

Interstate Missions

Lighthouse Ministries

Toby Cribbs Sr., Director

By the advise of my pastor Bro. Terry Richard, he has sated that we should start raising funds for a new Book Finisher. The Book Finisher that we print all of our studies on is about three years old. We need to start raising funds for a new one. The one we have will last about two more years. The last time we raised funds for the one we have, it took about one and a half years. We will set up a special account for all funds that come in.

We enrolled 60 new students, one finished the Old Testament, four finished the New Testament and three completed the course. Three finished course two. We now have about 1113 students.

New Jails and Prisons: Mn. Correctional Fac. St. Cloud, MN.; Potter county Jail, Amarillo, TX; and Otisville C.F. Otisville, NY.

We are currently sending studies into about 296 jails and prisons.

Help Needed: I will need help the first week of December to ship 488 Bibles to, two prisons. The cost will be about \$432.00.

If you are looking for a ministry to serve God, please pray about the jail and prison ministry. This ministry is a very rewarding ministry. They are hungry for the Word of God. Many that I have ministered with are out and in church.

Polk County Jail, Benton, TN : Teaching in the Gospel of John. In the day room one, we finished chapter four, day room two we finished chapter one, in Pod A I finished chapter three and in Pod B I finished chapter three.

Fannin County Jail, Blue Ridge, GA: I am now teaching the Gospel of John.

Walker State Prison, Rock Springs, GA: I am teaching in all four pods in the book of John. Pod one finished chapter four, pod two finished chapter five, pod three finished chapter seven, and in pod four we finished chapter six.

Long State Prison, Ludowici, GA: No service this month. They has a special service by some one else.

Church Plant

Chuck Fernandez, Missionary

Moving Day Moving day has arrived and the new modular building we have been needing and praying for has finally arrived.

It arrived on a truck and trailer which provides immediate use. Well, that is after all the permitting, blocking, wiring, cleaning and ramp construction. Nevertheless, God always provides and while we have constructed thirty four sanctuaries in Kenya and Uganda this is our first building project in Florida. The modular building brings us to the point of total utilization of our current rented property by maximizing every square foot. If we leave our current property we will have to take it with us, but that's why it is mobile. We have always said that we don't believe God will bless us with something bigger till we have been good stewards with what we have. What we have had is basically a shed and sanctuary but now we have room for expansion for our youth ministry which frees up room in the sanctuary as well as providing a fellowship hall. Remember we have used a tent for our fellowship hall for four years now. The tent served its purpose but its a lot of work to set up and tear down and is very hot to use during the summer.

With that said, the tent is a connection we have to Kenya and Uganda and is deeply embedded in our ministry methodology. I did not realize the full extent of the tent connection until my last trip to Kenya when our Pastors saw the pictures of our tent in Florida and it resonated with them in a great way. Here is why, #1: they saw that we are not too good to do what they do and #2: the Missionary has not ask them to do something that we are not willing to do. Remember we have been using tents for new Church plants in Kenya and Uganda for many years now.

After set up and a last minute electric hook up we dedicated the building during our annual fall festival campaign. Everything we do thru the Florida plant is purposed and Great Commission centered. We thank God for His hand of grace is good upon us.

The modular building was decorated nicely and seats 80-100 people. We had many special guests on dedication day to include Missionaries Temple & Annie Meek as well as German and Barbara Rivera from the Prison

Ministry. The food is always great in the south and the fellowship was sweet with over hundred in attendance.

Bloomington Missions

Scott Bourland, Missionary

Some months are easier to write a report for than others. This month would not be one of those months... We have seen continued visitors and return visitors in October. This month has also been a month of sickness at Journey, with a church full of young family's sickness can wreak havoc on weekly attendance. Keep us in prayer as we continue the daily grind of trying to reach others for Christ and to make disciples of those who step through our doors. We have 7 people who need to submit to scriptural baptism, if you could pray specifically for Vilmos, Syvia, Adam, David, Peter, Spencer, & Nick to take this next step in there obedience to the Lord. Seeing believers' dwell in unity is a beautiful thing, and to see believers engineer opportunities to be together is even sweeter. This month we had our first Men's Fellowship breakfast and we also had our first ever movie night. Both of these events were thought of and led by different members at Journey. To finish the month, we had our annual chili cookoff. I'm so proud of what God is doing in the lives of His people.

It is so awesome to see what God has done here over the past 6 years. When we first moved onto the field the folks had no concept of Pastor Appreciation. Over the years the disciples at Journey have learned to love and appreciate their leaders. This year they honored Kevin with a day of golf, Kelli with a day at the spa, the kids with a day at a trampoline park, and the entire Pruitt family with a State parks pass and some cash to get away for a break.

