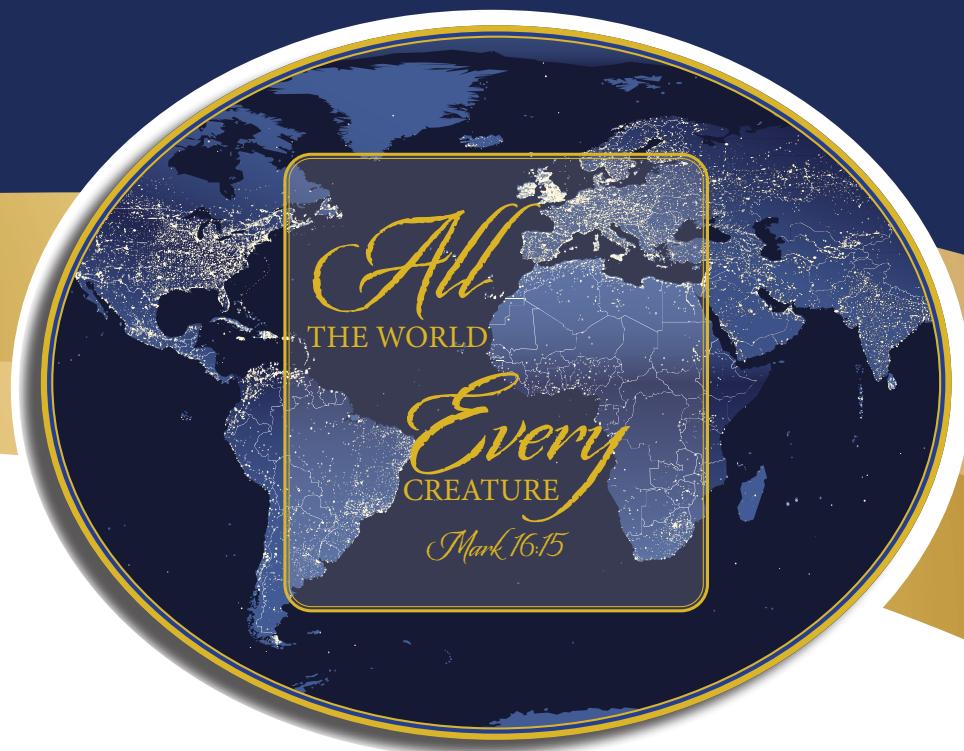


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New Doors Opened



This edition of the Missions News and Views is, again, quite intentional. We hope to make the reader aware of the fact that “the uttermost” (Acts 1:8) is yet untapped to a large degree.

Recent numbers gathered from groups such as Wycliffe, Joshua Project, The Alliance for the Unreached, Pray for Zero, Open Doors USA, Operation World, A Third of Us, Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) and the 10/40 Window – none of which represent ABA doctrines and distinctives – remind us that as much as 40% of the world does not yet know the Gospel nor the truth about Jesus Christ – that is as many as 3 billion people worldwide.

Today there remain some 7000 ethnolinguistic people groups which share a common language, a common culture and/or a common history who are considered to be unreached and/or unengaged with the Gospel. The long story made short is this: about 1/3 of the earth’s population still needs to be introduced to Jesus Christ.

Armed with that information and the burden it carries, we have asked five ABA Recommended Missionaries who are serving in places where no other ABA missionaries are located to share their burdens, their visions, their needs and their plans. Roger Babelonio is a Filipino who is called to in Cambodia. Jim Black is a long-time missionary now in Bulgaria. Danny Fudge has faithfully served in Omaha, Nebraska, for several years. Jean Isma is a Haitian working among his people in the Caribbean. Scott Maness is our most southerly missionary, working in Argentina. Of course, these men are not the only ABA missionaries who fall into such a category, but space simply does not allow us to feature every missionary who is working on his field of labor with no other ABA pastors and/or missionaries to work beside. We are certain that you will enjoy their stories, so we encourage you to read this periodical with great interest and make these men, and others who are doing something very similar, a priority in your prayer life.

To that point, and because I am so often asked, allow me to take this opportunity to share with our readers that there is currently an ABA representation [either a church(s) or missionary(s)] in all but 4 of the United States of America: Connecticut, Delaware, North Dakota and Rhode Island. This, too, ought to be a matter of prayer for every church member of every church in the American Baptist Association.

The truth is, God has opened doors for the churches of the American Baptist Association in recent years like we have not seen in many years. Places like Bolivia, Spain, Sweden, France, Latvia, Indonesia, Alaska, Maine and Iowa quickly come to mind as candidates for additional articles in this magazine. Yes, the uttermost is quickly becoming as accessible as Jerusalem.

May we go; the uttermost awaits us!

