

THE MOUNT ABARIM BAPTIST MISSION ANNUAL REPORT - 2015

"THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THEE . . ."

JOHN 17:3



1966



2016

50TH JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

WE DEDICATE THIS YEAR'S REPORT

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF REV. RALPH MCCOY



This 50th Anniversary Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of the founder of the Mount Abarim Baptist Mission, Dr. Ralph McCoy. His faithful dedication to prayer, zeal for the Word of God, love for his family, and selflessness in every aspect of his life are an example for all missionaries.

After wrestling with God over a call to the ministry, Bro. McCoy sold his earthly possessions and left for Bible College in 1944. In 1954, the Ralph McCoy family began a journey of faith as full-time missionaries. Their legacy includes the thousands of young men and women who have come through the Bethesda Children's Homes, well over one hundred churches planted in Mexico and Central America, and four generations of descendants that are serving the Lord.

As Dr. McCoy prepared to go to the mission field, the Lord had a very special event prepared for him to witness. After missionary to French Equatorial Africa Robert O. Schmidt had preached a powerful sermon, Dr. McCoy led his church to take up a special offering for the missionary. A nine-year-old girl named Lorita Norton came and said, "Dr. McCoy, I have nothing to give but myself." Her words have encouraged many more to give their lives to serve Christ.

Thank you, Dr. McCoy, for teaching others by example to fulfill Christ's prayer:

"That they might know Thee." (John 17:3)

Bill Patterson



Dr. McCoy with Lorita Norton

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This year marks the Golden Anniversary of God's work through the Mount Abarim Baptist Mission. Our founder, Dr. Ralph McCoy, believed in the Biblical model of missionaries being under the authority and direction of their sending church. He also understood the need that missionaries face in communicating with their sponsoring churches and started a mission to bridge the gap between missionaries and their churches.

Over the past year, it has been my joy to visit many of our missionaries on their respective fields. As I visited our missionaries in Ghana, Spain, and Mexico, my heart rejoiced at God's goodness. Two trips to Mongolia were also greatly blessed. Many souls are being saved, churches are being planted, and lives are being changed every single day. It is exciting to be part of something that is so great that only God could take the credit for it.

This year's report contains brief synopses from many of our missionaries. There are many others who are not included. Over one hundred seventy missionary families in over thirty countries receive help in one way or another through our offices in the US and Mexico and the Calvary Baptist Church of Techiman, Ghana.

We would like to request your special consideration of the following seven special needs:

1. Conference Expense: (Total need - \$35,000) Travel expenses for speakers & missionaries \$10,000; printed material for conference \$5,000; building use and appreciation gifts for helpers \$5,000; conference meals \$15,000.
2. Bethesda Children's Homes' Annual Reunion and Retreat: (Total need \$10,000). The annual reunion is for the children who grew up in the Bethesda Children's Homes, of which nearly 600 were present last year. The retreat is a yearly opportunity for the staff to spiritually prepare for the upcoming year working with the children.
3. Computers for the Mexican Office of Mt. Abarim (Total need - \$2,000). The eleven year-old computers have been repaired many times, but they finally died.
4. New Krobo Church Building: (Total need - \$7,000). This building is well underway, but finances are needed to finish. At least \$3,000 is needed to make it useable; and \$7,000 will finish it.
5. The main Techiman church building request is \$6,000. They are building in stages a very big building to seat over 1,000 people. The need for the current stage is \$20,000 which will get the basic frame of the church poured. They have already raised \$14,000; so we want to encourage them with the remaining \$6,000.
6. Calvary Baptist Church in Jama (near Bui) has just finished pouring their foundation, but needs \$5,000 to continue with the pillars, walls, window frames, and lintel. What a blessing you could be to these people!
7. MIT 2016 Program: (\$5,000). The Missionary-in-Training Program is a new ministry for mentoring high school students interested in missions. This fund will finance all the work involved in organizing and preparing for the MIT 2016 Program.

Please keep the ministries of Mount Abarim in your daily prayers.
As Dr. Raymond Barber says in *Gold Mine of Knowledge*:

"Praying pews and powerful pulpits make perfect partners."

Prayerfully yours,

Bill Patterson

Dr. Bill Patterson, President



DR. & MRS. BILL PATTERSON - WORLD-WIDE BIBLE TRANSLATION



Ryan, Heather, Bill & Marcy, & Tricia

2015 was a year to remember! In addition to spending eight months in day-to-day Bible translation, the Lord also allowed our family to be involved in train-

ing national pastors and workers in four continents and allowed us to see over 300 professions of faith.

We have prayerfully decided to spend much of 2016 visiting our supporting churches. For many, it will be our first visit. For others, it will be the first time since 2007 (with the family) or 2011 (without the family) that we have been able to visit. If you would like us to visit your church, please let us know soon, so that we can schedule a visit.

Heather is in her second year at Pensacola Christian College, where Ryan is now a freshman. Tricia is our only child still at home and gives us great joy. Marcy is the perfect missionary wife, traveling with me and taking care of my every need. Praise the Lord for a wonderful family!

