

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Vão pelo mundo todo...
Allez dans le monde entier...
Id por todo el mundo...
Geht hin in alle Welt...
Tucui cai pachata rishpa...
Humayo kayo sa buong...
Trek de wereld in...
Andate per tutto il mondo...
Nendeni ulimwenguni kote...

GOING FORWARD WITH THE GOSPEL!

By James G. Smith | BBFI Associate Mission Director

Some would argue (I know I would) that a main component of a church plant is a mindset for reproduction. That is, a church should be planning from the first for the day it will launch another church. For more than six decades, BBFI missionaries have been establishing churches all over the world. Many of those churches have reproduced themselves in the same context, culture, and language. That is wonderful and exciting in the life of the first church planter, in the life of the original church planter, and in the life of the sending and supporting churches of that church planter.

However, when the “mission” church matures enough to send a cross-cultural or foreign missionary, the wonder and excitement increases substantially! Our

focus this month in *Global Partners* is that type of missionary reproduction.

We rarely think of how the gospel affects those who hear it in their own language and cultural settings. We normally do not consider that the Great Commission was translated into Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, Tagalog, Khmer, Russian, Swahili — and every other language with a Bible. We do not intend to disregard how the Great Commission will affect those in other cultures, but we too often think exclusively in English and from our vantage point as North Americans. Missionaries, however — those who have committed their lives to taking the good news internationally, interculturally, and interlinguistically — must be true to the message of missions. If the good news

is for everyone, so is the responsibility of the Great Commission! Once we have heard, trusted, received, and obeyed, it is incumbent upon us to share. And as we said at the first, once the church has been established, it is a natural consequence to reproduce itself. And to Christians with a broader worldview, that would obviously entail taking the good news and the church planting mandate to other places.

That explains why, in the BBFI, we talk about autonomous (independent, self-governing), indigenous (originating in and characteristic of a particular region), and self-propagating (reproducible) church planting. It is what we do.

We hope you will be encouraged or even thrilled with the concept of going forward with the gospel!

“ THE BULKWANGDONG BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH IN

SEOUL, KOREA, has always taken the Great Commission seriously. Through our ministries, many young people have been trained to become missionaries to serve God overseas with the vision to accomplish the Great Commission. Bulkwangdong Bible Baptist Church has sent 16 couples to many different countries such as Ghana, Cambodia, Morocco, Mexico, China, Laos, Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia, North Korea, Jordan, and Egypt. Additionally, we are supporting 85 mission projects, both domestic and overseas.

We sent missionaries Cherlsoon and Hwasook Yim to Ghana in 1999. Cherlsoon Yim earned his Masters degree at Baptist Bible Graduate School of Theology in Springfield, MO, in 1994.

I will be going to visit Ghana, West Africa. During my visit in Ghana, two other pastors and I are going to ordain three national pastors (Mawuli Tenge, Desmond Tethe, Eric Asari) who have been trained by Cherlsoon Yim. We will also be preaching at some Ghana Baptist Bible Fellowship churches and at GIU International Christian Academy, which is run by Cherlsoon and Hwasook.

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Daniel Kim

Senior Pastor | Bulkwangdong Bible Baptist Church

FROM KOREA TO GHANA

We, Cherlsoon and Hwasook Yim, are missionaries approved by the Baptist Bible Fellowship Korea and sent by Bulkwangdong Bible Baptist Church where Daniel Wooseang Kim is the senior pastor. We entered into Ghana with our two young children, Samuel and Timothy, in January 1999 armed only with the vision that the Lord had given to us to share the gospel with those who were lost and poor.

While our children went to a Ghanaian school, we would go out to the streets every day to witness. Through our preaching, people began to accept Jesus Christ and we started a Bible study underneath a tree that was next to a street restaurant. As the Bible study began to grow, we started Accra Bible Baptist Church in November of 1999.

BIBLE INSTITUTE MINISTRY

While I pastored the church, Hwasook led the children's ministry, women's ministry, and Sunday school teacher training. The church began to slowly grow. I decided to begin training Ghanaian pastors to take over the job of pastoring. We began discipleship training with young people from church in our home. Even though it was not an easy

situation to live with the students, it allowed for the most effective training to occur.