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

Furthering the Gospel,
Dr. Roger Stewart
Philippians 1:12

Cambodia

Roger Babelonio
Missionary to Cambodia



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I am doing missionary work in Cambodia. And for me, it is a great privilege and blessing to serve the Lord our God in this foreign land, the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The Kingdom of Cambodia is a Southeast Asian nation whose landscape spans low-lying plains, the Mekong Delta, mountains, and Gulf of Thailand coastline. The capital City is Phnom Penh. The country has a population of 17 million, and 95 percent of its population is Theravada Buddhism and 5 percent is composed of Christianity and other so-called religions. Paganism and spiritism practices are very strong in this country. Thousands of temples decorated with statues and many kinds of icons, can be found almost everywhere, a strong indication of idolatry.

The Cambodian genocide of 1975-1979 was one of the worst human tragedies of the last century. During the Khmer Rouge's period of power, under the leadership of communist Party of Kampuchea General Secretary Pol Pot, at least 1.7 million innocent people of this country were killed or died, a monumental tragedy from which the country still suffers. The Killing Field is the living monument of these horrendous crimes committed against them that every Cambodian recalls each time they see or visit this place.

A great challenge came into my heart to lead the people to the Lord because most of them do not know Jesus Christ and the Bible. The people here have gods but not the real God. Almost every house you can find spirit houses where they offer prayer and food to their gods. They have their devotion, but not given to the true God. They practice what they believe. Just as the people in Vietnam and Thailand, and neighboring countries do.

I really want to educate them of the true God and the Bible, and I want to establish churches of our Lord Jesus Christ in this country so that the name of

God can also be magnified here.

The first time I arrived in this country, I was so amazed by this place and the people. Although this country is not yet so well developed, the natural beauty is fascinating and there are some cultural practices that I admire most. The people, in general, are friendly and respectful to their parents and visitors. There are many tourist spots to visit. The widely favored places which tourists visit in this country are the Angkor Wat temple and the Killing Field. My knowledge about this country and its history has widened since I came here.

Among the difficulties and struggles I have in this country are the language barrier and some complex culture of the people. The Khmer language is very hard to understand when you listen to the people talking. It is even too hard to articulate a word because of different accents and intonations. It's twisting my tongue to get the right sounding of a word to be understood by a Cambodian.

The first thing I did was learning the language and culture of the people. I enrolled in a language school in Phnom Penh. Then I started to learn counting their numbers and familiarizing their money. This is important to know first, that you will be able to know how much money you are going to give to Tuk-Tuk driver (local vehicle) and to the vendors when going to buy groceries or food items in the market.

The study course program is three years to completely familiarize the Khmer language and culture. It takes 3 months to finish each course level. Khmer alphabet



comprises a total of 33 consonants and 24 vowels, which are hard to pronounce and remember at first. This is my biggest struggle in this country. Unfortunately, my schooling was stopped due to the invasion of COVID-19 since last year.

Not all Cambodians can speak and understand English, and that's the reason why lots of English schools are established because parents want their children to learn English to compete with the present modern development and changes in this country.

I arrived in Cambodia and started doing a mission in September 2018, but when the pandemic broke out, we were forced to go back to my country, the Philippines, for my medication, and since traveling back to Cambodia this time of pandemic is not yet safe, we just do our missionary work from here. And we are preparing now to go back to my mission field again.

One of my greatest memories and experiences in the mission field here in Cambodia was that one Christmas celebration in our English school where we made a presentation of the birth of Jesus Christ, that was December 2019, and the result was overwhelming because many parents have received Jesus Christ as their Savior publicly. It was the first time in that school that there was a preaching done and parents appreciated having seen their children perform on stage. Although many parents do not favor the group of Christians, yet they send their children to Christian schools to learn English.

English school is one of the effective vehicles to lead the people to Christ starting from the kids. It is my desire to put up an English school where I can have greater opportunity to share the Lord Jesus Christ to the students and parents somehow.

For more than a year and a half of my ministry in Cambodia, I led more than 100 people composed of children and adults, to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior in their heart. No one get baptized yet. Our English School ministry has greater means to evangelize the Cambodian people. We even go out to the villages teaching children along the streets and in the backyards of people, teaching the children English language and find an opportunity to insert the Bible and Jesus Christ. Actually, parents are reluctant toward some religions, and they don't want their children to be taught about other faiths and religions, but some parents allow their children to attend informal English classes because they want their children to learn good English and behave well.

Previously, we already had a regular Sunday service done in our rented apartment with an average attendance of 8 composed of me and my wife, some Cambodians, and Vietnamese, and a fellow Filipino. Cambodian can easily accept Jesus Christ their Savior; it takes a long process to convince them to get baptized.