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Dr. Bill Patterson & family hosting Bethesda Children's Homes worker's retreat in Mexico

BIBLE TRANSLATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Bible translation assistants in Mongolia

The highlight of 2015 was the completion of the translation of the New Testament into Mongolian. This project began in May of 2008. Oyumaa and I are continuing to work with FirstBible and Trinitarian Bible Society in the procedures to check the text prior to its printing. We are still hopeful for a printing in the Spring

and a dedicatory service soon afterward.

Also in 2015, we finished our part on the revision of the Spanish Reina-Valera New Testament. This is the first time the Spanish New Testament has been revised on the same textual basis as the original translation. We have been working on this project since 2006 and are very grateful to the Lord for His help to have come this far. Please pray for the team that will continue to revise the Old Testament, although we will not be a part of that team.

We continue to partner with Bible translators in several languages as consultants. Please pray that God would direct our steps regarding a project with which we might become more closely involved. We would be especially grateful if the Lord would send us a young man or lady whom we could train in this great task.

For His Glory,

Bill Patterson
Dr. Bill Patterson

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2016

MISSIONARY-IN-TRAINING



Manhattan, New York, as seen from Brooklyn

An exciting new opportunity has opened up for us to partner with multiple ministries in setting up a hands-on training camp for high school students interested in missions! This camp will be led by Dr. Bill Patterson of Mount Abarim, Pastor Tim Matthews of Mount Abarim/Next Generation, and Dr. Ken Fielder of WorldView Ministries. We will be partnering with Southland Christian Camp of Ringgold, LA; Shalom

Baptist Church of Queens, NY; All Nations Baptist Church of Flushing, NY; Redeeming Grace Baptist Church of Brooklyn, NY; and Evangelist Dave Tinsley of Biblical Ministries Worldwide.

First, we will take the youth to an intensive week of camp and personal preparation in Louisiana. Then, we will fly to New York City for a week of hands-on personal evangelism in an array of cross-cultural settings. Each of the pastors and ministries involved have committed themselves to prayerful preparation in anticipation of this incredible activity. Each young person will be tasked with raising their personal support in the amount of \$1,250 for this two-week ministry experience (price will vary slightly due to airfare). Please prayerfully consider what part you could have in the lives of these young people.

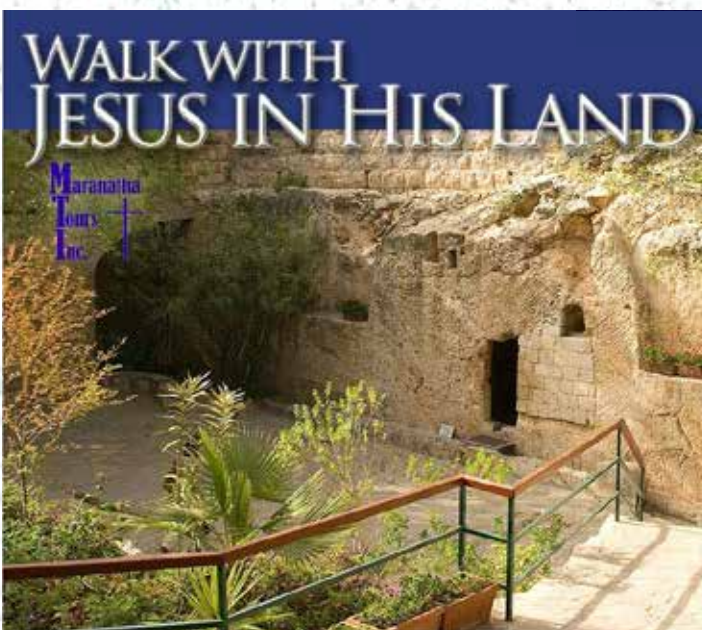
For further information, questions, or an application form, please write to:

MIT2016@mtabarim.org.



Freedom Tower

ISRAEL TRIP - EXPERIENCE THE LAND OF THE BIBLE



Picture of the Garden Tomb on Calvary's Mt.

Dr. Bill Patterson, Dr. Mike Patterson, and Pastor Kim Hayes will be leading a group to Israel this coming October 12-22, 2016. We will be traveling by non-stop airplane from New York City's JFK airport to Tel Aviv, Israel. For ten days, we will visit Israel with a focus on learning more about God's Word.

OCTOBER 12 - 22, 2016

For those who have never been, the experience is similar to finding yourself within the pages of the Bible. Some have equated a trip to Israel as being worth a year in Bible College. For those who have been before, this trip will reinforce what was seen before, and give new insights on the treasures of God's Word.

For further information, please contact Dr. Bill Patterson at bpatterson@mtabarim.org.

Next year in Jerusalem,

Bill Patterson
Dr. Bill Patterson



Sunset picture of Jerusalem

DR. & MRS. MIKE PATTERSON - MEXICO



Dr. Mike & Sister Becky Patterson

Dear Friends: I was again asked to list our needs. At this stage of our ministry, I am more inclined to give than to ask for more, not because we do not have needs, but because we know of far more pressing needs of others. Often I have been too candid in presenting needs that only God can meet and frustrated our dear friends. Our God has been a wonderful provider. I believe the Lord has been teaching us to trust Him and for that reason, I ask for only your prayers.