While training the students, we began a Bible study on the campus of the University of Ghana and also a village ministry. We would go to some of the poorest villages providing medical attention and teaching the Bible. In 2003, we handed over the pastorate to a young man whom we had trained named Mawuli Tenge.

In 2004, we sent Eric Asari to a village called Akroso and sent Desmond Tetteh to a village called Okurasi to plant two more churches. We also started a church in Tema using our school building in 2006.

When there was an increase in the number of students that we were training in our home, it became rather difficult to house all of them. We purchased one acre of land for \$30,000 and started a Bible institute in the suburbs of the City of Tema. We built the church building for the Accra church and the Bible institute building.

NEW VISION FOR CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

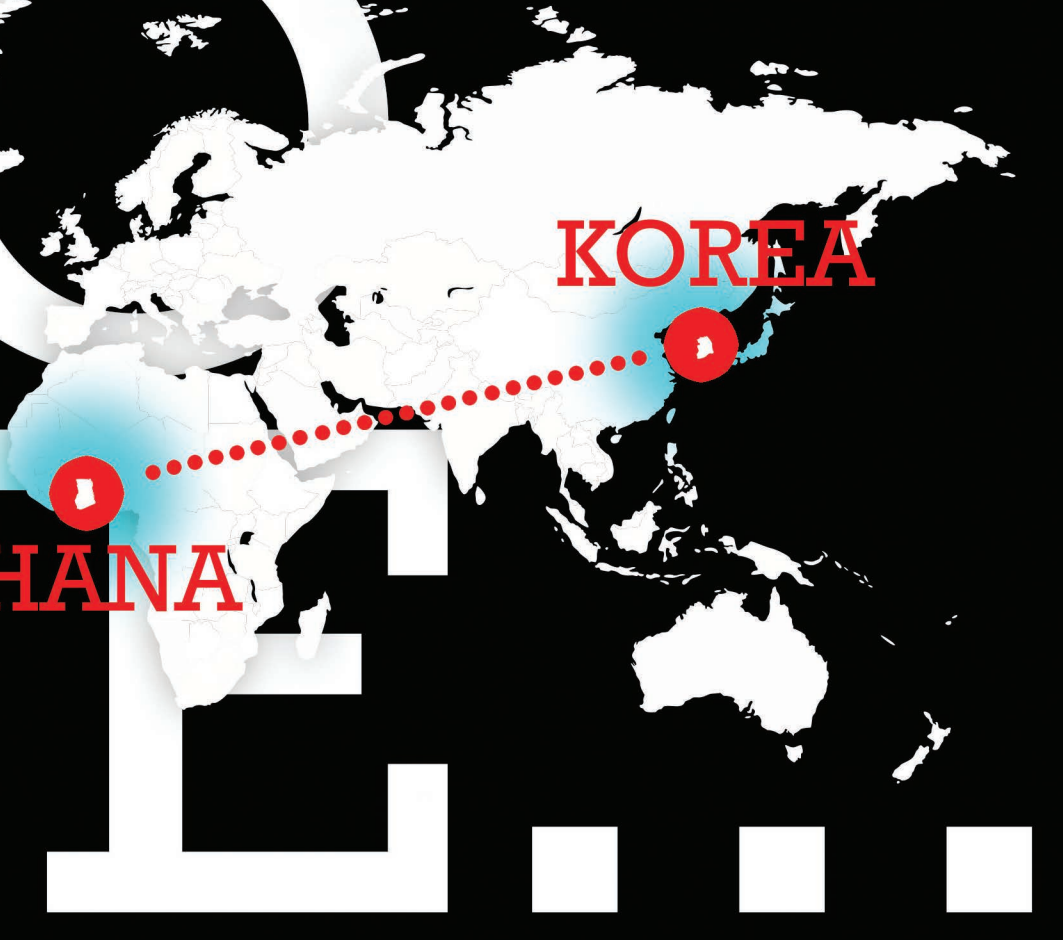
In 2006, we had a growing vision within our hearts. Having sent our sons to a Ghanaian

school, we knew Islam and the traditional religion were taught along with Christianity. This causes people to have a syncretistic worldview and we had difficulty in training our Bible institute students because of it. Another problem we found was that students lacked basic educational skills.

Through this, the Lord gave us a vision to start Christian schools from kindergarten through high school and a Christian university. He showed us that if we could train students based upon the Word of God and send them out to various parts of society, the country could be changed through their witness. We also had the vision to produce well-trained teachers with the Word of God who would go to teach in schools and thereby bring a change in the educational system of Ghana.

