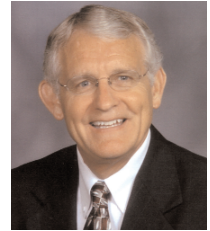




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MONTHLY MISSION REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2007

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 746,393.51
RECEIPTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$ 49,186.37
Foreign & National Salaries	36,984.18
Designated	49,362.92
Undesignated	<u>42,014.47</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 177,547.94
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	\$ 923,941.45
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$ 98,801.97
Foreign Salaries	16,382.00
National Salaries	33,551.00
Designated	49,362.92
Salaries & Expenses of	
Sec.-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	10,855.18
Sec.-Treas. Travel	762.02
General Office	3,531.65
Automobile Expense	503.79
Postage - Thanksgiving Poster	335.93
BSSC Printing	3,357.05
Computer	2,340.81
	<u>\$ 21,686.43</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 219,784.32
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	\$ 704,157.13
Total deficit for the month of September, 2007	(\$ 42,236.38)

FAITH . . . "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). In the work of missions, our faith is in Jesus. By faith, missionaries preach the Word of God and the people of God pray and send mission offerings to help these men of God and their families. 587 mission offerings were received for September from 35 states and 4 foreign countries. The deficit for September totaled \$42,236.38. For the months of July, August and September, the deficit totaled \$120,395.76. Every pastor and church in the American Baptist Association is prayerfully encouraged to receive a special Thanksgiving Mission Offering on or before Sunday, November 18, 2007. The Thanksgiving Mission Offering goal is \$250,000.00. For the cause of Jesus Christ and the missionaries and their families, help us reach this goal for the honor and glory of God.

FOCUS . . . "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). In the work of God, we shall face difficulties and disappointments. We must keep our focus on Jesus who loves us and strengthens us to do His will. During September, I was privileged to preach at the Mid-Atlantic Pastors' Retreat in Seneca Rocks, West Virginia; StoneBridge Baptist Church in Morgantown, West Virginia and First Baptist Church in Inwood, West Virginia. Special thanks is given to Brethren Jason Sheffstall, Russell Knight and Devin Ward for the honor to preach the Word of God and the very generous mission offerings.

FUTURE . . . For the people of God, our future is with Jesus. Until Jesus returns for us, may we intensify our labors to preach the gospel "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). For September, the missionaries reported 2,346 professions of faith, 1,830 sermons preached and 10,046 visits made. Since the messenger meeting, the missionaries have reported 6,948 professions of faith. Praise the Lord for His blessings!

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