Over the last year I suffered four heart attacks, two heart ablation surgeries, and the placing of four stents. But God allowed me to live. I finished cardiac rehab in August and began traveling to meetings in September.

We had meetings in Mexico and all over the southern and eastern parts of the United States. The Holy Spirit blessed in these meetings with many souls saved;



Dr. Mike preaching at Mount Abarim in Cuernavaca

lives were changed, and others gave their lives to serve as missionaries. I am humbled by His goodness.

We were able to raise the funds and complete the building of the tribal church in Tepeyac. God moved His omnipotent hand and over \$40,000 was provided to complete the building without debt. I was able to preach the dedication in September despite the 7200 ft. altitude. (I did have an oxygen bottle with me, and it helped before and after my message.)

Our children are all active in His service. Our grandchildren are walking in His ways, and two are now in college. In February, Allison presented us with our tenth grandchild. Lillie Kate Anderson is a welcome addition to the family. She is expecting another child in July. May our tribe increase!



Allison with Lillie Kate

I do not know what the future holds, but I do know that it is as bright as the promises of God. We love you and thank you for every prayer and every sacrifice that have made our ministry possible.

In His love,

Mike Patterson



Dr. Mike preaching in Bible Baptist Church, Chickasha, OK
P.S. *MY PEOPLE* was published last year, and we have dedicated all of the funds from the sale of the books and royalties to the Tlapa homes. It has been our joy to place thousands of dollars into the sagging support for the children. These books are available in the lobby of the church and online at Amazon.com

THE INTERNATIONAL FUND--2016 REPORT

FUNDING SERVICES AT HOME AND ABROAD

The International Fund has been a special blessing to many in 2015. We were able to grant a dozen Ralph G. McCoy scholarships and grants to Bible College students in the United States as well as two full ride scholarships for young preachers from the homes in Tlapa. We also took care of the travel expenses for the young men from Tlapa and their chaperone in their move to college.

Through the International Fund we are helping tribal evangelists, college students, church plants and missionaries on the field. We were able to fund one of the tickets for the Acosta family who are leaving for Nicaragua after this meeting as church planters. We have had a busy year.

We completed building the church in Tepeyac that was destroyed after Mexico's hurricane. With land purchase and materials costing about \$40,000 U.S.D., the church capacity was quadrupled in a well-engineered building that should withstand earthquakes, mudslides, and hurricanes. Help for this project came through the International Fund. We were with them for the September dedication.

The Lord provided and we were able to fund our international trips without using I.F. funds. Over the years we have traveled to over 40 countries on five continents.

When an emergency health issue for one of the boys in the Rios de Misericordia required a prolonged stay in the hospital, we were able to help with his medical expenses. He has recovered.

The International Fund needs your help. We presently have about a dozen monthly supporters and a few that send special offerings. We do need monthly support. Asking others to sacrifice is often difficult...that is not the case with the International Fund. So much has been accomplished with so little. Becky and I still invest in this fund every week. We consider it a wise eternal investment.

Dr. McCoy never expected anyone to reach his level of sacrifice for the Tlapa children. He simply shared his heart and people wanted to help. It is my prayer that for a little while you can glimpse my heart in seeing not only the pressing needs of the children but also this worldwide outreach.

A servant to world missions,



Mike Patterson



Dr. Mike at the building dedication in Tepeyac



Dr. Mike having devotions with the Bethesda girls

BETHESDA CHILDREN'S HOME - TLAPA, MEXICO

2015 REPORT & 2016 BUDGET NEEDS FOR HOMES

From September through early December we traveled in meetings and used my book signings to help fill some gaps in the support for the homes. Special Christmas offerings were received and all of the funds from the sale of *MY PEOPLE* have been given to the homes. Christmas bonuses were paid, and all of the children received special treats in December, but we desperately need help for the Christian School. **It has been a very fruitful year. The children and staff led over 2000 people to Christ this year in Tlapa.**

Yours for Christ's little ones,



Mike Patterson



1. **We presently have seven children in need of sponsors at \$100 per month.** Their photos and stories are available. (This does not include tuition and expenses for the Christian day school.)
2. **Bethesda Centurion Club—"One of one-hundred project."** **We desperately need one-hundred Christian school sponsors at \$25.00 each month** to cover the basic financial needs of our school. This covers our actual cost for curriculum and materials and part of the teacher's salaries. This award winning Christian School has been a lifesaver. The unstable government schools have been on strike for months at a time. Funds for this need largely came from two dear friends and supporters that have experienced financial reverses and could not continue with their \$3000 in combined monthly support. The poor tribal children cannot pay tuition.
3. **Uniforms for 150 children and staff at \$50.00 each.**
4. **Alumni Reunion \$5500** (about 600 attended this year.) **Mexican Staff 3 day Retreat \$4500**
5. **Special Meals for anniversary, Easter, Christmas, and graduation. \$1000 each.**
6. **Agualdos for staff (bonuses mandated by Mexican law in the month of December) \$7000**

P.S. Miraculous special end of year offerings allowed us to finish the year in the black. A special gift from the Liberty Baptist Church of Las Vegas, Nevada, came at a time of desperate need. We offer special thanks to Dr. Teis and his generous church.

