daughter Overnight (grades 1-3 and moms) \$38

• GA Overnight (grades 4-6 and chaperones) \$44

• Acteens Splash (grades 7-12 and chaperones) \$48

To find out more about missions camping, call the Kentucky WMU office at (866) 489-3534 or visit www.kywmu.org.

Eliza Broadus Offering overage funds range of mission, evangelism projects

When the Eliza Broadus Offering (EBO) exceeds the goal, it means two important things.

First, every ministry that has been designated for funding will receive the full amount. This is vital for each ministry. And, secondly, additional ministries will receive funding.

When you gave \$105,722 over the 2007-08 EBO goal, the following evangelism ministries received funding:

- Crossover Louisville church planting (\$65,000).
- Association/church evangelism grants (\$30,000)
- Collegiate participation in Crossover (\$3,000)
- Reach University of the Cumberlands evangelism event (\$2,000)
- Evangelistic special ministries (\$5,722).

The association/church evangelism grants have been given in cooperation with Ross Bauscher, KBC evangelism team leader. Churches and associations planning special evangelistic outreach often contact Dr. Bauscher to see if the KBC has funds available to help.

He has been able this year to grant

requests to help with crusades, servant evangelism projects, evangelism through Christian drama and an event designed to reach youth through Christian concerts.

After evangelism requests for funding received approval, they have been forwarded to Kentucky WMU.

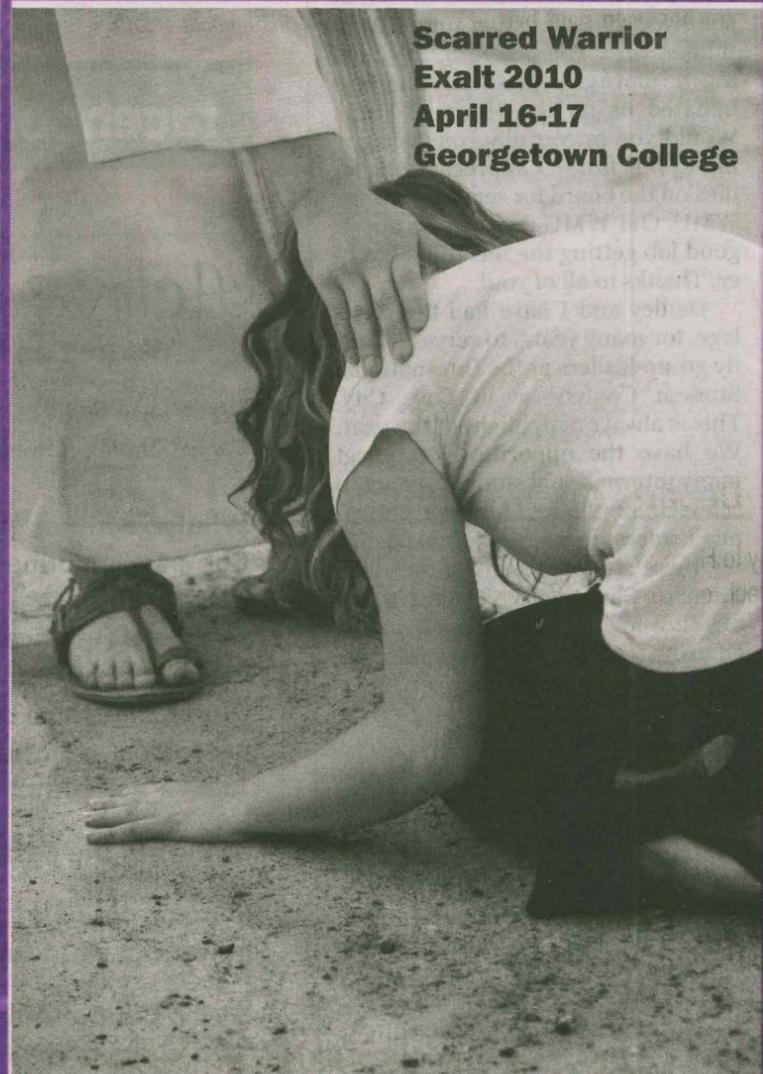
We have written the checks and enclosed a letter explaining that these grants were made possible by the gifts of Kentucky Baptists to the Eliza Broadus Offering.

