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The Promise of New Partnerships in India

[Dave Evans, Lead Pastor of Harmony Church, Ada recently had the opportunity to tour India, checking out the new opportunity we have for expanding our Reaching the Unreached (RTU) program there. This is his summary report.]



I love sharing good news. So often, we each find ourselves having to deliver bad and difficult news. Generally we all prefer the prior to the latter. I find myself in a great position to share good news concerning the Christian church in India.

I recently was able to take a trip to India and see what God is doing there in this far off country. As many may know, India has areas of this large country that contain unreached people groups. The country as a whole has a Christian population of less than 3%. There is of course variance to that percentage based on the regions of India.

Free Will Baptists have had a long and fruitful ministry in northern India for many years. It is in part because of that ministry that the Gospel has been preached and some of the 1.3 billion people in India have re-

ceived Jesus as their Savior. We are thankful and that glory of course goes to God.

Now God is opening doors and ministry opportunities in southern India and other parts of the country. There is great advantage to this. On this trip I learned that there may be less restrictions and more opportunities for information about the mission works in these areas.

My fellow missionaries and I were able to attend many church services and meet several Christian pastors while in India. I believe over the next few months we will be able to hear and see more on these churches, including pastor's names and their church locations. While it is true that Christian persecution in India can be severe, our new ministry partners have found ways to establish, grow, and pastor several churches. This is an exciting time and one where we must continue our prayers and financial support.



Many Oklahoma Free Will Baptist churches have been supporting our Indian church planting efforts for several years through the RTU (Reaching the Unreached)



program. The RTU program provides monthly support for these local church planters. These pastors need this continued support. The Good News of the Gospel is spreading and being received. As a result, we now have the opportunity for more of our churches to partner with church planters in India through RTU, much like we do with our church planters in the Ivory Coast.

Great things are happening with the Great Commission, and you and your church have new opportunities to consider joining. You can be a part of this expanding ministry with minimal monthly expense. We have a goal of providing \$100 of monthly support to 30 Indian church planters from our churches. Will your church join this effort? It is my prayer that your church will become a part of this growing ministry in India.

For more information, please contact the Oklahoma State Mission Board office at (405)912-9036. Thanks for partnering with us to share the Good News around the world! ■



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At our 60th Anniversary, we renamed our Christian Ministry Scholarship after New Testament professor Dr. Thomas Marberry, who has spent over 30 years serving at this institution. Dr. Marberry began his service at what was, Oklahoma Bible College, in 1968 as a student. Later Dr. Marberry returned as a professor in 1975 and has taught hundreds of students, who are now serving

in ministry around the world. Many remember their time in Dr. Marberry's class with awe at his expertise in biblical studies. Because of his faithfulness to our institution as well as to our students, it was only appropriate to name this scholarship after him. To see this special announcement, follow this link: www.youtube.com/randalluniversity, and watch our interview with Dr. Marberry.

Give 60 Campaign

We are asking for friends and alumni to give at least 60 dollars in honor of our 60th Anniversary. We have already received a number of generous gifts toward the Dr. Thomas Marberry Ministry Scholarship, including a gift of 15,000 dollars. Your gifts will directly help make a difference for our students receiving a tuition waiver in the School of Christian Ministry. We ask that you pray and give, as we embark on this journey.



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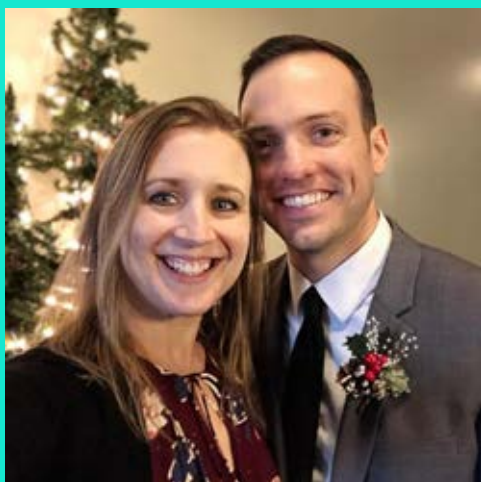
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Kenneth Granvil Major
January 23, 1933 – March 9, 2019