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THE USA OFFICE REPORT



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Greetings from the Mt. Abarim Missions Office in Arlington, Texas. We wish to thank those who support the Home Office, both financially and spiritually through your prayers. While our work is mostly behind the scenes, it is vitally important in supporting our missionaries while they spread the gospel in countries around the world. This work includes:

- Documenting and depositing support funds received for our missionaries.
- Working with our donors to provide them with needed information to keep them connected with their missionaries.
- Sending receipts and thank you letters each week to the supporters of our missionaries.
- Promoting communication between missionaries and donors by mailing monthly prayer letters and other correspondence.
- Assisting missionaries in their financial responsibilities here in the States while they are out of the country.
- Making required filings to the government and helping missionaries work with local and foreign governments.
- Answering inquiries from missionaries, supporting churches, and individuals.
- Assisting in coordinating the annual Mt. Abarim Missions Conference.

During this year, Mt. Abarim financial statements and supporting documentation for calendar year 2014 were audited by an independent Certified Public Accountant. All financial statements were properly documented and accounted for and present an accurate and fair reflection of the Mission's financial position and operations.

THE MEXICAN OFFICE REPORT

We serve missionaries worldwide. I am a certified public accountant, and my goal as the Office Director is to be a blessing. Some of our expenses are carried by the Iglesia Bautista Monte Abarim. Dr. Mike Patterson has helped with our deficits of about \$500 each month, but I know this has been a great personal sacrifice with their heavy medical expenses. (We need \$500 in monthly support.) In addition we had to replace our eleven year old computers. After many repairs, two of them just died. We simply did not have the funds; so Dr. Patterson helped with this need until the funds are supplied. We still need \$2000.

We began the Mexican office in the year 2000. Dr. Patterson shared his vision to help the growing tribe of Mexican missionaries, and it soon became my burden as well. We now serve about 60 families with deposits, monthly reports, and mailing services. Our own son, who is in Spain, was the first to receive our help sixteen years ago. We pray for our missionary friends daily. When tragedy hits, we do everything within our power to help.

"Wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity" (Phil. 4:10)." HERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY! Please help us help our Mexican missionaries. They are now serving all over the world.

God Bless, *Cutberto Alvarez Peralta C.P.A.*



Genesis and Leticia in the Mexico Office



Missionary reports being prepared

BRAZILIAN FIELD DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As we look back on 2015, we see our Lord's guiding hand over our lives and ministries. Brazil is facing its worst financial and political crisis in years, much worse than the 2008 crisis in the USA. From without, the fall of the prices of commodities compromised a great source of Brazil's income. From within, grave corruption scandals in all levels of government and overspending have jeopardized Brazil's credibility, causing the dollar rate to almost double what it was a year ago. This dramatic rise in the dollar rate has benefited missionary families and is making this a prime time to invest in Brazil. We do not know how long the Dollar will remain high; therefore, we must use this opportunity to further the Gospel in Brazil!

This was my first year serving as the Brazilian Field Director, and I count this a great honor and joy! It is a joy to serve with others of like faith and the same love, striving together for the same goal, the fulfilling of the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has given us a unique opportunity to serve him as a family, alongside my father (Tom Gilmer) and brother-in-law (Rom Ribeiro). These two great men of God do not give me an ounce of trouble, but rather fill my heart with encouragement!

I have the privilege of serving alongside my father at the Trinitarian Bible Society of Brazil, of which he is president and I am executive (general) secretary. The scenario in Brazil for Bible publication has changed significantly in the past few months, placing us in the face of difficult times, particularly with Brazil enduring a recession. We do not now have the warehousing space that we used to have made available to us by our printers, and the rise in the US dollar has caused our production costs to almost double. However, these difficulties helped us define our role in worldwide missions: To service churches by supplying faithful editions of the Holy Scriptures to (1) local churches, (2) members of churches, and (3) unsaved people, being instrumental in bringing them to Christ. We will also work together in team church planting, and we are preparing for the start of one more church soon, the Lord willing.

This year we had the joy of visiting Rom and Rachel in the city of Ribeirão Preto (just four hours away from São Paulo), where they just started their fifth church. Please send an e-mail to either Bro. Rom or myself for a link to an exciting new 2 ½ minute video of the work in Ribeirão Preto. Please prayerfully consider taking part in the start of this church—the dividends are eternal!