We will never know the number of people saved or who renewed their commitment to Christ through these evangelistic efforts.

Because you gave \$51,127 over the 2008-09 EBO goal, the following evangelism ministries have been approved for funding this year:

- \$15,000 association/church evangelism grants
- \$30,000 "Find It Here" – association grants for media and materials
- \$6,127 evangelistic special ministries

Let's do it again and exceed the goal for the 2009-10 Eliza Broadus Offering!



Scarred Warrior Exalt 2010
April 16-17
Georgetown College

Join teen girls for an exciting weekend as we discover a God who heals our hurts. On Saturday afternoon, we will go to the Kentucky Horse Park to volunteer & pray for those attending the World Equestrian Games. The closing worship service will feature Pat Day. For more information, go to page 2 of this insert and www.kywmu.org/exalt.

Mike Morgan

Doing right with 'what's left'

Without an estate plan, your life is in the state's hands

You've heard it over and over again: "You can't take it with you." Therefore, as a practical matter, you should properly document how and by whom you intend "what's left" to be used.

Unfortunately, too many people fail to do that. In fact, 60 percent die intestate, which means they die without a will that documents how and by whom they intend "what's left" to be used. Those who die intestate do, in fact, have a will—it's the will the state of which they are a resident at the time of death has prepared for them.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has one for its residents. Most likely it's not one you or your family would prefer, and it's certainly not one that will fulfill your Christian stewardship responsibilities (1 Timothy 5:8).

One of the services available from the Kentucky Baptist Foundation is private, confidential estate planning consultation. Our trust counsel, Laurie Valentine, is available to you for a consultation session. There is no direct cost or obligation to you to utilize this service. The cost has been paid by the col-

lective giving of Kentucky Baptists through their churches' Cooperative Program contributions.

If you are 18 years old or older you need to document your plan for "what's left." If you are married with children under the age of 18, you definitely need a documented plan, including a provision for whom you would want to be the guardian of your children if something happened to you. If you don't document it, a court will make that decision for you.

Although a will is the cornerstone of an estate plan, there are other basic estate planning documents you need, such as a durable power of attorney, a health care surrogate designation and a living will directive. Depending on your circumstances, there may be other planning documents you should consider.

If you have documented your plans for "what's left," you need to review them in light of your current circumstances and the changing federal estate tax rules. Some people likely will need to make changes.

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Ky. Baptist Foundation



Barry Allen

For Heaven's Sake



Preacher's Kids

David Ayers



Bible Crosswords

By Evelyn Boyington

Across

- 1 Sinful
- 4 "And the Spirit and the _____ say, Come" (Revelation 22:17)
- 9 Word in many ranch names
- 12 On the outside (prefix)
- 13 To let slacken
- 14 Put on _____ (postpone)
- 15 Rebelled against
- 17 Convalesced
- 19 Friendly and Flintstone
- 21 "Shall I come unto you with a _____, or in love" (1 Corinthians 4:21)
- 22 "I give unto you power to _____ on serpents" (Luke 10:19)
- 24 "The labour of the righteous _____ to life" (Proverbs 10:16)
- 28 Actor William
- 29 Ms. Moreno
- 30 "As it was in the days of _____" (Luke 17:26)
- 31 Product safety inits.
- 32 "There was a rainbow ... in sight like unto an _____" (Revelation 4:3)
- 35 Western state (abbr.)
- 36 NYC opera house
- 38 "Ye shall eat neither bread nor parched corn, nor green _____" (Leviticus 23:14)
- 39 Protest
- 41 Kind of alphabet
- 43 Dispatches
- 44 Requirement for college (abbr.)
- 45 Provides sketchy information
- 47 Spice rack spice
- 50 Like a mule, supposedly
- 53 Miner's pay dirt

