

NEW MISSIONARIES TO MALAWI, EAST AFRICA

*John Peeples,
IBFI Mission Director*

I am excited to introduce Breze Serugamba - IBFI Missionary to Malawi, East Africa. He and his family are sent out of the Cornerstone Baptist Temple, Dayton, Ohio, where Dr. Jerry Siler is pastor. Breze and Chantal have four children: Bliss 10 yrs., Shammah 6 yrs., Lemuel 5 yrs., and Faith 2 yrs. Breze graduated from the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, and they were appointed missionaries May 2019. The IBFI recommends this missionary family to you. Breze and his family are raising their financial and prayer support as missionaries to the country of Malawi.

I have known Breze since meeting him at a Missions Conference at the Cornerstone Baptist Temple in March, 2013. Breze will be in England for a few months until Visas to the U. S. are in order. As citizens of Great Britain, they plan to begin deputation in the United States next year. I marvel at the path God has used to call Breze to the people of Malawi. Born in Congo, Breze grew up in Rwanda, immigrated to Great Britain; and now God's call is for him to return to Africa.

There are many expenses at the present time and we ask that you pray for and prayerfully consider this family for financial support.

HEART FOR HONDURAS CELEBRATING 46 YEARS AS MISSIONARIES

Thanks, be unto the Lord, for each of you!

Greeting,

This is another WOW month.

We have had fifteen saved and 14 baptized. It is very exciting to see the Lord lead in soul winning and leading new Christians in following the Lord in obedience.

The work has grown to the limit of the building we have to meet in. We are so pleased to see the mission work grow and the maturity the Lord is giving to the new Christians.

Truly these are great blessings, marvelous answers to our prayers. I know your are as pleased as we are. Thank you for your faithful praying.

Continue praying for property for us to build on for the Lord. We have found a very nice lot about three blocks from where we are renting. It is in an unpopulated area and therefore the price is lower but it is only a half block from electricity and water. We are now working with a lawyer to see if it is possible for us to acquire to build a church on for the Lord. We need you to pray for the money to purchase and build, an urgent need.

Please see the pictures below of the baptism and the full building the Lord has provided. Some of these people walk several miles to come to church. In one of the pictures there is four generations of one family being baptized, all faithful to the Lord.

*Your Missionaries,
Harold and Lena Priday*



HOPE FOR HONDURAS

"That they might set their hope in God..." - Psalm 78:7

Dear Colaborers,

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. It is our privilege to be your missionaries in Honduras. After a long dry season, we are now in the rainy season. When it finally started raining, it hasn't hardly stopped, causing flooding in other areas of the country. But everything is a beautiful green and the forest fires have stopped.

Thank you for praying for the annual Youth Camp that we have Easter week, or Holy Week as they say here. The theme was I AM NOT ASHAMED. My Dad, Missionary Harold Priday, a Honduran Pastor, and I taught the book of 1 Timothy. Another missionary, a Honduran Pastor, and I preached the night services. Our son Halbert was in charge of the music and games in the afternoons. The campers are divided into cabins of 4 to 5 with a leader who gives a devotion each morning before breakfast. Our son Steve was one of the cabin leaders. We had an attendance of 63 by the end of the week. Friday night we have a bonfire/Testimony service after the main service. We praise the Lord for those who made decisions to serve the Lord and for one who accepted Christ. Also, we praise the Lord for those who prayed for camp and others who gave financially to help sponsor campers. We thank you greatly.

In the mission work there has been an epidemic of discouragement. That is one of Satan's most favorite tools against us. Please pray that the Lord will strongly touch the hearts and bring revival to the people. We are excited to have several brothers and sisters that want to be baptized and their mother wants to join the church. Please pray for the Flores family.

Thank you again for your prayers and financial support. We have lost some support for different reasons. Please pray for God's provision.

*Yours with Hope for Honduras,
Leslie and Alba Priday*



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A NATION PLAGUED WITH MORAL INSANITY



*Dr. Raymond W. Barber,
IBFI President Emeritus*

America, the greatest, most powerful, and productive nation on earth is at the crossroads. Every day the political, social, economic, and religious problems are compounded. Every morning Americans wake up wondering what the day will hold: More political bickering? Another shooting? A falling stock market? A terrorist attack?

