

Focus on Missions

“...Into all the World”



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

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For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Constraineth—to compel
Compulsion—the state of being compelled

In today's world, you cannot help noticing that there is little sense of urgency among the Lord's servants. While it is good to hear a Christian say, “I am willing”, we often long to hear them say something a bit more **compelling**. Paul expressed his urgency in **Romans 1:14-15**. “*I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.*” He recognized his debt to God, to others who had brought the gospel to him, and then he felt his debt to carry the message to the world. Because of this, we hear him say, “*So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.*”

Perhaps we have so little urgency because we lack this sense of debt. Once there is a sense of gratitude for all that has been done on our behalf, you simply cannot rest. This sense of urgency led Paul to write **I Corinthians 9:16**, “*...Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*”

The scripture gives us a glimpse of missionary procedure. In **Acts 16:12-15**, the Holy Spirit directed Paul and those with him to Macedonia, then to a specific spot on the “river side”. They had to exhibit the virtue of patience, for they had had to abide in the area days before they were directed to this spot.

The procedure—they were Holy Spirit directed. They exercised patience in prayer. They sought out people of like faith and then ministered with results. To sum it all up; Begin where you are, Work with what you have, Transform your circumstances.

The results—of Paul's ministry (**Acts 16:14-40**) tells of those who believed. In this account we see the need for discernment so that you may discern the true and the false. vs.16-18. The scripture in vs.19-24 reveals that misunderstanding may lead to persecution but in the end the jailor was won to the Lord! vs.30-34.

It is doubtful if he could have been won in any other way than by the imprisonment of Paul, the missionary.

Who can question that the whole picture; the converts, the misunderstanding, the persecution, the experience in jail, are all part of God's divine plan in getting the gospel to a lost and dying world.

How could Paul do it? How could anyone do it?

Only by the sense of **Compulsion**.

Bro. Chip Stowe



Chip Stowe
President/Director

This is the time of year for giving and receiving, there is no better example of this than God giving us His precious Son. This year 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. We **depend on the gifts of God's people to continue the work at FBHM**. We trust that God will burden hearts to support the work and to supply all of the expenses we have in order to operate.

This Christmas Love Offering is very helpful in meeting those needs. We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience. We thank you for all of your prayers and support.

God Bless you!
Bro. Chip

FIELD DIRECTOR



Jack Stewart

It has been an extremely busy past few months as many of our missionaries were here for our 36th Annual Jubilee. All of them have returned home safely and are continuing their work for our Lord. It was my great pleasure to take them around to so many churches where they were able to speak about their work and to preach the gospel. Many thanks to all the churches we visited for their friendship and hospitality.

The Mawuli "Christmas Bag Project" for this year was completed on my end on September 24th, when the shipper picked up 28 barrels of "Christmas Bags" going to Togo, West Africa. The barrels should arrive in Togo during the last week of November. This will allow Bro. Mawuli ample time to arrange his schedule for the giving out of gifts at the churches. Last year it took about 2 weeks for him to get around to all the churches. To all of the churches and individuals who so graciously helped this year, I THANK YOU and may God bless you for all you have done.

All of us at the mission board want to express our appreciation to all who support our missionaries, prayerfully and financially. Your support makes it possible for our missionaries to continue to spread the gospel throughout the world.

Pray for us as we labor here at the mission board. This is our mission field to which God has called us. We thank you for your prayers and financial support as we continue to serve Him. To all of you we wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and blessed New Year

Jack Stewart

SECRETARIES of FBHM



Marie, Lucille, Angi

You are always in our thoughts and prayers. We are so thankful for all that you do for us; your love, prayers, and support sustain us and allow us to do the work that the Lord has put us into. As we near the end of the year, we are glad to praise the Lord for His goodness throughout the year. He has kept us safe and busy. We are all doing well, with a few minor health issues

and aches and pains to deal with. Marie is being treated for dry eyes, pray that the doctor can get that under control. Angi had surgery on November 27th, so please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

There is plenty for us to do here at the mission board office and we stay very busy in all of our usual duties. Sadly to say, we have lost a little support lately so we are praying that the Lord will make that up for us. Just like all of our missionaries, the FBHM Secretaries have needs as well. 100% of the support that you send to the missionaries, goes to the missionaries. The FBHM Secretaries are supported in the same manner. We are unable to go out on deputation to raise our support so we depend on you, God's people, to support us.

We love you all and ask that you keep us in your prayers as we serve in the ministry that the Lord has placed us in. We pray the LORD'S continued blessing on each of you!

Lucille, Marie, and Angi

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AND SO. AMERICA AND MEXICO



Ernesto, Yuli, Aaron & Keila

We are coming to the end of the year. We have received many blessings of the Lord. Many people have been saved, baptized & growing in the Lord but there is much more to do. Bibles were given in the public schools & church buildings built but there is still much more to do. It is this time of the year that we remember the birth of Jesus Christ, let us

remember that as Christians we are on the winning side. In spite of all the sin that is around us and unbelieving and coldness that people have, we can remember that Jesus Christ second coming is near. The Holy Spirit is still convicting and sinners are being saved.

I wanted to thank you for your prayers and your offerings that you give through FBHM. May God multiply your sacrifice and efforts. We are having our 4th church anniversary in November in Iglesia Bautista Gracia (Grace Baptist Church) in North Wilkesboro, NC. We will have that day considered as Friend Day. We are encouraging everyone to bring a friend. I know that it will be a blessing to see people saved and added to the church. Also we are planning our Christmas play and also our Faith Mission Promise. Also I am planning with Missionary Josue Andrade a trip to Panama in April or May 2019. We need your prayers for the planning of the trip. Also I need 2,000 dollars to cover the cost. If you can help in any way, please do.