Your servants in Brazil, *Harold Gilmer*



Regular service of Maranatha Baptist Temple



Building plot for Maranatha Baptist Temple

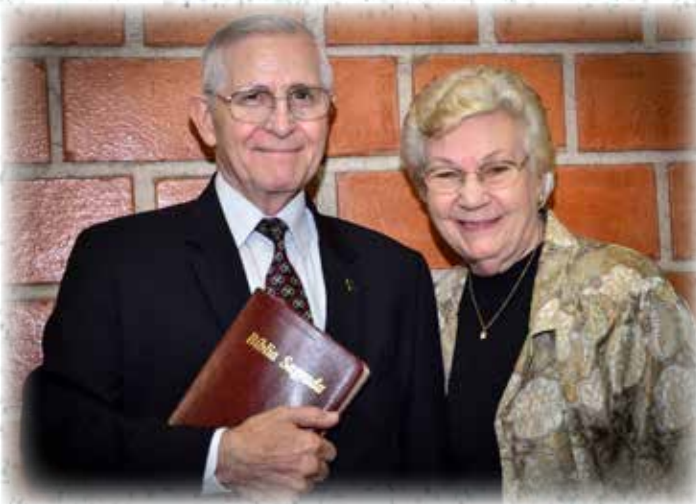


Rented building for Maranatha Baptist Temple



Inauguration service of Maranatha Baptist Temple

DR. & MRS. THOMAS GILMER - BRAZIL



Dr. Thomas & Linda Gilmer

On August 30th of this year, we will celebrate fifty years since we first arrived in Brazil. Little did we realize the proportion of the ministry the Lord had in store for us. We have involved ourselves in various ministries (church planting, Bible publication, businessmen's outreach, radio, orphanage, evangelistic films, personal evangelism), while never losing focus of taking the Gospel to the Jew first and being careful not to neglect our first ministry, the family. In tallying up the professions of faith recorded in our prayer letters over the past fifty years, over 100,000 souls have accepted Christ as their personal Savior as a direct result of our ministries. We give God all the glory!

Yours for the Messiah, *Thomas & Linda Gilmer*

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REV. & MRS. HAROLD GILMER - BRAZIL

Our hearts are moving towards the start of the Church in Guacuri (in the suburbs of São Paulo). Missionary Sean Lunday is assuming the leadership of this team, for which we are very thankful. (He did an excellent job in leading us in the start of New Life Baptist.) He has already lined up several groups to come next year and help canvas the area and is working with a group to come build the auditorium. The next thing we need is a fifteen-passenger van to help us with this project.

Please pray for the Trinitarian Bible Society of Brazil, as we seek to spread the Word throughout Brazil and the Portuguese-speaking world.

Brethren, pray for us, *Harold & Lilian Gilmer*

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Harold, Raphael, Lilian, and Danielle

REV. & MRS. ROM RIBEIRO - BRAZIL

Currently, we are working in two churches in two different places. In June, we relocated to the Southeast of Brazil to establish our fifth new church plant in Brazil. Each month we make the eight-hour drive back to the Midwest of Brazil to the Mother Church in order to serve there as well. We have acquired a small piece of land for the new church we are establishing. Now, the biggest challenge is to raise \$150,000 in order to lay the foundation of the sanctuary and the Sunday school building. Construction for Worldwide Evangelism is likely to build the auditorium for us, but it depends on us to take care of the foundation and walls around the lot. It will take a miracle for us to raise these funds. Please pray that the Lord will give us this miracle.

In His Perfect Love, *Rom & Rachel Ribeiro*

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Rom & Rachel, Rochelle & Roxanne

AFRICAN FIELD DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The Chief of Atebubu trusts Christ!

Due to the big Ebola scare, some people who normally come to Africa didn't. So this year we had the joy of hosting some last minute, but wonderful people. Three students from Crown College, our Pastor from Bible Baptist Church in Chickasha, and my parents helped us with our yearly school camp ministry and the new church plant in Atebubu. Three weeks before we went to Atebubu to start the church, I went with a small team of pastors and had the joy of leading their 90 year old chief to trust in Christ as Savior. We have been able to buy land and acquire our building permit to start work in January 2016.

Please pray about coming to Africa to visit us on a "life-changing" missions trip. We promise you the Lord will open your eyes in a way you have never seen before as you see the believers in Africa work together to help the lost know Him as Savior!

Because we know Him, *Pastor Stephen Volante*



Building Dedication Aduwte

REV. & MRS. STEPHEN VOLANTE - GHANA



**Back row: Evans, Prince, Samuel, Tina, Nick
Front row: Tori, Steve, Michelle & Angela**

When you are younger, you don't care as much about "momentum" or "conserving your energy"; but as you grow older, you learn it's much better to ride a wave than to let it hit you. After serving in Africa for twenty years, we are now enjoying the harvest of many good seeds we planted years ago. Our children are growing up, getting married, and having kids of their own. Our once young Timothys now have Timothys of their own, and our daughter churches are planting their own daughter churches. Children we taught in Sunday School are now teaching Sunday School. Students from our school have

grown up and have come back to teach in our school. What a joy it will be in Heaven, sharing eternity with Christ and the people you lead to Him as Savior.

A godly parent's heart yearns to see their children love and serve the Lord. With joy, we ask you to pray for our son-in-law Evan, our daughter Rose, and our soon-to-be-born grandson Jackson as they plan to come to Africa on a one-year study internship.

