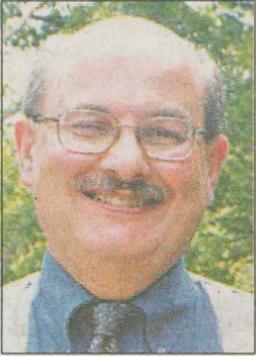


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Howard Burkhart, a North American Mission Board church planting missionary, navigates the streets of Chinatown in Oakland, Calif. “The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering makes everything possible,” Burkhart said. “AAEO is our lifeblood, our lifeline and our future.” (Photo by Greg Schneider/NAMB)

‘Deafness is its own culture’

Burkharts ministering in California’s vast mission field

By Mickey Noah
North American Mission Board

Benicia, Calif.—Attending a beginning sign language course as part of the deaf ministry at 38th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss., in 1979, Howard Burkhart liked his teacher so much he married her.

Because of Tina McMillan (now Burkhart) and her attentive pupil, Howard—both students at the University of Southern Mississippi at the time—untold hundreds of the hearing and hearing impaired from Mississippi to California not only have been taught how to communicate, but how to accept Christ as their Savior.

Today, the Burkharts’ ministry—based in Benicia, Calif., just north of San Francisco—extends far beyond the deaf community, although that remains their first love. Howard, 52, is a church planting strategist in the San Francisco Bay and San Diego areas

and is a jointly funded missionary with the North American Mission Board and the California Southern Baptist Convention.

In fact, Howard and Tina are only two of more than 5,000 missionaries in the United States, Canada and their territories supported by the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. With a theme of “Start Here,” the 2011 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering’s goal is \$70 million, 100 percent of which benefits missionaries like the Burkharts.

“The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering makes everything possible,” Burkhart said. “It puts missionaries on the field, provides ministry funds, provides Bibles, church planter training, support for new churches, and allows for special projects that are critical. AAEO is our



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So. Baptist assessment team at work in Japan

Tokyo—A two-member disaster relief assessment team is on the ground in Japan and a second team will follow this week, Baptist Global Response Executive Director Jeff Palmer announced last weekend.

The first team arrived as the estimated death toll from the March 11 earthquake soared past 10,000, and nuclear plant operators worked frantically to prevent meltdowns in several reactors crippled by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami, according to news reports.

Thousands of survivors are coping with near-freezing temperatures for hundreds of miles along Japan’s northeastern coast, which was wrecked by the one-two punch of earthquake and tsunami.

The first assessment team arrived in Tokyo March 12 and made contact with a representative of Tokyo Baptist Church, Palmer said.

“Tokyo Baptist Church will provide our first point of contact and partnership for our initial assessment,” Palmer said. “The assessment team will explore links with Japanese Baptists, the Japanese government and the NGO community. Once the initial assessment is done, we will create a blueprint to guide our relief efforts.”

Once the assessment and blueprint have been completed, BGR expects to move into a broad relief initiative in partnership with churches of the Japan Baptist Convention, Palmer said.

The Japanese government has requested international assistance for the large-scale relief effort, and

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Showers of blessing



The Kentucky Directors of Missions Fellowship has purchased a disaster relief shower and laundry unit through their contributions to the A.B. Colvin Mission Fund, with assistance from the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions. The 40-foot trailer, which will be stored at Blood River Baptist Association’s office in Hardin, is available to any Baptist church or association for disaster relief or mission projects. See editorial on page 4. (Photo by Todd Deaton)

Louisville deaf pastor part of first-of-its-kind book project

By Ken Walker
State Correspondent

Louisville—The longtime pastor of Louisville Baptist Deaf Church is the key figure in a newly-released DVD that is believed to be the first novel released exclusively in American Sign Language.

Written by Missouri author George Goslin, "A Deaf Man's Gospel" features Pastor Tim Bender doing the video's sign language movements.

The story is based on several biblical events, including the deaf man Jesus healed in Mark 7:31-35.

"This is the first novel created just for deaf people," said Goslin, a member of First Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo., and a writer and editor for LifeWay Christian Resources.

"Voice has been added to the DVD so hearing friends and family can enjoy this book, too."

"I am both humbled and honored to be a part of this special project," said Bender, pastor of the Louisville church since 1992. "We had fun doing it. I pray this project will lead many to Christ. 'A Deaf Man's Gospel' is part of the good news."

Bender said they don't want audiences simply to look at how the "d-book" ('d' for deaf) was made, but to look at and ponder the story's message.

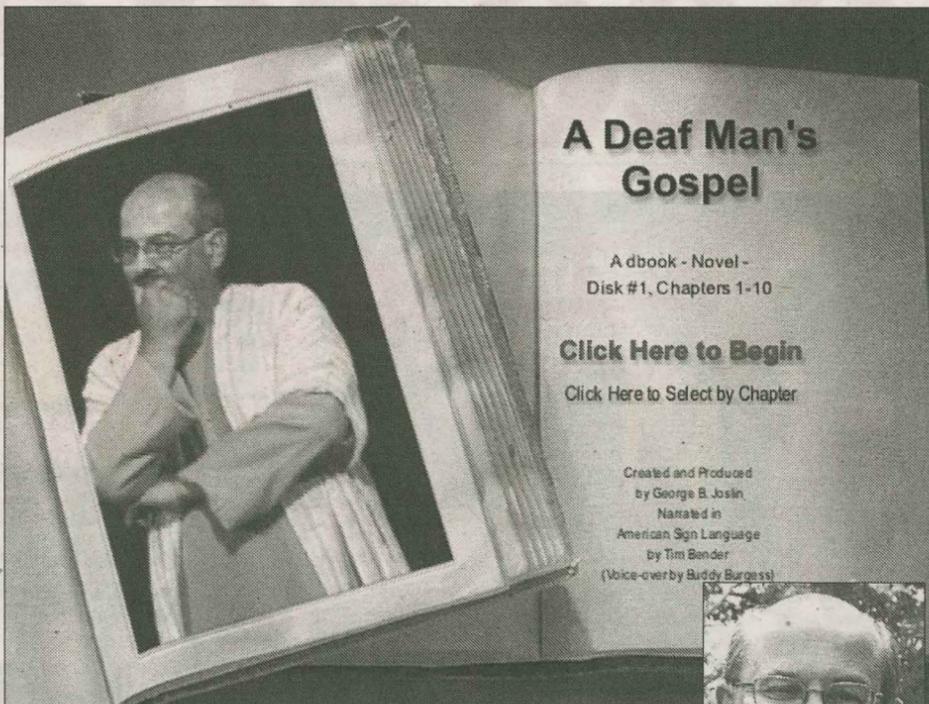
They also want viewers to think about what it might have been like during Jesus' time on earth, he said.

"We would like to see it used to get unreached and unchurched deaf people—and hearing people—thinking about their relationship with Christ," Bender said. "People learning sign language could learn from it, too."

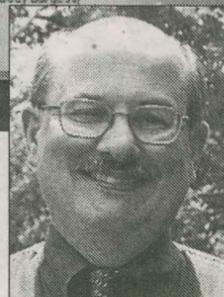
However, the pastor noted that sign language is not universal, differing from country to country.

The deaf represent a small portion of the public, as seen by attendance at Louisville Deaf Baptist, which typically ranges between 15 and 30.

While low in numbers, the congrega-



SPEAKING A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE Louisville Baptist Deaf Church Pastor Tim Bender (above) appears in a DVD screenshot for what is believed to be the first-ever novel released exclusively in American Sign Language. "A Deaf Man's Gospel," written by George Goslin, features Bender (also at right) doing the novel's sign language movements. (Photos courtesy of George Goslin)



tion is active in missions, including praying, giving and sending members on mission trips.

"We are also a sending church," Bender said. "We have trained and sent many deaf pastors, missionaries and leaders out to serve."

Beginning of ASL movement?

Despite such enthusiasm, the market for deaf materials remains small. Few Christian bookstores or other outlets are willing to carry them, which is why their DVD has to be ordered from the distributor's website, Goslin said.

Just released in January, the author said

he hopes to spark sales with showings at the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf in July, and at statewide conferences this spring and summer.

The author of two previous novels and various non-fiction works, Goslin said he chose to release the story solely on video, with no print edition planned.

Once he decided on that route, Goslin searched for a deaf person who could perform the signing.

Longtime friends because of their active roles in deaf ministries, Goslin said he knew Bender was a competent preacher and pastor.

"When we were in Ecuador with the

International Mission Board, (Bender) brought a team from his church and I saw him in action there," Goslin said.

"I wanted the best deaf person to do it, and the Lord kept Tim in my heart and mind."

After they first discussed the book last May, the two men prayed and committed the project to God.

Goslin said they felt led to use Multi-Media Evangelism, based in Richmond, Va., to produce the video. Owner Howard Baldwin produces video Sunday school lessons for the deaf that are distributed by LifeWay.

Goslin and Bender traveled to Multi-Media's Richmond studio for the filming. The voiceover was added later by Buddy Burgess, pastor of the Deaf Mission at that city's First Baptist Church.

Burgess, who plans to start using the DVD in Bible studies the first week of March, said "A Deaf Man's Gospel" is good for teaching and evangelism.

By developing the story of the deaf man's healing in Mark 7 beyond those few verses, Goslin has created a story that will allow viewers to better understand the difference Christ made in his life, the pastor said.

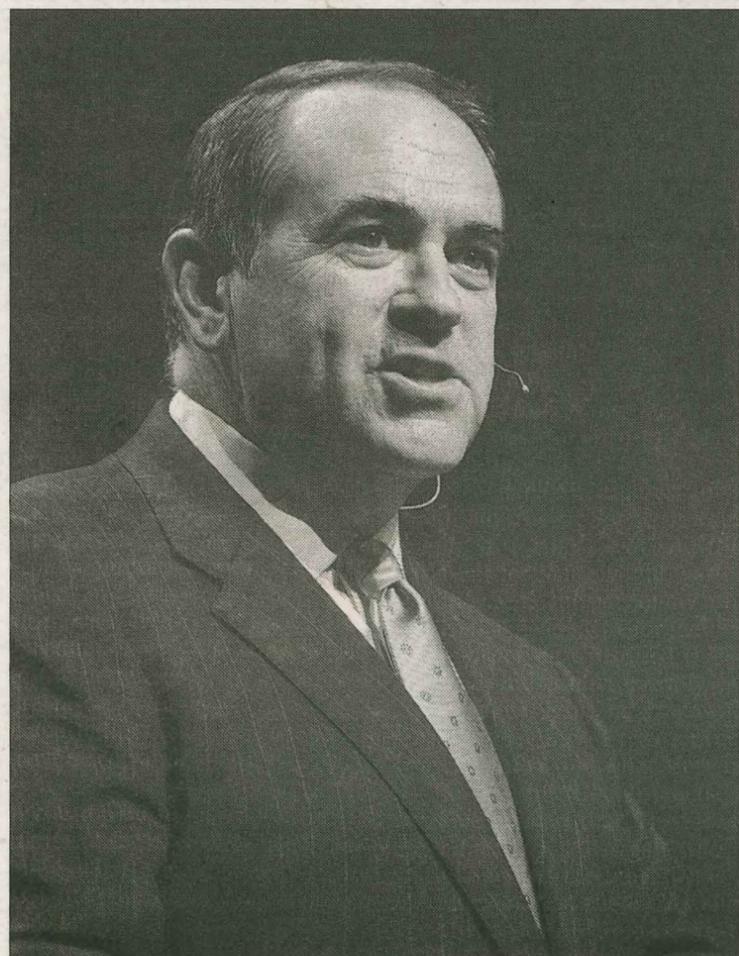
"I think churches with ministries for the deaf, or any church, or individuals, can get the DVDs and share them with deaf friends," Burgess said. "I think they will open up a new understanding of who Christ is."