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- 54 "Neither let us _____ Christ, as some of them" (1 Corinthians 10:9)
- 56 Actor Louis
- 57 _____ & breakfast
- 58 "Foxes have _____" (Luke 9:58)
- 59 Oolong, for one
- 22 Tom of Ringling Bros. fame
- 23 "I will make thee _____ over many things" (Matthew 25:21)
- 25 Greek letters
- 26 Namely (2 words)
- 27 Gives new life, as Jesus Christ does
- 29 Camino _____
- 33 "My soul _____ for heaviness" (Psalm 119:28)
- 34 "They that will be rich fall ... into many ... lusts, which _____ men in destruction" (1 Timothy 6:9)
- 37 "When the ruler of the feast had _____ the water that was made wine" (John 2:9)
- 40 Say okay
- 42 "_____ (2 words) with you, saith the Lord" (Haggai 1:13)
- 43 Book divisions
- 46 On cowboy's saddle checklist
- 47 _____ Hill, San Francisco
- 48 Office or function (suffix)
- 49 Neon competitor
- 51 Grain
- 52 KJV assent
- 55 Metric measure (abbr.)

Down

- 1 "I remember thee upon my _____" (Psalm 63:6)
- 2 Mirror
- 3 "Who maketh thee to _____ from another?" (1 Corinthians 4:7)
- 4 To be fruitful
- 5 Comedian Foxx
- 6 Within; toward (prefix)
- 7 "Mine eye also is _____ by reason of sorrow" (Job 17:7)
- 8 "The _____ God is thy refuge" (Deuteronomy 33:27)
- 9 Implored (arch.)
- 10 Team's "winningest" pitcher
- 11 _____ Sea
- 16 Consumed with anger
- 18 Where Cain dwelled: land of _____
- 20 "I was dumb with silence ... and my sorrow was _____" (Psalm 39:2)

Last week's solution

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Mississippi Baptist Minister Hosts

Hawaii

Join Other Southern Baptists and Rev. Billy Williams On His Sixth YMT Baptist Vacation Package!

Departs April 19, 2010 from **\$1528***

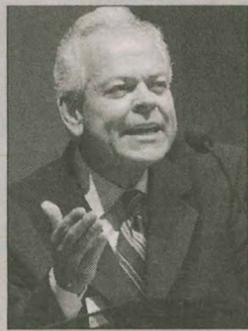
Fly to Honolulu for five nights in Waikiki, three nights on Kauai, two nights on Maui, one night in Hilo and three nights in Kona, on the "big island" of Hawaii. Devotions will be available some days on tour, for those in the group who wish to participate. Sightseeing on every island includes: a Honolulu city tour with Punchbowl Crater and Pearl Harbor cruise to the Arizona Memorial; Kauai's Wailua riverboat cruise; Iao Valley excursion & the old whaling capital of Lahaina on Maui; and on the Big-Island-of-Hawaii, a Hilo orchid garden, Rainbow Falls, Black Sand Beaches, Volcanoes National Park and more! YMT specializes in Hawaii and has had its own office in Honolulu since 1967. Prices are so affordable because travelers buy wholesale, directly from the actual Hawaiian tour operator. Rev. Williams is semi-retired and has been serving for 49 years as a Baptist minister, 23 years of which he was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Gautier, Mississippi. Currently he attends and is active in Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison, Mississippi. Friends and family are welcome! One does not have to be Baptist to join this group. Flights are available from throughout the United States. *Price, per person, double occupancy, includes taxes, inter-island flights, hotels, baggage handling, and escorted sightseeing on every island. Airfare is extra; call for prices.

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SBC President Johnny Hunt reveals cancer diagnosis

Woodstock, Ga.—Southern Baptist Convention President Johnny Hunt recently announced that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will undergo initial treatment in January.



Hunt, 57, pastor of the Atlanta-area First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., reported the diagnosis in a statement to Southern Baptists released through Baptist Press Nov. 23.

In his statement, Hunt noted that doctors caught the cancer early and that he is encouraged by the prognosis.

"My attitude today is not 'Why me?' but, 'Why not me?'" Hunt said. "If anyone has been blessed by God, it is this pastor.

