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WELCOME!

Welcome to the first issue of the First Baptist Church Missions Newsletter. This letter provides church information from the different ministries of First Baptist. It contains a special section for local, national and international missions ministry.

DEVOTION: New Beginning, Same Result

With a new year, comes new beginnings, new promises, new resolutions, and new expectations. We long to forget the past year, and look forward to something fresh, original, and different. More, too often, we forget to include God in our plans for the future. Without the newness of God in our lives, and without thought, we embark on trying a new process to fix the same problems in our lives. Yet, we still find ourselves stuck in the same place and getting the same results.

If we really want a genuine change in our life then we should give Jesus a chance. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”* This year, before you make a promise that will be broken, or a resolution that you will not keep, try putting your hope and trust in God. God is a keeper of promises, and that promise is eternal life with Him.

In addition, because of His promises, we should attempt to make changes in our lives, in order to please God. 2 Corinthians 7:1 says, *“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.”* May everyone strive for a holy transformation, in the New Year.

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26

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MISSION'S MESSAGES

India



Pastor Stan Nelson, Justin Hoover, Dustin Holloway, Tyler and Ashley Peterson

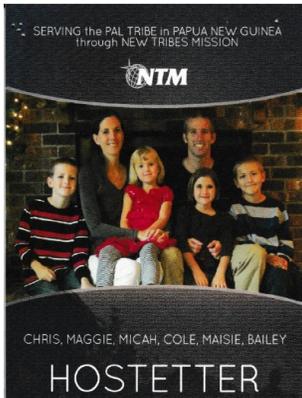
Members of the First Baptist Church visited India, 5-12 December 2016. India is a country in which the inhabitants worship 330 million Hindu Gods. Several years ago Justin Hoover and ViJay established a partnership between Reach All Nations (RAN), and the First Baptist Church of Bemidji, creating missionary opportunities to spread the Gospel of Christ. There were 135 pastors in attendance of this conference, including Pastor Stan Nelson and Justin Hoover. The team en-

dured a seven-day non-stop evangelizing mission, visiting the Yanadhi tribe, Ventrpragada Church, Yesupadam, Ventrpragada, Vijayawada, and Kunderu.



CHRIS AND MAGGIE HOSTETTER

Planting a church in the Pal tribe of Papua New Guinea with New Tribes Mission

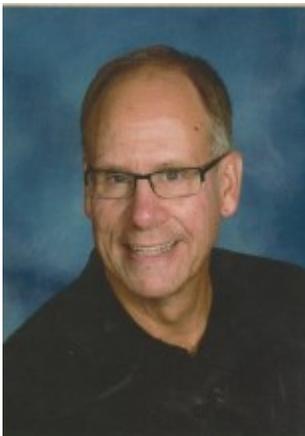


The return has drawn near. We are excited to return to perfect temperatures and see our teammates and other friends that we miss and love, because there are things about the future that are still unclear to us we have to move forward by faith and not by sight. We do not know when, or even if, our ongoing health issues will be resolved, so it is possible that we may be prevented from living in the tribe full-time. We are going to take one-step at a time and see where God leads, and we will rest in the comfort of His grace and goodness along the way.

We will arrive in Papua New Guinea in mid-January and move onto a New Tribe center there. From the center, Maggie will be able to continue to receive the medical care she needs as she continues her search for an answer to her Crohn's. Chris will be able to take short trips in and out of the tribe as he continues the translation work that

Praise God!	Please Pray for...
We have enjoyed wonderful quality time with family and friends this year.	Maggie's health.
God is meeting our financial needs in the midst of extra expenses.	Our Pal missionary team to be unified and filled with love for God and each other.

Word from our Pastor



"It's Cold Outside" As I'm sitting at my desk this afternoon writing this monthly "Word from our Pastor", it's cold outside. The temperature is a -5 F and the wind chill is a -22F. January normally is the coldest month of the year in the North Country. With the combination of cold weather, light deprivation, and the reality that we have at least 2 more months of winter, our attitude, body, and disposition can go south quickly (both literally and emotionally). We have a number of snow birds in our church who fly south after Christmas and return around

Easter. The rest of us who love the cold and snow stay because we are hearty Minnesotans (we also have jobs, responsibilities, and no other choice). Personally, I enjoy winter because I like to exercise in the snow. We have some of the best Cross Country Ski Trails in the state around Bemidji. There's nothing like skiing down a trail through the woods on a wintery day. We all know that physical exercise is important to our physical and emotional well being, but what is even more important in our lives is our spiritual health. The apostle Paul told Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:8, **"For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."** Exercising spiritually involves several private and corporal exercises. Ways in which we are to exercise ourselves privately: 1. By entering the secret place of prayer. 2. By the devotional reading of God's Word. Ways in which we are to exercise ourselves corporately: 1. By worshipping together with other believers. 2. By attending a Sunday School Class or Bible Study. 3. By serving Christ in His church. 4. By praying with other believers. Exercising spiritually is a great way to keep our hearts warm even though our bodies are freezing.

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