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"Our Team" Serving Church Planting

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Someone recently mentioned that our Connect doesn't have a list of the TEAM members that serve the missionaries of Baptist Church Planters. After thinking about that, I decided a whole Connect should be dedicated to introducing the men and women who serve our heroes, church planters.

Jim Collins in his book, "Good to Great," says something interesting regarding leadership and organizations. "Get the wrong people off the bus, the right people on the bus and in the right seat." Because we are a Christian organization, we depend on God to put the right people in the right place. Over the years of my leadership, God has marvelously brought the right people at the right time. Thinking of my early days at BCP, God provided Doris from the executive world as a great office manager; Missy came when we were desperate for a financial officer; Dan came from the educational world with his administrative skills, and so forth. I have stood in awe as I have witnessed God do things that no man could plan or make happen.

A team must have both leaders and managers, or visionaries and detail people. NO ONE PERSON HAS IT ALL. God has assembled a team of both leaders and managers that have a heart for God. We have enjoyed amazing unity and cooperation as a team. Some of the greatest days of serving are when we meet to pray, discuss, plan and dream. Almost always we leave our meetings with excitement and joy.

My style of leadership is to appoint qualified people and then give them the liberty to function as they see fit. I want them to maximize their abilities, serving within the parameters of the ministry but challenging them to think and plan as the Lord directs.

Each person detailed in this Connect has a burden to see churches planted and considers the church planters they serve as God's choicest saints. Whether it happens at the office in

Grafton, on the field with missionaries or in the colleges and churches, the message is the same. WE WANT TO SERVE.

Former coach of the Lakers, Phil Jackson, once said, "The strength of the team is each individual member. . . the strength of each member is the team." As you read about each individual, you will realize that God has assembled some pretty neat people, but they would quickly remind you that they consider themselves as a part of the whole. Without the whole team, our strength would be greatly diminished. We are a team God assembled and that God empowers.

Our purpose is to serve churches, missionaries and donors committed to church planting!



Dave and Kathy Little
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Dave and Kathy Little joined the team in 1997. After serving twenty-eight years in the pastorate, they moved to Grafton to lead the BCP team. Both were saved as children, and they met at Bible college. They have three children and five grandchildren and seven others who call them grandpa and grandma. They are members at First Baptist Church of Elyria, OH. Dave is responsible for the overall ministry of Baptist Church Planters.



Mike and Karen Peck
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“Karen and I both were born and reared near Batavia, New York. As children we trusted Christ for salvation. We met in the third grade and grew up together.

Both Karen and I desired to serve the Lord and were married in between semesters at Bible college in 1971. The Lord has blessed our home with the birth of two sons (one who is home in Heaven and the other is a pastor in Wellington, Ohio). He also brought to our home another eight children who adopted us as their new parents! We also foster parented fifteen additional children. For thirty-one years we were pastor and wife in wonderful Baptist churches in New York State. In 2001 we joined BCP for me to become the Vice President. Karen became the JOY Club director in 2005. Central Baptist Church of Binghamton, NY, is our sending church.”

“I was raised in a Christian home and led to the Lord by my mother as a young boy. Our family was always active in church ministries, and my parents helped plant a church in Elmira, NY, when



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I was in my teens. I grew up working in my father's business and learned the construction trades. I am sure that God was preparing me to serve Him. My wife, Diana, and I started our own business soon after we married. Since that time we have reared three children that are grown, and we have four grandchildren. My whole life I have owned or managed some form of construction business. God has always led us to work where we could serve. Early in our marriage God led us to Florida where our family was part of a church planting effort. Upon our return to NY, God led us to First Baptist Church in Horseheads, where I served as Business Administrator until God called me to be the Financial Officer at BCP. I don't know anything that can be more fun or could bring greater joy and satisfaction than serving the Lord. The rewards are eternal! It has been a great ride!”

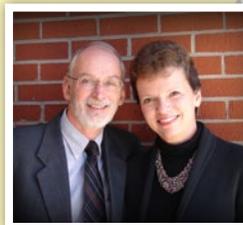
“While my parents were adjusting to their first full-time pastorate in Kasson, MN, I interrupted their tranquility as their firstborn PK. At age five, along with my family, I attended Medicine Lake Bible Conference, Medicine Lake, MN, where my father led me to Christ outside a teepee cabin. Following



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high school, I attended Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, NY, where I met Judi (Lewis). Our first child, Rob, was born while I finished seminary. Our daughter, Heidi, was born during the first of two associate pastorates. Several years later, our family welcomed Annette as a teenage foster daughter. After nearly fifteen years of ministry in Creston, IA, Judi and I accepted BCP's invitation to serve as the RFD for the Midwest and West Coast. We thank the Lord for the opportunity God has given us to be part of this most rewarding ministry of working with BCP and its missionary family.”

