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BAPTIST MISSIONS



As COVID-19 sweeps across our global village we receive daily **updates** from experts and **comfort** from the Word. I will not attempt to do either with this letter as the first will be history before you read these lines and the latter is at your disposal from multiple sources.

Myanmar (formerly Burma) Thirty-seven years after our Declaration of Independence, the gospel reached Burma through Adoniram and Anne Judson. Dr. David Smith, Director of the Open Door Baptist Missions, Paul the Assistant Director and Garrett Martin, a seminary student, left for Myanmar on January 2nd. You can read the impact of this two week trip on my life by selecting the following link: <http://fields.msites.com/myanmar-2-years-in-two-weeks>

The **ARCH Fellowship** that promotes strategic local church-based discipleship was hosted by the Community Baptist Church in Bradenton Florida. Their original church building is now a Spanish Church where I answered the call to serve the Lord in missions 50 years ago.

Following the conference, we held the Open Door Baptist Missions' annual **CPC** (Church Planting Conference). Five USA based church planting units met with the ODBM staff for two days. We listened to ministry reports, testimonies, enjoyed singing and devotionals. Now we can put faces to the names of missionaries we pray for daily during office staff prayer meetings.

We built an **Interactive Hispanic Display** for the Morningside Baptist Church mission's emphasis. Friends from the Spanish church helped to build and man the display showing the difference in the traditional religion and a home that is Christ-centered. You can also see more photos on the website: <http://fields.msites.com/>

Marla and I were blessed to participate with the Swan Creek Baptist Church's mission's conference this month. Having spent three furloughs in the church's mission housing we felt like we were back home. Paul was the keynote speaker with the theme of "How to Pray for Your Missionaries". We were joined by Sharon Kelly of the LifeLine Crisis Pregnancy Help Center and Dave and Karen Tinsley with BMW who minister in New York. The **International Banquet** and the daily meals provided by Sunday School classes were excellent. The conference was well attended and was one of the last places we were still shaking hands and giving hugs.



Our prayers intensify for those serving in difficult and more affected areas. May the Lord teach us all to have faith and not fear and to worship and not worry. We are following health guidelines as we serve others over the phone and work from our computers at home for a few days. Thank you for your faithful support.

Rejoicing,

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