

# Focus on Missions

“...Into all the World”



“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:38

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**Chip Stowe**  
Director

*“At first the task looks difficult, then it looks impossible; then it is done.”*

~Hudson Taylor~

I once heard it said that when God is about to do something great, He starts with a difficulty. Where He is about to do something magnificent, He starts with an impossibility. Like the Apostle Paul, we all know that we can do anything that God puts before us but the enemy will put strong hindrances and distractions before us with the goal of keeping us from what the Lord has for us. Reaching our goal requires more than skill, it requires determination and **Focus**.

Distraction is the enemy of Focus. In Luke 10:38-42, we see two sisters; one was focused and one was distracted. Jesus said to Martha, *“thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part...”* Martha needed focus like her sister. Mary’s focus was directed toward her Saviour. Often failure is due not to lack of talent or ability but to lack of focus.

As we face the tasks that are set before us in our lives and in our ministries, let us know that we are in the last days and let us be determined to do all that our Heavenly Father has commanded us to do. Let us do it with purposed hearts and remain **Focused** on His will for our lives. Let us continue to love the Lord with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves and win as many people to Him as we can.

I praise the Lord for His blessing upon FBHM and our staff and want to say *Thank You* to everyone who faithfully prays and gives to the work of the ministry. God has truly blessed FBHM and recently added 3 missionary families to our board; Brother James Mills to the Cherokee Nation, Brother Steven O’Brien to the Ukraine, and just last month we added Brother Jeff Wilson to the Philippines. Please be in prayer for all of our missionaries that they remain **focused** on the tasks ahead.

In Christ Alone,  
*Bro. Chip Stowe*

I would like to invite you to celebrate our 35th Anniversary and to attend our 35th Annual Jubilee this year. It will be held the last full week of July, the 24th-28th. Plan on coming and hear great preaching from Pastors and Missionaries. Breakfast and Supper will be provided. The Jubilee will be held again at Heaven Bound Baptist Church in Bessemer City, NC. A map and schedule will be mailed out closer to the time for the Jubilee.

We ask that you pray about taking the “Anniversary Love Offering” one Sunday in July to help cover the operating expenses of Fundamental Baptist Home Missions. This has always been a tremendous help to FBHM.

## FIELD DIRECTOR



Jack Stewart

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I want to thank the Lord for His continued blessings on the Mission Board. We have had more missionary families join with our board to serve the Lord, herein the United States and abroad.

Plans for the 35th Annual Jubilee are being made and the dates are Monday, July 24 thru Friday, July 28. Please

put these dates on your calendar and come be with us for a wonderful week of fellowship with our missionaries and hear some preaching by great men of God.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Directors for their continued faithfulness & for all their hard work. I also want to thank the missionaries for giving their lives to the service of the Lord.

To all the churches that participated in the very successful Christmas Shoe Box Program for the children in Togo, West Africa and the Alpha & Omega Children's Home in Honduras last year, we would like to invite you to do it again this year. One of the churches has already contacted me and wants to be a part of this program again. The reason I mention this at this time is because it takes so many months to get it all together. Please contact me at FBHM or email me at [jdstewart35@yahoo.com](mailto:jdstewart35@yahoo.com) as soon as possible if you want to be a part of this project.

We thank you for remaining faithful in your thoughts, prayers, and financial support of the Missionaries and the Mission Board. I wish all of you God's continued blessings as we serve Him in our efforts to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

*Jack Stewart*

## SECRETARIES of FBHM



Marie, Lucille, Angi

Greetings in the name of our precious Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is so good to us...better than we deserve. We are thankful to report that the work continues here at the mission board and that we are busier than ever. We truly had a blessed and busy year so far.

It is such a blessing to be able to be a part of all the work

that goes on around the world as we serve and serve with the missionaries.

We depend on the support of God's people just as the missionaries in the field do. Were it not for that support, we would not be able to serve in the capacity that we do. As we take on more missionaries and works, the workload continues to grow. Some of our duties include prayer cards, prayer letters, newsletters, sorting and depositing support checks, transferring funds, reports, tax documents, correspondence to and from supporting churches, helping with travel arrangements, visas, passports, and much more. We have a very important part in the ministry of the missionaries.