Goslin and Bender said they aren't certain of whether they will film another d-book in the future, saying they want to learn from this one first.

"Obviously we would like to see this one show significantly well before we launch into another," Goslin said. "I do want to promote the idea of 'd-books' and encourage others to produce similar products, whether novels or non-fiction."

A three-hour long, two-disc set, copies of "A Deaf Man's Gospel" are available for \$25. Shipping and handling is an additional \$8. The book can be ordered at www.LetsSignLLC.com.

Former Ark. Gov. Huckabee to speak at Cumberlands



Williamsburg—Former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee will visit University of the Cumberlands next month.

As part of Cumberlands' and the Forcht Group of Kentucky Center for Excellence in Leadership, Huckabee will speak on "Leadership in a Free and Strong America" April 5, 7 p.m., at the Williamsburg campus.

The New York Times best-selling author is the host of Fox News Channel's No. 1 rated show, "Huckabee," and ABC Radio Network's "Huckabee Report."

"It is an honor to have Gov. Huckabee, a respected and distinguished leader, address our campus family and community," Cumberlands President Jim Taylor said.

Other events include the presentation of awards to state and local government leaders, as well as special music by renowned recording art-

ist Lee Greenwood, who will sing his award-winning song, "God Bless the USA."

The annual lecture series is made possible by an endowment from local business owners Terry and Marion Forcht, who founded the Forcht Group of Kentucky Center for Excellence in Leadership in 2006. The purpose of the center is to provide programs and activities that enhance the development of leadership, character and good citizenship. Past speakers in the series have included Roy Moore, Zell Miller, Stephen Covey, Ben Stein and Karl Rove. This year's event will be the first to feature special music from a prominent artist.

For free tickets to the leadership program, visit University of the Cumberlands' website, www.UCumberlands.edu, or call (606) 539-4432. Tickets are available on a first-come-first-serve basis and are required for admission.

'LEADERSHIP' SPEAKER Mike Huckabee, seen here speaking at the 2009 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Louisville, will speak at address University of the Cumberlands' April 5. (BP photo)

'Grace Card' movie coming to Kentucky theaters March 18

Memphis, Tenn.—A recently released film made by a Memphis, Tenn., church is slated to open at theaters in three Kentucky cities this weekend.

"The Grace Card," which opened in a small number of theaters Feb. 25, has done well enough in its first couple weeks of release that the film's distributor, Provident Films, will release it in 17 new cities March 18, including Louisville, Lexington and Paducah.

The movie, which was made primarily by volunteers from Calvary Church in Memphis, Tenn., a Nazarene congregation, has received several positive reviews. Entertainment-trade publication Variety said "The Grace Card" was "blessed with fine performances, credible dialogue and slick production values" and "ranks among the better religious-themed indies released in recent years." The movie spotlights the racial tension between a white cop and a black cop.

The film finished in the top 10 in gross receipts per theater its first weekend with \$3,099, topping what the successful "Facing the Giants" did its opening weekend in 2006. (BP)

Feed 5,000

Westport Road Baptist challenges members to feed 5,000 in February

By Robin Bass
Partnership Editions Director

Louisville—Imagine how much food it would take to equal the weight of a full-grown elephant. Better yet, consider the quantity of canned goods, boxed food and toiletry items it would take to tip the scales when compared to the weight of three Honda Civics.

The answer is 15,000 pounds—the amount of food collected by the members of Westport Baptist Church, Louisville, for the Eastern Area Community Ministry Food Pantry.

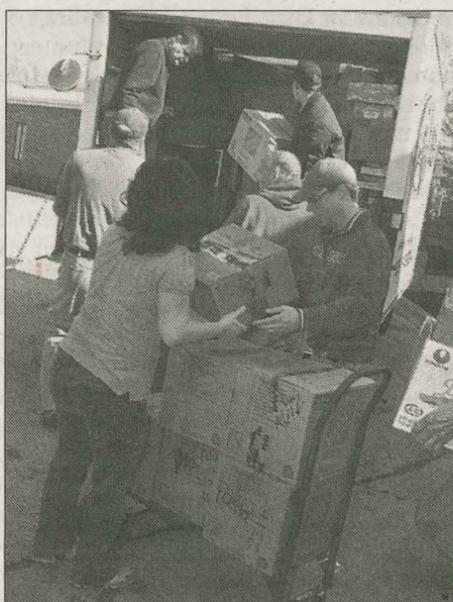
"We're trying to be an Acts 1:8 church," said Chip Pendleton, pastor of Westport Road Baptist. "We have been called to be out in the world, leading people to Christ. We have this mission from God and simply meeting on Sunday morning doesn't do that."

Pendleton said his church has been contributing to the pantry's Neighborhood Visitor Program each February for more than a decade. Eastern Area Community Ministry Food Pantry, a non-profit, non-denominational social service organization, uses the donations of Westport Road Baptist and other churches, businesses, organizations, individuals and government entities throughout the year to feed roughly 3,700 families in northeastern Jefferson County.

In a typical year, Pendleton said the church collects about 650 pounds of food and hauls it a mile down the road to the pantry in the basement of John Knox Presbyterian Church. But this year, the church wanted to make a difference in the name of Christ.

Through a food drive called "Feed 5,000 February," church members were challenged with the goal of providing enough non-perishable food to feed 5,000 needy people. Pendleton said not only did members respond with items from their own homes, but also organized food drives at their places of employment, their children's schools, and held Super Bowl parties with a purpose. Many vendors of the church contributed monetarily as well, and the funds were used to purchase more pantry necessities.

Pendleton said the outpouring of com-



About two dozen Westport Road Baptist volunteers helped to deliver 15,000 pounds of food to a nearby food pantry as part of Feed 5000 February. (photos by Robin Bass)

passion shown at his church overwhelmed him. "It's a proud as I've ever been of a church," he noted. "This is just the beginning of something. We're going to continue to keep doing. We're going to keep working in this community."

"This is a good visual way to show that our church can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community," said Kellie Johnston, church administrator at Westport

Road. "We're just trying to be an example."

Johanna Wint, associate executive director of EACM, said the food collected by Westport Road Baptist was "the largest single donation of food we've ever received" and estimated the large quantity of food would feed nearly 3,000 people and help keep the pantry stocked for the next eight months.

After the delivery was made last week, the pantry shelves were overflowing with canned fruit and cereal. Wint said she believed "providence had a lot to do with" recently acquiring an additional storage room in the church. The room, measuring 15 feet by 20 feet now has boxes stacked along every wall—some chest high—with spaghetti sauce and toilet paper.

If Westport Road Baptist had succeeded in its goal of feeding 5,000 people, Wint said she would not have had room for all the food and would have been calling other food pantries to take the extras.

Wint said residents in the relatively affluent area of northeastern Louisville clamored for the 25 spots available each day in which to receive free food. While the volume of need always is great, Wint noted the types of clients they are seeing have changed.

"More people who never in their life had to ask for help are coming in here," Wint said. "They are embarrassed but we say that is what we are here for. We do our best to treat them with dignity. We feel called to this job and we're really trying to walk humbly with God and love others the best we can."

Baptist relief group assessing Japanese needs following quake

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two U.S. aircraft carrier groups are off Japan's coast, beginning to help deliver food and water, according to reports. Two U.S. search and rescue teams arrived March 13.

The government, however, has said it does not intend to request large numbers of international volunteers, so the BGR strategy will be designed around partnership initiatives with Japan Baptist churches, Palmer said. Working through those congregations will ensure the effectiveness of BGR relief efforts. It also guarantees donations will be used efficiently, since a portion of gifts will not have to be diverted to cover overhead expenses.

If disaster relief specialists are needed, Baptist Global Response will mobilize teams from the Baptist state conventions on call, Palmer said. "We have notified our call-out states to be on standby," he said. Kentucky is not among the on-call states for March.

In the U.S., meanwhile, tsunamis that hit Hawaii and the West Coast after the Japan earthquake had minimal impact and likely will not generate the need for Southern Baptist disaster relief response, reported Mickey Caison of the North American Mission Board.

Since the quake, Japanese search and rescue teams have been buoyed by moments of good news—like the 60-year-old man whose house was swept out to sea, but he clung to the roof for two days until a military vessel spotted him about 10 miles offshore, the Associated Press reported. More than 1,400 people are confirmed dead, but a police chief in hard-hit Myagi state said he believes more than 10,000 people were killed there.

Japanese Christians gathered in churches and Bible studies last Sunday to pray for those still missing, Baptist Press reported. Teresa Seelen, a Southern Baptist missionary serving in Japan, worshipped with believers who spent the entire service praying for friends and family by name, as well as collecting a love offering for disaster relief efforts.

Through tears, they called out the names and lifted them to God, Seelen told BP. We prayed for courage for the believers to reach out with the gospel. It was precious to see the generosity of this small group of believers.

Another Southern Baptist in Japan, Carlton Walker, quoted a colleague who shared her emotions about the tragedy: "My heart is racing with emotions and thoughts that come. I want to fly to the hard-hit areas and minister. I just want to be their hands and feet for whatever they need right now. ... What do you do in times like these but pray and ask for (God's) guidance?"

"All of us around the world can be there in prayer," Walker added. "Although it doesn't make sense in human terms, perhaps the way that most of us can make the most significant contribution for the time being is to pray because the lives of others both physically and spiritually depend on that."

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Find It Here 2011

Churches across Kentucky are enlisting members to participate in 21 days of prayer and fasting on behalf of three friends who need Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Partners in the Mission

By Bill Mackey

Best estimates are that about 28,000 Kentucky Baptists will sign up through their local churches to reach out to three people through prayer, the sharing of Scripture portions that contain the plan of salvation, and by extending a personal invitation to Easter Sunday services.