Rev. Kenneth Major grew up in Lefore and Wilburton, Oklahoma. He married Norma Jean Funderburg in Wilburton on June 14, 1952. They moved to McAlester in 1959 and Kenneth worked for the Oklahoma State Penitentiary as a records clerk until his retirement. Brother Kenneth was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister and pastored several of the churches in the McAlester and Wilburton areas. He was also an accomplished artist. He served in the U.S. Army and later the Oklahoma National Guard. He is a long-time member of the McAlester First Free Will Baptist Church.



Billy Dean Kirk
June 26, 1931 – March 19, 2019

Brother Bill was born in Indianola, Oklahoma and graduated from the Indianola High School in 1951. Brother Bill was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. He pastored in Pittsburg, Hoyt and Canadian Shores. He also served as Youth Pastor at the Fellowship FWB Church and as Senior Pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church in McAlester where he was a member. Bill served in the U.S. Navy from 1952-1956. He was deployed to the far East to Korea, Japan and China as well as the Philippines. He work for North American Rockwell which later became Boeing Aircraft and retired in 1991. During his retirement years he has been preaching, visiting hospitals, nursing homes and shut ins. He is survived by Helen, his wife of 65 years.

Note: We thank these men for their lives of service to Christ and for their service to our country. They will be missed. Please pray for their families. ■

Arms of Compassion Ministry



Dear Compassionate Friends,

On March 2nd, God truly blessed our ministry! We partnered with Randall University and eighteen ministry students to minister with the homeless. What an amazing experience! I am very proud of these students. Even though the temperature was in the low twenties, it did not deter their passion to serve the Lord. I must say that these students were very fearless and yet compassionate in ministering with the homeless. We were able to give out around 200



blankets, coats, Bibles, gloves and stocking hats. Thanks to brother Gary Curry with Bridge Builders for the Cross Ministry, for the coffee. I must say that as I watched these students give their hearts on the streets of OKC we can all be proud of them and the job that Randall University is doing in bringing up great students for the future. I would like to thank the many churches and individuals that support this ministry. Without your support none of this would be possible! God Bless you all! ■



DO IT AGAIN, LORD

While my children were small one of their favorite things was for me to toss them in the air and catch them. I would put them down and they would immediately reach up and say, "AGAIN". As they got just a bit older we moved to the exhilarating spin game. That is where I would grasp their wrists in my hands and begin to spin around faster and faster. I would stop and try to regain a sense of balance only to have them stagger to me begging "DO IT AGAIN, DO IT AGAIN". They loved it! Finally, they got too big for me to spin and by that time they had moved onto things like merry-go-rounds and fast slides. Later, rollercoasters and fast drops at amusement parks gave them the thrill and they would get off the ride and immediately get in line to do it again. Yes, of course I had to ride with them! I admit I love the thrill of a good rollercoaster ride to this very day.

I was reminiscing recently about all of the occasions throughout my life that God has revealed Himself in a particular moment in a way that stirs my heart just to remember it. Life itself has been somewhat of a rollercoaster ride. Along the way I have had moments of exhilaration, moments of terror, moments of anticipation and moments of desperation. There have been long periods of waiting in line. A few times along the way doubts have caused me to consider waiting on the sidelines while others rode.

Throughout my life's wild ride there have been times where the presence of God was amazing and overwhelming at just the right time. Also, there have been some difficult days that I wondered why God didn't seem to show up when I desperately needed Him to. I can now look back and realize that in either case He was doing a work in me that was needful. He is always in control whether I sense His presence or not. In all honesty I have to admit that I am very partial to the instances of His magnificent presence. Today I am thinking about those times in my life when the Lord's presence was so overwhelming and it is very difficult to even describe the joy of those times. Those memories both recent and distant make me want to reach up as a little child and beg "DO IT AGAIN, LORD, DO IT AGAIN"

Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; ■



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