

The Williams Family - Harvest Baptist Missions

Ministry Update / Prayer Letter

July 2015

Dear Steve,

Greetings Friends and Co-Laborers! Below is an update of the Lord's work in our lives through the ministry of Harvest Baptist Missions. Many thanks for your faithful support of our family and this work for the past sixteen years!

Restore Biblical Counseling

"Counseling has provided me definitive steps to combat sexual sin and has given me the tools to fight temptation on my own, with the Lord's guidance. This has allowed me to grow closer to God by becoming more like Christ." - Restore Counseling Client

The counseling ministry that I began last year at CRBC has continued to flourish. It seems that more and more people who walk through the doors of our church enter with a life that has been greatly damaged by sin. Thankfully, Jesus Christ came to save sinners! The Bible assures us that Christ's death on the cross saved us from sin's penalty (death) as well as sin's power. What a privilege it has been to lead counselees to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as well as help saved folks find freedom from the sins that had entangled them. At this time, I have ten counseling clients that are in various stages of the counseling process. Your prayers for wisdom and insight in this area are greatly appreciated. It is my great desire to begin teaching the concepts of biblical counseling on the mission field as well. **Pray** with me about the logistics and means to make this a reality.



HBM Missionary Family Update

As I have mentioned in the past, a large part of our day-to-day ministry work involves supporting these wonderful families in various needed activities "back home." While the work may not always be glamorous, it is necessary and one that we labor to do as a "sweet smelling sacrifice" to our Lord.

Bowman Family (Ireland): "

After waiting 7 months to hear back from immigration, we are excited to report that we have been granted another year's visa!" (June 2015)

The work of the Bowman family and the Golden Vale Baptist Church continues to make an impact in County Cork, Ireland. Bro. Shawn and his family are great servants of God and it is such a privilege to serve and co-labor with them for the cause of Christ.

Laodima Family (Togo):

There are so many wonderful things happening in Togo. Bro. David's team recently started their 7th church. In addition, there are two bible studies being conducted in the far north of the country that will

likely become churches #8

and #9. The work on the

orphanage is nearing

completion (target date of

September) and will be

welcoming its new residents.

Finances are needed to

purchase land for the new

churches as well as to

construct buildings. Please

continue to **pray** for this great

family and their co-laborers

there in West Africa.



Orphanage in Togo nearing completion!

Freeman Family (Rio Grande Valley of Texas)

The faithful folks at the Iglesia Bautista Esperanza continue to reach out into their community with the hope of Jesus Christ. The Freemans have labored faithfully for a number of years now in this challenging area of South Texas. They are making an impact in people's lives and brightly shining forth the light of Christ. Please keep them continually in your **prayers**.

Catriz Family (Subic, Philippines):

Since returning home from the U.S. earlier this year, the Catriz family has been extremely active in all of their multifaceted ministries. Their home-base church celebrate their 25th anniversary in May (Manny and Violy started this church).

They have also been active in several new works throughout their region. **Please pray** for these faithful laborers. Without question, they are getting the job done of evangelizing sinners and discipling the saints in the Philippines.

Pinos Family (Quezon City, Philippines)

Bro. Napoleon and his family continue to faithfully and humbly serve the Lord in Quezon City, Philippines. They are rejoicing over a recent successful VBS outreach (over 50 professions of faith), a multi-church sports festival outreach, as well as continued daily ministry activities. The Catriz' are humble, hard-working laborers who will undoubtedly hear the words of our Savior say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants!" What a privilege it is to serve with these wonderful examples of Christ! **Please pray** for them - their health, their finances, their

ministry at Tabernacle Bible Baptist Church.

Our hearts remains knit with these wonderful and faithful servants of God and we consider it a tremendous privilege to assist their ministries in the small ways that we do through the work of HBM.

Prison Outreach

With the closing of the Federal Prison facility in Youngstown, I have switched my prison outreach ministry to a state facility - Lorain Correctional in Grafton. One of my favorite places to preach the gospel remains in the prison system. Each time I go to speak to the inmates, it seems there is great liberty and the Spirit moves. Prison is a difficult place, but for many, it is exactly what they needed to "hit bottom" and look up Jesus to save and change them. I am still hopeful to start an addictions recovery class (PureMen) at the Lorain prison. The chaplain has a favorable attitude toward this so I would **appreciate your prayers** in this matter as well.



Steve spends some time in the dunk tank at the 50th Festival in June.

Columbia Road Baptist Church's 50th Anniversary

Kris and I have been active members of CRBC for 27 of the 50 years of CRBC's existence. What a blessing 2015 has been as we have celebrated our church's golden anniversary. We have had many of the founders back to preach and share their early experiences in the church. We are thankful for those on whose shoulders we have stood over the years. God has been good to CRBC and we look forward to even a brighter future.

Family Update - Another Milestone Achieved

In late May, Corey graduated from First Baptist Christian School in Elyria. He plans to attend the local community college, participating in a partnership with Bowling Green State University where he will study biology/pre-med. His plans involve becoming a pediatrician. He has a long educational road in front of him so



Corey Williams - Salutatorian, Class of 2015 - First Baptist Christian

please pray for him (as well as God's will to be realized in his life).

As always, thank you so much for the love, prayers, encouragement, and support that you have given us over these many years together. We are so blessed to have such wonderful, faithful ministry partners!

Sincerely,

The Williams Family (Steve, Kris, Corey, and Abbey)

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