I am delighted that my church has prepared a packet for members to use in this process. I plan to participate, although I will be away Easter Sunday. I will invite my friends to attend church with me May 1.

The marked Scripture portions from the Gospel of John and Romans are three for \$1 and are available from your local Baptist association. You also can e-mail the KBC Missions Growth Team at missions@kybaptist.org or call (502) 489-3418 in the Louisville area or (866) 489-3418 (toll-free in Kentucky).

Special editions of the Scripture portions have been designed for non-English speakers, students, residents of assisted living or nursing homes, and detention centers. Kentucky baptist volunteers are making plans to distribute these booklets to people in these communities.

This process reminded me of the words of the Apostle Paul: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6).

Chuck Kelly, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has stated that we are a revivalistic people in an unseeded generation. The seed of the gospel must be sown by every person and by every means possible (1 Corinthians 9:22).

Last fall I had to spray and dig to remove weeds and turf from my lawn. The raking and bagging of thatch was hard work. New top soil was applied to barren areas. I sowed 50 pounds of tall fescue and raked it into the soil. Many gallons of water were applied.

Some seeds germinated quickly—especially in the new top soil—except in the more shaded area behind the house. Even in some bare areas the seed eventually germinated and produced new shoots of grass. Although thin, I was amazed at how well the grass survived the winter cold and continued to grow.

Some success encouraged my neighbors, who are originally from another country, to allow me to assist them with their lawn. Kay and I helped to remove the thatch and sowed the seed just before a recent rain.

We are grateful for the opportunity to make new friends and share God's love. I hope that you will join us in this great venture of the gospel where you live. We can make new friends and learn some new skills in the process.

Bill Mackey is executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Shower trailer a tool for ministry, symbol of cooperation

During their spring meeting in Elizabethtown this past week, state directors of missions celebrated the purchase of a 40-foot shower and laundry unit that will be available to all Kentucky Baptists for disaster relief and other ministry efforts.

The trailer, which was towed to the meeting by two disaster relief volunteers—Jerry Gray, a member of Zion's Cause in Benton, and Robert Davis, who goes to Crossroads Fellowship in Cadiz—will be stored at the Blood River Baptist Association office in Hardin. But, the unit is available to any church or association for use in disaster relief ministry or community missions efforts. To reserve it, contact Tim Cole, Blood River's director of missions, or Coy Webb of the KBC Baptist Men on Mission department.

"Anybody who has a need can come and get it," said Bob Morrison, director of missions for Little Bethel Association in Madisonville. Morrison led the committee that recommended a portion of the DOM fellowship's A.B. Colvin Missions Fund be used to purchase a disaster relief shower and laundry unit. Colvin, who died in 2003, was known throughout the commonwealth as "Mr. Kentucky Baptist." Joining the convention staff in 1958 after serving churches in Williamstown, Covington and Lebanon, Colvin led the KBC's missions, evangelism, church-minister services and communications divisions and served as assistant to the executive director before retiring in 1985.

Associations are asked to make regular contributions to the Colvin Missions Fund. Directors of missions then may apply for assistance with various ministry projects in their associations, and a committee selects the ones for their fellowship's approval. Serving on the committee with Morrison were Wilburn Bonta of Russell Creek/East Lynn associations and Bob Finch of Pike association. Among other associational projects supported were a food pantry in Ohio County, a min-

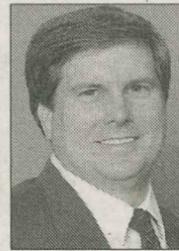
istry trailer in Taylor County, a Hispanic church start in Logan/Todd, a pregnancy center in Pike, a men and boy's camp in Owen/Ten Mile, and a Mission Adventure camp in Bracken.

"When the idea of the shower unit arose during a meeting, everyone just jumped on it," Morrison recalled. The group turned to Webb, who directs the convention's disaster relief ministry, and Joy Bolton, who leads the state's Woman's Missionary Union. With their support, the DOMs contacted Ken Pressley, a disaster relief volunteer in Somersett, to build a shower unit.

Because of the generous giving of Kentucky Baptists to the 2009-10 Eliza Broadus Offering, WMU exceeded its \$1.1 million goal by \$168,310, making funds available for a number of additional ministries, Bolton noted. Through the EBO, \$15,000 was provided toward the trailer's \$22,500 cost. "The presence of disaster relief volunteers to provide meals, a shower, and other services provides an opportunity to share Christ at a critical time in people's lives," Bolton explained. "We are thankful for the faithful giving of Kentucky Baptists which made this possible."

Webb, too, was excited about the new shower unit that will be used not only to minister in times of disaster, but also to assist Kingdom projects in associations. "This new unit strengthens our ability to respond in disasters in effective and positive ways," Webb said. "I give thanks to those who see the importance of disaster relief ministry, and who partner with us to do this ministry that could not be done without cooperative praying, giving, and going."

As encouragers of joint missions work among churches in their associations, our directors of missions also are modeling a spirit of cooperation and unity for all Kentucky Baptists by working together to provide a shower unit that will make a difference in Kingdom work.

**After Thought**

By Todd Deaton

In 'Radical,' Platt succeeds at afflicting the comfortable

By June Rice

My daughter, Cathy, brought a book for me that has caused quite a stir in American evangelical circles, "Radical" by David Platt. The secondary title is "Taking back your faith from the American dream," and it was published by Billionomah Books in 2010. Platt is billed as being the youngest pastor of a mega-church, as he is pastor of The Church at Brook Hills, a 4,000-member church in Birmingham, Ala.

One of my pastor friends told me once that a preacher's job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. Platt has overly succeeded in the second part of the assignment in writing this book. On the cover of the book is the stylized outline of a church turned upside-down!

He asserts that the modern-day American Christian is so comfortable in million-dollar, air-conditioned, padded-pewed churches that he has made following Jesus an idol he has created—no relation to the Jesus of the New Testament who challenged all who followed Him to be willing to give up everything.

He contrasts our church-going to that of an Asian secret church that he had attended where the congregation came one by one so that the authorities would not realize they were having a church service, and they spent six hours praying and studying the Bible. They had 60 people crowded into one room. They had no band, no sound system, no guitar, no entertainment, no cushioned chairs, no air-conditioning.

Nothing but the Word of God and the people of God.

He then tells a story of a mega-church for which he was the guest speaker. Before the sermon, he was meeting with some of the elders. When he started talking about his work in Asia, one of the men spoke up and said he really didn't care if the rest of the world went to hell. He was only concerned with the United States. Platt was horrified that someone would say such words, but he happened to think that really our American church members show that we feel the same way by the meagerness of our missions gifts.

(When I read that passage, I realized I had been a member of a church for 60 years, and had pretended to teach zeal for missions, but after I moved, not a soul had given a cent to the special Christmas offering for foreign missions last year. I felt like a failure.)

Platt contends that Jesus still demands what He demanded of his earliest disciples—that we take up our crosses and follow Him in radical obedience. Such obedience requires daily self-sacrifice, surrender of our "rights," suffering of one form or another, poverty (at least in comparison to the riches some of us enjoy), perhaps death.

Cathy had read the book and was very moved. She and her husband were reading it aloud to each other, but her husband got involved with putting in a new furnace, so she gave it to me, as I could read

it by the time Marvin was ready to read again.

By the time my conscience had begun to pain me for thinking I had been a faithful Christian all these years when I had not suffered any discomfort at all, I wished I had a furnace to put in so I would not have to do any more self-examination. I have managed to keep from reading the rest of the book, however, but I plan to keep on.

One truth I picked up from "Radical" is, and I quote, "This is the gospel: The just and loving Creator of the universe has looked upon hopelessly sinful people, and sent His Son, God in the flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross, and to show His power over sin in the Resurrection so that all who trust in Him will be reconciled to God forever."

The last thing Jesus told His followers to do was to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Now we have to have committees, a bureaucracy, and lots of entertainment to pass that simple truth along, and only special people (we think) can do it. Jesus plainly told us all to go and tell.

I plan to finish reading the book, and I highly recommend it. I don't have to put in a furnace or do any other big job. I dare you to read it.

Platt does a wonderful job of "afflicting the comfortable."

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When your 'Plan A' fails ... remember He leads

By Erich Bridges

Tired, hot and halfway to lost, the missionary drove down a dusty road into a fishing village that appeared on no map. A mangy dog barked. A few locals eyed the stranger from their shacks. The sun sank toward a red horizon.

"This is a dead end," the missionary told himself nervously. He was a rookie. It was one of his first trips into the Philippine countryside on his own. Anywhere else seemed more promising for ministry than this place.

He turned his truck around. Just before he pressed the gas pedal, he heard a voice: "I want you to stop right here." No audible voice. God's voice? The missionary pulled over—under protest. "I'll walk around for five minutes," he muttered. "Then I'm outta here."

He saw no one outside—just more dogs that followed him, growling with a distinct lack of hospitality. He forced himself to stroll through the village, almost hoping he wouldn't find anyone. Turning one last corner before scurrying back to the truck, he encountered a group of fishermen mending their nets. He approached them.

"I'm a missionary," he said. "Could you guys tell me if there's someplace around here where I could tell people about Jesus?"

The fishermen looked at each other. "Why not here?" one of them replied.

That village eventually became home to a church, which went on to start three more churches, which in turn started others. Funny how God works while you're on the way to someplace else.

That missionary, now a grandfather, remembered his long-ago experience at a home fellowship I attend. We were talking about the time Jesus fed more than 5,000 people in the wilderness (Matthew 14). Actually, He told His disciples to feed them. They were exhausted and hungry themselves. They didn't begin to have enough food to satisfy such a large crowd—two fish and five loaves of bread.

"Bring them here to Me," Jesus said, calling for the fish and bread (Matthew 14:18). Something happened between the time He blessed the food and the disciples started passing it out—something only Jesus could do. But He used His doubting followers while doing it.

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"He says the same to us: 'Just bring Me what you have,'" writes Andy Stanley. "We're discouraged about our inadequate education or experience or training or resources—but whatever we have, however small ..., Jesus wants us simply to bring it to Him, and He'll use it to meet the need."

We know in our hearts that it's true. But it seems counterintuitive to the modern mind. We believe in education, preparation, planning, measurement and accountability—and rightly so. God deserves no less than our best. If ministry is worth doing, it's worth doing well. It's a foolish servant who spends valuable time (and his master's resources) on new projects without counting the cost or using proven strategies.

And yet, plans and training aren't enough. Planning didn't start the Great Awakening in America or the Shantung Revival in China. God's Spirit did.

"A tension seems to exist between the plans we make and the plans God chooses to bless," writes Guy Muse, my favorite missionary blogger. "In fact, the Lord actually states it this way: 'My thoughts and my ways are not like yours. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, my thoughts and my ways are higher than yours' (Isaiah 55:8-9).