Ghana is surrounded by French-speaking countries: Togo, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, and Burkina Faso. Many students come from these countries to enroll in Ghanaian universities to learn English. Our vision is to accept these students into our university and send them back to their home countries to be missionaries.





four-story school building. It is only by God's grace that we have come this far. We picked up the shovel by faith and we are raising each floor by faith.

Our future vision is to use the building to offer intensive courses for students of Ghana International University once the construction is completed. We trust the Lord will continue to do His work in Ghana.

Please pray for our sons, Samuel (24 years old) graduated from Liberty University and is studying at Baptist Bible Theological Seminary in Korea, and Timothy (20 years old) is a student at Emory University.

PEOPLE ARE NEEDED IN GHANA!

We pray God would send someone who has experience in construction to come to Ghana to help us. We are also praying for a couple to come to be principal for the school.

We also recruit missionary teachers for our kindergarten through high school for English, math, biology, chemistry, physics, history, computer, music, and art.

For the university, we need qualified professors for English, computer areas, early childhood education, elementary education, business, and accounting.

HIGH SCHOOL (BOARDING SCHOOL) & KINDERGARTEN STARTED

We established a high school first as a preparatory school for the university.

In 2013, a former Sunday school

student of Hwasook donated money so that we could start a Christian kindergarten.

We plan to start an elementary school and middle school this year.

We have begun construction on a new



By Jeff Williams BBFI Missionary to Russia

Valentine Suprune accepted Christ at age 16 in Kazakhstan. Over time he read the missionary biographies of people like Hudson Taylor. One day, after reading books of this nature, he felt an overwhelming burden for the lost. He fell on his knees and asked God to use him to reach people. He prayed asking the Lord to use him on some far-flung island amongst a tribe that did not have the gospel. Thirteen years went by. God eventually led him to his wonderful wife Svetlana and gave them a baby girl named Marina. Though much time had gone by, the fire to serve the Lord had not diminished.

Through circumstances of life, they moved back to Russia, their homeland, and eventually joined our little church in Lenovo, Siberia, in the Novosibirsk Oblast. When I learned of their desire to serve the Lord, we began to prepare them for missionary ministry. At this time, Valentine began seriously studying world demographics with a focus on island tribes.

When he read about the Dayak tribe on the island of Borneo, part of Indonesia, he stopped searching. He began to build a bridge of communication with missionaries already there. Contact was made with Filipino missionaries from Asian Baptist Clearinghouse. The Suprunes were offered an invitation on which they could acquire a visa and begin language study. They began visiting Russian churches trying to raise support. This was a totally novel concept and met with a lot of skepticism. Only Bible Baptist Church in Iskitim, Russia, took them on for support along with the church in Lenovo, now led by BBFI missionary Allen Kettle. We shared our great concern for their financial support being so low. Undeterred, by faith, they sold their house to get the money to buy plane tickets.

On that faith they flew to Indonesia. Filipino missionary Abcede Garcia met them and took them to their home. After learning the language in the capitol, Valentine and his family finally moved to the island of Borneo. "Finally my long dream was coming true, I began to relax. It was like being in heaven for me emotionally. By contrast, my wife looked at the jungle, mountains, and trash everywhere and began to cry. The meat for sale was dog, cat, rat, and frog. The adjustment period was a very difficult one." After one year on the island, however, Svetlana says she cannot envision life without Indonesia. "Our daughter Marina never skipped a beat. Russia, Indonesia, it was all the same in her little eyes."

"For three years now we have lived in the village of Purukcahu, Kalimantan, Borneo, Indonesia. While there are several religions present already, the tribe in this area continues to practice sacrifice to spirits, drinking the blood of animals, and using witch doctors for healing. In 2013, our son Victor was born in the midst of this spiritual darkness. Just as we learned to do in Russia, we began traveling up and down the highway evangelizing and trying to



start new churches."

In one village, several miles from their home base, they have started a group that consists of only a few saved adults but 50 children who regularly come to Sunday school. With missionary offerings they have purchased land and are looking to build a house of prayer in that village. They have started a second work in the home where they live. They regularly invite their neighbors to try Russian cuisine as a relaxed opportunity to share the gospel with them. Additionally, they are helping train an Indonesian, in association with Abcede Garcia.