Please pray for us as we prepare going back to our mission field, in Cambodia. Pray for our financial provision and physical protection, and our effectiveness in this country. God bless and I thank you all.



Bulgaria

Jim Black
Missionary to Bulgaria

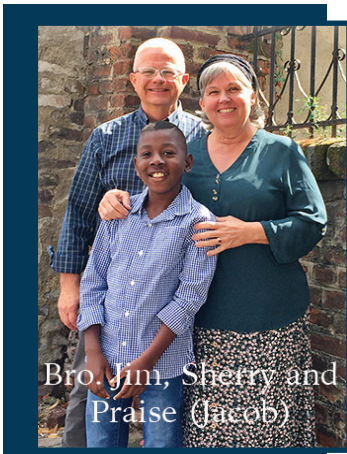


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We have served on the foreign mission field for more than 20 years. Following twelve years in Romania, we moved our family to neighboring Bulgaria, where we have worked for the past nine years. You may have a map in the back of your Bible that shows the region of Bulgaria. The area was known as Thrace. In New Testament times, the region we now know as Bulgaria was part of the Roman Empire.

Bulgaria is located on the Balkan Peninsula and forms the most Easterly border of Europe and shares a border with Romania, the Black Sea, Turkey, Greece, Serbia, and Macedonia. We passed through Bulgaria many times when we were still living in Romania, while traveling to the annual missionary retreat, often held in Greece. In the early days, the border crossing could take two to three hours or more. We had to change money, obtained a transit visa, purchased road tax, and pay a tax that the missionaries sometimes referred to as “the mud puddle tax.” We were always required to drive our car through a puddle of water that was intended to sanitize our car.

In 2011 we saw ourselves in transition as the Romanians were taking on more and more of the ministry. After much prayer, we took a survey trip to Bulgaria with our pastor. We stayed in the home of a missionary and his wife who were working in Macedonia. They rented an apartment in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, and commuted to Macedonia because they were not able to obtain a visa to live in Macedonia.



We were back in Bulgaria less than two weeks when we were notified about some families who were meeting in homes

in Sandanski, Bulgaria, and desired a missionary. Not long thereafter, we began traveling one weekend each month from Brasov, Romania, to Sandanski, Bulgaria, where we held a Sunday service. We drove the ten-hour one-way trip by car every month for nearly a year before packing up our family and making the move. I remember driving down a dark and desolate highway late one night and commenting to Sherry that it was not that many years ago that Bulgaria was closed to missionaries.

Bulgaria was under the control of the Ottomans for nearly 500 years, ending in the late 1800's. There remains a rather large segment of the population, about ten percent, that identify with Islam. Many towns and villages still have an active mosque. In the years following WW2, Bulgaria was taken over by communists. Industry and agriculture were nationalized, Bibles were considered contraband, and church attendance came with a price. When socialism was finally scrapped in 1991, missionaries made their way to Bulgaria, but very few stayed.

Upon leaving Romania, crossing the Danube River, and entering Bulgaria, the first thing that one notices is that all the signs are in Cyrillic. Bulgarian is a Slavic language similar to Russian and utilizes a Cyrillic alphabet. The nod of the head from side to side indicates “yes” and an up and down movement of the head signifies “no”. This was difficult to get used to and created some difficult situations, particularly when ordering at a restaurant. Waiter, “do you have chicken and rice?” He nods his head up and down, to which I then respond, “I would like some.” The waiter then says “nu, niama” (no, we don't have any).

The Bulgarian language is phonetic, and we quickly learned to read from a Cyrillic script, even though we didn't understand most of what we were reading. For the first two years, we met with our Bulgarian teacher two to three days each week in the cafeteria of an IKEA

furniture store. There was always a place to park, ample seating, good lighting, and cheap coffee.

The Bulgarian Bible took some getting used to. In the Old Testament, 1st and 2nd Chronicles are named 3rd and 4th Kings, which is no big change, but in the New Testament the books are arranged much differently. Coming after the four Gospels and the book of Acts, is the book of James, the books of Peter and John, Jude, the Pauline Epistles and lastly the book of Revelation. Because nearly everyone attending services has the same Bulgarian Bible, I can point them not only to the book, chapter, and verse, but get them there quickly by calling out the page number. This worked great until we began having Arabic speakers in the services who came with their Arabic Bibles. Since I had no idea how to pronounce the Books of the Bible in Arabic, I often chose a text from either Genesis or Revelation, making it easy for them to turn to either the first book or the last book of their Bible for the Scripture text.

When war broke out in Syria, many people passed through Bulgaria. Most of them were trying to get to Germany. As well as the Syrians, there were people coming from Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and from parts of West Africa. Most of them were housed in the refugee centers in Sofia. Seeing this as an opportunity to share the gospel with people we would not normally have contact with, we gained access by teaching English, math, and music in all three refugee centers in Sofia. We hosted several families in our home and handed out many Bibles in Arabic, Kurdish, Urdu, Farsi, and French.

