

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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*"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."
Psalm 107:22*

The Joy That Holds



Chip Stowe
President/Director

There is always an element of joy in any real sacrifice for the Lord. In all that we do for Him there should be great happiness for the very privilege of participation. That this kind of service is all but extinct amongst followers of Jesus Christ is apparent. We might go further by stating that unless this spirit of joyous sacrifice lives again in the

hearts of the servants of God, we can expect no great blessing in His service.

We usually take for granted that only the one who becomes a missionary leads a life of great sacrifice. This is not necessarily the case, it involves ones heart and inner spiritual life. Not always do those who appear to give up the most for God lead the most sacrificial lives, nor, are those who apparently have much always giving the most to God.

The world says "give until it hurts". In other words, not until one begins to feel the loss does the giving really count. The Christian stand is just the opposite, for we must give until it brings **joy**, and after that point is reached the more we give the greater the **joy**. If you have not experienced this kind of giving you are missing the very heart of spiritual blessing.

This giving does not mean only money or material things, although it includes that. The truly happy Christian is the one who has given everything, every thought and motive and desire.

When one has taken complete inventory of everything that pertains to his life and can truthfully say that it all belongs to the Lord, then, and only then, will he experience "**the joy that holds**". This means that one has died to self and has become just the executor of the estate that is left.

You perhaps are thinking that this is irrelevant to missions. But a little meditation and reflection will reveal, that this kind of giving is an essential part of any Christian service. This is what the rich young ruler confronted and he "went away sor-

rowful," because he had great possessions and would not disclaim ownership. Following Jesus entails complete renunciation of worldly ties, a counting as nothing things that have the highest value by those who put their faith in riches.

There are 7.6 billion people in the world today. The burden for their salvation rests heavily upon us. Only by counting it **great joy** to give all that they might be reached, will we begin to meet the need.

God Bless You! And Have a Merry Christmas!,
Bro. Chip Stowe

This is the time of year for giving and receiving, there is no better example of this than God giving us His precious Son. Each year at this time we ask that you prayerfully consider taking a

Christmas Love Offering

for the mission board to help with the operating expenses of the board. It has always been, and continues to be, the policy of the board that 100% of the money that you send to the missionaries goes to them. Our mission board and the staff work on faith just like they do.

We depend on the gifts of God's people to continue the work at FBHM. We rely on God to lay it on your hearts to support us and the work here and to supply all of the needs that cover all of the expenses we have in order to operate. This Christmas Love Offering has always been very helpful in meeting those needs. We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience. We thank you for all of your prayers and support.

FIELD DIRECTOR



Jack Stewart

This year has passed so fast, but as we get older, we realize our work for our Lord and Savior becomes more and more urgent.

It is hard to believe that we just finished our 35th annual Jubilee. The time spent with our missionaries was a true blessing. They truly have needs, whether it is spiritual, physical or monetary. They have a great passion for their

ministries. Our prayers for each of them should be just as passionate.

I mentioned in my last letter the "Christmas Bag Project" for Mawuli in Togo West Africa. The project was a great success. On September 11th, I sent 24 barrels of Christmas Bags (873) to Bro. Mawuli. That was more than double what we were able to send last year. The barrels have already arrived at the Togo port. A great big "Thank You" to all the churches and individuals who joined us in this project.



As we close on the year here at the mission board, I would like to thank you for your prayers and financial support for me, our staff and our missionaries. It continues to be the goal of the office to assist our missionaries in the best way possible as we serve the Lord together.

Merry Christmas to you all and may you have a blessed New Year.

Jack Stewart

SECRETARIES of FBHM



Marie, Lucille, Angi

Let the Stable Still Astonish

*Straw, dirt floor, dull eyes,
dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen;
Crumbling, crooked walls;
No bed to carry that pain.*

*And then, the Child, rag-wrapped,
laid to cry In a trough.*

Who would have chosen this?

*Who would have said "Yes, Let the God of all the heavens
and earth be born here, in this place"?*

*Who but the same God Who stands in the darker, fouler
rooms of our hearts and says "Yes, Let the God of Heaven
and Earth be born here—in this place."*

**We wish you all a Blessed Christmas Season,
Lucille, Marie, Angi**

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AND SO. AMERICA AND MEXICO



Ernesto, Yuli, Aaron & Keila

It is a blessing to greet you again. This year is almost over and many souls have been saved, baptized and lives changed around the world. It is a privilege to be part of this great work! Thank you for participating in your prayers and your financial support in missions and through FBHM.

The church in North Wilkesboro is doing great. We have had visitors constantly and new members added in our church. In this month of November, we are celebrating our 3rd church anniversary and we are rejoicing for it. Also before the year ends, we will renew our faith promise of missions. We want to do more. We want to add new missionaries. Please pray so the church can commit more to give to missions and be in more countries!!!

