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BCP Welcomes New President

The Governing Council of Baptist Church Planters voted on March 18, 2014, to welcome Stephen Little as the third president in the history of the mission.

Stephen (better known as Steve) grew up in a Christian home in Horseheads, NY. Steve's father and mother, Charles and Louise Little, joined the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions and served in Salamanca, NY, during Steve's teenage years. As a youth, Steve accepted Christ at his home church, Breesport Baptist Church. Steve met his wife, Becky, at Nanticoke Baptist Church where his brother, Dave, was serving as pastor. Following their marriage and working on the farm Becky's dad operated, they felt the call to prepare for ministry and attended Practical Bible Training School, now known as Davis College.

Steve and Becky served as missionaries in Recife, Brazil, where they established a local church which continues to this day as a flourishing and vibrant Baptist church. Following their ministry in Brazil, they planted Servants Baptist Church in Camden, NY, and most recently Heritage Baptist Church in Canastota, NY. This church planting experience will be a great benefit to the mission and missionaries.

Steve is an excellent speaker and a visionary leader. Baptist Church Planters will be in the hands of a good and Godly man.

Missionaries were especially excited to have a leader that has been "in their shoes." Church planters are a special breed. They appreciate people that know what they experience and face on a weekly basis.

Steve and Becky have five children and four grandchildren.

If you would like to book Steve for a missions conference or Sunday emphasis, contact him through email at bcp@bcpusa.org or slittle@bcpusa.org.





The Hispanic Crew

BCP Hosted Leadership Summit for Missionaries

March 19-21, 2014, was a wonderful time at the service center. Most of the church planters were able to meet together and be challenged by special speakers. Dr. Alan Brown was our devotional speaker. Dr. Kevin Bauder updated the missionaries on current theological issues. Michael Hajj, Director of Arabic Bible Outreach, taught how to reach Muslims in the USA. Tom Farlow, one of our own Regional Field Directors, helped the missionaries in group decision-making. Dr. Michael Peck and Dr. David Little both had sessions as well.

BCP has a dining room that will seat one hundred people, and Diana Whipple and her team provided meals for the whole group. The fellowship around the tables was as beneficial to the missionaries as the sessions.

We appreciate all who helped make this possible. Bakerburg Community Church covered the total cost of the conference through a large gift to the mission. Dresserville Baptist Church and individuals gave to help missionaries needing assistance with flights.

Memorial Funds used as a gift to missionaries

Baptist Church Planters maintains a fund called The Memorial Fund. When friends or members of the BCP family are promoted to Heaven, their loved ones often desire to remember them with a contribution to this memorial fund. These gifts can vary from one gift in lieu of flowers to large gifts left from estates. These memorial gifts make a significant impact on the work of church planting. On behalf of Baptist Church Planters and our family of missionaries, I say thank you for remembering BCP.

As the funds become available, Baptist Church Planters has the opportunity to use the money for critical projects. BCP looks for needs that are not funded through the general fund or other designated gifts. We try to be sensitive to those who have given in memory of their loved ones. We often ask ourselves, "What would make the donors excited when they see how the funds were used?"

I think all of us get excited whenever we can help our missionaries in a tangible way. At the recent Leadership Summit, BCP was prepared to give each missionary couple a \$100 gift certificate to be used for books and resources. Through an arrangement with Regular Baptist Press, if the certificate was used to purchase

resources from RBP, the value was increased by \$50 for a total value of \$150. This gift was a great encouragement to our missionaries. The gift was made possible by all of you who gave in memory of your loved ones. The missionaries say thank you!

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<p>36830 Royalton Road Grafton, OH 44044</p>	<p>Authorized by David Whipple, Adm. Vice-President</p>
<p>Not redeemable for cash.</p>	<p>Expires June 30, 2014</p>

Hispanic Retreat Scheduled for September

For several years, Hispanic believers have enjoyed a weekend retreat at the Iowa Regular Baptist Camp in Ventura, Iowa. This year the retreat will be held on September 19-20.

This retreat, with the three main sessions in Spanish and the sessions for the teens and children in English, will spiritually challenge attendees through music, messages and fellowship one with another. Christian books and music are also available for purchase throughout the weekend. The camp facilities provide opportunities for physical refreshment through the use of paddle boats, the climbing wall, basketball, tennis, soccer, pontoon boat rides, a zip line, and train rides for children.



This year our guest speaker will be Bruce Burkholder. Bruce and his wife, Lisa, have served in ministry both here in the states and in Mexico City and he is presently the Director of Editorial Bautista Independiente (the Spanish translation department of Baptist Mid-Missions) in Sebring, FL.

The cost for this event which includes overnight housing and three meals is:

\$50.00 per person (19 years and older)

\$80.00 per married couple

\$25.00 per child (5-18 years old)

No charge for children 4 years and younger



Please pray for this special event and please encourage others to attend this spiritually refreshing weekend. To register for this retreat please contact the camp office at 641-829-3824 or by email at camp@irbc.org.

This retreat is led by Herb and Wanda Taylor, Coordinators of Hispanic Ministries with Baptist Church Planters. If you have any questions, please call or text them at 540-660-1325. For more information about the retreat, please visit the Taylor's website at <http://herbandwanda.com>.

We hope to see you there! ¡Esperamos verlos allá!



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Since our last publication, gifts were given in memory of:

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If you would like to give a gift in memory of someone, we will list the name here.



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Dedication of New Building in Pueblo West, Colorado



Continental Baptist Mission builders from left to right: *Andy and Elizabeth Smith; Shawn and Valerie Genung; Jeremy and Jodi Smith; Dennis and Peggy Robinson*

Dedication Sunday was May 18, 2014, for Mountain Shadows Baptist Church in Pueblo West, Colorado. It was a special day of celebration for the congregation as they have been praying for this day for a long time. The dedication service began after lunch and was attended by 100 people, many of whom were guests from the community. There were testimonies that covered the dream of building, how the Lord provided financially, the workmanship of the builders, and the relationships built and special music. Regional Field Director Peter Jenks preached the message. These are exciting days for this church. In addition to the excitement over the new auditorium, the church is rejoicing over the calling of their new pastor and his family, Pastor Ryan and Joy Lundquist, and children, Hudson and Ruby. It was a special day for Jim and Janice Mitchell, our church planters ministering at Mountain Shadows since 2009. President Dave Little says of them, "Missionaries Jim and Janice Mitchell have godly hearts and a willingness to serve. It has been refreshing to see a couple willing to go to a place they had never been, to a people they did not know (and who didn't really want them at first) and live by faith to fulfill God's mission. How thrilling it must be to them to see the Lord's hand at work in their midst and know that they have been used of God." Rejoice with us as we see God blessing and directing Mountain Shadows Baptist Church.