



Family Newsletter

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God Is Looking For Channels



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I believe that the Bible teaches we are laborers together with God and co-laborers with fellow Christians in the harvest field of winning souls to Christ. I also believe that God is looking for channels to reach the world with the Gospel. It is an honor to know that God has chosen to use those who have been redeemed by the sacrifice of His dear Son as His pipelines to channel Heaven's best to a lost and dying

world. His desire is use us so that the entire world hears the saving message of salvation of our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

God could have chosen to let the angels do the work of missions. He could have given the wealth of the world to the Christians to provide the financial means to reach the world, but it would not have brought any glory to God or blessings to us. What God does in missions He wants to do so that it brings blessings both to the giver and the receiver. He is so interested in using us in missions that He put three chapters in the middle of the New Testament (II Corinthians 8, 9, 10) that deal with the subject of how He wants to provide even the material and financial needs through His people to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

BMFP was started in 1980 to aid the local churches in giving watch-care for the missionaries they send out to the mission field. We were determined not to put everyone in the same mold. We believe that God has given all of us certain talents and abilities. If a person is called of the Lord to use those abilities fulltime in the area of missions, BMFP wants to be a channel for them to fulfill their call. We believe that the Lord has a ministry for all of us who know Christ as our Saviour. It has been said that we are "Saved To Serve."

The Great News Is That God Wants All of Us To Be The Channels Through Which He Works!



**BMFP 40th Anniversary
Celebration
28 Sept. to 1 Oct. 2020**



Larry Appleby

Casual Contribution or Complete Commitment?

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In chapter one of Daniel, we read that the Nation of Judah was besieged by Babylon's ruler, King Nebuchadnezzar, who subsequently selected certain of the young male captives to assist in advancing the agenda of his ever-growing kingdom. Those who were considered among the brightest and best quickly found themselves in bondage to an earthly king who knew nothing of the eternal King that they worshipped and served. Nebuchadnezzar admired both the physical and mental aptitude of these men and became bent on preparing them for specific service in his own kingdom. He required, among other things, for changes to be made in their language, their education, and even their diet. While Daniel contemplated these changes, his spirit remained excellent because he knew with certainty that God's plan was superior to anything this king could offer.

As the historical account continues to unfold, we learn that King Nebuchadnezzar had a large image of gold made, perhaps in his own likeness, and set it up in the plain of Dura. Citizens and captives alike were required, not only to attend the dedication of the image of gold, but also to bow down before the image in a posture of worship whenever certain musical instruments were played. Those who failed to attend the festivities and to adhere to this new law would face an immediate execution in a furnace of fire. The great King Nebuchadnezzar, no doubt, expected the full cooperation of all his constituents, and in accordance with the law, almost every person residing in the area worshipped the image.

However, Daniel's three courageous companions, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were dedicated servants of the Most High God. They chose to break the law put into effect by the lesser king, refusing to bow their heads and bend their knees in homage to a golden image.

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By Larry Appleby

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Reflect on the unique challenges faced by these young men, and then on the more common ones that we as missionaries face. Do not the greatest of our challenges target our faith? Satan continues to take aim at every piece of our spiritual armor. Day after day, his fiery darts attempt to penetrate the shield of our faith (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Reconsider their courage, “We are not careful to answer thee in this matter...” The confidence of these Hebrew men lay in the reality that the God they served was able to deliver them. May we remember today that we serve the same powerful God who remains able! (Ephesians 3:20; Jude 24; Hebrews 7:25; 2 Corinthians 9:8)

Reevaluate the consolation that encouraged them. Like those men, we have not been promised that we will not have trials, face suffering, or encounter deep hurts. Still God remains ready to give this generation of His servants the deep consolation that He will always be the “fourth man in the fire.”

Remember the commendation that God gave to these worthy servants. While the historical account in the Book of Daniel began with an image of gold, the conclusion came with gold in the form of three godly Hebrews. God’s Old Testament promise remains, “...when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold” (Job 23:10).

Centuries ago, the three young Hebrew men could have spent their lives making casual contributions to the earthly kingdom of an unrighteous man. Yet, despite their time of fiery trial, they chose complete commitment to the eternal kingdom of the Righteous God. Today, as we face challenges of our faith in missionary service, may we allow God to fill our hearts with both courage and consolation. He remains “the fourth man in the fire.” When the trials of this life are passed, His commendation will come and we, His servants, will come forth as gold.

Until that day, we gladly bear the challenges of missionary service and lift the burdens of one another to our Lord in prayer. We also ask, as Jesus commanded, that more of His servants of all ages and backgrounds will enlist as fully committed followers of Jesus Christ to take His Gospel into the lost kingdoms of this world. The choices remain: casual contribution or complete commitment. Which will it be?

"Oh, that I had a thousand lives and a thousand bodies! All of them should be devoted to no other employment but to preach Christ" Robert Moffat

Editor's Notes

After two years of praying, planning, and construction dust, we thank the Lord the new training center here at the BMFP campus is finally completed. We look forward to holding candidate training this month in the new facilities.



News From the Fields

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We are praising the Lord for the two souls saved during the Elkton resource clinic and one saved during the Horry County tent meeting in Conway, SC. We’ve seen several saved in the regional jail. Glory to God!! We traveled to Pensacola, FL May 16 to watch Emily graduate from high school. It has been an honor to watch her grow not only into the young lady she is but in her love for the Lord and people.

God gave us a unique opportunity to host a resource clinic at First Baptist Church in Ocoee, FL. There is a muslim mosque that joins the property of the church and muslims are reaching the poor and homeless in record numbers there. We are excited for this opportunity. We are thankful to each of you for your prayer and financial support. God is good all the time!

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March was “Invite a Friend Month” and our people took the challenge; we had many first time visitors. The blessings carried over into April with more first-time visitors. We had two more precious souls saved recently. Please pray for Anna Attia who came to church with her husband (U.S. Military) from Liberia. God prepared Anna’s heart before coming to receive the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. One week after salvation she was baptized. Mark Blakes was invited to our church by one of our faithful soul winners, Caleb Fagerstrom. After the services, he asked if he could talk with me in private. It was obvious that God had prepared his heart for salvation. I had the opportunity to give Mark a clear presentation of the Gospel. He prayed and trusted Jesus Christ as personal Savior! Mark was baptized a few weeks after his salvation. These souls are fruit to the account in Heaven for those who faithfully pray for us!