Thank you for counting us worth to represent you in Africa as ambassadors of reconciliation for our King!

For Eternity, *Pastor Steve Volante*

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Steve & sons - Calvary's 19-year anniversary- June 21, 2015

BETHESDA CHILDREN'S HOME - GHANA



Bethesda Children's Home family vacation at Anamabo Beach Resort - Thank you Bible Baptist Church of Chickasha for your love for us!

How many happy childhood "family memories" do you have and cherish with all your heart? I know I have so many that have molded me into the man I am today. My parents always gave their children the greatest gift a child yearns for - "quality family time." These children joyfully serve at home, in the church, and in school. What a joy it is to watch them frolic and play at the beach. The food, fellowship, laughter, and play is like medicine to the soul! To all of you who so faithfully support these children so we can be fathers to the fatherless, we thank you! Pastor Stephen Volante

CALVARY BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Calvary Baptist Int'l School - Teachers & Staff - 2015

This year, we celebrated our 15th anniversary. From our humble beginning in Krobo with only 130 students in kindergarten up to the third grade, we have grown to 950 students from nursery to the high school level in both Krobo and Techiman. We strive to offer students a quality "Christian based" education at the lowest price possible so that our school would be both a tool for evangelism and preparation for godly living. We also thank God the primary through junior high schools are well established and running debt free year after year; but we are facing challenges meeting the government's requirements for the high school. We ask you to pray about helping us with some start-up costs in our home economic department. We need to raise \$800 for equipment. Trusting Him daily, *Manager Eddy*

HOPE INTERNATIONAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Serving as the Chaplain of the H.I.S. High School is such a blessing. This year we saw eighteen students trust in Christ as Savior during our annual school camp, and then twelve of our boarding students came to know Christ as Savior during our Sunday morning worship services. Five other students also trusted Christ during personal time spent with them after classes. We would ask for your prayers for us as we try our best to equip these young people not only in scholastics but also to fear the Lord and grow spiritually every day.

We would like to build a boy's dorm costing \$18,000 to enable us to take in more students next September. Please pray about helping us continue to grow!

May God bless you for helping! *Pastor Gilbert Ayaric* ✨



Teachers of the Hope International Senior High School
Our Motto: Learn Today-Lead Tomorrow-Live for Eternity
Pray for us as we labor for His Glory - *Manager Eddy*

JOHN & DORCAS ABEDU-KENNEDY
APAM & MUMFORD, GHANA



Rev. John & Mamma Dorcas in front of home in Apam

By His grace, we have been able to reach the roofing level in the construction of our daughter church building in Mumford. The truss and roof estimate is \$8,000. We are also praying God would enable us to buy land in both Apam and Accra. This year we also had the joy of seeing two men graduate from our Bible Institute with a diploma in Pastoral Theology. For Him, *Pastor John Abedu-Kennedy*

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SAMUEL & VESTER APPIAH
TECHIMAN, GHANA

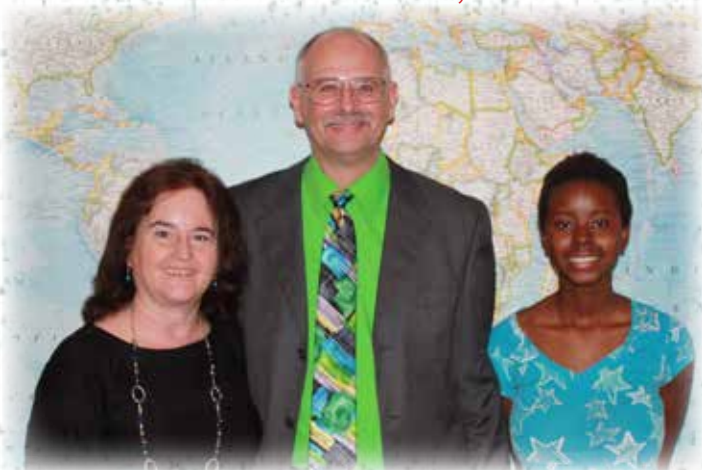


Lois, Tina, Vester, Michelle, and Samuel

This year I was faced with a life and death trial stemming from a stubborn eight month stomach problem. After an endoscopy biopsy, our fears were relieved finding out it was a bacterial sickness treatable with medicine and not the dreaded "cancer." Praise the Lord with me! Please pray for me that God would strengthen me and greatly use my family to stand beside our pastor and continue to attempt great things for God's glory in the many ministries in Techiman!

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JAMES & DONA PETERSON
TECHIMAN / BAMIRI, GHANA



Jim & Dona with Julia Peterson
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This year we dedicated the completed Adutwie church building and then broke ground on the new Bamire Road church before leaving for the USA in April for furlough ministry. So far, three new churches have added us to their mission's programs, and several other churches have increased our support. Please pray we can raise the remaining support and return to Ghana this June.

Until He Returns, *Pastor James Peterson*

MIGUEL & NORA TRIANO
CAPE COAST, GHANA



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God has been good to our church for He allowed us to move to our land this year and continue building. We have finished the children's room, and we have roofed our main auditorium. Pray for us and our church to be able to finish this project while we are on furlough this coming 2016. Thanks for all your prayers and generous gifts towards the ministry in Cape Coast.

