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## BAPTIST MISSIONS TO FORGOTTEN PEOPLES

### God's Blessings on BMFP



**Jonathan Lyons**  
President

What a month June has been here at Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples! We are halfway through 2022 and the Lord is alive and well, working in and through BMFP.

The generosity of God's people has allowed us to complete renovations on our building and the three missionary apartments, debt free and with money left

over. The Mission Campus is bright and clean, and has an inviting feel to it. Pastors, missionaries, and friends have all donated so that this could be accomplished.

Several churches have taken on the BMFP home office for support and some of the board members have increased their financial support. Along with this, a special offering came in from Canada that will help us finish out the year in the black! To God be the glory!

We just finished our candidate training week for 2022 and we will share the details in the August newsletter. This was our first candidate training week and in person board meeting without Dr. Burge. The Lord has continued to build His ministry and has blessed us with a united group of spiritual men and with a good group of new missionary families.

This year, Pastor Matt Morrison, Gospel Light Baptist Church, Walkertown, NC and Pastor Jerrod Tricky, New Testament Baptist church in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada have joined the BMFP Board! Also, Jason and Ellen Thomas, BMFP Missionaries to Mexico, have come on board as our new Latin America and Caribbean Field Administrator. Alberto and Nelcy Gomez have taken on the responsibility of working BMFP Colombia where missionaries can be sent out from South America!

The Lord's blessings continue with an outstanding spirit permeating BMFP! Already, we have about 10 candidates expressing interest in coming through BMFP next year! God is just Wow-ing us! Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples is continuing to assist local churches as they send out their missionaries. What about you? If God is calling you to serve him in the area of missions? Let me encourage you, consider the BMFP Family!

### Ministering to the Ministers

A deeply disquieted man walked into the psychiatrist's office. The doctor looked at him and asked, "How can I help you today?" The man began to unpack his long list of difficulties revealing him to be a depressed, anxious man with suicidal thoughts. He said, "I am the most miserable and unhappy man in town." After further conversation and deliberation the doctor replied, "I have a wonderful idea; the circus is in town along with the famous clown, Grimaldi. He has to be the funniest man in the world. Relax, forget about all your problems, and go see Grimaldi." The man had a troubled look on his countenance as he lifted his gaze to the psychiatrist and responded, "Sir, I am Grimaldi!"



**Brian Thiessen**  
Canadian  
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We tend to think that people in the public eye are exactly what they appear to be on stage. That often proves untrue and the ministry is no exception. It seems a reasonable expectation that the ones whose role it is to bring a message of faith, hope, and encouragement would be the most optimistic, resilient, and encouraged people among us. Sadly, that's not real life. Like Grimaldi, many pastors pour their professional efforts into comforting others while never finding similar consolation themselves.

In a study co-sponsored by Lifeway and Focus on the Family, pastors reported mental illness rates similar to the general population. According to the study, "about a quarter of pastors (23 percent), say they've experienced some kind of mental illness, while 12 percent say they received a diagnosis for a mental health condition."

If you are engaged in vocational Christian ministry as a pastor, missionary, church planter, evangelist or any other full-time capacity, then you have experienced the need for encouragement. You have discovered it is often lonely at the top. You realize that it is easier to project an air of confidence and the public image that you have it all together, than it is to live up to that same lofty ideal and the high expectations you have set for yourself when there is no one but you and God examining your life. Many look to you for counsel and encouragement, but who do you have? You have needed, currently need, and certainly in the future will need, a Barnabas.

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by Brian Thiessen

For every Paul there needs to be a Barnabas! If there ever was a Christian minister considered to be a self-sustaining giant of the faith, with an incredible connection with God, and in no way dependent on the encouragement, consolation, and blessing of others, it would be the apostle Paul. He gave us half of the New Testament, was possessed of a zeal for church planting and missionary endeavour second to none, and held the prestige and authority of an apostle. If there ever was a Christian we believe could make it on his own, it would've been Paul. We think of Paul as the greatest missionary statesman of the New Testament. Yet, Paul needed Barnabas, and we need him too. If Paul understood that supportive people like Barnabas were an integral part of his success, who are we to think we are resilient enough to make it on our own?

Often the greatest encouragement is gained in the knowledge that there are others invested in the same goals. Knowing that someone is on your team brings incredible comfort. In I Corinthians 3:6, Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." There is incredible spirit building power in teamwork. The leader, planter, or visionary leader needs others to come along, like Apollos, and invest in the missionary vision through contribution of their unique skills, abilities, and spiritual gifting.

William Carey arrived in Calcutta, India in the late 18th century. He immediately began to assess what was needed in his missionary endeavor. He quickly realized the need for partnership in the work. He wrote the Missionary Society in London suggesting at least seven or eight additional families be sent for the work. God did not intend for us to labor for Him alone. At times there may be no other option, but it is not ideal, as the missionary or church planter will readily understand.

Perhaps God could use you in a supportive role coming along side of a missionary or church planter as a colleague ready to invest your skills and spiritual gifting as a source of encouragement to the work of God. You might be skilled in a trade such as construction. You may be gifted in the area of technology. Perhaps you have been trained in the medical field. Your unique abilities along with many others are all needed on the mission field.

**What Do Mission Boards Do?**

Veteran missionaries help faithful church members solidify their calling in missions. We help identify ready, willing servants who will propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and establish New Testament Baptist Churches among the forgotten peoples of the world.

As a mission, we help the yielded servants transition to living of the Gospel, raising support, and setting up family and household among the people God has called them to reach.

*"We dare not go on awakening interest in the gospel unless somehow we can nourish and preserve the results . . . The more obstacles you have, the more opportunities there are for God to do something."  
- Clarence W. Jones*

**New From the Field**

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God continues to bless the day center. He sends us 25-30 guests or more each day. We serve an average of 780 meals a month. We have an average of 182 showers and 35 loads of laundry a month. Think about this!

Twenty-five to thirty people each day come and go. We may serve 20 at breakfast and 20 at lunch but all are hearing the Gospel every day we are open. Some are hearing it twice a day!! God is so good!

We are still in desperate need of volunteers. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of hands to prepare 60 meals a day, keep the bathrooms, the gymnasium where we gather and worship Christ, and our dining area clean. Mostly, we need people to help us be a witness

for Christ. Sometimes people just need an ear or a friend. We strive to take the time to always pray and talk when someone asks. There are so many more resources we want to offer but we just don't have the manpower. Please help us pray that the Lord will send the right volunteers to us.

**Corre & Claudia Meyer**  
**Spain**

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I would like to introduce you to 4 very special people. Albert, Constantine, Matias and Noelia. These young adults have surrendered their lives to full time Christian service. They serve very faithfully in our church and have been really growing in their faith. Right now, we have an opportunity to take them with us to a camp in Belgium, where I am invited to preach. It will be a life changing experience for them to be around the missionaries who run and work at the camp as well as meeting the youth who attend the camp. A good number are missionary kids. I have challenged them to exercise their faith and ask God to provide so they can attend camp. These kids study and it's very difficult to get jobs here. Also, their families don't have the means to send them to camp. Will you pray with us for God's provision for this?

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

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