“I am grateful I was saved at the age of eleven and called to the ministry when I was fourteen. My wife, Wanda, and I served in the pastorate for 15 1/2 years in Pennsylvania and Virginia and traveled in missionary evangelism for 15 years. During our ministry in VA, the Lord burdened our hearts for the growing Hispanic need here in the U.S. On January 3, 2010, our home church, Skyline Baptist Church in Front Royal, VA, commissioned us to become missionaries with Baptist Church Planters to assist in Hispanic outreach. It is our desire to be PLANTING Hispanic church plants, PARTNERING with churches to reach Hispanics, and PREPARING leaders to reach Hispanics. Now as the Coordinator of Hispanic Ministries, I rejoice in the privilege of encouraging our Hispanic ministries and serving with the team at Baptist Church Planters. Visit our website: reachinghispanics.org.”



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“I was born and raised in Camp Point, Illinois. My father led me to the Lord at an early age and was an example to me of serving the Lord. I married Nancy Hare, an MK from Brazil, after graduating from Cedarville College. Together we served in Christian schools both in the states and Brazil, as my degree was in Physical Education. Then I coached in the public school before moving to Skyview Ranch in Millersburg, Ohio. From there God called us back to Brazil to assist in church planting, camping and other ministries. After a year-long internship in the School of Church Ministries in 1982, we arrived in Brazil in 1985. The Lord led us gradually into more studies and eventually the role of church planting. In April of 2012 we left Brazil and joined BCP in the fall of 2012. We have three married children, Barry Farlow, Melissa Whitcher and Kimberly Anderson. Our home and sending church is Faith Baptist Church, Camp Point, Illinois. Our ministry with BCP is just beginning, and I enjoy serving with a mission whose focus is starting churches. I enjoy working to provide training opportunities and encouragement that will help the church planters accomplish their goals of building strong and growing churches.”

Our



John and Linda Little
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“Both Linda and I were born in Elmira, NY; I grew up in the Horseheads area and Linda in North Chemung. I was reared in a very godly home; Linda had a hectic home life. I was saved at the age of six; Linda was saved at 17. God orchestrated our meeting at Breesport Baptist Church, where we married in 1971. In 1972 I was inducted into the army, and upon our return from the military we moved our membership to Pine Valley Baptist Church, NY, who eventually commissioned and sent us out. While we were serving as camp director at Lamoka Baptist Camp, God led seven churches to begin a work in Hamilton, NY. We went off to candidate school at Baptist Missions of North America, which is now Baptist Church Planters, and then moved to Hamilton to begin the work of Cornerstone Baptist Church in 1987. In 1999 God led us to consider the position of Field Director for BCP. We are enjoying working with the missionaries that are in our fields of the Northeast, Southeast and Midwest. It has been a joy to see the works grow and some graduate. God has given us some wonderful people to serve. We have three married children who have blessed us with eight wonderful grandchildren.”



Team



Peter and Mary Lou Jenks
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“We were both born in Niagara Falls, NY, and attended the same high school. We became a couple in 1963 and were married in 1966. I accepted the Lord at age ten at a Christian camp; Mary Lou was led to Christ by her mom as a young girl. In 1976 during a missions’ conference in North Tonawanda, NY, we felt called to missions which led to a move to Florida, where I studied at Spurgeon Baptist Bible College and received a BA in pastoral studies in 1982. At that time we joined FBHM and moved to central NY where we served ten years at a rescue work. In 1992 we moved to Bath, NY, and started Harvest Baptist Church serving under BCP at that time. In 2004 the church graduated, and we moved to Bennington, NE, to start another church and serve as Mountain Plains Field Director. Our family includes four children who serve in various ministry roles in Florida, Wisconsin, Belgium and Honduras and thirteen grandchildren.”



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“Amy and I had the privilege of being raised in Christian families and were both saved at a young age. We were involved in our local churches and were encouraged to be involved in ministry. We both went to Baptist Bible College after high school and met during our freshman year. We served together in a local youth ministry, then after graduating we took a youth pastor position in Horseheads, NY. After six years of full-time ministry, I followed God’s leading to join Gospel Literature Service (GARBC) and use technology to help missions worldwide. My ministry was expanding, and we felt led to start a larger focus ministry to be a ministry technology partner for missions, ministries, pastors and church plants. In 2010 techPartner was created under the leadership of BCP, and we continue to direct this new ministry and help many with technology tools and resources. It is our goal to equip, train, support and mobilize technology for ministry. We have four wonderful children, and we serve at Grace Baptist Church in Westlake, OH.”



