

Dear Partners:

I want to thank you for your continued support of Baptist Church Planters' missionaries and general fund during the Covid-19 pandemic. We did not see a dip in giving during March or April because of your commitment to the advancement of the Gospel! We are extremely blessed to have committed supporters.

The year 2020 will go down in the history books as memorable because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The long-term effects are yet to be seen, but certainly one effect will be the change in how we interact socially. We have had to re-consider what is really "essential." While the world around us is trying to determine what is essential for society, God's people have known for generations what is essential for followers of Christ, and this time has caused many to rediscover those essentials. At first glance it looks impossible to continue doing His work, but God knows exactly what He is doing to advance His Church by taking away the things that may not really be essential. This is good for us, and I can only imagine that it will turn out for our benefit. It is God's way of refocusing His people. So take heart - Jesus is still building His Church one life at a time.

This week I was reading Revelation 20, and in verse 4 John gives us a glimpse into what was "essential" for the tribulation saints. They gave their lives for four essentials: their witness for Jesus, the Word of God, their commitment to worship God and Him alone, and doing His will by not receiving the mark of the beast. The missionaries we serve have figured out the essentials of ministry and are having phenomenal Gospel opportunities in spite of the current restrictions. It reminds me that God's work is not limited by anything, not even a worldwide pandemic. We adjust, but we do not stop.



2020 Spring Campaign: Passing the Baton of Leadership



Covid-19 restrictions affected our Council meetings in March and will not be forgotten any time soon! It was unique because some councilmen were video conferencing from their homes and some were at BCP following CDC distancing regulations. It was also unique in that it included voting on the next president. As you know, the outcome was that Jonathan Jenks was unanimously voted to become the fourth president of Baptist Church Planters.

I will be retiring in September, and Jon will be taking the helm. As with any transition in leadership, it comes with a cost: moving Jon from Wisconsin, the overlap in salaries, office set-up, passing the baton celebration, and a host of other things. For this reason our 2020 Spring Campaign will be designated toward the presidential transition. We expect the cost will be around \$30,000.

We are a faith mission, and we count on our faithful partners. You are “essential,” and we count on your partnership in this very important transition in BCP’s leadership.

In His Grip, For His Church!

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A WORD FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT JON JENKS

“I am excited to lead BCP into the Mission’s next chapter of ministry. As we launch into this ministry, my vision is becoming focused.



We will strive to solidify and promote our ecclesiastical missiology as we will continue to equip and care for our missionaries and partners. We will strengthen the multiplication efforts of local churches through our continued efforts to facilitate the process of church planting, intentional discipleship, and revitalization.”



Get to know our president-elect by going to bcpusa.org/Jenks

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