Almost four years ago we rented a storefront in Sofia and began holding weekly services. Prior to Covid, we spent time every week passing out gospel tracts and invitations at places with heavy foot traffic, typically bus stops and subway station entrances/exits. Following Covid, our main outreach became literature distribution in the apartment blocks. It is not unusual to distribute 1000 or more gospel tracts and invitations in just a few hours. We have several

people attending service because of the literature distribution. Stoian, a middle-aged man entered services on a Sunday morning and said, "my church only lights candles, I need answers." He rarely misses a service. Ivan is another man that regularly attends. During the 70's, Ivan spent seven years in a Bulgaria prison. His crime, professing Jesus Christ.

Most Bulgarians consider themselves to be Christian, which mostly means that they are not Muslim. Their "Christianity" is steeped in ritual, tradition, and nationalistic pride, and has little to do with spiritual conviction and relationship with Jesus Christ. Please pray for the people of Bulgaria.



Nebraska

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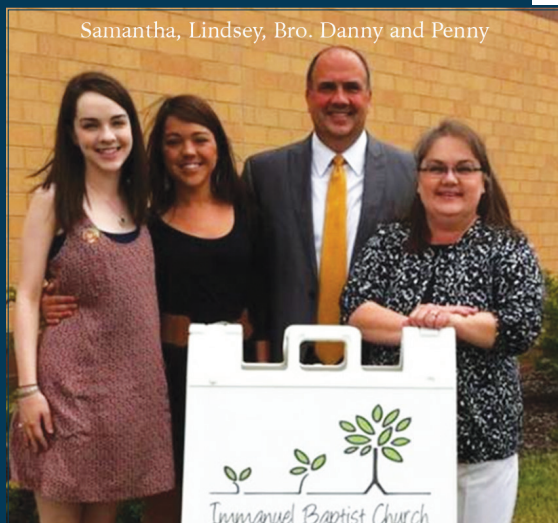
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For the first 30 years of my ministry I was blessed to pastor churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma. In 2009, God began to move my heart out of the familiar. As my family and I began praying for God's will, Pastor Jeff Haney and Pinecrest Baptist Church in Corinth, MS, reached out to me about becoming their missionary. It soon became apparent to us that Omaha, Nebraska, was where God was leading. We were concerned that in the heartland of our country there was a great need for an ABA church.

Penny, Samantha and I moved to Omaha, Nebraska, in December of 2010. Through making personal contacts and radio ministry, we began to gather people into Bible Studies. God blessed and we were soon able to rent a school cafeteria for Sunday worship. We quickly learned the art of what we called "church in a box." We only had the school for 2 hours each Sunday and had to load, set up, tear down and take everything home we used for the service. It's amazing what will fit into the back of a sport utility vehicle. It's also amazing how quickly you can pack said vehicle with a windchill of -20 degrees.

As we grew, the congregation wanted more gathering time and teaching opportunities. We then rented a storefront, which gave us a sense of home, and our ministry expanded. People began taking on responsibility and ownership of the ministry. God continued to bless, and we reached the point that our storefront location was becoming too small for our needs. With rent of \$2,400.00 per month we were not sure how we could afford a larger meeting place. Our amazing God had an amazing solution for us.

There was a church in Bellevue that had been without a pastor for a couple of years and the attendance had dropped to about 12 active members. They contacted me about what they could do. After much prayer and discussion, we began gathering together. That group disbanded, deeded the property and assets to our sponsoring church and joined with us. God gave us a building! The building has a sanctuary which seats 250, 15 classrooms, a kitchen and fellowship hall. There was no debt on the property. We moved into the building 5 years ago and have seen God continue to bless the ministry here. Having the Bellevue group join with us has been a wonderful blessing.



Immanuel has occupied three different locations and the Fudges have lived in five different houses, following the church until we gained a permanent meeting place. It is such a blessing to have permanent roots. One of the surprising things that I have observed here (and maybe everywhere) is that with each move, we lost people. God has been faithful and has rebuilt each time. We have people that drive a distance to worship with us, but convenience still rules the day with many people. We have lost several members who have moved out of state and have lost too many in death. For those who have gone on, we take comfort that they have made a profession of faith and we will meet again

Omaha is a beautiful place with friendly people, however, the ability to reach them moves at a slower pace that what I experienced in the South. I knew but, I didn't fully appreciate, the lack

of genuine spiritual understanding of so many of the people. Many people here don't own a Bible and seldom think of spiritual things. Although it takes much longer to gain a hearing, God is still convicting and saving those who will call on His Name.