Howard and Sharon Fraser
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“I grew up in the state of Maine where I learned many building skills at the side of my father and grandfather. At the age of ten I accepted Christ as my Savior. After graduating from the University of Maine, I moved to Syracuse, NY, where I worked for Carrier Corporation for 33 years and began attending First Baptist Church of East Syracuse. During those years, Sharon Mattox was growing up in a pastor’s home in the state of New York where she accepted Christ as her personal Savior on her fifth birthday. We met and were married at the East Syracuse church where her dad pastored. This is where we started a family and became involved in serving. While serving as BCP councilman, I was invited to serve as Director of ChurchCare Construction in 2010. Investing daily in something with eternal value has been a great experience. Watching new church plants spring up and then working alongside builders to provide facilities for those plants is very satisfying. We presently attend Faith Baptist Church of Cortland, NY, and have two grown daughters.”



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“I’m a Cleveland native, which ironically makes me an “outsider” among the BCP staff! Cindy and I met at the University of Cincinnati, dated for a few years and then “tied the knot” in 1997. We currently have five amazing kids, ranging from 1 – 13 years old. God drew Cindy and I both to Himself as children, through the ministries of our local churches. We currently attend Grace Baptist in Westlake where I serve as the Tech Team Leader (shocker!) and as a deacon (double shocker!). A strong conviction of ours has always been the power of the Gospel preached and taught through the local church. For the past seven years it’s been a pleasure to be a part of a ministry that God is using to make that happen. The team God has brought to BCP is diverse, grounded, caring and fun...a rare combination. I also check the mailbox occasionally.”



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“Born in Hornell, New York, I grew up amongst the hills and woods of NY. As I finished up my five year Air Force service, Donna Foreman, my childhood friend and the sister of my neighbor, was sending me her primary Sunday school material with her notes to read. After my discharge in 1962 she continued with her reminder of my need of Christ, along with others who shared Christ with me. Finally in an \$8.00 a week rooming house as I read through the Gospel of John, I recognized my need and asked Christ to be my Savior. In 1964 we were married at Southside Baptist Church. We have three children and eight grandchildren; all have acknowledged Christ as personal Savior. After forty years of service at West Genesee Hills Baptist Church in Camillus, New York, we were commissioned as Tentmakers with Baptist Church Planters. We also served as interim church planters. In 2006 the mission asked us to be Candidate Coordinators. We have presented BCP on Bible college campuses for the past seven years. It has been our pleasure to represent an agency with high credibility and forward thinking with regard to the varied population of America.”



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“It was a privilege to grow up in a pastor’s home in New York State. I was saved under my dad’s ministry and grew up involved in the ministry. Thinking I would go to the mission field, I attended Faith Baptist Bible College where I majored in missions and elementary ed (planning to teach my own children.) The Lord had other plans though, and it has been a joy to serve Him for ten years in the elementary classroom in the states and in Brazil, and then to serve as professor at Faith training elementary education teachers for eighteen years. The Lord led me to join the BCP team in 2012 where I now serve as office manager. This first year has been an amazing journey, learning my role on this team and seeing God work in and through us!”



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“Being raised in the home of David and Kathy Little was a real blessing to me. It was at the age of eight during family devotions that I personally recognized my need for a Savior. During my teen years the Lord continued working in my heart and growing me. I attended Baptist Bible College, trusting God for the future that He had for me. It was between my two years of college that I met my husband Aaron. Through our married life the Lord has moved us around the country, serving in many different capacities. The Lord has blessed us with three children. After moving to Ohio in 2011, I was happy to have the opportunity to serve as a secretary at BCP. Whether serving the Lord as a lay person in the church, in full-time ministry or here at BCP, I have found great joy in serving Jesus. ”



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“Born into a Christian home and raised in Minnesota, I accepted Christ as my Savior at a very young age. I met my husband at a youth activity at church while in high school. After I graduated from Northland Baptist Bible College, Patrick Odle and I were married. God has blessed us with three daughters and a son. After Patrick graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College, he served as a youth pastor, senior pastor and was on the administration of FBBC. In 2011 God moved us from Iowa to Ohio, where Patrick is serving as senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Elyria. It is with sincere gratefulness that I work at BCP. It is my privilege to work with and serve the missionaries by processing incoming donations and preparing prayer letters for mailing. It is always a thrill to see how God works through and provides for those who love Him. ”

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