May God richly bless you! *Pastor Miguel Triano*

JOSIAH & MARY ABEDU-KENNEDY ACCRA, GHANA



Pastor Josiah & Mary with Josiah Jr., Josia, Josianna
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This year at Crossroads Baptist Church, we have seen spiritual and numerical increases; and our new Church plant in Dodowa, Accra, is growing as well. We have distributed over 70 Bibles to students who professed Christ as Saviour in the school ministry that I am involved in. We would like to use this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your gifts of love and support.

We love you all. *Pastor Josiah Abedu-Kennedy*

MAWOULI & JOSEPHINE GBOLOU LOME, TOGO



Esperance, Josephine, Pastor Mawouli Enoch & Precious

Warm Greetings from Togo - we have three blessings to share with you this year. Our church, "Salvation For All" is growing; and we need to build an addition. Please pray for the needed funds. We have bought land in Afoin to help our daughter church build, and we need strength to help there as well. Lastly, with our children growing into maturity, the university bills are mounting. We need His grace!

For His Glory! *Pastor Mawouli*

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CALVARY BAPTIST THEO. SEMINARY

Over the past 20 years of ministry in Africa, I have learned that training godly men to serve the Lord as pastors is one of the most fruitful uses of both my time and energy. These men have become my closest friends and greatest source of encouragement in the ministry. This year we have seven new students join the four that are already in training. Pray for these dear men as they face many trials and tests of their faith as they begin their four year journey. For Eternity! *Steve Volante*



Students left to right: Domson, Paul, Joe, Evans, Francis, Dave, Isaac, Kyere, Immanuel, Kesse, & (Doug-out sick)
Teachers in Front: Papa, Samuel, Steve, Godfred, & Atta

MANUEL & REYNA DIAZ BATA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA



This year we continue to thank God for His daily provision, protection, and growth in the ministry. Even with government restrictions and cultural traditions hampering us, the Lord allowed us to see 912 souls saved this year. Please pray for the strength to complete the three room school block we have started and our church security wall.

Your Missionaries: *Manuel Diaz and Family*
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JOSEFINA MCCOY
TLAPA, MEXICO



David, Josefina, Josiah, and Abdiel McCoy

This year over two hundred people have been saved. We have also seen new churches started in El Aguacate, Cerro Aguilucho, and Piedras Negras. New church buildings have been built in El Tepeyac, Calpanapa, and Santa Cruz. Brother Rufino Regino has joined our ministry and is preaching in Calpanapa, but he is in need of financial support. In May of 2016 four Bible Institute students from our mission churches will graduate. Trusting In Him, *Josefina McCoy*

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CHRIS & ELIZABETH ROBERTSON
NAYARIT, MEXICO



David, Joshua, Elizabeth, Ashley, Chris, and Annalise

This year the Lord allowed one church to be planted in a town that did not have a church that preached the Gospel of Jesus. A Bible institute was started. There were eighteen decisions of faith in Jesus for salvation with six baptisms. Please pray with us for the provision of a newer car for family and ministry.

In Christ, *Pastor Chris Robertson*
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RIVERS OF MERCY CHILDREN'S
HOME - MEXICO



CASA HOGAR - RÍOS DE MISERICORDIA

Please pray as God continues to send more children our way. Many of our children have graduated from the Homes and are faithfully serving the Lord. During the last two months, one of our boys was extremely ill. God graciously allowed him to live and begin recovering. For all the children,

Dr. Leonardo Rivas

Dr. & Mrs. Rivas

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CARL & NIKKI HODSDON
LURÍN, PERU



Carl & Nikki with Josiah, Ashlynn, & Catelynn

We have been serving in Lurin for close to three years now and have a church plant started. For the past three months we have also been holding a new Bible study in Pachacamac.

Please pray for our ministries as well as our church property and construction fund. We are praying God will supply the initial funds needed by January 1; so we can go through all the legal paperwork, buy the property, and start construction before our next church missions team arrives on March 2. We estimate the entire project to be around \$20,000. Thank you for your prayers, *Carl and Nikki Hodsdon*

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TIM & CYNDE MATTHEWS
NEXT GENERATION - USA



The main thrust of our ministry remains the same, helping those that God has called into full-time ministry find a way and a place to serve. Most of this occurs in one-on-

Pastor Tim & Cynde Matthews one settings.

We are also working on a Missionary Training Program for teens (M.I.T. for short). We are doing this in conjunction with the Mt. Abarim office and with World View Ministries. We are also working on a program that takes trainees to Israel. This is not a typical trip. This experience will actually take the traveler behind the scenes of many typical tourist destinations.

In His Service, *Pastor Tim Matthews*

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JUAN & TETÉ ALVAREZ
BASQUE COUNTRY, SPAIN



Juan & Teté with Raquel, Andrea, and Arturo

For the past twenty years, we have been serving the Lord in Spain in the Living Hope Baptist Church. For fifteen years, we have also been serving in "Aierdi," a farmhouse retreat center. We are currently home on furlough and are asking the Lord to provide a car for our reporting ministry in both the USA and Mexico.