We are doing many things to make disciples and reach people with the gospel. We have seen about 25 professions of faith and have baptized 15 people. Pre-Covid our attendance was in the upper 40's and most Sundays we are now back to that attendance.

One of the most beneficial avenues we pursue is radio ministry. I share one-minute modern parables with a gospel message as well as an invitation to visit or contact us. Our outreach events include College World Series outreach, Easter egg hunts, Vacation Bible School, Christmas caroling in neighborhoods, sports camps and lots of door-to-door outreach. We have an active children's ministry, in-home Bible studies and the regular Sunday schedule.

We are so thankful for our sponsoring church. Brother Jeff and Pinecrest have always been extremely supportive and have given us everything we have needed for our ministry, along with the freedom to go about doing what God has called us to do. We have also experienced the loving care and generous support from so many pastors and churches from all over the States. Many youth groups, City Reach and City Reach Plus have also been an incredible blessing as they have ministered with us here in Nebraska.

God is good and I can say He has been especially good to me and my family. Both our daughters met and married their husbands in Omaha. All three of our grandchildren were born here. We are so thankful to have both daughters and their families here with us. They have worked alongside us doing the work of the ministry.

People often ask what they can do to help. Our greatest need is prayer. We are the only ABA church in the State of Nebraska. There is a great need for the gospel here and your prayers sustain us and encourage us. While we are so very blessed to have a building it, is older and in need of repair. Our current financial need is to replace the old, damaged siding on the church building. The Macedonian Missionary Service is making plans to come July 16-30. The estimate for these materials is about \$20,000. If you would like to send an offering to our sponsoring church for this work, it would be greatly appreciated. If you want to come and help with the work, we will welcome you and put you to work.

Our hearts' desire is that God will send us people from our community that we can help and people to help us carry on His ministry here in Nebraska. Our prayer is that God will richly bless each of you as you continue to support missions and missionaries.

Haiti

Jean Isma
Missionary to Haiti



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Grace and peace to you in the name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Jean-Phaniel Isma. I was born and raised in a Christian home in Haiti. I was saved at the age of 10 at a Vacation Bible School meeting at my home church in Ferme LeBlanc, Haiti, when my teacher shared the gospel with me. In 2004 God blessed me with a visa to attend Landmark Baptist College in Haines City, Florida, where I was blessed to obtain a seminary education. God laid a special burden on my heart for the people of Haiti. There are many churches in Haiti, but there is an extreme famine of sound doctrine and general Bible knowledge beyond the basic gospel.

My wife Roselande and I were sent out as missionaries to Haiti by the Westwood Missionary Baptist Church in Winter Haven, Florida. We were led of the Lord to plant a solid, independent fundamentalist Baptist church where sound doctrine could be taught, and people could grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Contemporary music culture and charismatic doctrine has had a large influence on the Haitian people and church practice in Haiti. Emotionalism and seeker sensitive practice and "worship" is the rule of the day in many Haitian churches and communities. My precious wife and I hoped to be used by the Lord to make a difference and to start a movement in Haiti of sound Bible doctrine and traditional worship.

In 2015, on our survey trip, we could not seem to find a location that was ready for a new work due to various factors. We started to wonder if the Lord actually called us to Haiti because the doors were shut at every location we surveyed. Just about the time we were beginning to lose hope, a childhood friend of mine heard I was in town and came to ask if I would be willing to help him start a work in Saut Champlois (a nearby village). The amazing part of this story is that

he had no idea I was in town for a mission survey trip, but he knew that this little town was in great need for a church. We went with him to see the location on the same day. It was a Sunday. Throughout the week we went from door to door doing visitation and inviting the local community to church.

We had no building or facilities to speak of. We purchased some plastic chairs and found a large shade tree where we held out first service. There were many in attendance, but the greatest blessing, was that one woman got saved on that day. The following Sunday, under the same tree, that lady brought her sister who got saved also. We spent a total of six weeks on our first survey trip. During that time, we were able to begin the work of a church plant and saw eleven souls saved!

While on this same trip, God again moved in a special way. There was an unsaved man from the village who heard about our work through word of mouth. Even though he was not a Christian, he expressed to



Jeremiah Isma



us the need for a church in that village, due to the large influence of voodoo and witchcraft in the area. It is amazing that the testimony of Christ has such a positive influence on even those who do not follow him. They recognize the positive and sanctifying influence of Christ on culture. This same unsaved man offered us the use of his property so that we could hold church services under shelter and out of the elements. Only our great God could do such a thing. Since that time, this man and his entire household have come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and they are all faithful and regular attending members of the Heavenly Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Saut Champlois.

