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New Year New Opportunities



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BMFP would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year! We look forward with excitement and anticipation as to what the Lord is going to do through us personally and through BMFP! With a new year there comes new opportunities. With that in mind, I would like to share with you some ways that you can personally be involved with BMFP in 2022.

First, you can pray for BMFP in a very specific way! There are several positions that we need to eventually fill as we move forward. We are looking and praying for God to send servants with the BMFP heart for missionaries.

Second, we are asking churches to take on BMFP monthly as one of their missionaries. We want to do all that we can to be a help and encouragement to our BMFP Family. There is a lot of work that goes on here in the home office so missionaries can be free to do what God has called them to do on the field.

Third, we are asking Churches to have a BMFP Emphasis Sunday this year. One, two or three of us are willing to come at our own expense to your church and present BMFP and missions. Any offering that is received will be used to help the BMFP Headquarters.

Fourth, as a church or an individual, you are able to join the Rope Holders project. As you know, with a building there are always repairs and updates. Rope holder funds are used exclusively for these projects. Our current list has painting the buildings, fixing and updating our three missionary apartments, as well as some other minor updates that need to be done around the property. When you give toward the Rope Holders project, you will receive a pin that you can wear, reminding you to pray for BMFP.



It is my belief that whatever we do for the Lord's work should be done to the very best of our ability and for His glory. Our testimony in our community as well as around the world is very important. Please make these opportunities a matter of prayer. How will God use you in 2022?

Joy In The Journey

Whether we are traveling to work, church, across the country, or perhaps the other side of the globe, by whatever means we travel, each of us desire a good and safe journey. Travel is something we as missionaries do and pray about much. What about the journey itself? Is there joy from point A to point B, or is it just a means to reach a destination? What about our life journey as a believer, an ambassador of heaven, is there joy in the journey that is experienced and revealed in our lives for all to see?



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"And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not (Genesis 24:21).

We, like Abraham's servant, might wonder about our journey. Will it be prosperous: a ministry decision we have made, or a direction we are taking in general? The journey might have times of wondering, wandering, and warring. We might experience times of doubt, difficulty, and discouragement; however, we can have joy in the journey because we have the Lord's:

Presence (Heb. 13:5, Mat. 28:20) - We can find joy in the presence of the only true and living God and His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us and will be with us even unto the end of the world.

Provision (Psa. 63:7) - We can also have joy in the journey knowing we have His provision, no matter what spiritual, emotional, or physical needs arise.

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BMFP Project Opportunities

Projects are posted to offer more opportunities to participate. Please pray about using your God given resources in the work of missions!

- Paint the main office building
- Missionary apartment renovation
- Missionary candidate training

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Protection (Psa. 5:11) - There is joy in the journey because of His protection, knowing He defends us and cares for us.

Power (Mat. 28:18, Acts 1:8) - Although we are weak, insufficient, and powerless, we have His power available to us in the journey. Since He has all power, He is able to empower His servants to work and witness for Him.

God's presence, provision, protection, and power make the journey joyful.

People (Phi. 2:17) - He also gives us people along the journey, individuals that minister to us and we to them for edification and encouragement.

Purpose (Phi. 2:16, Rom. 8:28) There is joy in the journey knowing He has a purpose, a plan for each of us, all to His glory.

"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psa. 118:24) Enjoy the journey today!

Editors Notes

You might have to look fairly close at the photos below to see the metal deterioration on our headquarters building. Yet, you can see a clear difference in the fading of the paint. The first photo was taken shortly after the building was purchased in 2004. The second was taken in December 2021. We managed to fix the roof, which was leaking in many places, a couple years ago. Now the exterior of the building is in serious need of corrosion control, sealing, and painting. We are confident the Lord will provide for the work through the prayer and support of His Rope Holders.



Prayer Nuggets For Your Missionaries

Pray—Pray—Pray that missionaries be continually filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness... And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all" (Acts 4: 31, 33).

"It is possible for the most obscure person in a church, with a heart right toward God, to exercise as much power for the evangelization of the world, as it is for those who stand in the most prominent positions."
- John R. Mott

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Gifts are for receiving and giving. I received the gift of physical life 78 years ago, surrounded by love, discipline, accountability, acceptance, hard work, protection and provision. God has been so good to me in my physical life!

I received the gift of eternal life 69 years ago. In conjunction with the work of the Holy Spirit, my mother, the Junior Boys SS teacher, and a recently saved classmate were the main players. I am so glad I was saved at a young age!

I received the gift of God's call on my life 59 years ago. After high school, I went out to make my own way. God orchestration put me in the midst of a heaven-sent revival. It was clear that only God was qualified to make my way in life. Totally and daily giving my life to Christ is providing a most abundant life!

I received the gift of missionary service 52 years ago. Challenged daily with the fulfillment of the Great Commission during Bible School and the impossibility of pleasing God apart from faith, we answered the call. Living on three continents, learning a foreign language, starting two Baptist churches (helping in others), seeing an unknown number saved and baptized, and/or surrendering to God's will for their lives surpassed our wildest imaginations.

Integrated in this span of time, the gifts of marriage, parenthood, and extended family. Carolyn Ann Romans De Rusha has in every way been my completer. God continues to use our five children (their spouses), ten grandchildren (their spouses), and our nine great-grandchildren to bless and delight our hearts.

Have there been imperfections? sins? wrong choices? fears? disappointments? Thankfully, God is the Giver of Second (and third...) Chances! The Bible teaches that to whom much is given much is required, that the number one requirement of stewardship is faithfulness. Reflecting on God's gifts overwhelms me with joy and soberness. My life is rich and full! My responsibility and accountability is staggering! Oh, to be faithful to the Giver! May our giving be in proportion to our receiving.

**For Thou Shalt Go To All That
I Shall Send Thee**

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