Because He is worthy, *The Alvarez Family*
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SAMUEL & SARAH YANT
NORTHWEST REGION OF THE USA



Back row: Lilly, Samuel, Sarah, Lorraine

Front row: Wilson, Dawson, Dixon, Milton

By God's grace, we are serving the Lord planting a church in Tigard, Oregon. Our special outreach ministries are bread distribution, tract distribution, van ministry, children's ministry, and adult discipleship evangelism outreach. Our record attendance this year was 120 at our 3-year anniversary. We are working with another family in preparation for a Spanish ministry in Everett, WA.

To God Be the Glory! *Pastor Samuel Yant*

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STETSON & SANDY PLANCK
VERONA, ITALY



Looking over the highlights of this year in Italy, we had the joy of working in four different Bible studies throughout the year and have just started two additional Bible studies this December. In our outreach efforts, we have seen one person saved and over 12,000 homes have received gospel tracts. We are asking the Lord for 100,000 Italian John/Romans before July of 2016.

For His Glory,

Stetson & Sandra with *Pastor Stetson*
Isaiah and Pearl *Planck*
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EDGAR AND NATALIA ACOSTA
MISSIONARIES TO NICARAGUA



Natalia & Edgar with their daughter Isabella

Please pray for us as we raise support to go to Nicaragua. Praise the Lord for his blessings upon our family, giving us our beautiful daughter, Isabella. We are members sent out by Mount Abarim Baptist Church in Cuernavaca, MX. God bless you, *Edgar Acosta*

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FAMILIA RICARDO VELAZQUEZ
MÉRIDA, YUCATÁN, MEXICO



Daughter Alba, Pastor Ricardo, and wife Sylvia

Due to the generous gifts received during last year's Abarim conference, we have been able to roof the entire auditorium of our church. Praise the Lord our building is now 75% complete! We still need approximately \$3,000 to finish the auditorium. In 2015 we celebrated God's blessing on us during our 15 year anniversary! We are also asking God to provide us with a vehicle.

God Bless you, *Pastor Ricardo Velazquez*

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FAMILIA NÁJERA VILLALOBOS
MISSIONARIES IN GUATEMALA



Martha, Viviana, Emanuel, Modesta, Javier

We praise the Lord for opening the door for us to leave for Guatemala. We are now in our first year of ministry in Guatemala. Please pray for His perfect leading.

God Bless, *Javier*

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FAMILIA FIDEL SILVA
MISSIONARIES IN BOLIVIA



Fidel & Bertha with Ana Keren and Josabet

We are serving in Mount Abarim Baptist Church in Cochabamba. Along with pastoring, the Lord has entrusted four orphans into our home. We are currently making plans to start new church plants in Santa Cruz, El Paso, and Sacaba. Two of our greatest needs right now are a bus and the completion of our church building.

Your Servant, *Brother Fidel Silva*

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DR. & MRS. CHARLES BARNES
CHURCH PLANTING - MAINE, USA



Dr. Charles, Barbie, and Kimberly

We thank the Lord for giving us another year of ministry and rejoice in the goodness of the Lord on Mt. Desert Island here in Maine! We have a congregation established. We have seen our first missionary supported, witnessed decisions made for Christ, and held our first baptism service. Praise the Lord the foundation is in place for further growth in 2016!

Great is thy Faithfulness, *Dr. Charles Barnes*

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REV. & MRS. MAURICIO ZAVALA
MISSIONARIES TO NICARAGUA



Lolis, Mauricio, & Natan at the Living Word Baptist Church

This year we have knocked on half the doors in our city, reached out on the radio, and faithfully preached the Word of God on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. This year we graduated our first group of Bible School students and hope to see the second group graduate in January 2016. Please pray with us as our support level has suffered greatly in recent months, and we so desire to buy land for our church building. *Pastor Mauricio*

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REV. & MRS. DONALD KING
RETIRED MISSIONARIES - TEXAS



Donald & Gloria King

Gloria and I are rejoicing in what the Lord is doing in our lives. We are active in our age group of "old folks" at our church. After all, we are 79 and 75 years of age. We have helped at the Abarim office for several weeks this year. That is always a joy for us. Our grandchildren are a real source of joy. ... except we can't keep up with them anymore. Thanks for your faithfulness, *The Kings*

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REV. & MRS. JOHN VOLANTE
SHORT TERM MISSIONARIES - GHANA



Patricia & John at Cape Coast Missions Conference

Every year, Pat and I travel to Ghana with joy to serve with the people we have poured our lives into over our years in the ministry. In 2015, we served for three summer months and had the joy of helping with the new work in Atebubu. This year, we plan to spend February-April and help with the Easter outreach. Please pray for our strength and the \$4,000 needed to make this trip. In Christ, *Pastor John Volante*

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KNOWING ABOUT GOD IS NOT THE SAME . . .

as truly "Knowing God"

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee . . .



the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3



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