We are located in Aux Cayes, the third largest city of Haiti. It is located in the southern part of Haiti. The construction is very different here from Port Au Prince and even the northern regions of Haiti. The architecture is in the Opus Francigenum or “French Work” style of architecture, which is quite unique in all of Haiti, and really anywhere outside of France. Though our chapel building is humble in comparison, many of the buildings in Aux Cayes are quite beautiful, though the recent earthquake has marred the beauty of many of our antique landmarks. The two largest and oldest buildings were completely destroyed. Only the foundations are left.

The largest challenge for our ministry in Haiti did not come from the culture or even the people. The largest challenge was the health of my precious “Chauptite” (sweetie) Roselande. Roselande was diagnosed with both systemic and cutaneous Lupus, which was a source of constant pain for her. She suffered bouts of full body lesions, internal lesions and fatigue which was extremely mentally and emotionally

taxing for her. Even with the struggles of her physical ailments, she had a passion for the work of the Lord and the people of Haiti.

Even when she was unable to eat anything but rice boiled to a liquid state, due to her constant ailments and the blisters on her feet and legs, she could not be kept from visitation and evangelism work. She had a special place in her heart both for children and those suffering illness. Even when she herself was in pain, she would visit those sick in hospital to encourage them and minister to them. She loved to provide formula and nutrition for the children with congenital defects and severe health issues who were abandoned by their parents and left in the hospital with no hope. Roselande was often times the only loving touch and motherly care they experienced.

Roseland was my rock and a tremendous source of help and comfort in our ministry together. She was a true Proverbs 31 wife. On May 2nd of 2021, after 7 months in the field, Roselande’s health took a drastic and unexpected turn for the worse. We booked the fastest transportation back to the States that we were able to manage, and upon our arrival in Miami, we were met by ambulance so that Roselande could be rushed straight to the hospital. Unfortunately, she passed away only one short week later.

I am continuing the work in Haiti but ministry has become much more difficult in her absence. Even though she was often sick, she was my encourager. It is amazing how many things she did even with her limitations. Now there is a tremendous void left not only in our ministry but in my heart. A void I fear will never be filled but I continue with the work because the people of Haiti need Jesus. I need your prayers most of all for encouragement and comfort from the Lord. No matter how bad the hardship, I always had Roseland by my side and we could endure it together. I cannot imagine my depths of despair if I did not have Jesus in my heart because even with Him it is still quite difficult.

Through our efforts together, nearly one hundred people have come to salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ and the Heavenly Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Saut Champlois is healthy and thriving. This year, we have broken ground on a new and much-needed building. Though we have not yet gathered all the funds, we trust the Lord will provide for the needs of His people. Please continue to pray for me and for the country of Haiti. May God richly bless you.



Argentina

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First we would like to thank everyone who have been praying for us and for the work going on in Argentina. It is amazing to see the work that the Lord is doing in the lives of His people.

The Lord saved me at the age of 16 and then called me to preach. In 1994, at the age of 18, I was licensed to preach by New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, MI. Immediately after graduating from High School I moved to Texas to attend seminary knowing that the Lord had a plan and a purpose in where He was leading. While at seminary, the Lord blessed me in a great way by calling my father-in-law, Paul Clark, to preach and to attend Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary where I was studying. Through Bro. Paul, I met and married the love of my life, Anastacia (Stacie) in 1996. During and after graduating from seminary, the Lord gave us many opportunities to pastor His churches in the State of Texas as well as go on many short term mission trips. When we married we both felt that one day we would be on the foreign mission field. We did not know, however, that it would be after almost 20 years of preaching and pastoring inside the US. In 2016, Nevill's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church became our sending church and after two years of deputation we arrived in Argentina with six of our seven children supported in prayer by many at home.

Before coming to Argentina, I spoke Spanish but had to do a complete overhaul on my vocabulary, pronunciation, and general cultural understanding. My wife spoke a little Spanish when we came, but had the furthest to go to get to a conversational level. She worked extremely hard to learn, taking full time classes at the beginning of our first term and continuing her studies throughout. She is now able to read, write, and speak the Spanish language to the point that she can teach a class and carry on a conversation.

Our kids learned a lot as well. They had to adapt to a new way of life, new cuisine, new friends, and new ways of doing everything familiar in a foreign setting. They had to adapt to several things that seem strange to kids born and raised in Texas. There are no pinto beans, Jalapeños, spicy food in general, bacon, free refills on drinks, drinking fountains, okra, black eyed peas, Dr Pepper, Rotel, Velveeta, Frito's, etc... Here are a few things that you will find in Argentina:

- You might see a man hole cover or sidewalk tiles floating during a hard rain.
- You may have another individual, adult or child, drink out of your cup if you set it down.
- There are no big breakfasts and you will not find a cafe open until 9 or 10 in the morning.
- You are expected to NOT show up on time for many events and if you arrive early you could cause the hosts distress.
- Some restaurants offer small sheets of waxed paper for napkins.
- Every pizza slice comes with an olive and most pizza restaurants do not have pepperoni.
- You may receive candy for change in many stores.
- Supper time is usually between 9 and midnight and snack time between 4 and 6 in the afternoon.



