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The 24th Annual Mission Possible European Retreat

is right around the corner! (October 31st – November 5th). This retreat has served as an avenue to help keep missionaries on their fields of service for the Lord. Loneliness and discouragement play a major factor in a missionary leaving the field. So, what makes the Mission Possible European Retreat so special. Three words come to mind:



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Family: Over the years, the retreat has become a family of likeminded missionaries that are all dealing with different issues as they serve on their respective fields. Missionaries tend to understand other missionaries. For this reason, missionaries are ones that do all the preaching. They have the heart and knowledge of what a missionary is going through. Many have made lifelong friends and often get together apart from the retreat week. Every year is just a continuation of the previous year. We focus on building relationships and helping each missionary gear up for another year of service.

Fellowship: A great portion of the week is dedicated to personal fellowship. This is something that many missionaries lack in the ministry. They are so busy in ministry, helping and encouraging others that little time is left for personal time and fellowship with other missionaries. Every afternoon is free for them to see the sights, enjoy some games, or just sit and converse over a cup of coffee or Spaghetti Ice! (You just have to know what this is!) Spiritual refreshment and personal encouragement are what the retreat is all about!

Fun: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Being yourself during this week is a very important aspect of the retreat! There are outings and sights to see. Many just sit around and play games which builds relationships. It is just a time to step back from the hustle and bustle of missionary life, and just have some good clean fun.

So let me encourage you to be a part of the retreat in three ways: Plan on attending a retreat, pray for the retreat, and/or help pay for a missionary to attend the retreat. If you would like to participate, please contact Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples. Let the Lord use you to greatly impact a missionary's life!

Every believer a Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37)

When we think of missions, we should renew our commitment to the commandment the Lord Jesus gave this lawyer that questioned Him over two thousand years ago. That command was in the context of showing mercy when Jesus told him to, "Go, and do thou likewise." And who is my neighbor? I believe this is perhaps one of the greatest missionary questions mentioned in the Word of God. What is our responsibility to those who live in our neighborhood, our town, our state, our country and our world? Since the good Samaritan typifies the Lord Jesus, his example is for us believers. There are six things found in verse 34 for us to purpose in our lives.



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First, he went to him. If we are going to help the lost, we must take the Gospel to them where they are locally and globally. The purpose of every Christian is to **go** to people where they are.

Second, he bounded up his wounds. There is only one thing powerful enough to bind up the wounds caused by sin, the Word of God (God's Word and Jesus that has the power to mend broken lives). We must take God's Word personally or send them the Word – it heals.

Third, he poured in oil mixed with wine. Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit of God. Wine healed by purifying. The pouring of wine represents the salvation of the individual, and oil being mixed shows the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a person's life - renewing and purifying. We lead them to salvation and administer the Word so the Spirit can work.

Fourth, he set him on his own beast. It is not enough just to lead people to Christ; we must physically help them as we reach them because they are weak and need to grow in the things of the Lord. They need to recoup from the beating of the world. We must come alongside. Often overlooked by the Church, it is called discipleship.

Fifth, he brought him to an inn. The local church family is like a hospital caring for those wounded by sin, strengthening and helping them grow spiritually.

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by Sergio Reyes**

Many have recuperated from life's beatings in local churches worldwide. We love one-another with prayer, encouragement and help.

Sixth, he took care of him. He passed the night with him, but did not abandon him. He then secured the kindness and help of the innkeeper, promising him to pay for the care. This is a picture of Jesus leaving us to continue His work, our work in missions. We, like the Samaritan financially support missionaries to carry on the work in our absence from the rest of the world.

Lastly we see a reward and a command (verse 35): Before He left, Jesus gave us the promise that if we have to sacrifice and give over and above, when He comes again He will repay. Pay day is for our faithful service for Him. He will always take care of us, and we'll be rewarded handsomely when we get to Heaven. In verses 36-37, we know the answer was "he that shewed mercy on him." Mercy is what we needed. Mercy is what the world needs. Jesus said, "Go, and do thou likewise." We need to share God's mercy with a world lost in sin. It will take our time, our resources, and our love for the unloved. But that's how we obtain the name - to be called Christians - Christ-like.

What Do Mission Boards Do?

Missionary watch care is extremely important. Our field administrators provide a wealth of spiritual counsel and advice as experienced, godly people who have dealt with a lifetime of missionary service. We provide spiritual, physical, and emotional support for our missionaries, but also many other missionaries through retreats. The Mission Possible Retreats are a testament to the spirit of unity and brotherly kindness among like faith missionaries reaching the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.

extending our church-planting medical missions clinic there. This will give us inroads into many K'che' Mayan villages.

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God continues to answer prayers! We found a German language class that the children and Tabitha can take together. Classes start in September. We are excited for this next phase moving forward in the ministry that God has called us to here. There is a great group of teens at the church now. We were blessed to lead a teen night. Twelve children came, and everyone enjoyed food, games, and a devotion given by Brandon. This past month, Tabitha had an opportunity to teach a Bible study at a lady's meeting. While at the park, one of our children shared the gospel with another child that was there. She spoke with the child for a while and then brought him to us. We gave him a tract to take home and encouraged him to talk to his parents about it. God's timing is spectacular. The boy told us that his family was moving out of the country three days later. Please pray that the seed planted will be used to lead his family to the Lord.

News From the Field

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Agape Clinics is a ministry committed to helping all peoples know of a risen Saviour, and to extending His saving power into isolated villages worldwide, that God will be glorified and local churches started. We are now starting an extension of Agape Clinics in India. Our clinic has partnered with Dr. W. Reevu of the Odisha Indian villages of northern India. This young doctor is a fourth-generation Baptist preacher, who is a direct result of the famous ministry of the late missionary, William Carey. Last month's first medical clinic produced 119 Odisha natives saved by His grace and the birth of the Immanuel Baptist Mission.

At the same time our Mexico clinic director, Octavio Rovira, has made his survey trip into Guatemala. We are

"It is remarkable that God began this work among the Indians at a time when I had the least hope, and to my apprehension the least rational prospect of success."

- David Brainerd

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I left for Trinidad on July 26th which marked the third year of my husbands entrance into the presence of the Lord. The day after I arrived, I was able to jump right into things and be involved with VBS & the crusade that was held each evening. A week later was youth camp, and the Lord did a great work in many hearts and lives. There were several salvation decisions and many other personal decisions made. It was a blessing to share God's Word with two of the ladies who trusted Christ. This past Sunday there were fifteen new believers who came to the New Believer's Discipleship Class. It is a blessing to hear their excitement as they surrender their hearts to the new things that God is teaching them.

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

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