"Missionaries are expected to set goals, action plans and work towards fulfilling them. ... I personally don't mind putting things down on paper. Knowing what one is trying to achieve and working towards ministry goals brings a sense of direction and satisfaction. Only one problem, though: Year after year, only a small percentage of what is put down on paper happens as it was envisioned. We plan, but He leads. As He leads, we follow. More often than not, He leads in directions we had not anticipated."

It has always been thus in ministry. When Paul and his companions tried to go to Bithynia on one of their carefully planned mission journeys, "... the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them." (Acts 16:7). Later, Paul had a vision: "Come over to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9b).

"What usually happens when our plans don't come to fruition as envisioned is we double the effort, work harder and plow forward, insisting at all costs we be permitted into Phrygia and Bithynia," Muse observes. "After all, Asia needs the gospel and we know that it is just Satan that is standing in our way! But Paul didn't blame Satan for not having been allowed to go to these places and do what he had planned. He understood it was Jesus who was calling the shots."

Planning is good. Biblical, even. Just remember who calls the shots.

Erich Bridges is global correspondent for the International Mission Board.

How to give for building

By Laurie Valentine

Church building campaigns can provide a great opportunity for making the kind of gift you never would have dreamed possible. The challenge is to develop a plan that allows you to give "above and beyond" your tithes and offerings, without feeling you have placed yourself in a "cash crunch."

Ben and Sally Moore were in just this situation recently. Their church was in a capital campaign to raise funds for a family life center. The

Moore's wanted to do all that they could to meet the stewardship challenge. As they began to prayerfully consider what they could give they thought of the two rental houses they had owned for many years. As a result of Ben's recent retirement, the Moores were planning to do a lot of traveling in the next few years. They had decided to sell the houses to free themselves from real estate management responsibilities and provide funds for travel. Their concern with this plan was the large capital gains tax that they would have to pay when they sold the houses.

An alternative for Ben and Sally is to combine an outright gift of 1/10 interest in the two houses to the church for the building campaign with a gift of the remaining 9/10 interest in the houses to a Charitable Remainder Unitrust ("CRUT") that will pay them a 10 percent unitrust payment each year for the next 15 years and the remainder to the church at the end of the 15-year trust term.

If the two houses have a current market value of \$120,000, the Moores will be entitled a \$12,000 charitable contribution deduction for the 1/10 outright gift, a \$36,700 contribution deduction for the gift to the CRUT, and they avoid the capital gains taxes they would have incurred if they sold the property. Over the next 15 years, they will receive a total of approximately \$117,600 in payments from the CRUT (assuming a 7 percent average annual total return).

The church receives an immediate gift for the building campaign of 1/10 of the sales proceeds when the two houses are sold. It will also receive the remainder of the CRUT to fund an endowment for the upkeep and maintenance of the family life center at the end of the 15-year trust term.

Laurie Valentine is trust counsel for the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

Parents need 'time out,' too

By Scott Wigginton

Q: How can parents avoid fighting one another when disciplining their teenagers?

A: The key to parents "getting on the same page" with discipline is simple; they need a regular "time out!" Yes, that's right ... strength and unity within the parenting team is built the same way it is with athletic teams. The team takes time out from their daily schedule to strategize and practice before ever taking the field or the court. Smart couples who take time out to talk become wise parents who make decisions reflectively, not reactively.

Wise couples realize in advance that they each bring important history to the family room. First, each brings a history of lived experience about how they were parented. They will either tend to uncritically adopt this style or react against it.

Secondly, each parent will bring their unique personality to the family. For example, one parent may tend to be more lenient and permissive, while the other is controlling or authoritarian.

Third, parents each bring their own history in regard to sibling position in their family of origin. An oldest child may have had quite a different experience than an only child who is a princess. The middle child, used to being independent, might approach parenting very differently from the oldest of 12 who was responsible for helping parent younger siblings.

Fourth, parents bring experiences in their personal histories that may influence their parenting style. If one parent became pregnant out of wedlock, is it much of a stretch to think that their approach to a teenager's sexuality will be colored by their experiences?

Finally, often parents are influenced by materials they've read, heard and studied. Ultimately God's Word and the whisper of the Holy Spirit provide the ultimate guide to effective parenting. But we must not be naïve; there is much to learn from our personal histories if we will only take time out to talk it out.

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FAMILY FORUM

Is there a new movement beginning among our students?

In 1993 a call went out to students to take a pledge of sexual purity, and the True Love Waits movement began. This movement has seen hundreds of thousands of young adults all across the globe make commitments to sexual purity. Some have said that this began a time when God was purifying a generation for service.

Almost 20 years later, many believe a new movement has begun—rising up like a movement for prayer around the flag pole or a movement for moral purity. A new movement that would:

- Call most Christian students, ages 18-20, to serve full-time on the front lines of missions for a full summer, semester or year around.

- Call parents to begin savings accounts upon the birth of a child that will fund this missions adventure.

- Call parents and all God's people to more quickly save funds for current children and students.

I was privileged in mid-February to be a part of about 40 student ministry leaders that gathered at the SBC Student Ministry Summit. To a person, we agreed to this statement: "That Jesus is intensifying a movement among His children and teenagers—and parents—and spiritual leaders," and that "Christ clearly has been calling out students to longer periods of service in

missions after high school. The days following the Haystack Prayer Meeting and the years of the Student Volunteer Movement are just two evidences that He has been issuing this call for centuries."

Imagine the ramifications for missions if every family took this call seriously:

- If we dedicated ourselves during dedication services not only to raising our children in the church, but also to raising them with a missional mindset and a heart for the nations.

- If we, as churches, would prime the pump for young couples to save for this adventure by opening a savings account for each child we dedicate and gave \$100 in seed money.

- If we, as churches, would provide appropriate missions opportunities in which families could participate to challenge students to live missionally and deepen this call to missions.

- If we, as churches, would meet with parents and students throughout their youth ministry experience to pray with them as they seek God's Spirit leading to where and to whom.

Imagine with me that maybe one of our students from a Kentucky church could be the bearer of the gospel that takes the Good News to the last unreached people group in the world. All

because we, as a church family, took serious the call in Proverbs to "train up a child in the way he should go."

There are some major concerns with such a movement:

- Our mission boards are not prepared to "place" thousands of students a year around the world.

- College scholarships are currently tied to entering school as a freshman.

- While we may save for 18-20 years for our sons and daughters to go, they may not take up the call.

- Students from unchurched/lost families may take up the call as high school students and not have the familial or financial backing to go.

- The tendency among most leaders is to figure out how to program for this, and in so doing may short circuit what God wants to do.

That is why we as a group also agreed that "we will resist any tendency to let this become a program. Each of us will simply release this thought to teenagers, families, churches and organizations. We will watch in wonder as the Spirit fuels viral communication that transcends anything institutions or leaders could orchestrate."

Will you join us in praying for an awakening to God's Son and for a young army rising up to take the gospel to the last groups on Earth?

Joe Ball, a former youth minister at Edgewood Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, is youth strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Youth Ministry Corner



Joe Ball

Survey: Churches somewhat slow in reaching for 'the cloud'

By Brooklyn Lowery
LifeWay Christian Resources

Nashville, Tenn.—A recent survey conducted by LifeWay Research found that very few churches are thinking about “the cloud” as anything more than fluffy, white vapor hanging in the sky.

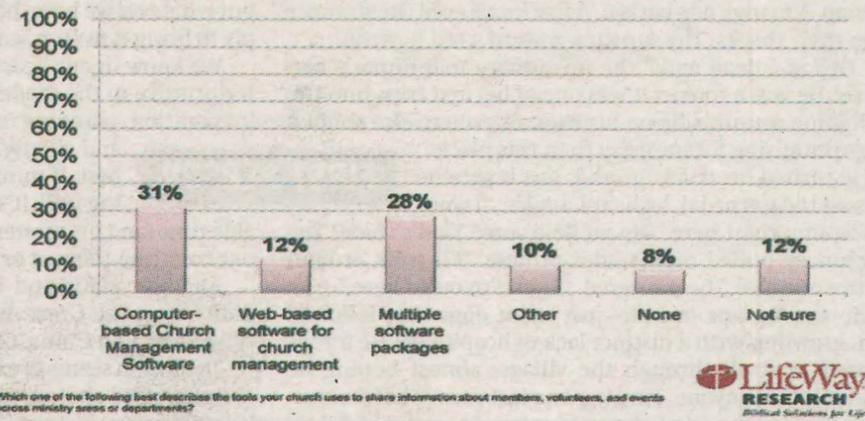
It seems that church leaders have not moved from the desktop and hard drive-based world of church management—or even from the paper and pencil variety—onto “the cloud” as it refers to Web-based management tools.

A September 2010 survey sponsored by Fellowship Technologies, a partner in LifeWay’s Digital Church initiative, found that only 12 percent of Protestant churches use Web-based church management software to share information about their church members and ministries.

The survey also asked about what other tools churches use “to share information about members, volunteers and events across ministry areas or departments,” and revealed that about one-third say they use computer-based management tools, 28 percent use multiple software packages, 8 percent say they don’t use any tools, and 12 percent aren’t sure.

Curtis Simmons, vice president of marketing and community at Fellowship Technologies shared the reason they sponsored the research: “We wanted to see how many churches were running software in the ‘cloud.’ Our goal is for the church to focus on its core competency—ministering to people. Cloud solutions seek to provide a church access to their information any time, anywhere they need it without local software to maintain.”

12% of churches use web-based software for church management to share information about their members and ministry



Ten percent of churches participating in the survey say they use “other” tools to communicate information, but those “other” tools typically are items like the telephone (1 percent), bulletins (1 percent) or e-mail (2 percent).

“Traditional communication tools are still helpful, but increasingly people expect to be able to interact with information about people and ministries in their church when they need it,” said Scott McConnell, director of LifeWay Research. “One reason churches go to the ‘cloud’ is accessibility.”

Though knowledgeable about heavenly things, many church leaders still have limited access to information about the earthly facts about their own church. In the average Protestant church, half of its leaders “can personally access data about their own ministry or group such as attendance, con-

tact information and trends,” the survey revealed.

“It is hard to mobilize a volunteer force that doesn’t have the information they need to do the work,” McConnell said. “Improving church leaders’ access to information has the potential to improve the effectiveness of every ministry in a church.”

Churches might be slow to place information on “the cloud,” but their leaders seem to be less slow about personally adopting some other forms of technology, particularly the use of mobile devices. More than half of churches (53 percent) say staff members use mobile devices to access e-mail.

“Any volunteer organization has the potential to be very inefficient, and churches are no exception,” McConnell said. “New software and mobility solutions have the potential to improve communication and workflow in ministries today.”

Trailer for new ‘Courageous’ film online

Albany, Ga.—The trailer for “Courageous,” the next film from the makers of the hit movie “Fireproof,” now is online.

