

... A View from the Director

MISSION 2011

Windows and Doors

It has been a great blessing for me to serve as your Director of Missions for the past ten years. I have often said that we have the best churches, pastors and people to be found anywhere. Lavonne and I have treasured the friendships formed and the opportunity to visit in so many of the churches of our area. Since I became the Director of Missions for Caprock Plains Baptist Area, we have called our monthly newsletter "Windows on the Area." I suppose it will continue to be called that, for a time at least, until a new Director of Missions is found. But today a friend from another country, whose life interacted with ours during and since our missionary service, shared with me a word from Revelation 3:8, "See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut."

This was a verse that the Lord used to encourage our hearts as we prepared to go to Spain just days after the 9-11 attacks. Now I am eager to see what door the Lord may open for us as I approach retirement in just a few weeks. We are confident the Lord will open a door of ministry and service, but what that door will be we do not yet know. Lavonne and I are praying much about that as we also continue to pray for all the churches of the Caprock Plains Baptist Area, whom we have come to know and love.

For the time being we plan to remain in the Plainview area and will be available for preaching and teaching opportunities. I will continue to do some study and writing and hope to enjoy my workshop and visiting grandchildren. Lavonne and I also hope to do some travel and perhaps be a tour guide to some of our favorite places.

An Open Door to the Northwest

The Caprock Plains Baptist Area has an open-door invitation to participate in a summer mission trip to the Northwest. Rob Pengra, Church Planter in the Vancouver, Washington, area and pastor of a new church start called Discovery Pointe in Ridgefield, Washington, invites churches and mission teams from our area to partner with them in church planting and church building projects. For more information please contact Rob Pengra at 360-910-7797, or Dr. Les Griffin, pastor of FBC Crosbyton, at 806-675-2251.

We will again be supporting the Wayland Mission Center and Dr. Rick Shaw in several mission trips in 2011. A list of these is found elsewhere in this newsletter. I encourage all our churches to pray for and support the Wayland Mission Center and Dr. Shaw. This will be an excellent opportunity for partnership in missions.

May God bless your new year with many open doors of opportunity and many open windows of revelation to God's truth and holiness.

God bless you,

Gene Meacham
Director of Missions

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Caprock Association

FBC Matador
FBC Roaring Springs

Llanos Altos Association

FBC Earth
FBC Littlefield
Primera Muleshoe
FBC Farwell

Staked Plains Association

Templo Lockney
Trinidad Olton
Alfa y Omega Plainview
Jericho Plainview
Northside Plainview
FBC Tulia
FBC Plainview
FBC Lockney



January Dates to Remember

Sunday, January 9—**Compañerismo de los Planos**
3 PM Primera Iglesia Bautista
312 W Shurbet
Lockney

Sunday, January 23—**Missions Fair at FBC**
12-3 PM 205 W 8th Street
Plainview

Bibles for Mexico



Bro. Contreras is pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista, Plainview. He has a ministry to his home area in the interior of Mexico and goes four times a year to do two-week mission trips. In recent visits he has seen 300 people come to faith in Christ.

Bro. Contreras returns to Mexico several times a year on these mission trips. During December he distributed Bibles from the funds already received. During the Staked Plains Pastor/Staff Luncheon at Wayland on January 17 he will be providing a follow-up report of his trip.

Bro. Contreras will also be a featured speaker at the Hispanic Pastors' & Laymen's Conference on February 28 at Wayland as part of the Panhandle-Plains Pastors' and Laymen's Conference.


If you would like to make a gift to this ministry, please make your contribution to "Bibles for Mexico" in care of Caprock Plains Baptist Area at 2301 Utica, Plainview, Texas, 79072.

2011 VBS PREVIEW EVENTS & MATERIAL OVERVIEW

LIFEWAY will be hosting a 2011 Preview Event January 14-15 at Travis Avenue Baptist Church of Ft Worth. Contact Lifeway at 1-800-254-2022 to register. On the website www.lifeway.com click on the Ministry link then Kids and VBS where you will find more information. LifeWay VBS also has a Facebook page.

SOUTHCREST BAPTIST CHURCH of Lubbock will be hosting an In-Depth Training and Idea Conference for Big Apple Adventure VBS Literature. on Saturday, February 26, 2011, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Register online at www.sbtexas.com/vbs or contact Kenneth Priest at 877-953-7282, or contact Southcrest Baptist Church at 806-797-9000. They are located at 3801 South Loop 289 in Lubbock.

BAPTIST WAY PRESS is hosting a Material Overview at FBC in Amarillo on February 28, from 6:30-9:00 PM. Their address is 1208 S. Tyler, phone 806-373-2891. You can contact Bethany Frisch at 214-828-5187 for more information. They are working on the new website at www.texasbaptists.org where you can go to Pre-school/Children's Ministry link and look for the VBS overview and registration information.



2011 Church Library Conference

March 10-12, 2011
Shearer Hills Baptist Church
12615 San Pedro
San Antonio, Tx 78216

If you have not attended a Church Library Conference you have missed a real treat.


For information on how your church library can be an important ministry tool for your congregation as well as an outreach ministry for your church, and for more information about the 2011 Church Library Conference, email Naomi Taplin at naomi.taplin@texasbaptists.org or call her at 972-331-2235.

Go to the website at www.texasbaptists.org/tbhc and look for the 2011 Conference "LIBRARIES ON MISSION" logo!

Students Seeking Ministry Opportunities

There are many Religion students who desire to serve in long-term ministry, service, and mission opportunities in local churches. Many are away from their home congregations and wish to demonstrate their calling in participating in ministry while attending school at Wayland.

