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*He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; Daniel 2:21*

**WELCOME!** Welcome to the fourth issue of the First Baptist Church Missions Newsletter. This letter provides church information from different missionary ministries of First Baptist. It continues to recognize some of our local, national and international missionary ministry, as well as shares information from First Baptist Church.

**The Changing Landscape of God:** Jesus said, “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.” - Luke 21:6. The longer we live, the more we see the world changing around us. What once was, becomes something else. And if we live long enough, we may forget many things altogether.

The land has a way of shifting right beneath our feet. Even as we walk upon it, it moves, yet we cannot feel the movement of the land. And in some cases, we move the land, changing its appearance, improving or even destroying the quality there of, or even building upon it. Now compare this to how our spiritual lives shift and change around us. If we build our foundation in life, not anchoring it in God, then our spiritual structures will crack, even crumble under the unforeseen tragedies of life.

So, here is one truth, no matter what we build upon the land, it will not remain the same. No matter how much security we build in our lives, we without Jesus, will always be insecure. As we erect buildings to withstand the forces of a hurricane, the same building, in a few years may collapse due to the shifting land it was built upon. And as we build a solid future for ourselves, the unimaginable happens, and all our dreams and hopes, without Jesus, fades away.

So with that being said, let's take a moment to reflect on the very words of Jesus: “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.” Jesus spoke of something that would happen then, as well as happen in the future. We can rest assured that some of the buildings that are erected today, will collapse at some point and time. As we look at places like California, Korea, and China where earthquakes seem to occur on a regular basis, buildings are built, and buildings crumble. And when tragedy strikes, our lives become like sand, sifting between our fingers.

Jesus was talking more about the end of the world. There is nothing that is erected now that would be standing when the end time arrives. Jesus said no stone would be left one upon another. We will not be able to run, hide, or even take shelter in any material structure.

Yet, we are not a people who are without hope. We do not have to be concerned about the end times. We do not have to worry about shelter, because all our hope, trust, and belief is in the Word of God. The Word of God says He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Psalm 91:1-2

Yes, the physical lands will continuously shift around us, changing from a mountain to a valley. But God's Word never changes, nor does it shift with the changing seasons. It is the same today, as it was yesterday.

God's Word is steadfast, solid, unwavering, unflinching, yet it is committed, persistent, and resolute.

As the landscapes in our lives shift around us, let us remain steady, secure, and strong in the Word of God!

# MISSION'S MESSAGES

Anna and Elizabeth Corradi: "Guatemala Outreach GO!"



El Tejar, Chimaltenango Guatemala

November 21-November 29

**Mission Organization:** Guatemala outreach is a short-term missions experience for people of all ages. Throughout the year multiple teams travel to El Tejar to preach the word of Jesus Christ. The teams assist with a variety of evangelistic and building projects

Our team was made up of 32 people from across the United States and Canada with ages varying from teenagers to adults in their seventies. Each of us had a calling from the Lord to travel to Guatemala for different reasons and we all worked together as a team to fulfill that calling for God's good.

**How did you prepare each day for your personal responsibilities as a team member?**

Each day we had devotions starting at 7:00 am which consisted of a message prepared for us by members of the community or from another person on our team. Individuals had an opportunity to share their testimony or share with the group things that the Lord had placed on their hearts. At this time, we also had a worship session.

**What type of team projects were you involved with?**

Throughout the week we were involved in a number of team projects including the following: building homes in Santo Domingo, Construction at the Innovating Dreamers Institute in San Miguel and El Tejar, assisting at the Dream Center (a school for children in the community), conducting a Bible School at Gracia Amory Misericordia in San Miguel, ministering at the El Tejar dump and the Chimaltenango dump and a pizza party for the people from the El Tejar dump. Our favorite project was conducting a carnival and bible school at the dream center. After sharing a bible story and a variety of songs, we organized ten different activities for the children to participate in and then split them into teams to compete in these fun outdoor games. While we were playing the games, we were able to show the children the love of Jesus by the bible story and by our actions.

**How did your missions trip to Guatemala affect your spiritual growth and character development?**

Throughout this trip we grew closer to the Lord by being more in the word and being surrounded by other believers. We became close friends with Remington and Rylee Aufforth and Bailey and Kelby Fultz, four other teenagers who were on the mission's trip and they live nearby so we are still able to keep in contact with each other and build each other up spiritually. This trip showed us how small our problems actually are compared to the struggles that people in other areas of the world endure.