Please remember to pray for the work at the mission board, for us, and that our needs continue to be met.

*Lucille, Marie, Angi*

## DIRECTOR OF THE PHILIPPINES



The Fuchs Family

It is graduation time here in the Philippines. Pastor Johnny Lim and the Sibonga Christ Centered Agape Academy will hold their graduation. They will have their first student graduating from elementary school and that will mean they will start a Junior high school for next year. God has tremendously blessed the school and church there in the mountains and they continue to need your prayers and support.

We saw our first college graduate in the church in Carcar. A young lady who got saved & began coming to church when she was in her first year of high school just graduated with a bachelor's degree. We also have our first Bible college student graduating within the week. We are so proud of our young people who have stayed faithful to God & their church during their schooling. Please pray especially for Chris De La Torre as he graduates Bible college & begins to have a more active role in the ministry of Open Door Bap. Church.

Graduation also means the beginning of Summer time activities. There will be many opportunities to minister to the young people as they are out of school. Please pray with us that many of them will come to know Christ as their Savior and that they will continue to live for Him.

*Aaron Fuchs*

## DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AND SO. AMERICA AND MEXICO



Ernesto, Yuli, Aaron & Keila

It is exciting to see what the Lord is doing through FBHM and in the Hispanic world. When I read our missionary letters, it is wonderful to see that constantly souls are being saved, baptized and lives are being changed for Christ. Our missionaries are doing a great job for the Lord.

We need to keep in mind what *II Thessalonians 3:1-2* says, "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith." We should be in constant prayer for our missionaries.

I would like to share with you Missionary Carlos Mauricio Ochoa. He is in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, which is the capital of that country. I had the opportunity in January to be with him, his family and see what the Lord is doing through them. Tegucigalpa has over one million people and there are very few Fundamental Independent Baptist churches. Brother Carlos uses a school to have services but



to have more room, they want to build a removable roof so they can have the services in the patio of the school. In the future if they buy a property and have their own church building, they can take the removable roof with them. The removable roof costs \$2,000 US. It is also very important to have transportation in a big city, so they can have more outreach. They have a minibus that is not working

properly. The cost is only \$500 dollars to get it fixed. Please pray for these needs. If God touches your heart to help him, it will be a great spiritual investment.

We are also planning a Jubilee Conference in January 15-18, 2018 in Honduras. We want to invite all of our missionaries in Mexico, Central and South America and even in the Caribbean to come, have fellowship with each other and have great teaching and preaching. This will be a great help for the missionaries and their families. We will have it in Tela, Honduras, where two of our missionaries and their families are serving the Lord, Missionary Axil Urbina and Missionary Napoleon Flores. Please pray so God can provide the funds necessary to cover this conference. We need \$4,000 dollars to make this possible. If you can help with any amount, it will be a great blessing.

Thank you also for praying for me and my family. As you know, we started a church in North Wilkesboro, NC, in Nov. 2014 and have services in Spanish. We are the only church that have services in Spanish in Wilkes County. God is blessing us and we are already supporting 5 missionaries by His grace. We are praying that in the next couple months we can start a mission work in Taylorsville, NC. It is another town where there is no Baptist church that have services in Spanish. There are around 2,000 people there and around 6 percent are Hispanic. Please pray so God can help us reach the Hispanic people in this town also. If you can support us monthly, please do; this will help us do more for His glory!

I would like to thank you again for your prayers and your financial support towards FBHM and their missionaries. It is not in vain what you do for the Lord. God bless you!

*Ernesto Andrade*

privilege to feed all the children in Pastor Iliobert's school a meal for lunch! (there are usually not enough funds to feed the 100+ children) That was a great blessing to see the kids so happy and get their belly's full! On another sad note, we also visited the Memorial Site where over 200,000 Haitians was buried in two big holes, as a result of the devastating earth quake that shook the country in January of 2010. The country is still trying to recover from this tragedy! Please pray for the ministry in Haiti and if God burdens your heart about partnering with the ministry in Haiti by either giving financially or going there to visit on a short term mission trip, please let us know and we will be glad to work with you on this.