"I believe that the Lord oftentimes allows things to come into our lives, and this, in particular, has been a great reminder of my mortality, and also of a genuine faith that has brought me through everything that I have ever faced," he noted, "so, the Lord has been speaking encouraging words into my heart."

Hunt was elected SBC president during the convention's June 2008 annual meeting in Indianapolis and re-elected at this year's meeting in Louisville, where he was instrumental in the formation of a 23-member Great Commission Resurgence Task Force.

In October, Hunt and his wife, Janet, visited four countries in the Middle East and North Africa, accompanied by several other First Baptist, Woodstock staff members and pastors and missions leaders from churches in Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina.

Hunt is the third SBC leader this year to disclose a prostate cancer diagnosis, following GuideStone Financial Resources President O.S. Hawkins in August and former SBC president Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas, in June.

Hunt said he and his wife, along with his doctors, are contemplating which course of action to take with the cancer. He requested prayer from all Southern Baptists for the entire process. (BP)

Southern Baptists among Christians endorsing 'Manhattan Declaration'

Washington—Facing what they consider "threats" from American culture, prominent Catholic, evangelical and Orthodox Christian leaders are vowing unspecified civil disobedience against abortion, same-sex marriage and limits on religious liberty.

"We are Christians who have joined together across historic lines of ecclesial differences to affirm our right—and more importantly, to embrace our obligation—to speak and act in defense of these truths," reads the seven-page "Manhattan Declaration."

"We pledge to each other, and to our fellow believers, that no power on earth, be it cultural or political, will intimidate us into silence or acquiescence."

More than a dozen Christian leaders—including Southern Baptists, Catholic bishops and officials of evangelical organizations—endorsed the document at the National Press Club. Organizers Nov. 20 claimed about 150 initial signatories. The document gets its name from the location of the first drafting committee meeting.

The timing of the document's release—10 months into the Obama administration—was affected by the policy proposals of the new president and a Democrat-controlled Congress, but the principles in the statement are timeless, they said.

"If you look at the Manhattan Declaration, we are clear that we see a genuine increase in the threat, especially on the sanctity of life front," said Robert George, a Roman Catholic and a professor at Princeton University. "That's the result of the federal government having an administration that is deeply committed to legal abortion and (government funding) and a majority in both houses of Congress that share that commitment. ... We could have said many of the things that we are saying today a year ago, but some of the things we are saying today have an urgency to them as a result of" the Obama administration.

Timothy George, a Southern Baptist and dean of the

Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., agreed, adding "This is not a politically motivated agenda. ... While the urgency of the moment is impacted by what's going on around us, and we need to be discerning of that, the principles that undergird the Manhattan Declaration are enduring. They are motivated and come from the deepest resources of our faith. And in that sense, it's a statement that could have been made last year, 10 years ago, and we think will be relevant 10, 50, 100, 1,000 years from now."

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and Daniel Akin, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Two former SBC entity heads also signed the document: James Draper, president emeritus of LifeWay Christian Resources who also is a former SBC president, and Bob Reccord, former president of the North American Mission Board and founder of Total Life Impact, Inc. In addition to Draper, another former SBC president listed among the signatories is Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas.

The entire statement can be found online at www.BPNews.net/pdf/ManhattanDeclaration.pdf.

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The last three rows

Volunteers are crucial to the harvesting of the Oneida farm's annual corn crop

Anyone who has toured our campus most likely has made a trip to our farm. Throughout most of Oneida's 110-year history we have had a working farm. Our farming operation is modest and it does not really make a profit, but we believe it is a vital part of the school's overall program for our youth. Of course we deal with floods and drought, hot weather or conditions that are too cool, a late freeze or an early frost. During the early years of our school's history, a bad year for the gardens meant there was less to eat during the winter months.

I have always had a great interest in farming and often spent what little money I had as a kid purchasing a "Successful Farming" magazine. Needless to say, I was the brunt of a lot of teasing from the other kids.

My Oneida residence is very close to our farm, so I see various aspects of our farming operation daily. Yesterday as I drove to the farm, I watched the harvesting of our corn from the last field. There were still 30-40 rows to be harvested. Later in the afternoon I watched the combine go down the last three rows. I could tell there were some problems as the operator had to stop several times to clean the rear shoot.