We have come through several wars, numerous seasons of depression, and economic woes. But nothing compares to the moral insanity that plagues us in 2019.

No other nation has had the opportunity to be a true Christian nation as has America. Major cities, as well as rural towns, proudly boast of growing churches. Christian schools decorate the horizon. More emphasis has been placed on education to solve our problems, but education is not the answer. Science is not the answer. Industrial development is not the answer. These material, educational, and scientific accomplishments are powerless to salvage America.

I love America, and I would not want to live anywhere else. I love our flag, the symbol of what has made America the greatest nation on earth. I subscribe to the democratic form of government. I believe Capitalism is the best policy for economic growth. Capitalism has made America financially prosperous; Socialism has failed worldwide. I am proud to be an American, and I long to see our nation return to God, the Bible and righteous living!

IS AMERICA A MORALLY INSANE NATION?

In answer to that question, consider the following and make your own assessment:

- Any nation that has *murdered* more than fifty million babies via *abortion* since 1973 is a morally insane nation.
- Any nation that spends more money on *drugs, beer, and booze* than it does on *education* and *religion* is a morally insane nation.
- Any nation that puts more emphasis on the *body* than it does on the *soul* is a morally insane nation.
- Any nation that disregards the sound principles of the *Word of God* is a morally insane nation.
- Any nation that spends more time in the *sports arena* than it does in the sanctuary is a morally insane nation.
- Any nation that legalizes *abortion, sanctions homosexuality, and embraces same-sex marriage* is a morally insane nation.
- Any nation that coddles *pedophiles* and condones *pornography* is a morally insane nation.
- Any nation that outlaws the *Bible, God, and prayer* from the classrooms of its schools is a morally insane nation.
- Any nation that turns *God's holy day* into a *holiday* is a morally insane nation.
- During this *digital age*, it is a very present danger for us to allow *technology* to rule. Any nation that turns from the

absolute power and control of God to rule the future is a morally insane nation.

Isaiah wrote in 60:12: *"For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish..."*

ALL CHRISTIANS should pray for revival (II Chronicles 7:14). Wake the town(s), and tell the people that ANY NATION that forgets God will be turned into hell (Psalm 9:17).

(To be continued)

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL IBFI MEETING was a GREAT SUCCESS!



*Dr. Willie Weaver,
IBFI President*

I have attended many of the national fellowship meetings during my 53 years of ministry. I do not know of any I enjoyed any more than the 35th Anniversary meeting of the IBFI.

We kicked the meeting off on Monday night with the *J. Frank Norris fellowship meal*. Special thanks to Pastors Terry Terry, Eric Crawford, Paul King and their churches for supplying and preparing a great fish dinner. After the dinner the group "Living Proof" (members of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Texas, Dale Harris Pastor), presented an excellent concert of gospel music. This was followed by a powerful message by *Dr. Roger Green, our special guest speaker*.

The music, preaching and fellowship were excellent. The preaching was Bible preaching and each message confirmed who we are as Independent, Fundamental Baptists. Dr. Barber's message on Wednesday night, certainly was a reminder of who we are, and what we believe. It was a challenge for us to continue standing for the historical Independent Fundamental Baptist convictions.

We heard from a number of foreign and home missionaries. The reports were uplifting and encouraging. One of our new missionaries, Scott Griffin, presented a heart stirring message Wednesday night on love and especially loving the homeless.

The Ladies Tea, planned by Mrs. Elvina Shipman, was a blessing to our ladies. The decorations were beautiful, and an interesting program was presented. The ladies enjoyed the excellent refreshments.

The Alumni luncheon was well attended and money was raised to help repair and replace windows in the office and Seminary building.

We approved officers for next year (some for three year terms). We also approved *Missionary Breze Serugamba* as our newest missionary. The final offering was \$50,865.00. We praise the Lord for the good offering and more that is coming in.

