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SOUTH AMERICA IS A GREAT HARVEST FIELD

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When one considers South America, thought is automatically given to how the Roman Catholic Church has long dominated both the spiritual and political life of many of the countries. Though Romanism is still the dominant religion in these countries, it has lost much of its power. Today one discovers that even though many confess to a part of the system, only five to ten per cent, depending on the country, are practicing Romanism.

Liberation theology, with its emphasis on political and social salvation at the expense of personal repentance and faith in Christ, has produced a hunger in the hearts of many for spiritual reality that produces peace. Thus the emptiness of Liberation Theology has resulted in many open doors for true faith in Jesus Christ.

A revival of the old dynamic force called spiritism has come upon the scene. This evil power of demonism is reaching out to all the countries in South America. It appeals to the emotion and professes great physical healing. Both the emotional and physical make it attractive to people who view it as an alternative to traditional Romanism. Along with the growth of this satanic power, one finds pentecostalism and other cults on the increase. These spiritistic cults refer to themselves as "The Universal Church," and they are making inroads by proclaiming a so-called "prosperity gospel."

Baptist World Mission is thrilled with the efforts our missionaries are making to reach the people in South America with the true

Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have 38 missionary families serving in Argentina, Brazil, Peru, and Uruguay. They are evangelizing the lost, discipling them in the Word of God, training national leadership, and planting indigenous churches. Over 325 million people reside in South America, and the missionaries are crying for more laborers to help them reach these whitened harvest fields.

BWM has two families in Argentina—Tom and Donna Eckman in Mar Del Plata, and Rich and Ila Coleman in Buenos Aires, a city of over 12 million. Both of these families have established indigenous churches, which are now served by national pastors. Both families are now preparing to repeat the process of church planting, but frankly, they need helpers.

Uruguay lies just north of Argentina and is the most educated country in South America, with a 95 per cent literacy rate. After many years of labor, our missionaries are experiencing much fruit. The churches that have been established have produced a Christian elementary school, a strong Christian camping program, and training institutes in the all the churches. Those serving in Uruguay are Miss Sharon Clark (35 years), Ray and Sharon Pope (33 years), and Roy and Karen Kuhns (26 years). Archie and Ruth Perez and Barry and Barbara Secrest make up a team serving in the city of Colonia. Danny and Ruth Hankins are ministering in Las Piedras. Both Ruth Perez and Ruth Hankins are from Uruguay and are the results of BWM ministry. This past fall two young ladies from the States joined those in Uruguay for six months of Christian service. Is it possible that the Lord of the Harvest is speaking to you about this wide open door where you could join these faithful servants?

Over half the population of South America resides in Brazil which boasts over 165 million people. Wonderful opportunities confront God's children in this vast nation. Our Baptist World missionaries are located near or in two of the large cities of the country. In the Porto Alegre area, we are represented by Roger and Sharon Crowder who lead a team that includes Misses Kim Heimerl and Joyce Bohlman. Also ministering in nearby suburbs are Tom and Penny Latham and Jeff and Althea Nordquist. These are all involved in church planting, training nationals in areas of leadership, and evangelizing into nearby cities.

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Missionaries Pictured at South American Fellowship: Front Row: Barry and Barbara Secest, Danny and Ruth Hankins; Second Row: Joyce Bohlman, Becky Thibaudeau, Anita Phillips, Archie and Ruth Perez, Sandy Hagan, Laura Riggs, Kim Heimerl, Sharon Clark, Jeff and Althea Nordquist, Roger and Sharon Crowder; Third Row: Jeff Nordquist, Fred Moritz, Duane Phillips, Roy and Karen Kuhns, Ray and Sharon Pope, Paula Van Natta; Fourth Row: Judy Moritz, Tom and Donna Eckman, Jack and Fancis McLanahan, Penny Latham, Geber Coelho, and Tom Latham.

Sao Paulo, a city of nearly 20 million, is the home of four BWM families – Geber and Dione Coelho, David and Kim Huffman, Duane and Anita Phillips, and Jeff and Becky Thibaudeau. Praise the Lord for the churches that have been and are being established in this area. Little towns or suburbs are exploding all about the horizon of this great city as people move from the country to find better jobs. Pray that the Lord of harvest will raise up laborers to help those dear servants in Sao Paulo and keep an open ear to His call in your own life.

Then, in Arequipa, Peru, Mike and Vicky Fester have been very successful in church planting. They are now establishing their fifth church. The Festers have been used of God to establish these churches, have assisted in erecting buildings, have trained national leadership, and then have seen the congregations call national pastors. Of course, Mike has a key role in the institute that trains potential pastors. To assure continued progress, he meets with the pastors for a time of instruction and encouragement weekly.

We at BWM praise the Lord for these dear faithful missionaries serving in South America, but we are praying faithfully for additional laborers to join our team in reaching out and harvesting grain in the whitened fields of these countries. Could our Lord use you in South America in these days of opportunity?