Valentine says, "We ask that anyone reading this testimony would pray for the establishment of Bible Baptist churches in the Central Kalimantan district of the island of Borneo."

FROM COSTA RICA TO PANAMA



By Randy Rhoton, BBFI Missionary to Costa Rica

The greatest joy of being a missionary is seeing a life completely changed by the saving message of the gospel! Early in our ministry here in Costa Rica, a teenage boy was saved in our services. Norman Ortíz was baptized and began to grow spiritually. He surrendered his life for full-time ministry, went to Bible college, and actually became the pastor of the same church where he

accepted Christ! After pastoring Bible Baptist Church for five years, the Lord opened the door for our churches to send his family to Panama as missionaries. At that time, Norman and his wife, Isabel, were able to help another missionary couple with a new church plant as well as start several new children's ministries.

In 2009, the Lord opened doors for Norman and Isabel to start Life Baptist Church in La Siesta, Tocumen. It is located on the east side of the International Airport in Panama City. My son, Ray Rhoton, and his wife, Kristi, who are a part of our ministry team in Costa Rica, spent six months in Panama and helped them get the new work off the ground. The church just celebrated their fifth

anniversary in March. They have seen hundreds come to Christ and in January 2014 had a high attendance of 402! They average 250 on Sunday mornings and have a Friday night children's club with 130 attending. They have a public school ministry where Life Baptist serves as the school's spiritual counselor and provides Bible teaching. They are also involved in weekly youth outreach!

Norman, Isabel, Josué, and Abigail Ortíz are second-generation missionaries sent and supported by our churches in Costa Rica.

Our churches in Costa Rica love missions. Over the past six years we have been able to take dozens of our church members out of the country to minister through vacation Bible schools and camps. We have taken teams to Panama City, the San Blas Island region, Ecuador, and Honduras. These trips have been extremely important to

move our members with compassion toward ministry inside and outside of Costa Rica. Everyone that has gone on a trip has come back energized for ministry and we believe that our next missionaries and pastors will come from this group.





By Paul Byars, BBFI Missionary to the Philippines

2014 is the 20th anniversary of the Asian Baptist Clearinghouse in the Philippines. In 1994, the next generation of missionaries was willing to stand up and move out to the foreign field.

It is interesting to note that the churches sending the most missionaries through our clearinghouse are those that were planted by BBFI missionaries — the early men like L.D. Woosely (Bethany Baptist Church), Frank Hooge (Baptist Bible Church), Bob Hughes (Bible Baptist Church), and Leslie Funk (Grace Baptist Church). These men cannot speak for themselves, but the missions DNA they implanted is being reaped today around the world. Here are three of their stories.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

From Bethany Baptist Church, 14 missionary families are serving in ten foreign countries. Bethany is also one of the strongest missions givers through Faith Promise. One of their missionaries is Rainier Rolda. Rolda went to Cambodia in 1996 as one of the first Filipinos to minister in Cambodia. He was burdened to reach these people who had suffered so much in the “Killing Fields.” As he began to lead people to the Lord, a local church was planted in Phnom Penh. Then a Bible institute was started to train national

pastors for the ministry. Now there are over 20 churches in several provinces. A multi-national church was started to minister to the many expats in the country. The multi-national church has produced five other missionary families that are now serving in different countries.

A tremendous blessing of the ministry was when a Cambodian man surrendered to be a missionary in Laos, a Restricted Access Nation. The Great Commission went full circle three times — from America to the Philippines, then from the Philippines to Cambodia, and now from Cambodia to Laos. Rainier said, “It took the Philippines 50 years for the independent Baptists to send out their first missionary. Cambodia cannot wait that long. We must train and send men to the uttermost as soon as possible.”

TACLOBAN CITY & LEYTE

Leslie Funk did not know it at the time, but he was training future missionaries when he was planting a church in Tacloban City. Funk was a WWII veteran and a survivor of the Bataan Death March. When he returned to the islands as a missionary, he soon was planting churches in the Leyte area. One of his young pastors had a son named Peter Ayon.



Peter Ayon was trained and sent out to establish a church in Samar. After building a successful ministry, Peter felt called as a missionary to Indonesia. Ayon was the first missionary to be serviced by the Asian Baptist Clearinghouse. In fact, he was the reason why a clearinghouse was established, so support funds could be easily sent to him on the field.

