



## SECRETARY-TREASURER OF MISSIONS

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## Monthly Mission Report January 2024

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$2,648,856.79</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Interstate Salaries	\$ 59,443.13
Foreign & National Salaries	\$ 57,571.14
Designated	\$ 35,831.53
Undesignated	\$ 13,397.96
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$ 166,243.76</b>
<b>BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$2,815,100.55</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Interstate Salaries	\$ 62,467.25
Foreign Salaries	\$ 31,409.04
National Salaries	\$ 25,750.00
Designated	\$ 35,981.53
Sal/Exp of Sec-Treas Office	
Office Salaries	\$ 12,546.95
General Office	\$ 1,977.87
Sec/Treas of Missions-Expense	\$ 2,514.82
Automobile Expense	\$ 282.40
	<u>\$ 17,322.04</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$ 172,929.86</b>
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD:</b>	<b>\$ 2,642,170.69</b>
<b>DEFICIT FOR JANUARY</b>	<b>\$ (6,686.10)</b>

Please note that Missionary Recommendation Forms are submittable this year. These forms can be found at [abaptist.org](http://abaptist.org) by clicking on the MISSIONS tab and then scrolling down a little. You can also find the form in the same place if you would like to print it and mail it back to us. By the vote of the messengers at last year's meeting, all forms must be filled out completely. If you have any questions or if you would like us to email you a form, please reach out to us and we will be glad to send you one.

Dear Churches of the American Baptist Association,

I wish to begin this report with some great news of God's blessings. Our goal for the 2023 Thanksgiving Missions Offering was \$325,000. We are pleased to report that the 2023 Thanksgiving Missions Offering total is an incredible **\$346,103.62!** Praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness! Since the start of this special offering, the total is well over 6 million dollars. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice on behalf of ABA missionaries.

For the month of January, the missionaries reported **436 professions of faith and 44 baptisms** bringing the totals for this associational year to **3,362 professions of faith and 383 baptisms!**

I also wish to extend a big thank you to the way you responded to missionary James Shields and his family in their time of extreme loss. Many of our churches responded and their sending church was overwhelmed by the generosity and love shown to their missionary during this difficult time. Again, please continue to remember this dear family in your prayers.

For the month of January, my family and I were privileged to be with Sharon MBC in Benton, AR and Grace BC in Gurdon, AR. I also was privileged to share the work of ABA Missions with Longview MBC and Timpson MBC. I thank God for these churches and pastors who faithfully support the missionaries of our association.

Church letter forms have been mailed out so you should receive them soon, if not already, by the time that you receive this report. Those can be filled out by hand and returned, or you can find the form on our website, [abaptist.org](http://abaptist.org), that can be filled out, printed, and then mailed back to us. They can be found under the CHURCH DIRECTORY tab or 2024 ABA MEETING INFORMATION under the EVENTS tab.

I would like to remind you all that the 2024 Pre-Association Standing Missionary Committee Meeting will take place at Northern Hills BC in Texarkana, AR, on May 20-21. Please make plans to attend that meeting.

Keep on Keeping on,  
Justin Coburn