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Get "Connected"

Stephen P. Little, President



Over the past six months since accepting the position as president of BCP, God has given Becky and me the wonderful opportunity to connect with missionaries. One of these special times was in Camden, New Jersey, with church planters Paul and Janet Robinson and their family.

I was reminded that church planting is about making connections with people who need the Lord. As we drove around Camden, Paul and Janet would wave at someone and comment on the circumstances of their connection. Or they would stop in front of a house and tell us the story of how a person came to Christ and of the connection to the church family.

I really don't think much has changed since New Testament days. Jesus connected with people on various levels and circumstances. The apostles connected with people for evangelism, discipleship, fellowship and partnership in the Gospel.

When I think of Paul's relationship with Timothy, it reminds me of my relationship with one of my deacons back at Heritage Baptist Church, our last church plant. I remember when Mike first came to church with his wife and newborn child. Mike wasn't sure about his commitment to the Lord or to this new missionary. But we connected with each other, and discipleship was underway. Today Mike is a committed Christian and has served two terms as a faithful deacon.



It has been our joy to connect with the staff at BCP. Each morning we start the day in prayer, praying for our missionaries, administration, Council and those who financially support BCP.

I made the decision to connect our staff in a greater way to our supporters. Each week Becky comes to the office and makes phone calls to connect with our donors. Becky takes their prayer requests, and then the staff is able to pray more effectively and become more connected to their needs.



Recently Becky and I decided to join First Baptist Church of Elyria. We are beginning to connect with the pastor and people of this wonderful church.

How about you? Are you connected with people to reach them for Christ? Are you connected to your church family? Take some time and CONNECT. You'll never regret the time invested!

New Missionaries in 2014



Glenn and Carla Borne

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Glenn came to know the Lord at the age of thirteen due to someone loving him and paying his way to a teen weekend retreat where he heard the Gospel and trusted Christ. After high school he attended Davis College, where in his second year he surrendered to God's call to become a pastor. It was also in his second year that he met Carla and they married. Carla grew up in a Christian home but was never really sure about her salvation until about four years into marriage to Glenn. She was listening to Paul Dixon on the radio; it was then that she settled any uncertainty with full confidence in the finished work of Christ for her. The Borne family has three children and six grandchildren who all live near Glenn and Carla in Carbondale, PA. Glenn has served the Lord for the past forty years in PA, OH, and NY as church planter, associate pastor, restoration pastor and now transitional/interim pastor. Glenn and Carla are excited about the opportunity God has afforded them to serve churches by serving with Baptist Church Planters! Their first ministry is to Heritage Baptist Church in Canastota, NY, helping this church move toward graduation and call its first pastor.



Tim and Marsha Weeks

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Tim was born in Martinique to missionary parents and saved at age eleven. After baptism, Tim became involved in helping in the church plant. Through that experience, he developed a love for teaching and preaching. He was challenged with serving as a missionary during his junior year of high school. Marsha was born on Long Island, NY, into a Christian family. She was saved and baptized at age eleven and committed her life to serve as a missionary as a sixteen-year-old. Tim and Marsha met at Baptist Bible College, and they served with ABWE in France for twenty years. Returning to the states, they served in the pastorate, on staff at BBC, and as a hospice chaplain before joining Baptist Church Planters. They are serving now at Riverview Baptist Church in New Milford, CT. The Weeks have six children and eight grandchildren.

'Passing the Baton' Celebration

Many friends and family of Dave and Steve Little gathered for a wonderful 'passing the baton' celebration for Baptist Church Planters the evening of Tuesday, August 26, 2014, in Cleveland, OH. On that evening the baton of presidency passed from the hand of Dr. David C. Little, who "retired" to a position on the pastoral staff at First Baptist Church in Elyria, OH, to his brother, Stephen P. Little. God has uniquely prepared Stephen to serve in this capacity through many years of church planting ministry in Brazil and in the US.

The inaugural events began with Chairman Craig Johnson and Search Committee Chairman Dan Adams sharing how the Lord led the Council to extend the invitation to Steve to come as president of BCP, and Steve shared the Lord's work in his and Becky's hearts to bring them to BCP. Dave Little made special gifts for Steve, each from wood taken from locations where Steve and his family had lived and served through the years. Each gift was a reminder of important aspects of BCP's ministry, such as a toolbox, a reminder of the many tools necessary for leadership, an engraved Bible, a reminder that Steve's primary ministry focus should be the Word, a hand-lathed pen, a reminder of the importance of his signature, and a hand-lathed gavel, a reminder of the many decisions to be made.

