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Updates to Property



Jonathan Lyons, President

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples! We could never have accomplished what has been done without your prayers and support.

Many of you have contributed to the upgrades and remodeling of the BMFP Headquarters. We are extremely grateful for your

sacrifice. It is my belief that anything done for the Lord should be done in the very best way. Our desire is to present a good testimony in our own community as well as around the world. The property belongs to the Lord, and it should be honoring to him. Rachele and I have spent many a night in missionary apartments over the years. Most of the missionary apartments have been very comfortable and were a huge blessing. We are doing our best to make the BMFP missionary apartments nice for God's precious servants and their families. Let me share some of the things that we are doing:

The upgrades to the buildings and the missionary apartments are coming along. The main building that houses the offices and the training center has been painted outside with just a little touch up left to do. A new wall has been put up in the foyer and soon there will be a nice back lit BMFP Logo as you enter the building. The exterior of the building that houses the missionary apartments is next to be painted. Each apartment is getting a makeover with new paint, two of them have new showers, and all will get new carpet. Insulation has been installed in all the apartments as well as LED lighting, new mirrors and vanity lights, and new smart TVs. We will also be installing a new tankless propane hot water heater, which will be more efficient and minimize the awful sulfur smell that plagues our well water. Lord willing, all of this will be finished in time for candidate training.

If you would like to get involved and be a help and a blessing to the BMFP office, we encourage you to give to the "Rope Holders" fund. These funds are used exclusively to help maintain the facilities and for ongoing projects that need to be taken care of here at the BMFP headquarters. We keep building for the continuance and the future of BMFP!

The Lord's Resources for Missions

In John 20:19-20 we find that the Lord had been crucified and the disciples, now huddled together in an obscure room in Jerusalem, were filled with fear. They were confused and concerned. Their leader, they thought, was gone and now they were going to have to stand alone. They feared what the Jews would do to them if they were found. On their own they possessed no ability to reach a lost world with the Gospel, and the same is true of us today. Then suddenly Jesus appeared, calmed their fears, and removed their doubts. He provided them with four resources that would allow them to accomplish their mission. These are the same resources that we, the modern-day church, have as well.



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He Gave Them The Peace of His Presence (vs-19)

When the Lord appeared in that upper room, He immediately calmed their fears. From the very beginning Jesus offered all those that follow Him His peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (Jn 14:27). "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33). He did not promise them never to have conflict or trials, but He did promise that during those times they could still have His peace. As we serve the Lord, wherever we are, no matter what we are facing, we can be assured of His presence and His peace. *(Continued on next page)*

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 James Moore

"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." The church was never designed to be a reservoir, receiving and retaining for itself God's spiritual blessings, but rather a conduit giving them out to others everywhere.

He Gave Them Participation in His Purpose (vs.21)

The Lord was sent to this earth for a redemptive purpose. We, His people, are called to extend that purpose. The life and work of Christians and the church is to act in obedience to His commission. Christianity is fundamentally missionary. Missions is not merely an extension of the church, but the church itself is the extension of a mission.

Oswald J. Smith said, "The mission of the church is missions." "Any church that is not seriously involved in helping to fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist."

John Stott said, "We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28).

The church has many responsibilities. Yet, it has only one divine priority, to participate in the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. Charles Spurgeon said, "It is the whole job of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world."

He Gave Them The Power of His Spirit (vs. 22)

Jesus commanded the disciples to take His Spirit. They could never minister successfully in their own strength, and neither can we. Missions will dwindle into nothing more than social benevolence apart from the Holy Spirit. Whatever these disciples would achieve for missions, and whatever we accomplish for missions today, depends upon the power of the Holy Spirit on our efforts. The Holy Spirit is the one and only power for missions and to expect success in missions while we ignore the Holy Spirit is to look for an effect without a cause. The only success in any ministry is because the Holy Spirit has been involved. "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth

Prayer Nuggets For Your Missionaries

Pray for missionary relationships: The primary relationship is with the Lord. Yet, leadership and ministry relationships are often underemphasized. God gives the missionary a sending church, pastor, supporters, and those to whom they minister. Missionary leadership also depends on accountability, discipleship, and mentoring relationships. Pray that the missionary will place relationships over accomplishments and that unity in Christ will result.

"Missions is not just for missionaries; God's call is for all . . . Missions is practicing God's presence until His passion compels us to obey."
- Ann Dunagan

much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).

He Gave Them the Proclamation In His Authority (VS-23)

Jesus equipped these disciples with a message of forgiveness and judgment. He was not giving them the power to forgive sins, no man can do that. He was entrusting them with a proclamation that forgiveness was available. Everyone that forfeited His forgiveness remained in sin.

At every period in the history of the church, the greatest sin, which causes the greatest distress, is that the church would withhold the truth of the Gospel from the world. A church that isn't interested and actively involved in sending the Gospel to those who have never heard, has no right to exist. That is what thrills me about Fatih Promise, or Grace Giving. It thrills my heart to see a church that is involved in the translation and printing of the Scriptures. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

I have wondered why some churches are blessed and others are struggling to stay open. Growth expert Charles Arn has said, "A common denominator between churches that are blessed and others that aren't is an emphasis on missions." We ought to be thankful for the resources that the Lord has given to the church for the cause of missions.

News From the Field

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The Lord continues to graciously fill our schedule and now the excitement as we see our pre-field ministry finish line sometimes has us on an emotional rollercoaster. We have loved traveling and meeting church families all over. To be able to love and hug on them and just to be an encouragement has been a wonderful blessing to us. When we started our pre-field ministry, we had no idea how God would raise our support. Now it is time to pray and prepare for the next phase of ministry. We are praying the remaining support will come in by June. If the Lord allows us to leave in June, we will have been on pre-field ministry a total of two and half years. We thank the Lord for that time and now we are eager to get to the field and see God work there!

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

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