A highlight of the week of course was the *Tuesday night graduation ceremony*. Bro. Mark Brown gave the students (and all present), a challenging message. How wonderful to see the graduates receive their diplomas.

Our focus is on the future, and we believe it will be an excellent one. There is real unity in the fellowship and with God's help we will continue to see great things happen.

PICTURING OUR 35th GRADUATION!

*Jonathan J. Stewart,
NBBS President*



The pictures say so much about not only what a great year it was at NBBS, but also how the year was reflected in the graduation service.

The three men who provided special music for the ceremonies were a major part of the school year. First semester, Bro. Andrew Johnson led the singing in chapel, one day a week and sang a special each time, as did Dr. Charles Wetherbee both semesters, one day a week. Both men are on faculty at the seminary. Evangelist Lee Davis, a student at NBBS, sang one of the many songs he has written, as he did in chapel.

We are grateful for the challenge from Nehemiah 6:3 by alumnus Mark Brown, pastor of the Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, GA, to the graduating class of 2019. He preached about how they "cannot come down" because they are "doing a great work."

We were glad to see two alumni return as students to obtain a bachelor's degree. We expect great things for the glory of God from this graduating class, as we have past graduates. Thank you to all who prayed and financially undergirded the school this year!



*Dr. Terry Riggsby,
NBBS Field Representative*

35TH IBFI MAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING

We recently completed the 35th annual Independent Baptist Fellowship International meeting; it was a great meeting with real unity! Having been part of every single one of these, I can honestly say it was the best we have had, from the Christ honoring music, the KJV Bible preaching, to good Christian fellowship and the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary commencement exercises. We had seven more students that graduated who will be taking the Gospel out locally and around the world!

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, ELECTRA, TEXAS

It was my privilege to preach and present the NBBS ministry at the Bible Baptist Church in Electra, Texas. The church is led by Pastor Terry Hickman, a 1994 graduate of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary. Bro. Hickman and his family are endeavoring to reach this city with the gospel. They recently began a drug addiction program to help those with addictions.

REMINDER

I am still available any time to come and present the ministry of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary and to fill the pulpit if necessary. You can contact me at 817-648-1859.



*Glen Anderson,
Alumni President*

FAREWELL, BUT NOT GOOD-BYE!

It has been my privilege to serve as the President of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary Alumni for the past 6 years. I want to thank all of our alumni for your encouragement, support and kindness. I am now passing the mantle to Bro. Kenneth Ralph, who was elected to take the position at our May meeting. Bro. Kenneth is a 2019 graduate of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, and he was presented with the Founders Award by Dr. Raymond Barber.

Bro. Ralph and his family have moved to Pensacola, Florida, where he has assumed the position of Assistant Pastor as of June 1, 2019. We are very excited and looking forward to working together for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Bro. Kenneth loves the NBBS and the IBFI, and I know he will be a loyal and faithful supporter of both. I ask you to pray for him and support him.



UPCOMING EVENTS MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

IBF METROPLEX MEETINGS
 July 18 - Thursday - Open Door Baptist Church
 Grand Prairie, Texas - Host Pastor Heath Hogue
 August 15 - Thursday - McPherson Road Baptist Church
 Fort Worth, Texas - Host Pastor Bill Hardin
 September 19 - Thursday - Countryside Baptist Church
 Mansfield, Texas - Host Pastor Claude Sutton
 November 21 - Thursday - 1st Baptist Church of Cottondale
 Paradise, Texas - Host Pastor Charles Pugh
 December 12 - Thursday - Worth Baptist Church
 Fort Worth, Texas - Host Pastor Tyler Gillit

IBFI FALL FELLOWSHIP MEETING
 Tuesday - Thursday, October 8-10, 2019
 Pensacola Baptist Temple
 Pensacola, Florida - Host Pastor Glen Anderson

OPENING DAY RALLY FOR NORRIS BIBLE BAPTIST SEMINARY
 August 13, 2019 - Orientation begins at 8:00 AM
 There will be a special charge from Dr. Barber, the NBBS Chancellor at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow.
 Full details will be in the August/September issue of the Searchlight and on the IBFI website - www.ibfi.us.