The movie won’t be released until Sept. 30 but already is being screened for Christian leaders. A sneak preview of the movie was shown to Kentucky ministers at the recent Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference in Elizabethtown.

The “Courageous” trailer, first released in theaters the weekend of Feb.

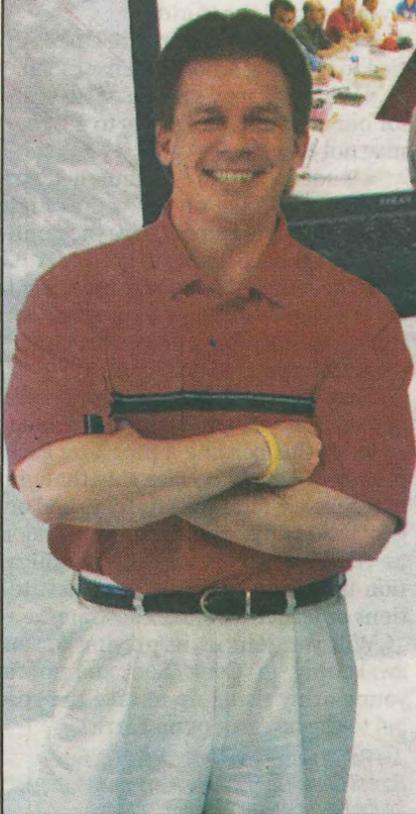
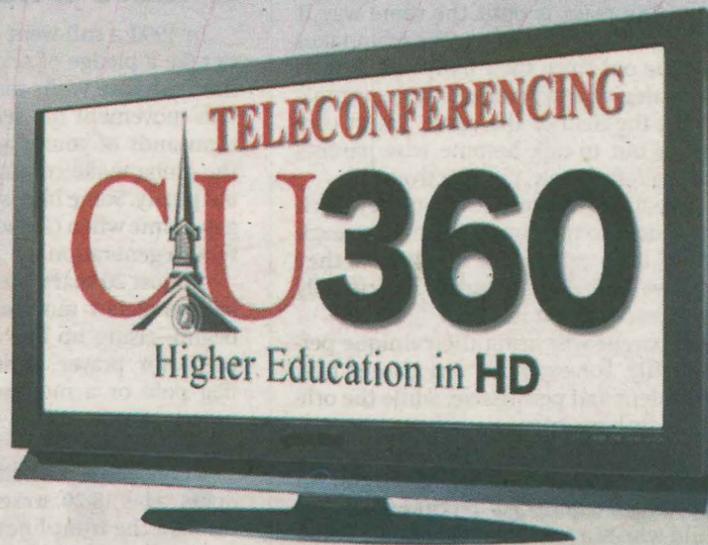
25 as a preview for “The Grace Card,” can be viewed at www.CourageousTheMovie.com.

“Courageous,” made by Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga., follows the story of four police officers as they seek to become better fathers. In addition to Fireproof, Sherwood also made “Facing the Giants” and “Flywheel.”

“Courageous” had a \$1 million budget, double that of “Fireproof.” (BP)

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NAMB missionary serves California's deaf community

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 lifeblood, our lifeline and our future."

After both graduating from Southern Miss and enrolling at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, the Burkharths became aware of the huge need for pastors and missionaries to work with deaf people.

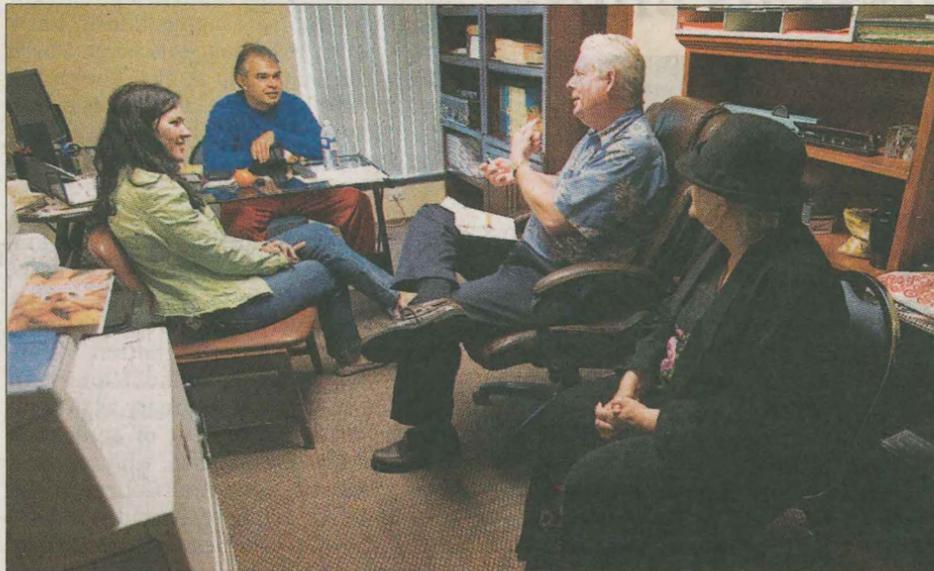
Howard later became a missionary to the deaf in California, where the Burkharths have lived and ministered for the last 27 years. From 1988-2000, Howard taught classes through Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary for the hearing impaired so they could learn to be pastors, teachers and other ministry leaders. It was the first opportunity for deaf people to get seminary education at the diploma level.

"Deafness is its own culture," he explained. "It has its own language, its own grammar, its own social structure. Deaf people tend to marry other deaf people." At the same time, Burkhart said today's technology has empowered many deaf people, enabling them to become more a part of mainstream society.

Why do the hearing impaired need special ministries aimed at them and their needs?

"You'd think they could choose from a hundred different churches but they can't. They have to go to a church where there's either a pastor to the deaf or where there's a competent interpreter," Burkhart pointed out. "And when deaf people need pastoral care, they call the interpreter, so the interpreter often becomes their pastor and advocate.

"For hearing-impaired Americans, English is their second language. Sign language is their first language," he added. "For deaf people from other countries, English is



Q & A TIME NAMB church planting missionary Howard Burkhart holds a church planting strategy session in Walnut Creek Calif., with Brazilian couple Wanderley and Claudia Alvares (left) and Day Calero (right). (Photos by Greg Schneider/NAMB)

their third or fourth language."

And not only does Burkhart work with hearing-impaired Anglos, he also ministers to the deaf in other people groups, such as Hispanics, Asians and Koreans. It's not commonly known that each nationality has its own unique deaf signing language—for instance, Koreans have their own. So signing is different across other cultures and languages.

Burkhart said one of his joys is to return to churches he helped start years ago, and one of his favorites is New Hope Community Church in El Monte, Calif.

"Going back there and knowing that probably more than 50 deaf people there now have a relationship with Jesus—and many of them are serving and leading in the church—makes for an exciting day," he said.

Burkhart said the deaf ministry at New Hope is multi-ethnic, with nine or 10 countries represented. Out of 30 or so deaf people in attendance, only three or four are Anglo or Caucasian.

"Deafness trumps ethnicity, so if you ask a hearing-impaired Indonesian, they're going to say they are deaf first and Indonesian second."

Steve Lucero, pastor to the deaf at New Hope, is the father of a deaf son, Leo, who

pulled him into deaf ministry.

"When Leo was born, I asked, 'Well, Lord, why did you give me a deaf son?' It was a big question in my heart and mind."

At the time of Leo's birth, Lucero and his wife, Linda, already had a hearing son. And although Lucero was successfully climbing up the career ladder with Safeway, he later would leave the business world and go into deaf ministry—partly because of Leo and partly because of Howard Burkhart.

"We were going to Howard's night class to learn religious signing," Lucero recalled. "He was very patient as he taught us. He also was an encourager and gave us the confidence we needed to do deaf ministry."

"If it weren't for Howard, we would have been stuck," Lucero acknowledged. "That was 25 years ago and I still love him dearly and so do the deaf" at New Hope Church.

Beyond the hearing impaired, California—Burkhart's mission field—is home to some 37 million people. If it was a country, it would be the 34th largest nation in the world. More than 200 languages are spoken in the Golden State, and about 40 percent of the population speaks another language or are bilingual at home.

"In several cases, California is home to a nation's largest ethnic population outside its home country," Burkhart said. "In other cases, we may have more people living here from a country than who actually live back in that country."

Burkhart strategizes and works with other church planters to start churches in the San Francisco and San Diego metro areas trying to reach a number of people groups—Indonesians, Romanians, Mongolians, Burmese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Russians and Brazilians. He also coordinates and leads 10 basic training events a year for 60 California church-planting teams.

"Everybody needs Jesus. It doesn't matter where you're from, what language you speak, where you came from or where you live, everybody needs Jesus, and it's our job to communicate that in a language they can understand," Burkhart said.

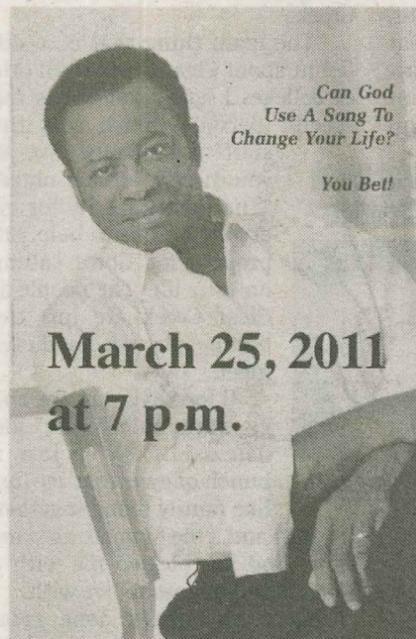
"We would ask Southern Baptists to pray for us because we need to identify a Japanese church planter for San Diego and several Vietnamese church planters for 10 churches that need to be planted in California," he noted. "We also need partners for several new churches being planted in the San Francisco Bay area."

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Ezell to DOMs, church planters: 'New day' for missions entity

By Mickey Noah
North American Mission Board

Atlanta—"It's a new day at NAMB," North American Mission Board President Kevin Ezell told associational directors of missions and church planting missionaries from across North America.

Ezell spoke during NAMB's 2011 Associational Directors of Missions Forum, as well as the Church Planting Missionary Forum, both held late last month in Atlanta.

Setting forth NAMB's new "Send North America" evangelistic church planting strategy, Ezell said the mission board intends to change the conversation on church planting across the convention.

"We want to send a message to the SBC that our focus is on church planting and that we're trying to get our act together," Ezell said, adding that while church planting is NAMB's top priority, "it's not the only thing we do. We are not gutting evangelism. We will continue to do evangelism because you can't do church planting without evangelism. The purpose of everything we do is to bring people to Christ and penetrate lostness."

Ezell told the associational and church planting leaders that skepticism and negativity must end among the mission board, as well as some of the 42 state conventions and 1,200 associations.

