“Christ tasted death for every man.” Hebrews 2:9

GBIM Events 2018

- **Sponsorship Month** - February
- **Day of Poverty for Youth** - Spring - General Baptist Bible College, Philippines
- **VBS** - Summer - General Baptist Bible College, Philippines

Sponsorship Month is a new event for GBIM. We are asking churches to consider placing a sponsorship table in a prominent place in their church during the month of February as a way to express their love to the Lord by helping children and students around the world.

The Day of Poverty and VBS offerings combine to form the LAUNCH Give program. LAUNCH is designed to launch General Baptist Youth into missions awareness and involvement. The 2017 LAUNCH Give offering will support current building construction needs and the General Baptist Bible College. LAUNCH Go is the internship phase of LAUNCH for college age students and young adults.

Update From the Yeomans Family (Philippines)

EXCITING NEWS!!! We asked in our last newsletter for you to pray with us that we would have an opportunity to begin working among an Islamic unreached people group near us. We are so excited to say that God is opening doors! **We were able to make contact with this people group last week!** They were not easy to find, as they are located in remote areas in the jungle with no roads, only small paths, leading to their village. They are kind and friendly people who need to hear about Jesus. God is opening up opportunities for us to begin ministering to them! Please continue to pray with us that this will develop into a long-term ministry opportunity. It is our prayer that Filipino General Baptists will have a part in sharing the gospel among this people group until they become reached!

We are looking forward to a three week trip to the US! While there we will be sharing about the ministry here in the Philippines. We will also be sharing more specific details about our future ministry in Niger, with an emphasis on raising funds to launch a church planting movement among the unreached of West Africa. We are so excited about all the wonderful partners God has already brought to us as He continues to lead us to Niger. We will need many more ministry partners as we continue to work toward this endeavor, and we look forward to sharing about ways you can partner with us.

Our tentative schedule while in the US is as follows:

- **October 27** – Chicago, IL
- **October 29** – Risen Church, Dexter, MO
- **October 30, 31** – NE Arkansas
- **November 1** – Ava GB, Ava, MO
- **November 4, 5** – LCC, Greenville, KY
- **November 7, 8** – Glennville, GA
- **November 12** – Western KY (am); Halltown GB, Portland, TN (pm)

**Upcoming plans:** When we return from the US, we plan to continue with mobilization and training, as well as teach some missions classes at GBBC. We are also looking forward to helping plan and serve at a missions conference. In January we are traveling to Niger for ministry preparation meetings.
Hello from the beautiful Philippine Islands! We are in our rainy season now and I love it, especially the daytime thunder and rain pounding on the metal roofs! Not so good for doing laundry, but it makes for more creative drying methods.

I mentioned one of our students dealing with cancer, Leonisa. She had surgery week before last and is recuperating now. We don’t really know what the outcome will be yet but we are all praying for complete healing. Please keep her in your prayers. She is 25 years old. She and her husband, Marjet, are first year students at MBI. They are both very talented and beautiful people. Marjet had been a deacon in their church before coming to our school.

At the end of August the students participated in Cultural Days. Each month there is some kind of a socialization at the school, and whatever it happens to be, the students make it into a fun and exciting event. The students are divided into three teams. Last month the event was Nutrition Day. This time they chose several different areas of their culture to portray. One was courting. They acted out how a couple might woo each other, and they had us all rolling on the floor laughing. They did native dancing, acting out searching for bee hives and harvesting the honey. They had the smoking torch, the trees, and all the props for their production. They were given the Bible story of Samson and Delilah, (impromptu) to act out. They quickly came up with bamboo spears and ropes for the Philistines that were hiding to grab Samson. They are not shy or backward in putting on their different dramas.

I can’t tell you how blessed we feel to be able to be a part of this wonderful school and our students and staff.

Some of the students have asked if the mission can help them with a guitar for their ministry. We have 12 graduates this year and the cheapest guitars we have found so far are $40. It will be the only music they have in their churches. If your Sunday School class or mission group needs a project, this would be a blessing for our students. So many of them are very talented playing the guitar by ear and if not them, someone in the church will have the knowledge, there is no doubt.

Robert and I have had the Asian flu for the last two weeks, our U.S. flu shots didn’t cover this. We had fever and chills, ached all over, including our skin, had terrible coughs and stuffy heads and just felt all over miserable. I have some head congestion left, but compared to how we felt, I feel marvelous. It has really been going around here.

Because we’ve been sick, the gardens have not been judged. It’s late, but next week it will be done. They worked hard and have been proud of their labor. And we’ve reaped benefits from them too! All of them participated, and besides the three top prizes, all will receive new rice pots.

We love you all, and thank you so much for your prayers and your gifts for the Matigsalug Bible Institute, they are making an eternal difference.

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**New Children at Faith Home**

We are pleased to welcome 8 year old Genesis and 6 year old Sarai into the Faith Home family.

Please consider sponsoring one or both of these precious girls. You can simply email us and we will send you the sponsorship form and more information about your sponsored child.

Faith Home children are fully funded by individuals - like you - who are willing to give financially so that the children can have a better life and grow up to do what God has called them to do...reach their country for Christ. When you commit to sponsor a child, you become a partner in our ministry. We will keep you updated about the child so you can celebrate their life with us, knowing YOU are a vital part.

**Faith Home Sponsorship Increase**

We are thankful for the vision of Faith Home and those who have supported this ministry. Since 1999 child sponsorship has allowed individuals like you to be a part of changing lives for Christ in Honduras.