In 1997, Peter took his wife and their four kids to the mission field. They settled in Semarang and built a church and Bible college to train Indonesians for the spreading of the gospel. His church was one of the first that started supporting foreign missions from Indonesia.

Ayon was instrumental in opening the Philippines to foreign missions. He was the pioneer to challenge Filipino churches to complete the Great Commission by obeying the last part of Acts 1:8 — “and unto the uttermost.” He blazed the trail for other missionaries to follow. Now there are 118 other families that have benefited from his sacrifice.

After 16 years in Semarang, he turned the work over to his national pastor and moved to the mission field of Singapore. Soon missions will be flowing out of this ministry as well.

BAPTIST BIBLE CHURCH

A church started by Frank Hooge and now pastored by Boyd Lyons has been a training ground for Filipinos and many other foreign nationals from countries like Pakistan, India, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Baptist Bible Church presently has seven families serving in six different





countries: Thailand, Ghana, Zambia, and four in Restricted Access Nations.

Sam (not his real name) is from Vietnam. After the war, his father, a Baptist pastor, was taken out into the street and shot to death for preaching God's word. Sam was angry at God because his father was dead and began to rebel, but his mother's faith and love led him back to Christ and salvation.

He was burdened to reach his people for Christ, so he enrolled in Asia Baptist Bible College. After graduation in 2003, Sam went back to Vietnam and started an underground church. The Lord blessed the work with many converts and baptisms. God provided the funds for a three-story building to house the church and a Bible college. Many pastors have been trained and sent out to evangelize and plant churches.

The police and authorities have been to his place many times. There have been many threats against the ministry, but the Lord has protected them from major persecution.

Sam's church has been trained to support foreign missions and they have a vision to soon expand into Hanoi. They are praying they can send out their first foreign missionary from Vietnam.

The mission vision of the Philippines and the Asian Baptist Clearinghouse is "From Asia to the World." It is exciting to see how God continues to complete the circle of missions and provide for the next generation of missionaries to spread the good news around the world.



FROM ECUADOR TO PANAMA

By Glenn McGhee, BBFI Missionary to Ecuador

As a missionary, one is focused on winning people to Christ, discipling them, and helping them grow as they serve the Lord. Then comes a very special day when one of the couples surrenders to serve as missionaries. I don't think there is anything more exciting than seeing the ministry come full circle.

This was the case with William and Jacqueline Chasipanta. In 2009, we teamed up with missionary Randy Rhoton for a mission trip to the San Blas islands of Panama. Eleven people from our churches in Ecuador participated in the VBS in the mornings, young people's meeting in the afternoons, and services in the evenings. One afternoon, William came to me and asked, "Who will come back to work with these young people?" I encouraged him to ask God the same question and be ready for His answer. Soon after our return to Ecuador, William and Jacqueline made their way to the altar to surrender as missionaries to Panama.

They are now in their third year on the field! They work with missionaries Norman and Isa Ortiz, from Costa Rica, and Hermenegildo and Iliana, Kuna Indians from Panama. Life Baptist Church is in its fifth year and averaging 250 each Sunday. They are not only involved in supporting missionaries, but are also looking forward to starting a new church this year.

William and Jacqueline are supported by the churches in Ecuador. I could not be any happier knowing that world missions is not geographically limited as long as we continue to heed His call.



FROM BRAZIL TO ST. THOMAS & PRINCE ISLAND

By Steve Trask, BBFI Missionary to Brazil

Sandra Goncalves and her sister, Selma, were faithful young teenagers in our church. They walked the dirt streets from the neighborhood of Amanda over to First Bible Baptist Church, which we had planted in 1990. In the late 90s Sandra became a student at the Bible institute in Campinas. Her mother was hesitant to allow her to attend classes, but fortunately we had some other students from our church attending classes at that time. Sandra eventually graduated! Time went by with Sandra wondering where and what she would do with her life.

Sandra attended the graduation of a couple from the Amanda church that attended another Bible institute in another state that promoted indigenous Indian ministry. At the graduation a student from Africa, Eluid Paraiso, met Sandra. After permission from the institute and Sandra's mom, the couple began a dating relationship. In time, they became engaged and were married. They labored with us in Pedreira, Sao Paulo, for a short time and then began deputation to return as missionaries to Eluid's homeland, Saint Thomas and Prince Islands located in the Gulf of Guinea off the West coast of Africa. Sandra has adapted well and is enjoying laboring with her husband in church planting.



