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BMFP Vision for 2023



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Happy New Year from Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples! 2023 is full of possibilities and opportunities. There are several things that come to my mind to give vision and purpose to BMFP in 2023. My desire for BMFP is to:

Enlarge our Coast. We are praying for 20 new families to join BMFP this year. It is not just a number, but a desire to help the called to fulfill God's will for their lives. There are

"forgotten" people groups all over the world who have yet to be reached with the good news of salvation. BMFP can assist you in fulfilling God's call on your life!

We are also looking for 10 new churches to partner with us as we work together for the cause of Christ. Would you consider supporting BMFP as one of your missions projects?

Enhance our Care. In the end, ministry is about building relationships. BMFP focuses on the "watch care" of missionaries the local churches have entrusted to us. Our field administrators are always looking for new and better ways to keep in touch with and encourage our missionaries. Along with that, and just as important, is the building of relationships with the sending church pastors. Pastors are facing monumental challenges. The dynamics of missions is continually changing. BMFP will endeavor to care for and encourage local pastors as we labor together for the cause of Christ.

Emphasize our Commitment. BMFP is committed to the Saviour, the servants, and the senders. Our greatest loyalty is to the Lord. Being biblical in our practice is a priority. Our missionaries are not just a number or a unit, they are our family! They are the servants of the Lord. We are committed to be there for them as they labor for the Lord. The Local sending churches are a vital part of our commitment as well. The Local church is the authority and sending agency in missions. BMFP not only exists to assist the missionary, but also to assist and encourage the local church in its endeavor to fulfil the great commission.

It would be our joy to be a blessing and an encouragement to you in 2023. Give us a call today!

Intercession

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

As we think about the word intercession, let us first think about another word - loneliness - the feeling that no one cares or thinks about you. My wife and I often refer to it as, "the far away feeling," feeling disconnected, forgotten, or lonely, even in a city of over three million people. This feeling is upsetting and can result in physical illness and emotional and spiritual problems. Each person will react differently to loneliness, sometimes in rebellion, withdrawal, and even suicide.

There is good news! The truth of intercession proves that God cares for us. To intercede means to act between parties to bring them together. When we think of God's care for us, we do not need to feel alone or afraid.

Jesus Cares and Intercedes: Our Saviour which knows all our temptations, struggles, and weaknesses is at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us today as our Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14-16, Rom. 8:34). "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them" (Jn. 17:9-10).

The Holy Spirit Cares and Intercedes: The Holy Spirit also helps us in our weakness. Has there been a time you felt you could not pray, because you were broken hearted and did not know what or how to pray? I know I have experienced this. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us and helps us to pray in the will of God. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Rom. 8:26-27).

Have you ever been impressed to suddenly pray about something or someone? This brings us to the next point.

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Believers Should Care and Intercede: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:1-4).

In the Bible, we find many people who interceded to God on the behalf of others. Lot would have never been delivered if it were not for Abraham's intercessory prayer. Moses interceded multiple times for the nation of Israel. Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and the Apostle Paul are other examples. Samuel said, "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way" (1 Sam. 12:23).

As we start a new year, let's include the ministry of intercession for others, following the encouraging example of our God who intercedes for us.

News From the Field
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Directive: BMFP President Jonathan Lyons, said, "Bro. Jon, I believe God wants you to prepare some lessons and teach them to the field administrators."

Preparation: Praying daily, the Lord guided me to 2 lessons: BMFP Principles of Operation, and The Ministry of the BMFP Field Administrator.

Presentation: On October 18-19, with 13 of our field administrators and several of our wives present, these topic were discussed for 2.5 hours each day. Following an additional 1.5 hour discussion at the end, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

Follow Thru: As a way to disseminate the lessons, Bro. Leo Diaz, the BMFP videographer, and I spent December 12-16, 2022 videoing "BMFP Principles of Operation." We have scheduled a week in February 2023 to

What do Mission Boards Do?

It would be nice if every missionary could go, live, and work on the field without a support network. That would ensure every dollar went directly to the point of world evangelism. Yet, it would also ensure a hardship on the missionary that would greatly hinder going, preaching, baptizing, and teaching. Please ponder this fact until the next installment of "what do mission boards do."

"A man not spiritually fitted ought not to go, but neither is he fit to stay."
- Robert Speer

video "The Ministry of the BMFP Field Administrator." This has been a new experience for me. I did not see this coming. I do not know all God has in mind. But I sure am enjoying being a laborer together with Him.

Editors Notes

Dr. Burge used to post a list of our BMFP missionaries in this newsletter once in a while. This year, I would like to share two different kinds of lists (If I missed any let me know) that will help you understand the reach of our missionaries, and further, the great need to expand that reach.

BMFP ministers to to the following people groups Can you think of another people group, not on these lists, that is forgotten? Is the Lord moving you to action? The favorite ministry of our BMFP leadership team is working with local pastors in leading a hardworking church member God has called to a mission field through the transition. Can we help you with solidifying your call? - Matt Quitter

Cultures and Languages

American, Brazilian, Burmese, Chin, Canadian, Colombian, Chamorro, Chilean, Curacaoan, Dutch, French, English, Filipino, German, Greek, Guamanian, Guatemalan, Guyanese, Hopi, Icelandic, Indian, Inuit, Jamaican, Japanese, Korean, Liberian, Liechtensteiners, Malagasy, Mexican, Moldovan, Mayan, Napalese, Paruvian, Paul Band, Pueblo, Roma, Romanian, Russian, Puerto Rican, South African, Spanish, Trinidadians, Tobagoans, Ukrainian

Occupations and Stations

Missionaries, Church Planting, Military, Indigenous, Crisis, Underprivileged, Bible Institute, Foreign language, Unsheltered, Medical, Veteran, Singles, Church Rescue, Deaf, Prison, Nursing Home, Ladies, Children, Orphanages, Day Schools, Aviation, Camp, Video, Clothing, Missionary Care, Missionary Encouragement, Fill-in/furlough Relief

For Thou Shalt Go To All That I Shall Send Thee

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