I am also exciting and preparing for our mission trip in Honduras. It will be January 23rd to February 3rd, 2018. We will be preaching in a jail, doing Bible clubs and preaching in different mission works plus we will be helping in constructing a new church building. Please pray so God can use us and be a blessing to these missionaries, their families and ministries. If you like to help, we still need around \$250 dollars for expenses for the trip.

Also I would like to highlight a missionary and a need that you can invest in. Missionary Neftali Lopez and his family are in Dominican Republic. They are doing a great job for the Lord. They are in a municipal called Salcedo. He is doing the work, winning souls and lives are being changed with the Gospel. They had a Toyota 1992 vehicle for personal and ministry use. Now it has so many mechanical problems that it



is not worth fixing. They have no transportation to pick up people for church. Transportation is a great need in many of these countries and it is true in Dominican Republic. Missionary Neftali found a reasonable vehicle. The cost is \$8,000



US. They already have \$2,000 dollars. They only need \$6,000. If you can help in any way, please do. You will not regret it and your investment in this ministry for the Lord will not be in vain. I am sending a couple photos of his previ-

ous vehicle.
May God bless you richly in all you do for the Lord!
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Ernesto Andrade



DIRECTOR of AFRICA



Keith & Bea Phelps

Psalm 116:17 says "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD."

We trust that everyone has had a very blessed Thanksgiving season. We truly have so much to be thankful for as a nation and as individuals. We have religious freedom – we have clean water to drink – access to a good education – freedom of speech – relatively safe environment to live in – many churches to worship God in and many, many more blessings too numerous to count! Many of the countries in Africa where we have FBHM missionaries, do NOT have these blessings in their country.

Please pray for the country of Togo, West Africa where we have many FBHM missionaries. Our main FBHM missionary there is Pastor Mawuli Togbi-Wonyo. Right now, Togo is in a place of political unrest, as you can see by the picture below of protesters on the street.



Many people have died and or been injured because of this "unrest" and for the most part little or no phone service or internet service during these trying times. Pastor Mawuli ask to please pray for his country right now and the ministry there. Pastor Mawuli has also just informed me that one of his pastors there (that I have personally met and worshipped with) wife just suddenly passed away. It was a big shock to this family and church! Please pray for them!

For the good news, Pastor Mawuli is also working diligently to establish the 18th church in his Ministry there in Tove, Kpalime Togo. Pray that God would provide a meeting place to worship for the people in that church! I really thank God for the hard work and dedication of Pastor Mawuli in the ministry there in Togo. I really praise God for the opportunity to know Him personally and the privilege and honor to be one of His Ambassador's here in the States and in Africa! Please pray for us and the Africa ministry! God Bless *Keith Phelps*

Director of INDIA and THE PHILIPPINES



Fain & Shelby Morrison

The church building pictured is United Baptist Church In Dingalan, Philippines. The members have been praying for a church building for the last year. I want to thank United Baptist Church in Peachland, NC for providing the funds to construct this building. God willing, the building will be completed in

time for Christmas. The members are so happy and can see the hand of God working in their village.

For the last few years I have prayed that God would provide the money to bless the church children in the Philippines with a Christmas party and gifts. I need \$1.50 for each child to purchase a gift, an apple and a pair of flip flops. The children look forward to this as each year. Last year we provided gifts for over 1000 children.



One church has given \$1000.00 for the last few years. If you want to help these children have a happy Christmas, you can send the money to Fundamental Baptist Home Missions, Inc. PO Box 1510 Bessemer City, NC 28016. Specify what the money is to be used for.

Fain Morrison

Merry Christmas



From Fundamental Baptist Home Missions Staff

Angie Bo. Chip Lucille Marie Jack

Caribbean News



Joe & Becky Hendricks

Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. Isaiah 42:12

Greetings once again, it is a joy to write to you. This year has gone by very swiftly it seems. I have visited 6 countries preaching and helping nationals this year. I want to say a special thank you to all who support us and the men in the Islands, you truly are a blessing to us.

I want to focus this time on Brother Jeremy Scott In Gre-

nada and his newest work, Gethsemane Independent Fundamental Baptist Church in Chantemelle, which is in the Northern portion of Grenada. They have been trying to buy land for some time but were held up due to the courts system there. Praise the Lord this is completed, and the deed is now in their hand.

Brother Jeremy and the men have begun clearing the land with hopes of having a two week tent meeting there soon and to start the building following the meeting. They are currently meeting in a rented building until the completion of their new building. They are still in need of about \$31,000.00 US to finish the building, they plan on doing the labor themselves just needing assistance with the purchase of materials. Please pray for this need. If you would wish to help you can send any money to the mission board marked "*Brother Jeremy Scott Building fund*".

In closing, let me mention our Island Jubilee, it will be held on April 3rd -10th 2018. It will be held in Barbados, if you would be interested in going please contact me or Brother Chip at the Mission board. We would love to have some of you join us there for the meeting. We are needing to raise about \$2000.00 US to help cover the expense of feeding those who attend this week. If you would like to help you could send any monies to the mission board marked "*Island Jubilee*".

Thank you again for all you do for our missionaries. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Joe Hendricks



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