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"Together Seeing God Changing Lives"

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"Under the authority of Christ, the purpose of the Pulaski-Bleckley Baptist Association is to equip and assist its churches in fulfilling the Great Commission."

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Please feel free to print and share this newsletter with others in your church.

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"God only wants for us what we would want for ourselves
if we were smart enough to want it."
Adrian Rogers

With deep gratitude I say thank you to each of you that prayed for our mission trip to Tanzania. The trip was primarily a teaching trip but provided opportunities beyond the classroom to have an impact upon the people of Moshi, Tanzania and Limuru, Kenya. A total of 53 pastors attended the two week school, many of them for the first time in their life studying the Bible in an organized setting such as this. I was so amazed as they sat for countless hours listening and taking notes on the discussions. I tried to put myself in their shoes and simply could not. They were handed papers written in a language they could not read (the translation of the papers was not done as it was scheduled), listened to a primary speaker they could not understand for over 8 hours a day, and yet they were so excited that when they had to run to the "out-house" it was exactly that. They ran every step of the way and dared not to stand in line for fear of missing something. At the end of the week they made an effort to "repay" us for our investment by giving us gifts that likely cost the small band of pastors more than many of them could give.

We had an opportunity to minister in a retention center for teenagers in the city of Moshi. We had to secure permission to enter this facility which proved to be no obstacle at all. We were able to present the love of Christ over several days and to meet some of the needs of the 27 boys and 2 girls that called this place home. Eight of the twenty-nine made professions of faith during our time there and were introduced to the local pastor which served across the street from the center. The laws of Tanzania create a forgotten class of people from these youth that made a bad choice and are now wards of the state for criminal investigation, the court hearing, and the sentencing phase which can take years due to the low priority given to these cases. Pray for this teenagers as God brings them to your minds.

Space doesn't allow for me to share much, so let me suffice to say that we were given the chance to preach in a Maasai village of three thousand, in a tea church in Limuru, and to witness God's beautiful creation as we saw vast mountain scenes and paused on our journey for a herd of giraffe to cross the road in front of us. Such grandeur made our close call of attempted high jacking and almost turning the van over know all the more that our God is still in control.

As we exalt and glorify the name of Jesus —

May we continue "Seeing God Changing Lives, Together."

Dennis



Vacation Bible Schools

Limestone
Jun 12-16 6:30 - 8:30PM
Hometown Nazareth

Southside
Jun 6 - 10 6:00- 8:45PM

Mt Calvary
June 13 -19 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Ages 3 to 5th grade

Broad Street
June 6 -10 9AM to 12 Noon

Bethany
June 20 -24 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Ages 2 thru 8th grade

Lakeview
June 20-24 6:00-9:00 PM

HOPE Center Revitalization

There is much work to be done on the building in Hawkinsville. We were hoping ot be able to close the Center for the month of July and address the tasks at hand. At this point we have had very little response to our plea. If your church missions groups are willing to help in any manner please call the associational office immediately so that we can make our plans accordingly.

Christian Social Ministries

Willing Hands Center - Cochran (478) 934-1044
 Hours of Business: Monday 3p.m.—6p.m.
 Wednesday 9a.m.—1p.m.

Christian H.O.P.E. Center - Hawkinsville (478) 783-4673
 Hours of Business: Tuesday 3p.m.—6p.m.
 Wednesday 9a.m.—1p.m.

Pastors' Meeting

Meetings now start at 10:00 AM so that we may spend time in prayer.
Mt Calvary Baptist Church
 June 6, 2011
 Lunch plans will be decided at the meeting.

Willing Hands and the Christian HOPE Center are owned and operated by the Pulaski-Bleckley Baptist Association. The Associational Missionary, Center Directors, and the Team Members of the Missions and Ministry Team are the ONLY authorized spokesperson for these organizations. Please verify all request through one of these sources prior to acting on behalf of the Centers. Though we appreciate help we have some with good intentions that are not “hands-on” involved with the Centers and are not representatives for the ministry. This causes confusion in our churches and a number of phone calls to correct the misinformation. Call 478-934-9199 for additional information.



*Jesus is our way to God
 and God's way to us.*

Truck Loading for Georgia Baptist Children's Home

**Collection points: Limestone and FBC,C
 June 27-29**

**Loading of Truck June 30th
 Limestone BC 9:00-11:00
 FBC,C 1:00-3:00**

Items needed: Vienna sausage, Spaghetti O's, Pop Tarts, Helpers (hamburger, tune, chicken). Furniture polish, gift cards.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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“but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 NASB

Remember items for the Spotlight need to be submitted by the 15th of the month.