If you need assistance on a long-term basis in your congregation, contact Dr. Rick Shaw at 291-1162 or shawr@wbu.edu to get in contact with a student to help you in your church or mission opportunity in a variety of ways!



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ELEAZAR PROJECT

Wayland is offering an exciting new opportunity for your congregation to partner with ministerial students. Ministerial Fellowship, sponsored by the School of Religion and Philosophy, has launched a student-led program which seeks to connect students with area churches in a way that can minister to the church and provide valuable experience for the ministers-in-training.

Your church can participate by allowing students to conduct the ministries of your church on any given Sunday or any special event. Students are interested in preaching, leading congregational singing, working with youth and children, recreation and drama. The project seeks to mold ministers who will be better equipped for vocational church and missions service.

If you are interested in the Eleazar Project, please contact the Wayland Religion Office at 806-291-1160 or email sadlerp@wbu.edu.

CROSSING BORDERS MINISTRIES School Supply Kits

Many of you may participate in a Christmas Shoebox Drive. Crossing Borders Ministries of FBC Fabens just finished their yearly Christmas drive but they also carry out an annual School Supply Drive.


Mexico's children are supposed to go to school through the 6th grade. However, in the border region, many children fall through the cracks because their family is too poor to pay tuition, buy uniforms or buy school supplies. If a family cannot afford these things, the Mexican government can exempt these children from having to attend school, thus trapping them in the cycle of poverty.

If your mission group is looking for a worthy project and interested in providing assistance for children in the border region with School Supply Kits, contact this ministry by email at CrossingBorder@aol.com, by phone at 915-491-7528, or by mail at Crossing Borders Ministries, c/o FBC Fabens, P O Box 35, Fabens, Texas 79838. All gifts are tax deductible.

Elfi Register and Joan Wilson developed and operate this ministry and are Mission Service Corps missionaries. MSC is part of the North American Mission Board, whose members must provide their own finances. A newsletter is available at crossingbordersministries.com

» **Hope 1:8** «

FOR TEXAS BAPTISTS, THE ACTS 1:8 INITIATIVE IS MORE THAN A MANDATE, IT IS A CHALLENGE. THAT'S WHY WE WORK TOGETHER WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO FIND NEW WAYS TO BRING THE GOOD NEWS AND PROCLAIM THE HOPE OF CHRIST. OUR OVERALL GOAL IS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONS.



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BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS

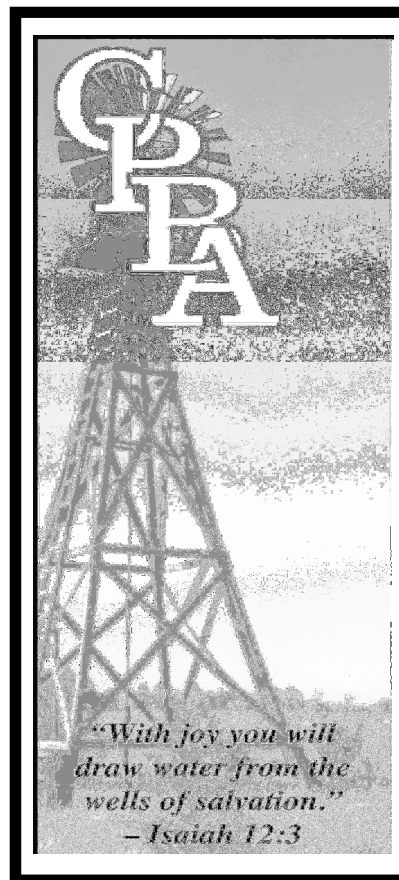
Find and get involved in missions near you or around the globe.

CONTACT THE AREA OFFICE FOR MISSION OPPORTUNITIES, SEE THE ARTICLE IN THIS NEWSLETTER ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE MISSION CENTER AT WBU, DR. RICK SHAW, 291-1162, OR GO TO THE TEXAS BAPTISTS WEBSITE AT: www.texasbaptists.org

"... my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death"
— [Philippians 1:20](#)



Glorieta Conference Center
1-800-797-4222 glorietaconferencecenter.org
Check the website for the calendar of events.



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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations." Deuteronomy 7:9

90th Annual Panhandle-Plains Pastors' and Laymen's Conference Wayland Baptist University February 28 and March 1, 2011

Featured Speakers include: Michael Summers, Ken McClung, Claude Cone, Beverly Sutton Miller, Gene Hawkins, Howard Batson, Wayne Shuffield, Rick Shaw, Joel Gregory, Melanie Vasquez, Paul Armes, Cherry Peach, Suzy Wall and David Garland.

2011 Conferencia de Pastores y Laicos Wayland Baptist University Brown Chapel February 28, 2011 6:00 PM

Featured Speakers include: Miguel Contreras, Carlos Hinojos, and Ernesto Rodriguez

WAYLAND ON MISSION

January 8-30, 2011: Kenya (Kakamega church building and medical camps)
March 11-20, 2011: Brazil
June 9-17, 2011: Israel
July 2-24, 2011: Kenya
July 31-August 9, 2011: Macedonia, Kosovo, Greece

The Wayland Mission Center, in partnership with Baptist churches, associations, agencies, conventions, the global Baptist community, and the greater faith community, serves as a rallying point to encourage, educate, empower, equip and inspire student and west Texas churches to be the presence of Christ throughout the world.

For more information, contact the Wayland Mission Center:

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CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA cordially invites you to attend a RETIREMENT RECEPTION in honor of

Dr. H. Gene and Lavonne Meacham

January 30, 2011
From 2:00 and 4:00 PM

Wayland Baptist University
Library Learning Resource Center
Lower Floor-Atrium
1900 W 7th Street
Plainview

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