FROM TANZANIA TO MOZAMBIQUE

Because the author of this article is currently in a Displaced Peoples Group ministry, we are not publishing his name.

Imagine telling a struggling Tanzanian missionary that he could be living comfortably. He could be receiving five times the support, enjoying teams of visitors from the States, and have excess funds to buy property, build a home, or purchase a motorcycle. He could, but his missionary stood in the way. This was my message to Daudi, and I had no idea how he would respond.

Daudi is our first foreign Tanzanian missionary. Several others have been commissioned as national church planting missionaries to the Maasai, to village areas, and to the growing suburbs of the capital. But Daudi was the real test: he would test the faith and the mission passion of our local churches as he obeyed God's call to take the gospel to an unreached tribe in Mozambique. In an

economy where the average income is less than \$100 a month, supporting a foreign missionary would demand courage, cooperation, and sacrifice at every level. Truthfully, it seemed premature and beyond the capability of our maturing churches, of which many struggle to pay a pastor. That's what made the offer that came so tempting.

A reputable and growing ministry offered to help. A healthy monthly support for Daudi, the backing of the wealthy West, and teams of short-term volunteers were all at our disposal for "partnering" together. Saying no to the offer seemed absurd.

Saying no meant that Daudi would sometimes lack funds for basic needs.



He would live hand to mouth and be called upon to sacrifice. He would be forced to depend on only two sources for his supply: on Tanzanian local churches and on God. Saying no meant that our churches would be faced with a challenge: to faithfully give to keep their representative to the nations on the field

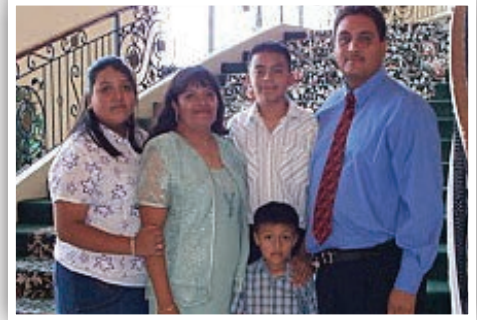
or admit defeat and confess the inability of the Tanzanian church to obey "to the uttermost." Saying no meant that ministry would move slower, results would come later, and the only visitor Daudi may have is a Tanzanian church member or two who travelled three days by bus to hug their missionary, pray for his encouragement, and deliver an offering from the saints.

It has now been six years since Daudi was commissioned by his church in Dar es Salaam. He is living among some of the least-reached and most-resistant

By Garland Hamilton, BBFI Missionary to Mexico

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José Luis Mares was saved and grew up under the ministry of Bob and Sandra Frazier. We had contact with him during our summer youth camps. After he and Fidelia, his wife, graduated from the Bible institute, he accepted the pastorate of a church in Veracruz. When I fell off the roof and broke my back, I contacted José Luis about moving back to Juárez to work with me and eventually take over our main church, Iglesia Bautista Juarense. He was a hard worker and in a short time we had grown from 150 to 200. I was invited to a mission conference and invited José Luis to accompany me. The first night, the missionary showed slides of Argentina. When we returned to the motel, José Luis was quiet. After a while, he said, “Bro. Hamilton, I need to talk to you. While we were watching the slides tonight, God touched my heart about being a missionary to Argentina. What do you think?”



I replied, “Bro. Mares, you have been with the Juarense church for a very short

time. We are growing, and I hate to see you go, but you do not answer to me and I have no ownership over you. I think you should do what God puts in your heart. My only counsel is for you and Fidelia to pray much for the Lord’s leadership.” The Mares’s burden for Argentina was evident and before their departure, another couple, graduates of our institute in Juarez, Angel and Olivia Ruiz, also decided to go to Argentina with the Mares family. After a year on the field as intern missionaries, the Ruiz family returned for Angel to be ordained to the ministry and to be approved as our second missionary family from the Juarense church to a foreign country.

