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MONTHLY MISSION REPORT APRIL, 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 822,769.22
RECEIPTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$ 56,136.97
Foreign & National Salaries	46,520.24
Designated	45,214.59
Undesignated	43,613.61
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TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 191,485.41
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	\$ 1,014,254.63
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$ 93,256.95
Foreign Salaries	14,508.00
National Salaries	31,563.00
Designated	45,214.59
Salaries & Expenses of	
Sec.-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	11,040.51
Sec.-Treas. Travel	1,075.91
General Office	3,750.72
Automobile Expense	456.24
BSSC Postage - March	360.66
BSSC Printing Window Envelopes	293.48
Postage - Spring News/Views	3,587.78
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	\$ 20,565.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 205,107.84
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	\$ 809,146.79
Total deficit for the month of April, 2008	(\$ 13,622.43)

MISSIONARIES On behalf of the God-called, Spirit-led and church-sent missionaries and their families, thank you, brethren, for your prayers and mission offerings. Because of your faithfulness in praying and giving, the missionaries are encouraged to continue with boldness to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. For April, the mission offerings totaled \$191,485.41. 597 mission offerings were received from 35 states and 3 foreign countries. Please continue to pray for more men to answer the call of God to preach the Word of God and to serve as dedicated missionaries.

MANDATE The living Lord Jesus Christ has given a mighty mandate to His churches. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). For April, the missionaries reported 1,038 professions of faith, 1,180 sermons preached and 5,076 visits made. Since the messenger meeting in Tulsa, the missionaries have reported 17,052 professions of faith. Thank the Lord for blessing the faithful labors of His missionaries.

MESSAGE A message that does not point lost people to Jesus is pointless. Missionary Paul proclaimed, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). The answer to the sin problem of the world is the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16). I am thankful to my Lord and my brethren for the privilege to preach Christ and to travel in behalf of the missionaries. For April, I was privileged to preach in Georgia, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. Sandra and I were blessed to be with Missionary Mark Thornton and Lakewood Baptist Mission in St. Marys, Georgia, on their fifth anniversary. Please remember Sandra and myself as we strive to help the missionaries and their families.