Elisabeth, Elijah, Bro. Scott, Jonathan
Stacie, Joanna, Hannah and Ruth



• There are lines to wait in for everything. Do not expect to run to the bank and back quickly. You generally will take a number for most places that you visit, even the butcher, before they will attend to you. Losing your patience while waiting in line will only send you to the back of the line.

• Whatever you have planned for the day may get interrupted by either the rain, a protest, or a holiday of which there are many.

The city of Cordoba has a population of 1.5 million people. The task before us is great but our God is greater! Our first term goals were to:

1. Learn the language and culture.
2. Make as many contacts as possible.
3. Love the people.
4. Let God work in their lives and through our lives.
5. Develop solid biblical resources in Spanish that would be freely available.

At the time of this writing, we have completed and by God's grace exceeded all of our first term goals.

• We spent a lot of time in conversation with individuals and groups, sharing the gospel, preaching and teaching.

- We made and maintained many contacts.
- The people know that we love them even if they do not understand why we chose to come to Argentina.
- We and many of our friends there have seen God work in amazing ways that amazes us all.
- We were able to develop free high-quality resources as well as hundreds of audio messages and videos that are available worldwide through the Internet.

As we return (on the 15th of February) to begin our second term, pray for us that we can take what we have prepared and add to it!

Please pray with us that the Lord:

- Would touch the hearts of three or four families willing to open their homes for a Bible study.
- Would lead us to and provide us a fixed place where we can have services.
- Will allow us to rent a house that will be better suited to our second term goals. Our current house is small and without a garage for our vehicle. We currently have to rent a parking garage about three blocks from our house.

• Open the way for us to reach out to the many cities surrounding Cordoba without a gospel presence.

For more information, please visit our website www.argentinabaptist.org and sign up for our monthly newsletter! On behalf of myself and all of my family, thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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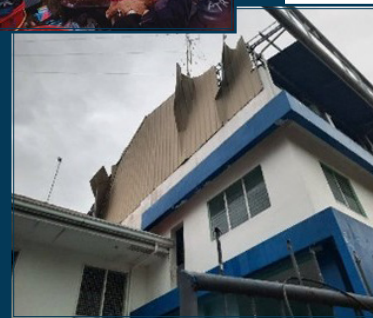
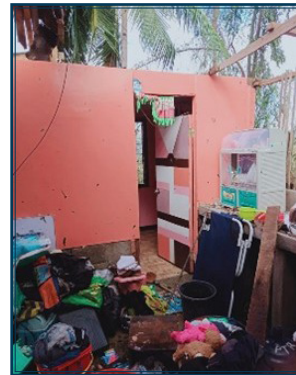
The Secretary-Treasurer's Office often networks among ABA ministries. If you need assistance in reaching out during times of crisis, we will help point you in the right direction, connecting you with the right people.

On that note...

If you would like to contribute to Philippine Relief following super typhoon Rai [known as Odette in Philippines] please contact Brother Wayne Stringer [903.277.3590 or ewaynestringer@valornet.com] with Philippine Mission Development [PMD]. They have established a relief effort wherein funds will be distributed among the Filipinos via Brother Abner Tuazon in Angeles City.

The Sponsoring Church for this effort is Independent Calvary MBC, Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines, where Brother Abner Tuazon is pastor. The effort is being Co-Sponsored by White Rock MBC, Center, TX, who sponsors Philippine Mission Development.

Send all relief funds to PMD at P.O. Box 31, New Boston, TX, 75559, and the funds will be deposited into the bank in Angeles City, Pampanga, for distribution among our churches and missions in the Philippines by Independent Calvary MBC.



“Rubies” I’ve met along the way:

By Gena Stewart



Susan Teer, Missionary Wife
of Rusty Teer,
Thailand



Kellie Hawthorn, Missionary Wife
of Regan Hawthorn,
Arizona



Novis Stringer, Missionary Wife
of Wayne Stringer,
Philippine Mission Development



Gabrielle Vesely, Missionary Wife
of Jodie Vesely,
Russian Ministries Online



Stacie Maness, Missionary Wife
of Scott Maness,
Argentina

...her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:10

Thank you to ALL who gave toward the 2021
Thanksgiving Mission Offering!

Total: \$324,836.69

[Second largest total in the history of the
Thanksgiving Mission Offering!]