"We're too late in the process. People are dying and going to hell," he said. "Our resources are less than they once were. ... We cannot let down the next generation by being prideful and insistent on doing things the same way."

Ezell said since being named NAMB's president last September, he's traveled from Boston to Los Angeles—visiting state conventions and associations; and that



'NEW DAY' Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board, set forth NAMB's new "Send North America" evangelistic church planting strategy during sessions with 400-plus associational directors of missions and church planting missionaries in late February.

many state and association staff have visited NAMB.

"I think we can change the conversation," he said. "Leaders change the conversation. We're still refining the strategy together. It's not perfect yet. We just want to send out a clear message about what we are valuing and what we want to promote because we all have to change."

NAMB's overarching goal, Ezell said, is to focus first on evangelistic church planting that is infused with evangelism and leadership development. "We want to mobilize and equip thousands of churches—along with the associations and existing church planting networks—to engage in church planting."

NAMB also is at work in the area of leadership development, coaching and mentoring, but "we're not there yet," Ezell said. "We want to especially do a better job of supporting our bivocational pastors, who work very hard and get very little assistance." (BP)

BAPTIST DIGEST

Two Rivers Baptist changing name—Two Rivers Baptist Church, a prominent Southern Baptist congregation in Nashville, Tenn., will change its name March 20 to the Fellowship at Two Rivers. The church says the name change was driven by a desire to distance itself from controversies from the past few years that made headlines in local media. The controversy involved church members who were dissatisfied with former pastor Jerry Sutton. Some of them sued. Sutton retired early, telling members in a letter, "Although we have won court cases and church votes, the conflict continues." Sutton, meanwhile, has joined the staff of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as interim dean and vice president of academics, succeeding Jerry Johnson, who assumed the presidency of Criswell College in Dallas last fall. Seminary President Philip Roberts will recommend Sutton to trustees in April; if approved, the "interim" tag will be dropped from his title.

HBU opens board to non-Baptists—Houston Baptist University trustees voted March 10 to allow non-Baptist Christians a minority presence on the school's governing board. The move is designed to help HBU—the only evangelical university in the city of Houston—reach out to Christians of many denominations in the diverse city by providing them a voice on its governing board. At their regularly scheduled meeting in February, trustees discussed the issue of allowing up to nine non-Baptist trustees on the 36-member board and subsequently notified officials at the Baptist General Convention of Texas about their intention. HBU relates to the BGCT by a special agreement that allows the university to elect 75 percent of its own trustees, with the BGCT electing the re-

maining 25 percent. Under the terms of the agreement, all trustees HBU elects must be Baptist but not necessarily from BGCT-affiliated churches.

Palm Beach Atlantic president resigns—Lu Hardin, president of Palm Beach Atlantic University, resigned March 4, less than two years after coming to the school. Hardin pleaded guilty in Arkansas March 7 to federal charges of wire fraud and money laundering, according to an online news report from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. On March 4, Hardin cited "personal and family reasons" for his sudden resignation. The Arkansas newspaper said Hardin, former president of the University of Central Arkansas prior to coming to Palm Beach Atlantic, said he had taken "full responsibility" for actions related to what was reported as a scheme deceiving the school's board of trustees into giving him nearly \$200,000 which he has since repaid. Palm Beach Atlantic University formerly was affiliated with the Florida Baptist Convention.

Slain pastor laid to rest—Mourners filled First Baptist Church of Arlington, Texas, March 9 to celebrate the life of a young mission pastor cut short by murder. Clint Dobson, 28, was laid to rest six days after his suffocation death during a robbery at NorthPointe Baptist Church, a satellite of First Baptist, Arlington and part of the congregation's expansive mission outreach to the poor. Friends, family and mentors in ministry remembered Dobson as a fun-loving and gifted young minister devoted to his young wife, Laura. Dobson graduated from Baylor University in 2004 and earned a master's degree from Baylor's Truett Seminary in 2008.

Meet the class of 2011

'Mary' shares her Oneida experience, getting 'time out' from family turmoil

For the next several weeks I will give my readers a brief overview of the stories surrounding the need for some students in the class of 2011 to enroll at OBI. Some of these seniors only have been with us during their senior year, while others may have enrolled when they were in the sixth grade. Hopefully by sharing the true stories of these seniors, you will better understand the need for the ministry we try to provide.

In preparation for graduation every year, I ask each member of the senior class to write a brief essay titled "My Oneida Experience." For the next several weeks, I will use excerpts from some of those essays to share a little more about the Oneida ministry.

For many decades OBI has provided not only a different and often better learning environment, but also a better living environment for many of our students. One tremendous advantage Oneida has as a boarding school is being able to provide some distance between family members, family conflicts and family problems. When you're a teenager in the midst of family turmoil, it is often difficult to survive without encountering some painful emotional wounds.

"Mary" (not her real name) was such a girl. After experiencing the divorce of her parents when she was very young, she experienced the emotional stress of a second divorce when she was a junior in high school. Here is part of her senior essay:

"Before enrolling at Oneida ... my life was pretty normal. ... However, after having experi-

enced a very hard divorce between my mom and my stepdad, I found myself emotionally independent from those around me, and I really felt like I had no one to turn to. ... Because of my solitude, the relationship between my mother and me became strained, and I became more driven for independence. The effect of my newfound independence was a ruined relationship with my mother, a new group of friends that I didn't need, and several bad habits that, if it weren't for enrolling in Oneida, I am sure that I would still have.

"I feel that the experiences I've had here and the people I've met here have changed me for the better. Not only have I grown to be more responsible, but I am now more independent and mature. ... I've learned things at Oneida that I would not have had the chance to learn in a public school. The experiences I've had here will better prepare me for the future, not only because I'm more mature and inde-

pendent, but because I also have a better understanding of those around me.

"Being a dorm student was ... an opportunity to learn about the different ethnicities and cultural backgrounds of those around me. The most important thing Oneida has taught me is not to look at the bad things in my life so negatively. That even though some things in life may be difficult or hard to understand and get through, they happen for a reason."

I'm deeply thankful for those who make it possible for Oneida to provide a "time out" for young people who often are dealing with difficult issues.

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This is Oneida



W.F. Underwood

One big family

New student Brainard enjoys campus' family atmosphere

"Before I came here as a student, everyone kept telling me that Clear Creek was just like one big happy family." Those were important words to first-year student Jordan Brainard from Somerset because he knows about big families.

"I am from a big family myself," Jordan said. "There are six kids in my family. All of my family supports me in what I am doing. It's great to have that love and support from my family for what God has called me to do.

"I was saved when I was 16 during a revival at my home church," Jordan recalled. "Last year I felt God calling me into the ministry. I started looking at schools where I might be interested in attending, and my former pastor mentioned Clear Creek to me. I checked out the college and came for a visit. It was during my visit that God told me this is where I needed to be. I didn't look any further.

"I would highly recommend Clear Creek to anyone who is thinking about a place to train for ministry," Jordan said. "This is just an awesome place to be. God has really opened up some doors for me

since I committed to come here to study. I don't know where I would be right now if it were not for Clear Creek.

"The main thing that is so different about Clear Creek from other colleges I have attended is the specific personal touch that the staff and faculty give to you here," Jordan noted. "The main priority for everyone here is to help you prepare for God's calling on your life. The people at Clear Creek are just the best people you could ever meet.

"I love living in the single dorm on campus," Jordan said. "We're just a bunch of guys that are just like family living together.

It is fun and a blessing at the same time. God has blessed me with a great group of guys to live with.

"God has already done great things in my life since coming to Clear Creek," Jordan said. "I would highly recommend it to anyone who feels God is calling you into ministry."

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A simple example would be to establish a flexible endowment to provide scholarship assistance for students to attend one of our Kentucky Baptist Christian education institutions. To provide \$1,000 of annual assistance, the endowment fund would need to be \$25,000, assuming a 4 percent annual distribution rate. The distribution rate is not the same as the investment earnings rate. The distribution rate takes into consideration the rate of inflation and the investment costs so the fund

will have an inflation-adjusted growth to the principal over time.

Let's assume you establish the flexible endowment fund with a \$10,000 gift, and you agree to contribute the remaining \$15,000 over the next five years. Alongside your \$15,000 pledge to fund fully the endowment, you also pledge to contribute directly to the institution during the funding period the difference in the \$1,000 scholarship and the distributable earnings from the invested principal.

As you fund the principal of the endowment, the principal should grow in value to produce an increasing amount of distributable earnings and, therefore, your annual contribution to the institution should decrease. Once the endowment has been funded with the \$25,000, you would have no more responsibility to make contributions.

Scholarship assistance is just one of many ideas that lend themselves to this hybrid giving idea. Call Laurie Valentine or me toll free for more information about how you can make a lasting difference with a flexible endowment fund.

Barry Allen is president of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, PO Box 436389, Louisville, KY 40253; toll-free (866) 489-3533; www.kybaptistfoundation.org



Barry Allen

House panel votes to support defending federal marriage law

Washington—The U.S. House of Representatives officially got involved March 9 in defending the Defense of Marriage Act when a bipartisan leadership panel voted 3-2 to support the law in federal court, a move applauded by conservative leaders.

The party-line vote by the House Bipartisan Leadership Advisory Group came two weeks after President Obama ordered the Department of Justice to stop defending the act, which was signed into law in 1996 and defines marriage for federal purposes as between one man and one woman. A handful of federal lawsuits against it are pending.

House Speaker John Boehner released a brief statement saying the House general counsel "has been directed to initiate a legal defense" of the law. The move by the advisory group does not require approval by the full House.

Obama has said he believes the law is unconstitutional. Although a court ruled it unconstitutional in 2010, other federal courts have upheld it.

"This action by the House will ensure that this law's constitutionality is decided by the courts, rather than by the president unilaterally," Boehner said. Joining Boeh-

ner in voting to defend the law were Majority Leader Eric Cantor and Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy, all three Republicans.

If the lawsuits are successful, then the federal government, for the first time, would be forced to recognize the same-sex marriages in states such as Massachusetts and to grant federal benefits to same-sex couples.

"I'm delighted that the House leadership is going to take up the defense of DOMA," Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, said. "It's always better to have an advocate who believes in the case making your arguments rather than an Obama administration flunky going through the motions."

Land and others had been critical of the way the Justice Department was defending the law, saying the attorneys weren't using the best arguments in its defense. For instance, many courts have upheld traditional marriage laws on the basis that they're needed to encourage mother-and-father homes and "responsible" procreation. The Justice Department, though, refused to utilize those arguments. (BP)

Americans believe kids need 2 parents

Washington—A recent study found a growing acceptance of nearly all types of non-traditional families in the United States, except single motherhood, which most respondents in the survey said is detrimental to society.