Three very special families were involved with the corn harvest. Paul and Sharon are volunteers from Ohio. They spend about eight months a year with us. Sharon works in our gift shop, and Paul helps on the farm. He normally is responsible for drying the corn. Because of all the rain this summer and fall, our corn has more moisture than usual, so it can't be stored until it's dried.

The second family is from Western Kentucky. Barkley and Patsy normally come twice a year, mostly to help with our corn crop. As I watched the combine gather the last of our corn, I could see Barkley planting our winter cover crop. Patsy usually helps in the gift shop along with Sharon and Carol, our farm manager's wife, who also is a volunteer.

Finally, there is Bob and Pat from California. For nearly 15 years now, they have come to our campus in the spring to help with the planting of our corn and again in the fall to help with the harvest. Pat is a great "gofer" and makes many trips to pick up parts and other needed items. She also helps in the used clothing store.

Bob, a retired farmer, does most of the combine work. Bob is one of the first to get to the fields each morning and only comes home when he cannot see to work any longer. All three of these families are a tremendous help with our

corn crop.

Our corn acreage is not large by normal farming standards—only 141 acres. However, you must remember that we are in the mountains; there isn't much flat land around here.

Those 141 acres are made up of 26 different fields. The largest is about 20 acres, and eight of the fields are less than two acres each.

So it's very challenging. It was a relief to see the last three rows picked—and just in time, too. Bob and Pat and Barkley and Patsy were heading home the next day. Paul and Sharon will leave in three days. We are blessed!

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'God kept leading us here'

Hatfield is back on campus for a second time around

Harlan native Todd Hatfield is a first-year student for a second time.

"I came here as a single student in 1999 after I graduated from high school," Todd recalled. "My wife, Audra, was also a single student here at the time. We didn't even know each other at that time."

"I began serving as youth minister at First Baptist Church of Pennington Gap, Va. The church just happened to be the home church of my wife so we became acquainted, began dating and then married. Soon after we were married, I decided to join the military. We were sent to Florida and began our life together."

"After eight years we really began seeking God's direction for our lives," Todd noted. "We really didn't think about coming back to Clear Creek but God kept leading us here. We know God has brought us back here now to finish what we started eight years ago."

Todd has some advice for others who may be struggling with God's call to ministry. "There is a lot of uncertainty involved with God's call," he said. "I had a good job (and) things were pretty secure. There is a struggle to give that up when God

calls. But the one thing we have learned is that if you do what God calls you to do, He will provide. It is amazing how God has taken care of our needs since we surrendered to His will for our lives. Don't hesitate—do what God has set forth for you to do because He will definitely take care of you."

Todd is majoring in missions and evangelism. "I am really enjoying the world religions classes," he said. "They teach us how to share Christ with people who hold other worldviews. These classes are important to me because we feel the Lord leading us to international missions as a family. I don't know exactly where God may have prepared as best as I can."

"I really appreciate the heart I see for missions here at Clear Creek," Todd said. "Many of the professors are former missionaries who are able to share personal experiences with us. That really means a lot."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

14-15 KBC Mission Board Meeting, Baptist Building, Louisville.

January

14-16 Shepherding the Shepherd, Downtown Hilton Hotel, Lexington.
 22-23 Region 2 Disaster Relief Recertification and Training, Second Baptist Church, Madisonville.
 26 Pastor/Staff Forum, Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
 28-30 Southeast Conclave, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 29-30 Deacon/Pastor/Spouse Retreat, Holiday Inn Plaza, Bowling Green.

29-30 Preschool/Children's Ministry Meeting, Baptist Building, Louisville.

29-30 Regional Women on Mission Retreat, Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, Corbin.

February

5-6 Region 4 Disaster Relief Recertification and Training, Ninth & O Baptist Church, Louisville.