## *MISSION'S MESSAGES*

### **How did your team prepare to return home and share their missions experience?**

The last two nights we were in Guatemala we gathered at the mission's house at night to share the highs, lows, and God moments of our trip. During this time there were many powerful stories that brought tears to our eyes and showed us how much work Jesus was able to do with a group of 32 people. We discussed how we would go home and share our stories and continue to grow in the Lord.

This trip has impacted our lives and we will never forget the people we met and the friendships that were formed. Spreading the love of Jesus was the greatest experience we have ever been given in my life and we plan to keep doing it every single day of our lives.

Anna and Elizabeth Corradi, thank you for accepting the invitation from the Mission Committee to report on your summer trip.

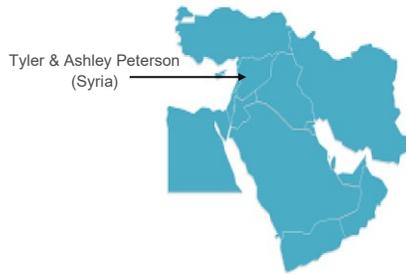
Mission Committee



### **Tyler and Ashley Peterson Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Northern Iraq**

Tyler and Ashley are visiting Northern Iraq in the Kurdistan region. They have worked with a non-profit organization called Youth With a Mission (YWAM). They have helped to serve the daily physical and emotional needs, as well as conducted outreaches into some of the unreached villages in the surrounding area. They increased their opportunities at employment by providing free conversational English classes and basic computer software classes like MS-Excel and MS-Word. Tyler and Ashley works with the Kurdish ethnic group who are among the Top 20 unreached people groups in the world! Tyler and Ashley's tour is up in June, 2018. Please consider praying for Tyler and Ashley on a regular basis, as they need your continued prayer and support.

# Pinpointing Our Field Missionaries



Tyler & Ashley Peterson  
(Syria)

Jason & Spring Kane  
*Camp Forest Springs*  
Westboro, WI



Abraham Hiermaier  
(Georgia)



Chris & Maggie Hostetter  
*New Tribes Missions*  
Papua, New Guinea

*MN Adult & Teen Challenge*  
Duluth, Minnesota

Jim & Karen Frick  
*World Wide Ministries*  
Beltrami County Jail Chaplin  
Bemidji, Minnesota



Barb Maxwell  
*Continental Ministries, Inc.*  
Ponemah, Minnesota  
(Red Lake Reservation)



Matt & Heidi Keller  
*Youth With A Mission Idaho*  
Boise, Idaho



Vijay Meesala  
Reach All Nations  
Ventrpragada, India



Carl & JoLynn Krause  
*Barnabas Ministries*  
Providing Care For Christian Leaders  
Baden, Austria

Ken & Marilyn Gregerson  
*Wycliffe Bible Translators*  
Cambodia



Stephen & Evelyn Stilwell  
*Baptist Mid-Mission*  
Peru, South America



Mark & Beth Trimble  
*Faith Global Missions*  
Brazil, South America

## *Mission's Devotion*

For some of us, perhaps the scariest verse in the Bible is Mark 16:15, *“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.’”* When I was a kid there was a song on the radio called, *“Please Don’t Send Me to Africa.”* Maybe some of you remember it. Basically, it was a man asking God to allow him to keep serving God in the comfortable, middle class suburbs rather than sending him to someplace uncomfortable or dangerous. The song was intended to be humorous, but also speak truth. We don’t always admit it, but *“please don’t send me”* might be the secret prayer of a lot of us (me included)!

The truth is God calls all of us to point others toward Him. In Acts 2:8 we read, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* Most of us get to serve God in our home communities; Bemidji is our Jerusalem. However, God calls some of us to leave our homes and comfort zones to go to other places. This summer we have a team of youth going to Boise, Idaho. Maybe that’s our Judea or Samaria. Over the past year, we’ve had individuals and teams from FBC go to Guatemala, Georgia, and Iraq. They are fulfilling the *“to the ends of the earth”* portion of that command. Of course, we also support missionaries who are fulfilling the great commission full time. Some have been serving for decades. It is so encouraging to hear what God is doing through those who have responded to His call.

Ok, so what if God answers that prayer of *“please don’t send me to Africa?”* Does that mean we are off the hook and don’t have to leave our comfort zones? Of course not. If Bemidji is our Jerusalem, then we are to be Christ’s witnesses right here. That can sometimes be intimidating. In Acts chapter 4 the believers prayed for boldness and *“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”* (verse 31). So, let’s ask God for boldness so we can faithfully share the good news of Jesus Christ wherever we are.—*Chris Godding*

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