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Greatest Need

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Our Confidence is in Him *Stephen P. Little, President*



Recently I spoke to our staff about various church planting initiatives which agencies, fellowships and organizations have launched over the years. I am not opposed to initiatives; I just don't think we can improve upon "**The Great Initiative**" in Matthew 28:18-20 which Christ has commissioned His Church to fulfill.

- Jesus established the provision – “all authority”
- Jesus set the platform – “all nations”
- Jesus gave the plan – “make disciples”
- Jesus expects a public expression – “baptize them”
- Jesus has a purpose – “teach them all things concerning Him”
- Jesus gave His Church a promise – “He will be with us always!”

Pretty cool initiative!

The staff and administration of BCP eats, sleeps and drinks church planting but not from an “organizational” point of view. BCP intentionally chooses to keep its focus on local churches which desire to fulfill the Great Commission. Our collaboration is with local churches, but our “confidence” is not founded in the church. Rather, our confidence is in the One Who established the church and directs the church to fulfill His Commission. Over the years I have found hundreds of local Baptist pastors and churches who give a hearty “Amen!” to this theological missiology. With one voice they would say that our confidence must be in the Holy Spirit to do what only He can do:

1. He calls upon **HIS** Church to respond to **HIS** leading.
2. He separates men by **HIS** calling and the church recognizes that calling.
3. He does the work of redemption by calling men, women and children unto **HIMSELF** through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

When a local church collaborates with God in His initiative and through the leading of His Spirit to fulfill the Great Commission, that local church is onto something that the gates of Hell cannot stand against! BCP eagerly stands ready to facilitate the process as Baptist churches respond to the Spirit's leading.

Is your church ready?! Is the Spirit of God calling you?

Jesus summed it up in John 15:5, “...without Me, you can do nothing!”

Two Churches Graduate From Mission Status

The bilingual ministry of **Faith Baptist Church/Iglesia Bautista la Fe** celebrated a special anniversary and graduated from missionary status to be a self-supporting local church on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The English side of the ministry began 75 years ago in Glendale, AZ; however, in 2010 Iglesia Bautista la Fe merged with Faith Baptist, **thus connecting two cultures with one gospel**. The special service included several guest speakers and a fellowship dinner afterward. Pastor Alberto and Adela Marquez served as missionaries with Baptist Church Planters since 2009. We rejoice that under their leadership this bilingual ministry has flourished and will continue to the glory of God!



The first meeting of **Heritage Baptist Church** was on January 29, 2005, in the Day's Inn in Canastota, NY. Missionaries Steve and Becky Little were the church planters. After eleven years



of work and almost 1.2 million dollars of investment, Heritage Baptist Church celebrated their graduation from missionary status with BCP to be a self-supporting local church on April 9, 2016. The auditorium was full of God's people giving praise to the Lord for all He has done. Open Door Baptist Church was the mother church of the project, and Senior Pastor David DeLeon was the keynote speaker for the service. Pastor James Depue spoke about the calling of HBC's first pastor, Jonathan Burns. BCP's Regional Field Director, John Little, presented a plaque to Pastor Burns and the church. Many churches and individuals who supported the church plant were present. It was a great day!

Changed Lives in Hispanic Church Plant

BCP Missionaries Miguel and Ana Maria Quintana - Iglesia Bautista Hispana Starkey Road, Seminole, FL



We thank the Lord for enabling us to be fishers of men. In the past five months I have baptized twenty-two adults! We are seeking to disciple others to be fishers of men through intensive evangelism seminar training. Please pray that the

participants will use their training to share the Good News with others. Recently I performed the wedding ceremony for a couple

who accepted Christ just a few months ago. They plan to be baptized soon. We thank God for this couple and their desire to obey God's Word and put their lives in order before God. Besides the church plant, the Lord has given me a ministry as chaplain at the Pinellas County Jail. After hearing the plan of salvation, seventeen inmates acknowledged their condition as sinners, repented, and received Christ as Savior.

Building Opportunities!

ChurchCare Construction has two building projects this summer. Both of these projects are just getting started and will need volunteers to help with the construction. Plan your vacation and serve the Lord with your building skills.



