



The Butlers

Jim and Linda

*Serving others is the heritage of our name
and the command of our Savior.*

The LORD is great, and greatly to be praised (Psalm 96:4).

1st Quarter 2017

Dear Ministry Partners:

It is such a blessing to serve the Lord through Baptist International Missions. Every day we are given the opportunity to see our Father show himself mighty and answer our prayers and your prayers. Thank you for holding us up before the throne of grace as we partner together with you to fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Urgent Prayer Request

We are in the middle of negotiations for our overseas health insurance plan. Needless to say, any rate increase is difficult for our missionaries. With the discussions coming out of Washington, we are not really sure where the premiums may end up over the coming year. Please pray for us as we negotiate these rates with the insurance underwriters.

Special Announcement

We are about to become grandparents again for the 6th time! Our youngest daughter is expecting a little boy in three weeks. Linda will be traveling to their home to stay with them during these exciting days.

BIMI Update and Praise

Action Conference for World Evangelization – This week BIMI hosted our Action Conference for World Evangelization on March 27–28. For many weeks the BIMI staff has worked to get ready for the conference. This year we had a sizeable increase in the number of pastors who came to the conference.



The conference is designed to acquaint pastors with the role that BIMI plays in helping sending churches and their missionaries.

Candidate School – June 4–9 are the dates for our Candidate School for our new missionaries. We are expecting approximately 75 first year missionary candidates and returning second year missionaries on deputation who are scheduled to attend the BIMI Candidate School. These candidates have answered the call of God to win souls and plant churches in the following countries: Australia, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Congo, Ecuador, Far East, Gambia, Honduras, Indonesia, Japan, Madagascar, Middle East, Military, Mozambique, New Zealand, Palau, Philippines, Scotland, Tanzania, USA Church Planting, and USA Navajo Indians. Year after year independent Baptist churches have been faithful to send new missionary applicants to BIMI. On average it takes about two years for missionaries to raise their support and arrive on the field.

Renovations

We have just completed two major renovation projects at the World Missions Center. The Lord



has made it possible to update two areas of our facilities. The majority of the work was done by missionaries and volunteers. We are so very thankful that the Lord has blessed a number of individuals with skills in drawing the plans, installing the plumbing, wiring the electrical, applying carpentry abilities, and decorating the facilities to produce beautiful results. A special gift was given to make all this possible. Most of the work was in the Lee Roberson Auditorium. The auditorium was painted and new carpet was installed. The back of the building was reconfigured to accommodate a foyer, classroom, restrooms, and a nursery.

The changes are breathtaking!

*To God be the glory,
great things He hath done!*

Summer Activities

Annual Board of Trustees' Meeting – The BIMl Board of Trustees will convene June 5–6 to approve the new missionary candidates and conduct the business of the Mission.

CAMP BIMl – CAMP BIMl alumni are serving in 76 countries and on every continent except Antarctica. Camp this year is June 24–July 8.

Enrichment Week – Our furloughing missionaries are offered a free week of fun activities for the kids and encouragement for their parents. Pray for this week, July 17–21.

Special Prayer Requests

- ◆ Please pray for our daughter Rebekah who suffers from IC Bladder Disease. Sources say that Interstitial cystitis (IC), also known as bladder pain syndrome (BPS), is a chronic inflammatory condition of the submucosal and muscular layers of the bladder. We are seeking for ways to treat this disease that would make life more tolerable.
- ◆ Pray for us as we will be traveling to some meetings this spring.

Thank You

Thank you again for the special place you have in our hearts as you pray, give, and serve so that we can serve our wonderful Lord.

We are yours . . .

Until the nets are full,

Jim & Linda
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Matthew 4:19



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