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The Value of Candidate Training



Jonathan Lyons, President

Candidate Training is one of the major events of the year for Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples. It happens the second full week of June every year, (June 13-17, 2022). New missionary candidates spend a very intense week of preparation for Pre Field ministry. Veteran missionaries and pastors invest hours teaching a new generation

of missionaries on various aspects of missionary life and ministry. This is the first taste of missionary preparation as they launch out to fulfill God's call of missionary service. It has been said that, "A call to serve is a call to prepare." Our desire is to have missionaries that are prepared with the best tools for the ministry.

First, we prepare them to be Servants:

Being a missionary is an honor and a privilege, not a rank or position. We do our best to instill in each candidate that, above all, we are called to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are taught the importance of being accountable to the Lord, their sending church, and to BMFP. This has to do with our attitude and outlook as we follow the Lord's leadership. Having the right perspective and attitude is half the battle.

Second, we prepare them to Serve:

Pre-Field ministry is not just about raising support funds. It is about letting others see a heart and burden for the people to whom the missionary is called to serve. Building relationships with pastors, churches, and fellow missionaries will prove to be a blessing and an encouragement. As the missionary shares their heart and burden, our prayer is that the testimony left behind will encourage others to step out by faith and surrender to the call of missions. When people can see the heart, the support will not be an issue!

Third, we prepare them for Service:

Longevity of service is what is desired. BMFP is a family, and our goal is to have lifelong dedicated missionaries that in the future will be able to help and teach the next generation. We give them the tools that they need to make it on the field and to be a success. As a missionary grows older, they have much wisdom and experience they can contribute to new missionaries. Nothing is more satisfying than a race well run!

Why You Should Consider Becoming One of Us!



**Gib Wood, Missionary
To the U.S. Military in Germany
Europe/Africa Field Administrator**

As part of our leadership team prayer time every Monday through Friday, we have made it a regular practice to pray for laborers. The Lord Jesus gave this as a command to His disciples when He said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Of course, if it was a command to them, then it is also a command to us. And so we pray, trusting the Lord of the Harvest to do what only He can do - speak to hearts, and call those whom He wills to join us on the fields of the world. But that begs another question, "Why not you?" In fact, we believe there are a number of reasons why you should at least consider becoming one of us!

First, you should consider joining us on the fields of the world because people are everywhere. It is true that there is a lot of talk about the 10/40 window, and there should be. Did you know that nearly 70% of the world's population lives between 10° north of the equator and 40° north of the equator. A huge number of the world's largest cities fit within that geographical area. But not all of the world's people live in that area. What about those who do not live within the 10/40 window? Who is going to reach them for the Lord? Remember, Jesus said that we are to go into all the world to preach the Gospel!

Second, you should consider becoming one of us because people need the Lord. The apostle Paul was directed to go into Macedonia ...

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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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by Gib Wood**

Have you ever wondered why Paul was directed to Macedonia? It was simply because the people of Macedonia needed someone to proclaim the Gospel to them so they could be saved!

Third, you should consider becoming one of us because God may be calling you to it. God used the vision of the man to speak specifically to Paul's heart about serving Him in reaching them. And that's exactly what each of us has to realize – that God may be speaking specifically to us about being used of God to reach the lost in some other part of our world! But, and this is important, God never called a missionary to go to a geographical plot of land. He did call hundreds, even thousands of missionaries to reach the people who live in those geographic areas.

I am not saying that every person is going to be a missionary, or even be called to serve on the mission fields of the world. But I am saying that every believer should be at least willing to consider missions. In fact, would you be willing to say "Yes, Lord. I am willing to consider your will. Even if it includes serving You as a missionary." In the meantime, are you willing to be a missionary right where you are?

Editors Notes

Friends of BMFP often send notes of encouragement to BMFP in general, to Bro. Lyons, the office staff, and directly to our missionaries. These notes are a great encouragement to all of us, and are often shared between us. A month or so ago, I received a note from a friend. He and his family like to get involved and are, in many ways, a great blessing to our BMFP family. The greatest blessing to me is watching the calling of God on this precious family. (The greatest joy for every one that has yielded their life to live of the Gospel, other than our personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, is watching the Lord's calling develop in the lives of those He has placed in our path.) Only the Lord knows the timing, but what a blessing to watch as He works to prepare this family for full-time service, to live of the Gospel. The following is part a of a note our friend sent to bless our Forgotten Call readers.

-Matt Quitter

Prayer Nuggets For Your Missionaries

Pray for the Missionary Candidate: The process of leaving everything behind, completely trusting the Lord for life, livelihood, and leadership of the whole family is a struggle for most. Satan doesn't want anyone to trust in the Lord and he certainly abhors a complete yielding of a heart and life to live of the Gospel. Pray that these would not falter in their commitment. Pray that their faith will consistently grow.

**"His authority on earth allows us to dare to go to all the nations. His authority in heaven gives us our only hope of success. And His presence with us leaves us no other choice."
- John R. W. Stott**

**News From the Field
by Craig Mason**

We all thought in 2020 that 2021 would be better. Covid would be over, and we could have a fresh new start. Obviously, that didn't happen. Will 2022 provide that new start? What do we really need that's new? Remember when you first got saved and you had that new burning sensation for the Lord. You wanted to tell everyone about the Lord and everyone you met got a tract. There was nothing you would say no to when it came to serving the Lord. Did the afflictions of rejection, loss of church members, or loss of finances make the things of the Lord seem old? We all face struggles and challenges. Yet, it helps to remember Jeremiah words in Lamentations 3:22-23, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." God's mercy and compassion are new every morning and he is faithful. So may the Lord help us, as we look forward, to remember that every day is a new day with God.

With the new year comes new commitments, which brings me to my second thought. Weight loss is the number one thing people commit to at the start of a new year. The best way, according to some experts, to lose weight is portion control - eat a little bit of this, a little bit of that, but not too much.... In our spiritual life, do we have our portion control correct? Are we focused on new programs, new tactics, or more activities. Most Christians hope that new "portions" will help more people come to the Lord. However, sometimes we want something new because we are not happy with the portion the Lord has given us. In Lamentations 3:24 Jeremiah said, "The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him." If the Lord is our portion, then "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

The only portion we need is the Lord. God's compassion and mercy are new every morning. Regardless of our calling, we have the correct portion to meet the demands of that calling, which is the Lord. May God Bless you!

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

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