Desert Hills Baptist Church in Buckeye, AZ

Desert Hills is a church plant building a new auditorium. Contact lead builder Larry French for details:
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The spiritual building of the family is vital for the health of every church. You and your church will benefit from Dr. Michael Peck's new book *Pardon the Dust: Our Marriage is Under Construction*. Church planter Peter Jenks has this to say about the new book, "We have been using Mike's book as a couples' Bible Study with two different groups. We have found it to be an effective tool for reaching all couples regardless of age or marital background. One group consists of couples active in our local church and ranging in age from thirty to seventy. Our other group is predominately unchurched and with previous marriages. It is easy to demonstrate at all levels that just as a house needs a solid foundation so does a marriage and that just as a house needs to be maintained so does a marriage and the only true foundation is Jesus Christ. It has been exciting to see better communication in the couples and spiritual growth as the study continues." Find the material in our store www.bcpusa.org/store or at Dr. Peck's website at www.michaelpeck.org/family-matters.

“What’s it like to be a missionary builder’s kid?”

We posed this question to Ryanne and Riley Howard, son and daughter of missionary builders Brent and Michele Howard. In this Connect we will share Ryanne’s thoughts. Be sure to watch for Riley’s article in the next Connect.



Hi, my name is Ryanne. I am a missionary builder kid. When we first started in 2007, I was only six. I was a little nervous. I broke down crying when mom told us we could only take ten toys with us into the fifth-wheel, thinking she meant one Barbie, one doll, one Polly Pocket, one game... until I had ten items. I was soon corrected though when she explained I could take a small box of Barbies, a box of games, a box of doll toys... When we finally got the fifth-wheel, my brother Riley and I got excited.

On the first job there was one family that we really connected with. On the weekdays, we spent our time playing outside and doing kindergarten. The second job was Roaring Brook Baptist Church in Hunlock

Creek, PA. We soon made lots of friends there. One family in particular was the Brubakers. We had lots of fun with them and have kept our friendship over the years as we have visited there and entertained them on several job sites as their dad brought work teams to come help. On the next job, at Fellowship Baptist Church in Watertown, NY, we made many friends and got close with the Hopkins and the Mains. We helped a lot on the job there and made several forts. The job after that one was Heritage Baptist Church in Canastota, NY. There were lots of kids there, and we are still close with a lot of them.

We often spend about a year on each job, but after Heritage we went out west and did three small jobs. Each of them took one to four months. After those jobs we went to our biggest project yet, which was First Baptist Church in Memphis, NY. This project took a year and a half. At this job we liked to help, and we built a snack shack where the guys would come for drinks. Other things we liked to do there were four-wheeling outside and rollerblading inside.

After this job, we got a six month break at home where dad did some odd jobs for churches in our area. Riley and I enjoyed

our break, but we were soon back on the road headed to Calvary Baptist Church in Preble, NY. There weren’t very many girls my age here, but the Weavers were testing out missionary building and they had a girl my age. Her name is Grace. This was really fun for me because I got to see her almost every day. Another cool thing about Preble was the Salvation Army that my mom and I really liked. Like all the jobs, we soon had to leave. The next big job we had was Stanfordville Baptist Church in Hallstead, PA. One of the highlights for me there was all the young children. The pastor has six kids under the age of eight, and the youngest one was one year. She really liked me, and I liked to hold her, so it made it harder to leave. One other highlight was going horseback riding with a girl in the church. I really love going around and seeing lots of places, meeting new friends, and building for churches who otherwise would not be able to afford a new building. This is up to date now and we will be headed out to Nebraska to build a house for a Christian camps’ director.



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Dr. David Little Named *President Emeritus*

David Little was named the second president of Baptist Church Planters on June 10, 1997. He gave seventeen years of unwavering service to BCP and

was a vital force in the growth and progress of Baptist Church Planters. David provided exceptional leadership to the mission, raising its recognition and credibility and increasing its donor base. President Little initiated the expansion of the home office and of its ability to serve the BCP missionaries. David served faithfully on the boards of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, the GARBC Council of Eighteen and Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary. Faith also recognized David's contributions to the work of spreading the gospel by conferring on him an honorary doctorate. David's wife, Kathy, is beloved in the BCP family for her dedication to her family, personal warmth, kindness and hospitality. On March 24, 2016, the Council of Baptist Church Planters voted unanimously to bestow on Dr. David C. Little the title of President Emeritus.

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