The Pew Research Center poll showed the American public is divided in its judgments about the changes in the structure of the American family that have unfolded in the past 50 years. About a third generally accept the changes, a third are tolerant but skeptical, and a third consider them bad for society, Pew noted.

Seven family trends were considered. Pew divided the respondents into categories of Accepters, Rejecters and Skeptics.

"Overall, relatively small percentages of Accepters, Rejecters and Skeptics say any of the seven trends have been 'a good thing for society.' But the three groups differ sharply on whether each of these seven changes has been bad or has had no significant impact," researchers said.

Pew said religious observance produces the most significant differences in views, with more than half of those who attend services once a week or more falling into the Rejecters category. Adults who rarely or never go to services are more than twice as likely to be members of the Accepters group. (BP)

Find It Here 2011

EBO providing funds for this year's version of evangelistic campaign

Find It Here 2011 is a prime example of the Eliza Broadus Offering at work. Due to generous giving, our 2009-10 offering exceeded the goal, making extra funds available for special needs this year, including \$100,000 for Find It Here.

This year's Find It Here effort will take place during the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday, April 24. Find It Here 2011 challenges Kentucky Baptists to a 21-day period of prayer and fasting for three lost friends or family members, followed by delivery of a marked copy of the scriptures (Gospel of John/Book of Romans) to each of the three along with an invitation to attend church. The price is \$1 for each unit (multiple of 3 scripture booklets), which includes shipping. An order form link can be found at www.KyBaptist.org/FindItHere.

Kentucky Baptists also will be delivering the marked scripture portions to places not reached by the original effort in 2010, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, prisons and college campuses. These scripture portions are free to churches and associations because the cost of the material for these facilities has been provided by the overage of last year's EBO.

In addition, EBO is providing the expenses of a Find It Here radio campaign which will run from April 11-24. The stations selected are the top stations listened to by adults, ages 25-54, in the five demographic market areas covering Kentucky. Ads also will air in areas of eastern Kentucky not covered by these stations through Kentucky StateNets. This means that with the combined ad outlets, we are reaching—geographically—all of Kentucky.

The total adult population, ages 25-54, in the state of Kentucky is approximately 1.8 million. On average, adults in that age range will hear the message three and a half times. This obviously does not mean every adult in Kentucky will hear a Find It Here radio ad, but it does mean we have the potential to reach a significant portion of adults in our state.

So, if you are among those delivering the scripture portions to nursing homes, jails or college campuses, give thanks for EBO which provided those scripture portions. When you hear a Find It Here radio ad, say to yourself, "That's EBO at work." Joy Bolton is executive director-treasurer of Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, PO Box 436569, Louisville, KY 40253; (502) 489-3534; www.kywmu.org

EBO at Work



Joy Bolton



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March**
- 16-20 Adult Kentucky Changers West, TBA.
 - 17 Growing Ministries Tour, Northside Baptist Church, Mayfield.
 - 19 Hispanic Woman's Missionary Union and Evangelism Conference, First Baptist Church, Mount Washington.
 - 19 Region 6 RA Congress and Rally, Kirksville Baptist Church, Richmond.
 - 21-22 Welcome to Kentucky, Hilton Garden Inn & Kentucky Baptist Building, Louisville.
 - 22 Pastor-Staff Forum, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.
 - 24 Growing Ministries Tour, Living Hope Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.
 - 25-26 Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
- April**
- 1-2 Exalt, Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green.
 - 1-3 Baptist Campus Ministries Leadership Training Conference, Cedarmore Camp and Conference Center, Bagdad.
 - 2 Vacation Bible School Clinic, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset.
 - 7-8 Joshua Cluster Celebration, Hilton Garden Inn, Louisville.
 - 8-9 Team Leader Training for International Missions, Baptist Building, Louisville.
 - 8-9 Women on Mission Regional Retreat, Laurel Lake Baptist Camp, Corbin.
 - 9 Disaster Relief Regional Training, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset.
 - 14-15 Quarterly Prayer Meeting for Spiritual Awakening, Northside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon.
 - 14-16 Ministers in Transition, Louisville.
 - 16 Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament, Northside Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.
 - 26 Developing and Managing People Workshop, Baptist Building, Louisville.
 - 29 Children's Bible Drill, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.
 - 29-30 Sunday School Growth Academy, Paroquet Springs Conference Center, Shepherdsville.
 - 29-30 Women on Mission Regional Retreat, Camp Schafer, Pellville.



Campbellsville University Vice President of Academic Affairs Frank Cheatham (left) and Frank Garbutt, president of St. John's Junior College in Belize, sign a partnership agreement between the two schools.

Campbellsville University inks partnership with Belize college

Belize City, Belize—Campbellsville University recently signed an agreement for academic exchange and cooperation with St. John's Junior College, located in Belize City, Belize.

"St. John's College is considered to be the best junior college in the country," said Frank Cheatham, vice president for academic affairs at Campbellsville University. Cheatham traveled to Belize to sign the agreement with St. John's President Frank Garbutt.

Few individuals who receive associate degrees in Belize have the opportunity to complete their bachelor degrees within the country, Cheatham said. Because of this, many students in Belize come to the United States to complete their bachelor's degrees.

The agreement states: "The two institutions, based on the principles of respect for each other's independence and of mutual benefit, will engage in the following activities: exchange of students and academic staff, joint research activities, and exchange and joint development of academic materials."

"It is our hope that some of the better students from St. John's will find CU attractive," Cheatham said. "This would benefit both CU and St. John's by giving their students additional opportunities."

DeWayne Frazier, associate vice president for academic affairs at Campbellsville, also traveled to Belize for the signing. He said students from St. John's Junior College would come to Campbellsville to complete their bachelor's degrees.

"There is only one true university in Belize, University of Belize, and one small for-profit group, Galen (College). They have little options to complete a bachelor's degree in the country, Frazier said. "CU will benefit from the transfer of extremely bright Belizean students."

"St. John's College and Campbellsville University share many commonalities in our missions," said Dianne Lindo, provost and chief academic officer at St. John's College. "We both cherish our liberal-arts grounding and our focus on personal growth, academic excellence, lifelong learning and service, and we both strive to expose our students to the wider world and its varied opportunities for service and leadership."

"St. John's College welcomes the agreement for academic exchange and cooperation with Campbellsville University as a way to expand opportunities for students of our institutions to pursue their educational and life goals," she added.

Campus revival



University of the Cumberland recently held its Spring Renewal, a BCM-sponsored annual revival, with the theme of justice. Forrest Coleman (above), a 2009 Cumberland's graduate was the featured speaker for each of the five services. Worship was led by Live Fish, a Somerset Christian band. "God did an amazing, powerful work in my life as a student at UC, and it was an honor to see Jesus transform other students' lives each day of renewal," Coleman said. Ten students accepted Christ as their Savior during the revival week.

MOUNTAINS TO THE MISSISSIPPI

COMPILED BY STAFF

- **CADIZ**—Wayne Glass recently resigned as pastor of Donaldson Creek Church.
- **CORYDON**—Corydon Missionary Church recently called Rick O'Daniel as pastor.
- **HODGENVILLE**—Mike Rodgers recently resigned as pastor of First Church.
- **INDEPENDENCE**—Hickory Grove Church recently called Jon Burdette as youth pastor. He previously was youth pastor at Brodhead Church.
- **LEXINGTON**—Boone's Creek Church will host Boone's Creek Baptist Association's annual

- youth rally March 19, 6 p.m., with Keith Johnson, spiritual life director for Lexington Christian Academy, as guest speaker. Matthew Perry is pastor. John Ryder is director of missions.
- **LONDON**—Emmanuel Church recently called Bobby Ewing as pastor.
- **OLMSTEAD**—Dripping Spring Church recently called Jered Patrick as youth pastor. Jeff Noffsinger is pastor.
- **SHEPHERDSVILLE**—Mount Eden Church ordained its pastor, Rick James, to the gospel ministry Feb. 27.

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SEEKING: Full-time pastor for a conservative, cooperative, Southern Baptist church. Contact Stan Pinson, Wildwood Baptist Church, (606) 324-6771; or e-mail: onefurnitureman@yahoo.com.

SEEKING: Interim youth director to lead our young ladies and young men to a better understanding of God's will for their lives. This position is planned to begin June 1, 2011. Please indicate your interest by forwarding your resumé with a recent photo to Glasgow Baptist Church, 401 S. Green St., Glasgow, KY 42141, Attn: Personnel Committee.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Sturgis, Ky., to lead congregation in singing through a combination of traditional and contemporary music, and to plan and promote youth activities. Send resumé or request job description: First Baptist Church, 802 N. Adams St., Sturgis, KY 42459; or e-mail to fbcsturgis@gmail.com.

SEEKING: Full-time minister of education/associate pastor for Olive Branch Baptist Church in Hanson, Ky. Resumés should be sent to: Olive Branch Baptist Church, 400 Olive Branch Church Road, Hanson, KY 42413; or e-mail to olivebranch552@bellsouth.net. For more information, call Bro. Gary Taylor at (270) 332-8251. Job descriptions are available.

SEEKING: Pastor for Reid Village Baptist Church. Please send resumé and audio/video sermon to eddie ratliff@roadrunner.com; or mail to Pulpit Committee, 1827 Stratford Place, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353.

SEEKING: Bivocational youth minister to lead our youth to be mature Christ followers. Is the Lord leading you? Please send resumé to Turner Ridge Baptist Church, 60 McGraw Road, Falmouth, KY 41040; or send e-mail to daleannbeighle@yahoo.com.

SEEKING: Part-time bookkeeper for Fern Creek Baptist Church (approx. 15 hours a week). Applicant must be a spiritually mature Christian and active church member, have several years of experience, and have strong accounting skills. Send resumé to Fern Creek Baptist Church, 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291, Attn: Personnel Committee; or e-mail to Linda@fern creekbaptist.org. Resumés will be received through March 25. Questions? Call (502) 239-0316, ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, pastor).

SEEKING: Minister of worship and education for First Baptist Church of Blountville, the county seat of Kingsport and Bristol, Tenn. FBC has two blended morning worship services; minister will be responsible for coordinating all musical presentations, leading some groups, as well as planning special events such as our Spirit of Christmas dinner theater. Education will include working with teams to coordinate Bible study, VBS, camps and adult education opportunities. Please submit resumé to Minister Search Team, PO Box 587, Blountville, TN 37617; or online at fbcbtn@embraqqmail.com.

SEEKING: Exciting, passionate leader to direct children's ministry and oversee daily activities of family life center. Must have vision and desire to share the love of Christ with children and families through God-given spiritual gifts. Experience preferred, college degree a plus. Please send cover letter and resumé to: Search Committee, Marion Baptist Church, PO Box 384, Marion, KY 42064; or e-mail to: searchcommittee@marionbaptist church.com.