15 Regional Church Financial Benefits Conference, First Baptist Church, Calvert City, and Oakland Baptist Church.

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U.S. abortion prayer campaign says 580 saved, clinics closed

College Station, Texas—The 40 Days for Life campaign reported more than 580 unborn children were saved and eight abortion clinic workers left the business by the end of the initiative last month.

In the waning days of the fall effort, the initiative surpassed 2,000 unborn babies saved in all the campaigns it has conducted, national director David Bereit reported.

40 Days for Life, which began locally in Bryan, Texas, in 2004, involves peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion clinics and Planned Parenthood offices, as well as fasting for the end of abortion. The latest campaign involved tens of thousands of people in 212 cities in 45 states, as well as Canada and Denmark.

Two abortion clinics that have been the sites of 40 Days vigils announced their closings recently.

The Community Healthcare Center in Pensacola, Fla., shut down Oct. 30, according to a report by WEAR-TV, the local ABC affiliate. State inspectors discovered the clinic's lab

license had expired 413 days earlier. The state gave the clinic the option of paying a \$413,000 fine or closing. Though Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration offered the center a reduced fine, it never received a reply.

The closing came two days before the end of a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside the clinic.

"People have prayed there that abortions would cease, and it was during the fall 40 Days for Life campaign ... that it was finally announced that this facility, where untold numbers of unborn children perished, was closing," Bereit said in a written statement. "That is not just a coincidence. God works in mysterious ways, and this is indeed an answer to prayer."

Planned Parenthood of Montana also announced its clinic in Kalispell, Mont., is closing because of the "economic downturn." It's final day of operation was Nov. 20. The center was the site of a 40 Days for Life vigil in the spring. (BP)

Southern Baptist medical missions pioneer Rebekah Naylor joins BGR

Nashville—Rebekah Naylor, an emeritus Southern Baptist missionary who served for 35 years at Bangalore Baptist Hospital in India, has joined the staff of Baptist Global Response as a U.S.-based health care consultant.

Naylor will play a key role in connecting health care personnel with people in need around the world, according to BGR Executive Director Jeff Palmer.

"We are excited about Rebekah's joining the Baptist Global Response team. She is a household name for anyone who has even the slightest familiarity with the past three decades of Southern Baptist international medical work," Palmer said. "Thanks in great part to her leadership, Bangalore Baptist Hospital has been a shining example of living out the compassion of Christ among people in need and helping them discover the meaningful, purposeful life God created them to enjoy."

Naylor's name recognition and credibility among health care professionals both in the United States and abroad makes her a valuable partner for mobilizing medical workers to help people around the world who suffer with little or no access to medical care, Palmer added.

"Having a medical professional of Dr. Naylor's caliber working with us creates instant access with medical/health care communities in the USA," Palmer noted. "Her history and standing with Southern Baptists give her immediate access and networks into the mainstream Southern Baptist health care communities."

A 200-bed acute-care general hospital, Bangalore Baptist Hospital has over the past 36 years treated hundreds of thousands of patients both at the hospital and in villages. The hospital's educa-

tional programs have trained hundreds of doctors, nurses, allied health personnel and chaplains. The spiritual dimension of its ministry helped hundreds of people each year personally experience the love of God and learn how to share that abundant life with others.

BGR's focus on relief and development work naturally gravitates toward medical work, Palmer said.

"From the very beginning, we have been thinking how best to incorporate the medical aspect we have needed into the work," he acknowledged. "Health care issues come up all the time. Out of 500-plus projects administered by BGR this past year, about a third had a significant health care component."

For her part, Naylor said she is pleased to continue focusing on overseas medical needs after retiring earlier this year from a career at the Bangalore hospital that included serving as a surgeon, chief of medical staff, administrator and medical superintendent.

"I am excited about this transition in ministry. God has clearly directed this step on all sides and affirmed the decision made," Naylor said. "I feel so privileged to have an ongoing role in international missions and meeting human needs through medicine. Because God has asked me to do this, I am full of anticipation as I look ahead."

A native of Arkansas, Naylor is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. During her tenure in Bangalore, she founded programs in allied health training and medical residency, a one-year diploma in pastoral healing ministry and a school of nursing.



Rebekah Naylor

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