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Investment in Future Leaders



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Some questions are on my mind constantly as I lead Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples: What will BMFP look like in 20 years? How are we going to get there? What needs be done now so that those goals are achieved? The Bible asks the question, "What is your life?" Then it responds with a very sobering thought, "It is even a vapor." That reality brings one word to mind, investment!

Investment now for the sake of the Lord's ministry in the future. A quote from C.T. Studd puts it into perspective, "Only one life to live, twill soon be past, only what is done for Christ will last." The heart and soul of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples is the investment in the lives and ministries of our missionaries. This month, we will have our candidate training week. This is the concentrated time each year we spend pouring ourselves into the new candidates, doing our best to prepare them for the next step of ministry. We are investing in preparing leaders today for tomorrow!

In the finance world, if you want a good yield for your later years, the time to start investing is when you are young. This concept is hard to sell to each new younger generation because many are living in the here and now. They rarely consider that one day they WILL get old, much less plan for it.

For Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples to reach into the future, there must be investment, sacrifice, and hard work done now. It is our desire that the Lord use BMFP in ways that we have not even imagined. Therefore, It is our responsibility to invest in those who present themselves for full time ministry. God has a purpose and a plan to use them, and we want to make sure that we are making a purposeful effort to develop them into the leaders that God wants them to be. Now is the time to invest in what BMFP will be in the future! We are moving forward, laying the groundwork for the next generation of God's servants. We never lose when we invest in God's leaders for tomorrow! Will you consider investing with us here at BMFP through your prayers, participation, and pennies?

Watch and Pray

Jesus told His disciples to watch and pray (Lk. 21:36). Then, on the night before He was crucified, Jesus went to the garden to watch and pray. He invited eleven men to follow Him and do so as well. However, they did not watch. They did not pray. They did not obey. Instead, they fell asleep and, ultimately, each man denied the Lord and fled in defeat (Matt. 26:36-56).

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, both Paul and Peter later also admonished believers to obey the command to watch and pray (Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1 Pet. 4:7).

We would likely agree that the world, as we know it, is rapidly changing. Some of the changes are unwelcome and much more extreme than we once could have ever imagined. Many of the changes we see are just preparation for further fulfillment of biblical prophecy. It is a welcome fact that our Lord is coming again! So is the reality that we can each be ready for that day. How can we who know Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives align ourselves with the daily practice of watching and praying?

First, we should watch for the soon coming of the Lord (Matt.16:23). Those who await the return of the Lord have a deep sense of expectancy regarding the fulfillment of Scripture. Does that describe us? Do we truly live lives of genuine faith and repentance by abiding in Christ? Are our affections set on Him and not on the things of this world (Lk. 21:28; Jn. 15:5)?

Secondly, we should be watchful for the schemes of our enemy. 1 Peter 5:8 sums it up well. The adversary of our souls is the devil and since he seeks to devour and destroy us, we must be vigilant in our watch. Are we sober regarding the truth about him? Are we alert to his schemes and snares, and do we resist him with the power of God's Word and prayer? He watches for us to let down our guard by thinking of our "little sins" as no big deal. We must stay on guard against his evil lies.

Thirdly, we should watch for ourselves. The best way to watch, in this manner, is by examining ourselves in light of the Word of God. Are we truly in the faith (II Cor. 13: 5)? If so, are we growing as followers of Jesus Christ?

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Are we more like Him today than we were even a month ago? Often David's prayers were those of self-examination. Consider Ps. 139:23-24.

Then, we should watch for others. We are to watch for the souls of others (Jam. 5:19-20). As we do so, in love, souls are saved and a multitude of sins are hidden. In ways that we may not have ever considered, we are our brother's keeper. No matter how defensively we parrot Cain's question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" we retain a sobering responsibility in watching for others. May the Lord enable us to cultivate the right spirit in watching in love for others.

Finally, we should also have genuine lives of prayer. Prayer is the means by which we may have constant communication with God. As a part of our spiritual armor, prayer is often a secret weapon with great power to overcome sin and our enemy. What a gift prayer is, but oh, "the needless pain we bear," when we forfeit this gift. There is great comfort in reading of our Lord's prayer for Peter. Even when he failed to pray for himself, Jesus assured Peter that He was praying for him. Whenever we also fail to access His throne of mercy, Jesus prays for us. Hallelujah!

New From the Field

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Mission: Possible Camp 2022
July 11 - 16 in Asheboro, NC
Each year, young people and "seasoned saints" alike gather in the mountains of North Carolina for one exciting purpose: to seek the Lord about serving Him with their lives. We have seen countless individuals surrender their lives completely, with some even knowing the place that God has called them to serve.

Mission: Possible Camp is not your standard "evangelistic" youth camp. From time to time we do have young people that come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior, but this camp is much more. Mission: Possible Camp is specifically designed to nurture the desire that God has already placed in the individual's heart. Our camp is staffed by veteran missionaries, as well as experienced pastors who are more than qualified to minister to and guide our campers as they

seek God's will for their lives. While there, our staff also strives to supply these individuals with a greater knowledge of what life is like in full time Christian service, whether in the United States or on the foreign mission field. Campers are highly encouraged to spend time with the different speakers and missionaries, to really see the burden God has given them and learn from their experience. It is truly an exciting week!

I personally believe this camp serves as one of the great hopes of our next generation serving God. Our campers take part in three teaching and preaching services a day, while enjoying great food, fun and fellowship. Friendships are developed that last a lifetime. The majority of our campers come back each summer, with many choosing to join us in various missions trips throughout the year. Once you attend Mission: Possible Camp, you're part of a family that sticks together as you serve our Savior.

What Do Mission Boards Do?

The primary purpose of a mission agency is assisting the local church in sending and supporting missionaries. The mission agency gains its authority from, and is accountable to, the local church.

Pastors call on us to come preach and teach missions in the local church to promote the Great Commission while challenging the hearts of young people to yield their lives to the calling of God.

Pastors, do you have young people that need to be a part of Mission: Possible? Many adults attend our camp and see God work in their heart in a great way as well! Would you like more information? Call us at Ark Youth Ministries, 904-810-2005, or email me at tking@bmfp.org to find out how your people can be a part of Mission: Possible Camp 2022.

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We are excited to report the wonderful things the Lord has been doing in the Yucatán the past two months. Ephesians 1:19-20 has special meaning to us now as it has been the key verse for planting a new ministry in Piedra de Agua - Iglesia Bautista Piedra Angular (Cornerstone Baptist Church). We know that if our lives are perfectly aligned with a perfect Saviour, we will have the proper foundation for our lives. We have seen three precious souls come to know Christ as their personal Savior in the services of the new church. A precious couple followed the Lord obediently in baptism. A young lady rededicated her life to Christ. Almost every week we welcome first-time visitors. Many of these new faces come with heavy burdens. Jesus is the answer of relief for them all.

"Anyone who thinks he has arrived in a leadership position by virtue of their own capacity is not fit to lead... Be an imitator of Christ, not a manufacturer of some sense of celebrity in yourself. If you are humble, God will use you. If you are arrogant, he will know how to break you."
- Ravi Zacharias

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

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