After 18 years of ministry we need to increase the child sponsorship to $25 a month in order to continue to offer the level of care needed for our children.

Please understand if you are an existing child sponsor you are not obligated to increase your current giving. However, it would be greatly appreciated if you choose to do so. For new sponsorships the increase will help us continue to make these life changing differences.

- One sponsorship costs $25 per month...(83 cents per day)
- 100% of sponsorship money goes directly to the needs of the children.

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The Danli Cross (Honduras)

By Dr. Rodney Walls

A few days ago, Pastors Miguel and Saul and myself headed south to check on our GB churches there. We stayed one night in Danli. You cannot miss the cross that overlooks the town. It sets high up on the mountain. There is a cobblestone and concrete path that you can take that will lead you to the cross. Spaced out along the path are 14 different stations. Probably there to let you stop and catch your breath before moving on.

I had wanted to make that walk on each of my other visits, but this time, I told Miguel and Saul that I was going to do it early before we left. It is about a 20-minute walk if you keep moving and it is ALL up.

It was overcast with a bit of drizzle that morning that we started up, but that did not stop the sweat from rolling! The view even with the clouds was spectacular. Danli, like so many town/cities in central America, has a cross overlooking the city. I love it! I love the fact that you can look up at any point from below and see the cross. What a great thing … good day, just look up and see the cross and thank God. Bad day … just look up and see the cross and know that your savior died for you and then give thanks. Busy day … just look up and be reminded of what life is really about and then give thanks. Routine day … just look up and realize that each day is a blessing and then give thanks. Just look up and see the cross! It was quite a walk, muscles tight and burning, and it was not an easy walk. OSHA in the USA would have a meltdown (slick rocks, no hand rails, and steep). But, the effort we put into our walk that day was nothing compared to the sacrifice that Jesus made for us when he made his walk to Calvary.

When we made it to the cross, it was huge area. Enough space for everyone in Danli, but then that is the way it should be for there is always room at the cross. I stood there and looked at this huge cross reflecting about how it symbolizes the day that everything changed for humanity for all time.

As I gazed at the cross, I noticed something around the bottom part of the cross. When I moved closer, I could tell that a bunch of people had written their names on the base of the cross. At first, I thought … really graffiti, but then I thought that it is not graffiti. It was just their way of saying that they had been to the cross! And then even more, it is only possible for us to put our names on the cross because Jesus first wrote our names on his cross with his blood!

I am glad we made that walk in Danli, but so much more, I am glad that I made that walk to Calvary so many years ago now. During a revival, I went forward during an invitation and said “YES” to Jesus. I had no idea of the full implications of what I did that night, but I knew something great had happened inside of me. For that matter all these years later, I still do not understand the full implications, but I glory in God’s great grace and love that forgave me and called me to be one of His. No doubt about it, the walk to the cross is worth it all. Just look up and see the cross. “At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away!”
Human trafficking is happening every day. It does not matter where we are, there is some kind of trafficking taking place whether it involves prostituting women or forced child begging/labor/prostitution. Most people wish that this did not exist in the world. When I came to India, I knew of human trafficking and even witnessed small bits of it. However, I never had a personal connection, which means I never knew a woman or child involved in that.

I do not wish for anyone to know someone that is being trafficked. It is hard because you think about that woman or child and wonder if they are still alive. You are powerless because you do not know where they are and if you try to contact or involve the police the gangs/pimps (in prostitution) will beat, cut off limbs, gouge out eyes, or even kill them. My connection to human trafficking is through two of our children’s home kids, Gracie and Suggu. I only knew these kids for three years, but they have a place in my heart. They even have a younger brother that I met once.

Suggu, Gracie, and their brother Pintu come from a rough part of Siddipet, known as the red light area. This is the area where prostitutes live. Their mom is a prostitute and she also gets drunk frequently. Even their father was a drunkard. When we last saw Suggu and Gracie they were going back home for a wedding. All kids are happy to be with their parents, and Suggu and Gracie went, not knowing what was going to happen. The kids did not return to the children’s home. My mother in-law and Jessey made frequent calls to check on them but every time the parents would not answer. At the end of September, we got a call from a number in Maharashtra. When Jessey answered he was surprised to hear Suggu on the other end. This is his story.

“Daddy,” Suggu said, “my dad passed away. After that my mom sold me for 1 lakh rupees ($2000).” Jessey responded, “Will you come back here?” “Yes,” Suggu replied. “Daddy, I was sold to a gang and they are making us beg and steal. So I have to wait, but I will come.” “What about Gracie and your brother?” Jessey asked curiously. “I do not know where they are.” Suggu replied. “The last time I saw them they were with my mom.”

After that we did not hear from Suggu anymore. I was worried and upset. I wondered if he had been caught calling us. Sadly, he was caught and was beaten badly for contacting us. This is what we heard today on October 10th. He also told us again that he would come but he had to wait for the right moment to escape. Suprisingly, he returned to us this very night.

I implore anybody reading this to pray for Suggu, Gracie, and their brother Pintu. Even though Suggu escaped, I am powerless in this situation and am unable to help Gracie or Pintu. However, our God is powerful and can deliver these children. We hate what has happened to Suggu and Gracie. These people have messed with Suggu’s mind, and it has caused him to be more closed off to the love we are trying to show him. Gracie and Pintu will go through the same physical and mental torture as Suggu.

This is a horrible situation, but God is faithful and can control it. I know that it is not God’s will for a child to be forced to do wrong so they will not be killed or hurt. Human trafficking is happening every day to someone. Please pray for the millions who are stuck in this situation of torture.