MISSIONS

William Adams Brown, whose name is almost synonymous with "foreign missions," used to silence all thinking objectors in his audiences with this striking apologetic:

- "Every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary.
- "Every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to a convert of a foreign missionary.
- "Every epistle in the New Testament that was written to a church was written to a foreign-missionary church.
- "The disciples were called Christians first in a foreign-missionary community.
- "Of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, every apostle except one became a missionary.
- "The only one among the twelve apostles who did not become a missionary became a traitor.
- "The problems which arose in the early church were largely questions of missionary procedure.
- "According to the apostles, missionary service is the highest expression of Christian life."

In the face of these observations, are we really MISSIONARY-MINDED?

MISSIONARIES TO THE FIELD

Norm and Mary Brewer

ALBANIA

January 11, 2001

Dale and Janet Chism

BENIN, WEST AFRICA

March 20, 2001

Tom and Caren Fuller

CANADA

February 23, 2001

Tim and Elisabeth Knickerbocker

FRANCE

February 16, 2001

NEW ARRIVALS



Mikaela Corinne Layer was born to Ben and Sarah on February 21. She weighed 7 lb. 1 oz.

David Todd Woodring was born to Jack and Linda on February 26. He weighed 8 lb. 2 oz.



Taylor Allen Rains was born to Michael and Tina on February 11. He weighed 8 lb. 1 oz.



MEET OUR NEW MISSIONARIES



Ben and Becca Sinclair had planned to meet the Board of Baptist World Mission for appointment to the Cameroon, West Africa, at our annual meeting last October, but the birth of their son on October 10 prevented the accomplishment of that desire. Their little son was born with serious liver problems, and their future seemed uncertain. At first doctors called for a liver transplant, but when additional problems occurred, they despaired of even that. The Lord has miraculously undertaken, has spared baby Andrew's life, and his progress has been amazing. The Sinclairs were appointed by the Executive Committee in February, and even now they are on the deputation trail. If you would like to contact the Sinclairs for a meeting, you may do so by calling them at their home (423) 622-7524 or by phoning their sending church, Calvary Independent Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee, at (423) 622-2181. The Sinclairs plan to join the Yeiters in forming a missionary team for the Cameroon.

Itineraries

Dr. Fred Moritz, Executive Director

March 21-April 6.....India
 April 8.....Fairview Baptist Church, Decatur, AL
 April 9.....Crown College Chapel, Powell, TN
 April 15.....First Baptist Church, Danville, IL
 April 22-25.....First Baptist Church, Baxter, MN
 April 29-May 2.....First Baptist Church, Little Falls, MN
 May 3.....Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Watertown, WI
 May 6.....Kettle Moraine Baptist Church, Whitewater, WI
 May 13.....Willow Park Baptist Church, Memphis, TN
 May 21-25.....Ambassador Baptist College, Lattimore, NC
 June 12-14.....FBF Meeting, First Baptist Church, Troy, MI
 June 30-July 1.....Immanuel Baptist Church, Brockton, MA

Dr. Ron Brooks, Field Director

April 2-13.....Northland Baptist Bible College, Dunbar, WI
 April 20-25.....Farmington Ave. Bapt. Ch., West Hartford, CT
 April 28 - May 4.....Ireland
 May 20.....Calvary Baptist Church, York, PA
 May 23-27.....Upper Crossroads Baptist Church, Baldwin, MD
 June 3.....First Baptist Church, Romeo, MI
 June 18-23.....Northland Baptist Bible College, Dunbar, WI
 June 29.....Tri-City Baptist Church, Westminster, CO

Dr. David Cummins, Deputation Director

April 1.....Fairview Baptist Church, Decatur, AL
 April 18-22.....Grace Baptist Church, Moline, IL
 April 24.....Calvary Baptist Church, Lima, OH
 April 25-29.....Blue Lick Bible Church, Lima, OH
 May 13.....Greendale Baptist Church, Greendale, WI
 May 25-June 2.....Baptist Heritage Tour, England
 June 4-22.....Far East

Dr. Jack McLanahan, Field Director

April 1.....Upper Crossroads Baptist Church, Baldwin, MD
 April 4.....Faith Baptist Church, Lebanon, PA
 April 8-11.....Springside Baptist Church, New Bethlehem, PA
 April 22-25.....Bethel Baptist Church, Hartselle, AL
 May 16-23.....Haiti

Dr. Dennis Walton, Field Director

April 1-8.....Grace Bible Church, Ann Arbor, MI
 April 10-13.....Northland Baptist Bible College, Dunbar, WI
 April 18.....Eagledale Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN
 April 27-May 2.....Maranatha Baptist Church, Lansing, MI
 May 20-29.....Craig, CO
 June 2-8.....Asia and Pacific Fellowship
 June 9-30.....Asia



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All Field Directors

April 15-17.....Heritage Baptist Church, Frankfort, IL
 BWM Spring Board Meeting
 May 6-11.....Camp Joy, Whitewater, WI

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