The retirement events were led by Dr. Gary Anderson, president of Baptist Mid Missions. A slide presentation highlighted Dave's seventeen years of faithful and visionary ministry, and



five individuals shared about their specific ministry journeys with Dave and Kathy. Each shared that the years of service under Dave's leadership and the friendships with Dave and Kathy were special blessings they would treasure. The Council and administration presented the Littles with expressions of appreciation, and Dave and Kathy shared their heartfelt thanks to the Lord and farewells to the BCP family.

Guests were reminded of the godly heritage of the Little family when it was noted that August 26 was the seven-year anniversary of the homegoing of the Little brothers' father, Charles Little, who served faithfully as a church planter. God was honored through the acknowledgement of these brother servant leaders. Dave's service made BCP a respected and viable mission agency. The mission is confident that God will continue to use Steve to further the work of meeting America's greatest need of fundamental churches where the Gospel is proclaimed.





Welcome to our new JOY Club Director

Both Chip and Karen Wood come from small churches in Upstate NY. Both were raised on farms and have great memories of country life. Both attended Baptist Bible College where they met on a music team. They were married in 1990 and have been serving together in ministry for over twenty-four years. They have three children: Elizabeth (a sophomore at Faith Baptist Bible College), Johnathon (age 17) and Katherine (age 11). All of the family are musical and cherish family time together. Chip

and Karen have years of teaching and youth experience. They are excited that both churches where they grew up are supporting them in this new ministry at BCP. By faith the Woods came and have started working at the mission office while doing deputation. Their current support level is 40%. Chip and Karen have a simple desire to grow His Church with their talents and abilities. This desire makes them a good fit at BCP and dovetails very well with the purpose of the mission. God has given the Wood family a passion for youth and the church, and their backgrounds have prepared them for this unique ministry.

JOY Clubs are unique in 5 ways. They are....

1. **biblical** The lessons come straight from His Word. They are not just moral lessons that teach the consequences or benefits of behavior.
2. **flexible** We don't dictate the program; we provide resources for churches because we know that the methods of one region or environment do not always work for another.
3. **"evang-isciple"** We endeavor to offer a balanced blend of evangelism and discipleship tools. The goal is to help churches carry out the Great Commission.
4. **inexpensive** We are missionaries with the purpose of growing churches, not making money.
5. **simple staffing** Churches choose how to organize and use the material with the number of people available.

Please contact us at cwood@bcpusa.org or call the home office at 440.748.1677.



Answer to prayer for techPartner



One of the biggest struggles in our ministry is juggling all the requests for help! We are helping so many ministries, missionaries and churches, that it becomes an administrative nightmare. God has answered our prayers for a ministry partner to help administrate the projects and manage scheduling, communications, connections and donors. Karen Wood started in August 2014 to help further the technology ministry. This became possible through special funds provided to start this partnership.

We will need to raise more funds to keep her long-term. If you would like to support Karen Wood in the techPartner ministry, please go to www.techpartner.org/donate.



Helping our International Partners

techPartner helped an international partner with a very specific technology need. Uttam Kumar Tripura traveled from Bangladesh to the USA for the GARBC conference and to speak in several churches. During his trip, his laptop was stolen. With the help of First Baptist Community Church in Los Gatos, CA, techPartner provided a laptop for Uttam before he went back to Bangladesh.



With funds from our international technology/travel fund we also provided an iPad for the leader of the New Testament Baptist Church Association of India to help train men in ministry there. They will do theology training from pastors in the United States via video. They will be able to interact and get good training without the cost of travel and time.

We also replaced a laptop for a church leader and children's home director in India as well. He does translation work to help the churches in India.

All these gifts totaled around \$2000. We were able to do this solely from gifts that have come in from our supporters. PLEASE consider donating to this fund at techpartner.org/donate. Your gift will make a difference.



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Boardman Baptist Church celebrated Cornerstone Sunday on September 14, 2014. Missionary builder Martin Eaton with ChurchCare Construction set the stone in place.



Missionary builders Brent Howard and Ron Cornell with volunteer Doug Main working on concrete at Calvary Baptist Church in Preble, NY.

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