

The Key to More and Stronger Disciples

Since its start in 1990, this Mission has endeavored to help churches and the missionaries they send obey the Great Commission. Our ecclesiastical view of missions means we believe that God uses believers in healthy local churches to do this work. Healthy churches plant new churches and help other churches renew their Great Commission efforts to make disciples who go and make disciples. BCP, through relationships built, strives to “coach” these churches by providing training, resources, and encouragement.

We all know the number of churches in great need in America is overwhelming, and the number of lost people with fewer churches near them is growing. But there is also a new wave of healthy churches who will steward their time and assets to see a struggling church strengthened. The number of healthy churches BCP is coaching to come alongside other

congregations has grown steadily. As more unhealthy churches approach us for help, God is also sending more healthy churches to help us in the work, and they see growth internally as they help another church. God is multiplying these opportunities! We could name at least 17 churches who are mothering with BCP coaching right now.

Consider two churches in Iowa that BCP has been helping who now have a relationship. The healthier church trained and sent a lay elder to help the struggling church. That small core, after months of discipleship and witness, now has three outreach Bible studies in motion with lost neighbors and coworkers! The mothering church is now laying out plans for a church plant and is discipling toward this. BCP will have the privilege of coaching this multiplication, too.

It isn't about the numbers; it's about the relationships. Struggling

churches are strengthened at the individual level as the body models and lives the “one anothers.” BCP coaches connect with pastors and leaders who learn to lead others toward a stronger relationship with the Lord. From that, He calls those who will go out and make even more and stronger disciples! God multiplies the labor of the laborers as He produces more through their faithful service and fruit abounds.



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Put Down Your Phone

Have you seen the recent ad from a major U.S. phone retailer encouraging people to put down their phone for five minutes? They understand that our basic needs are not met in the most recent email, chat, or post, but rather in our relationships with the people right around us. At BCP, we know that God has set up the church to be His primary means for reaching the lost and growing people toward Godliness who then go and disciple someone else!

So, you might say our greatest need at BCP is people. Would you consider partnering with us to help find and build these important relationships? Your financial resources allow us to find those who have "put down their phone" and are seeking our Savior!



Eric Nihart
Vice President of Advancement

Relationships for Eternal Fruit

When a pastor leads in the example of Christ, those being led are drawn to follow that example. When that pastor models hospitality, that hospitality becomes a mode of operation in that local church. When that example is the generosity of Christ, the result is an outflow of generosity in the people.

Recently, BCP was the recipient of such generosity. We were contacted by the leadership in a church when the people decided they needed to realign their financial assets with their vision for missions. The Lord had enabled them to experience great financial stability, and they realized that those funds were not advancing their passion for missions. They decided to gift a few missionaries a significant financial blessing, and they

wanted to learn about our missionaries who could be recipients.

What we found out through our interaction is that the pastor of this body of generous believers is a very successful farmer and businessman. Because of this success, he had never taken any salary in his many years of ministry in that church. These people were following his generous example of Christ and doing so with much joy and anticipation of fruit for eternity!

Relationships are so very important. The ball started rolling because of one of our retired administrative personnel who has recently begun attending that church. He has become so well respected by the people there that when they decided to gift missionaries, they went to him for ideas for

missionaries they could bless.

They chose three BCP missionary families as beneficiaries, and they also designated a significant amount to our 2025 BCP Family Camp. These gifts are so very appreciated, by the Mission family as well as the individual missionary families, for how ministries will be moved forward.

This relationship between BCP and this small rural church has the potential to produce fruit for eternity that neither of us can imagine. We'll just leave that to our great God, who loves to see His people steward well their resources and who loves to surprise His children with financial and relationship blessings!

Generosity to Restore Families

When Yunior Gonzalez came to the states in February 2020 with his son, he had to leave his wife, Marilyn, and their daughter, Keren, in Cuba. It wasn't until 2023 that they finally came to the states and were joined as a family again on temporary visas, after much paperwork, travel, and expense.

The family has been seeking to complete the paperwork needed by June to get the process underway for receiving Marilyn and Keren's permanent visas. Having \$3,000 for the cost (less than half), it had seemed a daunting task to save the remaining cost of the travel, documents, and medical exams necessary before June. Our Mission family, as well as their sending church and supporters, have been praying confidently that God will provide. Yunior said, "We need His provision to be able to present everything on time."

Rejoice with us for the provision of the \$3,000 remaining as a designated gift toward the cost of this visa process! One of our other BCP missionary families was used by the Lord to make completing the application process by June possible. We share this as another example of how a relationship moves hearts to give.

Truly, there is joy for the recipient of the gift, but Paul declared more joy and benefits for the giver: "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:10-11). It's hard to improve on the beauty of that relationship. Both benefit from loving and generous giving.



Looking Ahead: BCP Family Camp 2025

A malapropism (pronounced mal-uh-prop-iz-uhm) is the mistaken use of a word in place of a similar-sounding one. With that in mind, if BCP Family Camp occurs every three years, which sentence contains the malapropism?

BCP Family Camp is a triannual event.
BCP Family Camp is a triennial event.

During BCP Family Camp, we set aside our regular ministry routine for some "one another"-ing. The family gathers for a time of refreshment, relationship renewal, and ministry blessing updates, with a bit of fun added into the mix. If the Lord wills, we will gather July 14-17, 2025, at Maumee Lodge and Conference Center in Oregon, OH (it's actually close to Toledo).

Please praise the Lord with us for His kind provision toward this financial investment in our missionaries and their families! Then, pray for our planning with intention for the time we will be together as a mission family—for the time the teens will spend together, for the devotions for each missionary family to share together, for the music, for clarity regarding special speaker, and for special activities that will bless our dear servants.

Here is the picture from Family Camp 2022. We had so much fun. Someday our missionaries might vote to make BCP Family Camp happen three times a year; then it would be a triannual event instead of a triennial!

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