Also I want to share with you a missionary & a need that he has: It is Missionary Elfego Ramirez Santos in Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, Mexico. He is a missionary with his wife, Norma & their son, Samuel. They are doing a great job there. They have Bible clubs, Vacation Bible Schools & they recently got a property. They bought it to expand to include SS classes, etc. It is 20x20 meters. They bought it for 600,000 pesos but now they only need 330,000 pesos (\$16,500 US dollars) to have it paid off. It needs to be paid off by Dec. 31, 2018. If you can help it will be a great blessing for this missionary & the work he is doing there. I am sending some photos of baptisms, Bible clubs, a church service and also the property.



Thank you again for what you did this year 2018 but lets do more for God's service in 2019.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Ernesto Andrade

DIRECTOR of AFRICA



Keith & Bea Phelps

As I am writing this article our country is having their “Mid Term Elections”. I was also thinking about another “election” found in **2 Peter 1:10** where God’s Word says, “*give diligence to make your calling and election sure*”. I am so Thankful that God called me to Salvation and Elected me to serve Him! That Election is “SURE”!

In August we were back in Ghana and Togo, West Africa. The Lord allowed us to work with pastor Mawuli Togbi-Wonyo, our main FBHM missionary in Togo, to establish and start another Bible Institute for local untrained Pastors. This will help the local pastors to equip them with the tools they need to better serve their people and get them rooted and grounded in the Word of God! We had over 10 pastors come for our two-day training and by God’s Grace, out of this training, two different Bible Institute’s will be established in two different areas in Togo! Praise God!



We also got to visit some different areas in Togo where our FBHM missionaries are establishing churches and preaching the Word of God in their villages. Here is a picture of a church in North Central part of Togo that has just been built with help from some churches in the US! They just need some more funds for the doors, windows, steps and to finish the inside of the church! Thank God for His provision!



This is a picture of a newly established village church that pastor Benjamin Bonni in Togo just started building with funds he raised in the states while he was here in July! He has built this much with less than \$2000 and is working on the walls now! Pray for this church!



We also had the privilege to do some evangelistic preaching at night and saw over 27 souls come to know the Lord! Even one old village Chief got saved! Please also pray for this village, that God would provide a well for them!

Please continue to pray for the ministry here in West Africa! Thank God for all the souls that are being saved and the churches that are being established! Both in Ghana and Togo we have pastors that are in the process of starting new buildings for a place of worship for their people, but they need funds to build! If God touches your heart to help build some of these churches, please do so and ear mark the funds as church building project funds for Ghana or Togo or both!

We thank God for FBHM and the staff and the difference this mission board is making all around the world and it’s a great Honor to be part of this Work!

Keith Phelps

Director of INDIA and THE PHILIPPINES



Fain & Shelby Morrison

Most of the families in the village churches are poor. The fathers are farm laborers, usually uneducated, and working on rice farms. The work is seasonal and low paying, therefore the families live in poverty. Many of the children have to drop out of school when they are 10 or 12 years old to help earn income for the family. Therefore they end up poorly educated, and when they have their own children they may be unable to find good jobs. Some of these children are very smart and need to continue their education in order to break this cycle of poverty.



I have prayed many times for God to allow me to be able to help some of these children. Pastor Jess Cawili and I decided to provide some of these children with a scholarship to provide for the cost of continuing their education. The scholarship will provide for school books, transportation and food. We began the scholarship program three months ago and selected these 13 students. The total monthly cost is \$100.00 per month. I must depend on the Lord to provide the funds each month. In the future I want to be able to help more children, especially those without parents.

Pray for this ministry,
Fain Morrison

Merry CHRISTMAS



From Fundamental Baptist Home Missions Staff

Angie Bo. Chip Lucille Marie Jack

Caribbean News



Joe & Becky Hendricks

Greetings in Jesus name, we want to wish you a *Merry Christmas* and a happy New year. This year has been another good year for us and our men in the islands. We praise the Lord for the lives He has changed and the souls He has saved this year. TO GOD BE GLORY.

Becky and I just returned from a trip to Grenada and St. Lucia. We were blessed to work with Brother Donald Vincent in Grenada in going into schools and preaching and giving out bibles. The first pallet of bibles had arrived and we gave most of them out while I was there. It was a blessing to work with brother Donald in getting the word of God into the hands of the school children.



While we were giving out the bibles in the last school one of the little girls turned back and gave me a big hug and said "thank you preacher for my bible". That made my day for sure. What a blessing to get to be a little part of this ministry.

We then flew up to St. Lucia to work with brother Emmanuel Charles for a few days. This was my first trip to his area it was a joy to preach for his people and see what God is doing there. We visited 2 juvenile facilities, one for boys and one for girls, and one school and preached to them. They asked us can we get them some bibles. We hope to send some this year.



We are hoping to get pallet of bibles sent to both islands before the end of the year Lord willing. The money is at the mission board for the shipping cost for these two pallets we are just waiting on the printing, thanks to your giving for this project. I would like to ask you to pray about helping us get more bibles to the islands. It is costing just over 1000.00 dollars to ship a pallet which contains 60 cases of Bibles. We have other men who need bibles and we will get them shipped as we have bibles and money



to ship them. Would you pray about helping us; we have an island Bible fund set up at the mission board, any funds designated for this project would go there to be used in getting the men bibles. Also, if you have a contact you could use to help get us some King James Bibles, that too could be of help. If you have any questions, you may contact me or Brother Chip Stowe our Director.

Thanks again for All you do for us and the men in the Islands.

Joe Hendricks

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