Two Grey Hills Missionary Baptist Church

Rusty Denny, Missionary

WHAT A MONTH IT WAS!: First, let me say I am sorry that this report has taken so long but as yo read it you will understand why! At the end of September on our way home from the Southwest Associational meeting in Texas, I ended up in the hospital

for the night in Roswell, New Mexico with heart problems. I was dismissed and returned home that weekend. The following week I ended up in the emergency room in Farmington with other problems. Thankfully I was able to call on Edmond to carry me and bring me home. God bless him! I finally was able to see my VA doctor and was sent to a heart doctor which made an appointment with the hospital October 22nd for a heart procedure. I now have a new stent and am on medications to clear out 2 arteries that he was unable to put a stent in. During all of this I was supposed to set up our booth at the Navajo Fair but was unable to. I made a phone call and the mission members took care of it and went with me and did all the work at the fair. Praise the Lord for such wonderful people! They have all been very supportive of me and Sis Nora. They are taking great care of us.

As all of this was taking place, I got a call from the Macedonian Mission Builders to let me know they would be coming out to work on our building and some would be coming at the end of October. Some came in early and got to work and the ladies did the cooking for all, including Sis Nora and I. I even had a young lady to take care of my horse during this time. Words cannot express the deep gratitude I have for all these people. They came from 4 different states and worked tirelessly to get things done. I will have more to say in the next report but if you are looking for a ministry to support, check out the Macedonian Missionary Service!

A PERSONAL NEED: Last month I shared a personal need that has come up. As many of you know, Sis Nora has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's so I cannot leave her alone for extended periods of time. I have a 1998 Fifth wheeler that we use to travel in but the bedroom does not have standing room and she is sleeping on the couch when we travel. Also it is beginning to show its age so we need to upgrade to a "newer" "used" RV. It is also used for workers to stay in when they come to work. I do not want to go in debt for a new RV so I am requesting help with to purchase a newer unit. I am asking those that wish to help with this need to send offerings to **RUSTY DENNY, P O BOX 8046, NEWCOMB, NEW MEXICO 87455.** Please

make check to "**RUSTY DENNY**" and designate to "**RV FUND**". I have already received 3 offerings which is very encouraging. Please **DO NOT** take away from any other projects you are supporting for this! Should you have any questions, my cell number is at the top of this report! **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS AND ESPECIALLY FOR SIS NORA AND ME.**

Anchor MBM

Philip Wysocki, Missionary

We have reached the time of year where the days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting longer. The temperatures are dropping, but we praise God for the beauty of His creation. Northern Michigan in the fall is a beautiful sight. I encourage people to come and visit us during this gorgeous time of year.

Some very dear friends took that invitation seriously. Bro. Rick and Sister Deb Shaw from Arkansas came up and visited with the mission. Bro. Rick served as the music director while my family was at Pleasant Valley MBC in Batesville, Arkansas. The visit was kept secret from Kim and Mackenzie, and boy were they surprised! It was so good to share fellowship with this very sweet and very special couple. They were an encouragement to the mission as well!

Also making visits were Bro. Jim and Sister Shirley Frame as well as Bro. Lee and Sister Sue Chapman from Madison Avenue MBC in Grand Rapids. These wonderful couples make it a point to come every year to encourage and help Anchor Landmark. We are grateful for Sister Churches and their members who not only pray and support us from a distance, but also care enough to come.

On October 26th my family was able to travel to Berean MBC in Dearborn Heights, MI to attend the rededication of their building. It was a great time of fellowship and remembrance as Berean is the church I grew up in. They are continuing to serve God in an area that is increasingly Muslim. Our two congregations, though small, support one another greatly in prayer and words of encouragement!

To close this report, I'd like to take a moment to Praise God for the folks we do

have coming to the mission. On top of our regular tithes and offerings, our mission goal for September and October will be receiving \$544.00. The mission also voted to buy new carpet for our entry way and classrooms. On top of this, they surprised my family with a gift of \$500.00 for pastor appreciation month. We have been blessed with a core group that has a heart for giving to the LORD's work!

Please pray more people will be added to the fold! We seek to grow Spiritually as well as financially!

Legacy MBM

Brett Bell, Missionary

Thank you for standing together with us through our last year of Sunday service as Legacy Baptist Church! We had a heartwarming service on September 29th commemorating our one-year anniversary. There were 37 in attendance and Bro. Ed Button brought an encouraging and thought-provoking message. We especially thank the few visitors we had from our sending church for their part in recognizing this historic day. I do not wish to speed up time, but I look forward to celebrating many more years of Legacy Baptist Church's ministry in this community.

In year two, we are working to introduce a few more ministries. One such introduction was a lady's ministry, which held their first gathering on October 5th. They have begun a Bible study as well as a community service project with the local fire department. Excitement is in the air for future meetings and fellowship outing.

Please continue to pray with us for our facility needs. We currently meet in a public elementary school building on Sunday mornings. The staff has been very accommodating to us. However, the school recently changed over their AC control unit to a remote location. Ever since that time, we have struggled with inconsistent cooling. Several Sundays, we have walked into a hot building and had to scramble to make other arrangements. We felt the Lord had led us to meet in the school, but we are praying about what His will might be moving forward. There are a few interesting possibilities on the horizon, but we are unclear about which, if any, to pursue.