SEEKING: Part-time minister of music who will be responsible for planning weekly worship services, working with the adult choir and all instrumentalists, and overseeing the entire music ministry of the church. Contact Pastor Rodney Bice at Bardwell Baptist Church, (270) 628-3645; or bbcpastor1@windstream.net.

Sharing the blessing of forgiveness

By Terry Dorsett

When I entered the crowded room, I saw her across the room. My heart was strangely warmed to know she was there. It brought back a flood of memories from nearly 12 years ago. Some of those memories were sweet, some painful, but all were laced with the fragrance of forgiveness.

Her name is Mary* and she nearly killed my family more than a decade ago in a car accident. Mary had struggled with alcoholism most of her adult life, and on that fateful morning so long ago had been heavily drinking. She drove her car head-on into mine. The accident was so severe that the police who responded were amazed that anyone survived.

My wife's arm was broken and required major surgery. My leg was so shattered that at first they thought it would have to be amputated, but after surgery and many months of physical therapy, I learned to walk again. My youngest son was the most severely hurt. His back was broken and he suffered massive internal injuries. The small hospital in our area was unable to treat him for his injuries and rushed him to another hospital that had a pediatric intensive care unit. I remember the doctor telling us to say goodbye to him before they put him in the ambulance because the doctor did not think we would ever see him again.

For three days his life hung in the balance. But the Lord of Glory chose to use His power to spare my son's life and, though he spent months in a body cast, he made a full recovery. He is now a junior in high school and involved in both basketball and football and one would never know how serious he had been injured as a preschooler.

Years later the word "hate" sounds so harsh, but to be honest, that is exactly what I felt for Mary after the accident. I had moved to a small village in Vermont to serve as a missionary with the North American Mission Board. My specific ministry was to be the pastor of a small congregation of less than 20 that was struggling to survive. I was supposed to tell people like Mary about Jesus so they could be freed from their sins and be transformed into holy living Christians. That was such a glorious dream, until Mary nearly shattered it.

I had nightmares for months about the accident. I would wake up in a cold sweat and the hatred I felt for Mary would wash over me in waves. One part of my mind knew that I needed to forgive Mary, but another part justified the fact that Mary did not deserve forgiveness.

One night, as I wrestled with those feelings, I tried once again to explain to God what Mary had done to my son. God listened patiently. He's good at that. Then He responded with a still small voice and explained to me what I had done to His Son. God the Father showed me the depth of my own sin that had made it necessary for Jesus Christ,

His Son, to die upon the cross. God reminded me that He had graciously spared my own son in the accident that Mary caused, but that Jesus, the Son of God, had to die because of my own sin.

FIRST PERSON

That night I asked God to help me learn to forgive and it was the first step in a long journey of healing in my own life. It took time, but I did learn to forgive Mary.

I invited her to church and she agreed to come. I sat behind her during her trial and subsequent sentencing. I went to visit her in jail as she served time for the accident. These were not easy steps for me, but they were important in the overall process of forgiveness.

When Mary was released from jail, she began coming to church regularly. One Sunday Mary asked if I might come to her home and explain more about how she might trust Jesus. A deacon and I went and sat in her kitchen and—surrounded by bottles of alcohol—I shared that Jesus loved her and had a plan for her life. It would not be an easy plan, for it would require significant change, but it would be a plan that would be for her good and if she would choose to follow it, I promised her she would not regret it. That day Mary trusted her life to Christ and the woman who nearly killed my family became my sister in the Lord.

A few months later, after I had recovered physically, I was able to baptize Mary. In the years since she has become a glowing Christian. She has served on the church board. She has been involved in a variety of ministry opportunities at the church. Though I have since moved on to a new ministry in a town not far away, Mary continues to serve the Lord in that little village church.

"Seeing her across the room at that meeting reminded me of the blessing of forgiveness that I have received from Christ. I can do nothing less than offer that same blessing to others..."

Recently I attended the annual meeting of my denomination's regional organization. The meeting was filled with reports from the various entities as well as reports of the missionaries and staff members serving the churches in New England. Each church sends representatives to hear the reports and vote on various issues to give direction to the denomination for the next year.

As I walked into the room, one of the first people I saw was Mary. There she sat across the room, the woman who nearly killed my family 11 years ago, now sitting in the same room helping me make decisions for how our denomination will reach other Marys with the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

To me, that is what living like a missionary is all about. I can honestly say that Mary is a blessing to my life. Seeing her across the room at that meeting reminded me of the blessing of forgiveness that I have received from Christ. I can do nothing less than offer that same blessing to others as I seek to live like a missionary and share the forgiveness of God with anyone who will listen. (BP)

*Name changed. Terry Dorsett is director of the Green Mountain Baptist Association in Vermont.

For Heaven's Sake

Mike Morgan



Preacher's Kids

David Ayers



Bible Crosswords

By Sissy Magnusson

Across

- 1 Our ____ is with the Father (1 John 1:3)
- 11 Constellation (Job 9:9)
- 12 The ____ chapter (1 Corinthians 13)
- 13 Southern slang for poor
- 14 A populous place (Nahum 3:8)
- 15 Son of Peleth (Numbers 16:1)
- 16 Printer's measure
- 17 To boast
- 20 Wonder
- 21 Vehicle (Amos 2:13)
- 23 An age
- 25 Otherwise
- 26 ____ me, expression of sorrow
- 27 Pure
- 30 Writing instrument
- 31 Forbidden insult (Matthew 5:22)
- 33 Great happiness
- 35 Montpelier's state, abbr.
- 36 Pertaining to wings
- 37 Astronomical unit, abbr.
- 38 Oldest son of Noah (Genesis 9:18)
- 40 Head nurse, abbr.
- 42 Sooner than
- 43 Oldest son of Adam (Genesis 4:1)
- 46 City on the coast of Caesarea (Joshua 11:2)
- 48 Short for Leonard

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- 49 A riddle
- 51 None in Gilead? (Jeremiah 8:22)
- 53 Come in
- 55 Opposite of pride (1 Peter 5:5)
- 56 Will come out of Jacob (Numbers 24:17)

- 19 Article
- 22 European mountain
- 24 Expression of satisfaction
- 27 Loving
- 28 Son of Zibeon (Genesis 36:24)
- 29 "Healthy" heart (Proverbs 14:30)
- 32 Earthquake state, abbr.
- 34 In like manner
- 39 "____ of salvation" (Ephesians 6:17)
- 41 Name meaning "wild goat" (Genesis 36:28)
- 44 Airman, abbr.
- 45 2, Romans num.
- 47 "To ____ is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22)
- 50 Name meaning "my brother" (1 Chronicles 5:15)
- 52 Lights, abbr.
- 54 Egyptian sun god

Down

- 1 Control of one's feelings (Ephesians 4:2)
- 2 Son of Jose (Luke 3:28-29)
- 3 New York's largest island, abbr.
- 4 A fruit of the spirit "____-suffering" (Galatians 5:22)
- 5 Biblical city (1 Chronicles 8:12)
- 6 "____ to anger" (Nehemiah 9:17)
- 7 Truthfulness
- 8 Intravenous, abbr.
- 9 The absence of strife
- 10 Satisfaction
- 13 Keep on keeping on
- 18 Kingly

Last week's solution

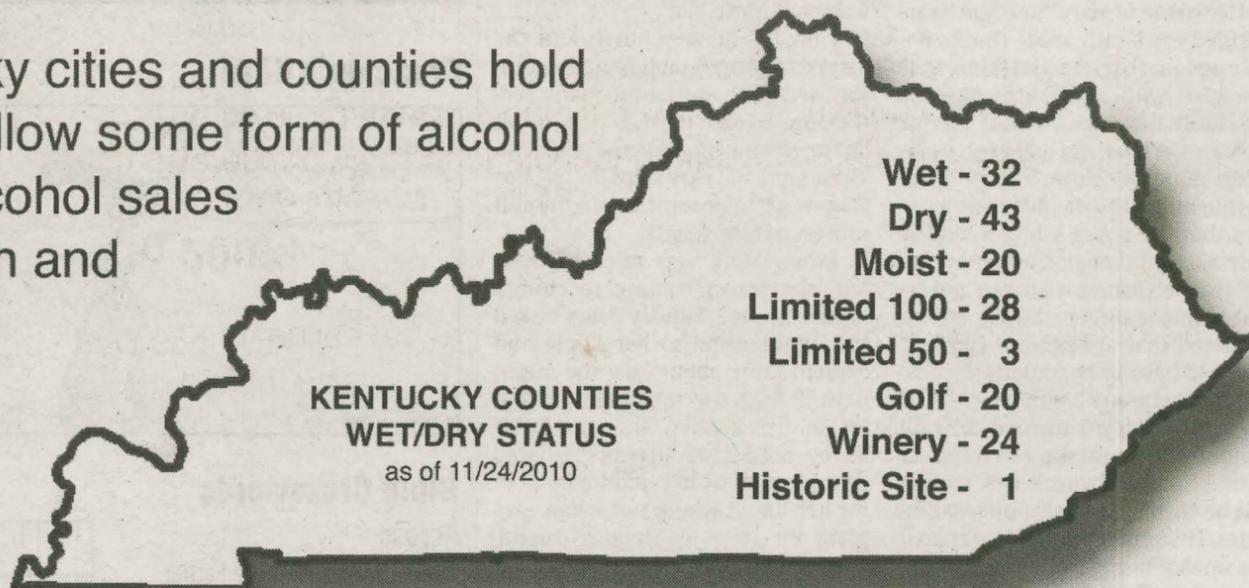
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**" TAX DOLLARS ARE GOOD, BUT THEY WON'T
BRING MY MOM BACK. " - VICTORIA**

VICTORIA'S MOM WAS KILLED BY A DRUNK DRIVER - APRIL 6, 2007

Every year, more Kentucky cities and counties hold local option elections to allow some form of alcohol sales. People are told alcohol sales will bring economic growth and development and solve revenue problems.

They are being misled.



Take A Look At Alcohol's Impact on Kentucky

In 2009:

- There were 5,038 alcohol-related traffic collisions
 - 2,652 persons were injured in these collisions.
 - 203 persons were killed in these collisions.
- 32,877 adults were arrested for driving under the influence. 2,410 of those were between the ages of eighteen and twenty.
- 32,283 adults were arrested for drunkenness. 2,807 of those were between the ages of eighteen and twenty.
- 216 juveniles, ages ten to seventeen were arrested for driving under the influence.
- 624 juveniles, ages ten to seventeen were arrested for drunkenness.

In 2007:

- The economic cost of alcohol-related crashes was \$326 million.
- The cost of underage drinking was \$752 million.
- 558 youth, ages twelve to twenty were admitted to treatment centers for alcohol abuse.

Please consider the costs of allowing alcohol into your community before you vote.

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