On another note, we are leaving on April 10th to go to Ghana, West Africa and to Togo, West Africa. We are helping in a Bible Believers Conference, doing evangelistic preaching and some training for pastors. Please pray for us on this trip that God would keep us safe and many souls would be saved and brought closer to the Lord! If a pastor or church would want us to come present the mission work in Africa or Haiti, please contact me at 828-754-8283 or FBHM at 704-629-4176.

*Keith Phelps*



### DIRECTOR of AFRICA



Keith & Bea Phelps

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord! In Feb. God allowed us to travel to Haiti. Our main purpose of this trip was to host a Leaders Conference in a local church and to preach in two revivals near the capitol, Port Au Prince. We worked with a FBHM local Haitian missionary pastor there named "Iliobert Destine" from Croix-des-Bouquets, Port-Au-Prince. His wife and children were a real blessing to me! The Leaders Conference went very well. We had an average attendance of about 85 each morning. The conference was held from 8:30 am till 12 noon. After each conference service, we fed all the participates a meal and provided water to drink.

We taught and preached on some basic doctrines of God's Word and many of those that attended came and told us that they were blessed and really got some help from God's Word! There is great need there for Spiritual Growth! The two revivals were held at New Jerusalem Baptist Church for 3 nights and First Baptist Church of Truth for 4 nights in Port-Au-Prince. The services went good with special singing each night. Of course, in both the Leaders Conference and the Revival services, I had to preach with an interpreter. The main local dialect is Creole and few people knew English. The services were directed mainly toward the church, but God took His Word and gave the increase! We had a total of 29 souls that gave their life to God for salvation in all the services! Praise God, He is still in the saving business! While we were there, we also had the

### Director of INDIA



Fain & Shelby Morrison

I recently returned from the Philippines where I was able to visit an Aetas village. The Aetas are the original natives of the Philippines. Most of them live in rural mountain areas apart from other Filipinos. A pastor friend of mine ministers to these people and has organized two churches near Aetas villages. I was able to purchase a tricycle for one

church but I need another one.

*Fain Morrison*



## Caribbean News



Joe & Becky Hendricks

*Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.*

**Isaiah 42:12**

It is a pleasure to write to you all again. It is almost Springtime and everything is coming back to life from the dormant state of the Winter season. I love this time of year. A great time for preparing and planting for a Harvest.

This time of year is the dry season in the Islands. A lot of our men will do more open air outreaches during these months. They are not only reaching out to their local area, but several are reaching into other areas to win souls in our Lord's Harvest.

We would ask you to pray for Jeremy Scott in Grenada and the new work in Chantimelle. They are trying to get all the paperwork complete on the purchase of land for the Church building. Many times our men are held up by paperwork there. Please pray for this to be done speedily so that the foundation for the new building can begin. They were hoping to build the building within the year but the paperwork delay is hindering their process. We know God's timing is always right so thanks for praying. Please keep praying for Anchor Baptist Church in Tivoli and Bro. Presley Felix. The plans have been approved for the Church building and the men are busy tying steel and pouring concrete. They will go as far as they can with the money they have in hand. They need assistance in purchasing the material to build. Bro. Presley and his men are workers and have told me, "Bro. Joe, we will build we just need some help purchasing supplies". Please pray for this need.

Bro. Earl James, Missionary in Barbados, has finalized his book The Toxic Believer. It is being sold on Amazon for \$16.00, the proceeds from this book will assist them in raising funds for their Church property. I have just started reading this book myself, but have been told by others that it is great. I can say for the part I have read this is true.

Becky and I will be going to the Islands April 20 - May 20. We will be in the Islands of Barbados, Grenada and St. Vincent visiting our men there. Please pray for this trip; for God's blessings and provision for us, and that God would prosper our journey. Barbados and St. Vincent will be new Islands for us and we are looking forward to seeing all that God is doing there.

Thanks again for your prayers and support for each of us. We desire fruit that abounds to your account (Ph. 4:17)

*Joe Hendricks*

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