We are grateful for the support of our send-

ing church, Gant Lake Baptist Church, and their pastor Bro. David Stone. They recently treated my three youngest children and me to a day at a local theme park. This was in celebration of Kevin and Autumn's birthday in September. It was a delightful day of fellowship and fun. These kind gestures do make a big impact on missionary families. We all want the best for our children, and only the generosity of God's people can make that possible for us.

We have been emphasizing personal evangelism in every service this month. We presented each person with a small prayer and prospect book. It has been encouraging to hear the stories from others about those they are witnessing to each week. We have noticed a few visitors already as a result.

Journey Baptist Mission

Paul Armstrong, Missionary

On September 8th, we were blessed to have Bro. Vernon & Sis. Rebecca McNully with us in our morning services. Bro. Vernon, who is the Director of Promotions for Interstate Mission Development, presented Journey with a check for \$31,000 for our building note! After checking with the bank, we discovered that this check took 2 more years off of our 20 year loan and saved us upwards of \$45,000 in interest!

Our loan has decreased over the past 4 years from \$505K to \$303K. God has used IMD to be such a blessing to Journey and to so many other interstate mission works all across America.

Also on September 8th, we were blessed by Terry Hayes, who came forward to unite with Journey Baptist Church. I met Terry about 24 years ago when I first started pastoring. I had the opportunity to pastor his grandparents and his aunt at Bethany BC.

A Big Appreciation.. During the month of September, my cell phone bit the dust. I had planned to use an older phone that we had around the house until I could get another one. The Brotherhood of our church decided to surprise me with a brand-new iPhone for Pastor Appreciation! Our Men's Brotherhood has been a tremendous blessing to the people in our church and to our community. They have helped people move, done lawn work,

and helped with countless repair jobs for people in the church. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a great group of guys who love the Lord and who love people!

A Big God: Our goal from the beginning at Journey has been to establish a self-supporting New Testament church in Calera. We have now been here for 13 years, and our goal is to be self-supporting by October 2021. During these 13 years, we have had many struggles and set backs, but we have had innumerable prayers, encouragement, and support. that have kept us from throwing in the towel. We know we serve a big God who is able to help us get organized. Ephesians 3:20,21 states: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages world without end.

Heritage Baptist Mission

Allen Barton, Missionary

In Northwest Alabama, we tend to run a little later on the seasons than most. Sometimes, I get the feeling that time just runs a little slower here than it does with the rest of the world. That's just fine with us though! We have come to love the small town life!

With that being said, fall has finally arrived and with it changing temperatures and changing colors. As I look out across the town that God has placed me in and take note of all the beautiful changes God's creation makes each and every season, I am thankful that there is one thing that will never change...God's faithfulness!

Many might take a look at the Lord's little church He is planting here in Haleyville, tucked away in "Small Townsville USA" and say, "Why don't you move on and plant a church in a more populous area where you can see real growth?" To that I say, no thank you! Not that I am against church plants in bigger towns, because I absolutely am not! But what I am for is stick-ing with what God has called us to do and staying where God has placed us! These folks need a Scriptural New Testament Church here, and we don't intend to let the Lord down in planting one! He is faithful and will fulfill His will here in Haleyville. My job is to listen and react to

what He told Isaiah in chapter 6 verse 11..preach until there is no one left to preach to! That is just what we are to do.

We have many things planned for the coming weeks and months to not only enjoy some fellowship together, but also to minister to the community of Haleyville. First, we are planning a Fall Fellowship on October 26th at 5 p.m. We are inviting all of our local sister churches to come and enjoy some time of fellowship together as well has an opportunity to share the gospel with those who stop by.

Second, we will be attending the annual Thanksgiving Fellowship that will be held at Hamilton Missionary Baptist Church in Hamilton, AL, along with several other of our local sister churches. This service will be held on Tuesday November 26th at 7 pm. I have been asked to bring the message for this service and I am humbled and blessed to be able to do this.

We also plan to enter a float in the annual Christmas parade here in Haleyville, as well as serving hot coffee and hot chocolate to the parade goers. The parade route passes right in front of our church, so this is an excellent opportunity for us to be a part of the community and show kindness and hospitality to those who are there.

Colorado Church Planting

Everett Ledbetter, Missionary

The year 2020 is quickly approaching and are prayerfully setting a few goals and asking our sister churches to pray with us concerning these goals. Our first goal is huge. We are praying for 20 souls to be saved. This will not be easy, but if we are faithful to share the gospel with a broken heart, then He will be faithful to give increase. Our second goal, is to increase the number of supporting churches. We currently have 15 supporting churches and we are praying for 20 supporting churches. That is an increase of 5 new churches added to our monthly support. Regardless of the amount, the monthly support is a huge encouragement to our ministry. We are still a little short on our insurance and on our housing. Pray about joining our support team of churches.