To date, the grand total of all
Thanksgiving Mission Offerings received is
\$5,701,505.44!

2022 MISSIONARY RECOMMENDATION FORM

THIS RECOMMENDATION:

- ☐ New Recommendation
☐ Re-Recommendation

RECOMMENDING AS:

- ☐ Interstate Missionary
☐ Foreign Missionary
☐ National Missionary
☐ Missionary Helper
☐ Mission Ministries

RECOMMENDING FOR:

- ☐ Salary
☐ Designated Funds

Salary Requested: Full ☐ or Other ☐ \$_____ Is this a **Change in Salary**? Yes ☐ No ☐

MISSIONARY INFORMATION

| | | | |
|----------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| FULL NAME | | | AGE |
| ADDRESS | | | PHONE |
| CITY | STATE | COUNTRY | ZIP/POSTAL CODE |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | | CITIZENSHIP (COUNTRY) |

| | |
|--|--|
| MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | If married more than once or divorced, please attach an explanation to the form. WIFE'S NAME CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME (NAME, AGE, GENDER) (OPTIONAL) |
|--|--|

Are you a member of your recommending church? _____
 Are you in full agreement with the Doctrinal Statements of the American Baptist Association (pages 104-106) of the 2020 Yearbook? _____
 Has a background check been completed on this missionary? _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

| | | |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|
| YEAR SAVED _____ | BAPTIZING CHURCH | |
| YEAR BAPTIZED _____ | CITY, STATE | AFFILIATION |
| YEAR ORDAINED _____ | ORDAINING CHURCH | |
| | CITY, STATE | AFFILIATION |

MINISTRY EDUCATION/TRAINING:

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A PASTOR
OR MISSIONARY _____

YEARS AS AN **ABA** RECOMMENDED
MISSIONARY _____

YEARS ON **PRESENT** MISSION FIELD

This form must be received by **4/22/2022**, 60 days prior to the Messenger Meeting in Orlando, FL. Please fill out the form completely and mail to:

**Secretary-Treasurer of Missions
 American Baptist Association
 PO Box 1050
 Texarkana, TX 75504-1050**

2022 MISSIONARY RECOMMENDATION FORM

| MISSION FIELD |
|--|
| PROPOSED AREA OF MISSION WORK (city, state, province, country): _____ |
| NAME OF MISSION OR CHURCH: _____ |
| BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MISSION WORK: _____ |
| IS THIS AN ORGANIZED CHURCH? _____ TARGET DATE FOR ORGANIZATION/SELF-SUPPORTING? _____ |

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|---|
| MONTHLY SUPPORT OF MISSIONARY BY MISSION: |
| Salary \$ _____ Housing \$ _____ Property \$ _____ Other \$ _____ |

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR EXISTING WORKS 2021

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Professions of Faith _____ | Attendance Averages |
| Baptisms _____ | Morning Worship _____ Sunday School _____ |
| Other Additions _____ | Evening Worship _____ Mid Week Services _____ |
| Mission Membership _____ | |

| SENDING CHURCH | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------|
| NAME | PASTOR OR CLERK | |
| MAILING ADDRESS | PHONE | |
| CITY | STATE | POSTAL CODE |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | |
| Indicate areas and approximate amount of monthly support this church will be contributing to missionary and mission: SALARY \$ _____ HOUSING \$ _____ PROPERTY \$ _____ OTHER \$ _____ | | |
| Is this church in full agreement with the Doctrinal Statement of the American Baptist Association (pages 145-147) of the 2021 Yearbook? _____ | | |
| This recommendation was approved by the sending church on _____ day of _____, 2022. | | |
| Moderator _____ Church Clerk _____ | | |

**FOR EACH CO-SPONSORING CHURCH, PLEASE
COMPLETE THE CO-SENDING CHURCH FORM.**

If you have a current photo to update the Missionary Poster, please send the photo via email to missions@abamissions.org in a JPEG format. Please include the name of the missionary in the e-mail.

DO NOT ATTACH TO FORM

Any questions, please call or email the missions office.
Phone: 903-792-2312 Email: missions@abamissions.org

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| Missions Office |
| Date Received: _____ |
| By: _____ |
| Returned for Additional Information: _____ |
| Received Back in Office: _____ |

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| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | | CITIZENSHIP (COUNTRY) |

CO-SENDING CHURCH

| | | |
|--|-------|-----------------|
| NAME | | PASTOR OR CLERK |
| MAILING ADDRESS | | PHONE |
| CITY | STATE | POSTAL CODE |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | |
| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Indicate areas and approximate amount of monthly support this church will be contributing to missionary and mission:</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">SALARY \$ _____ HOUSING \$ _____ PROPERTY \$ _____ OTHER \$ _____</p> | | |
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