We were blessed to be the sending church for both families. Both have established churches in Salta, Argentina, as well as a Bible college. It is a great experience to be a part of a complete circle: being sent as a missionary and then sending out other missionaries to the foreign mission field.

peoples of sub-Saharan Africa. He has been instrumental in two new church plants in Maputo. He speaks the national language and is learning a tribal dialect. He radiates joy and the grace of God. He serves as an example to all.

So, sitting under the baobob tree, I recently told him the story; the story he never knew but deserved to know. I confessed my intervention six years ago. I told him of the offer and tried to explain all of the missiological reasons why I singlehandedly kept him from comfort, from connections, and from notability. He was silent for a long time.

“Pastor,” he said, “it has been hard. I have gone without. There have been times when my faith was tried. But I understand why you did what you did. I have learned to trust in God.” He continued, “If I was receiving money from America, then our churches in Tanzania would never give. They have learned to give by faith, and God has used them. He has used the churches in Tanzania to supply my every need. Thank you,” he said. “Thank you for saying no.”

On the surface, the trend of using mission funds from the West to support national pastors and missionaries seems tempting, oh so tempting. To our efficiency-attuned, results-oriented minds it seems the obvious choice. It makes perfect sense as we rush to complete the Great Commission. But Christ does not ask us to complete the Commission. Ours is to obey. How we obey must take more into consideration than expediency or productivity. The impact on the national church and the national church planter calls for first consideration. Our good intentions of partnering are full of exciting stories of short-term mission experiences, impressive spiritual results, and souvenirs on the mantle. Partnering, however, can also weaken the national church. Stepping in with abundant finances may actually divert dependency away from God and contribute to an anemic church with a dependent mindset and an outstretched hand. It’s hard to say no. It makes more sense to say yes. But helping can hurt, and sometimes “no” is the only response.

By Max Harmon, BBFI Missionary to Peru

Pastor Pedro Vilchez Malipica led Abraham Saenz to the Lord and disciplined him. Saenz then studied at the Bible Baptist night institute in the local church in Zarate, a Lima suburb. Pastor Vilchez wanted him to stay and work in Zarate with him, but Saenz was compelled of the Lord to go to Puno. Puno is located in the high Andes of Peru, near Lake Titicaca, which joins Peru to Bolivia.

In Puno, Pastor Saenz took a struggling church that was about to close their doors. He established a solid independent Baptist work and over the next 35 years planted an incredible mission outreach. During that time he made regular mission trips with members of his congregation to evangelize and establish churches in surrounding towns. He took his Bible institute lessons, added some of his own, and began classes at his church for the converts from the surrounding towns who were saved on the mission trips.

God truly blessed his 33 years of ministry with 30 independent Baptist churches being established during

that time. Each church has a pastor he personally trained at the mother church in Puno. Those churches have around 20 mission projects that hopefully will one day become churches with their own pastors. Bible-based missions works!

As the church of Puno celebrated their 50th anniversary, I was invited to preach at this landmark celebration. Saturday, they met for a march from one city plaza to the main city plaza. Each of the 25 churches present carried banners identifying themselves. All the participants passed out tracts along the city streets, accompanied

by a church band, and ending with a preaching service at the main plaza.

I preached that Saturday night and Sunday morning as well. For the Sunday morning service they had rented a public auditorium that was packed with well over 400 people. Seventeen of the pastors stayed for Sunday morning services. The opening prayers were in three different languages: Spanish, Quechua, and Aymara. Among the many decisions made that day, one of the visiting pastors rejoiced as his 70-year-old mother accepted Christ as her Savior.



NEXT! KEEP IT MOVING!

The gospel ceases to be good news when we quit sharing it with others.

That great truth is applicable on every level. Individual Christians must share their faith. We must be constantly looking for opportunities to tell someone else about the good news!

We must be willing to take the good news to people who are hard to reach. We cannot pull back from our responsibility.

Churches, in order to be biblical churches, must be willing to reproduce themselves by sending church planters to other places.

Four years ago, veteran missionary Lavern Rodgers spoke with us about his desire to go to the next city, the next town, the next group of people. He referred to Mark 1:38 "And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach

there also: for therefore came I forth." We have to keep going to the next place. That is why He came! There is always a "next" place that needs the gospel.

We believe effective discipleship will naturally lead to the healthy reproduction of churches which will produce the missionaries necessary for the "next town!" Let's keep moving forward with the gospel!