

Why Have a Missions Conference?

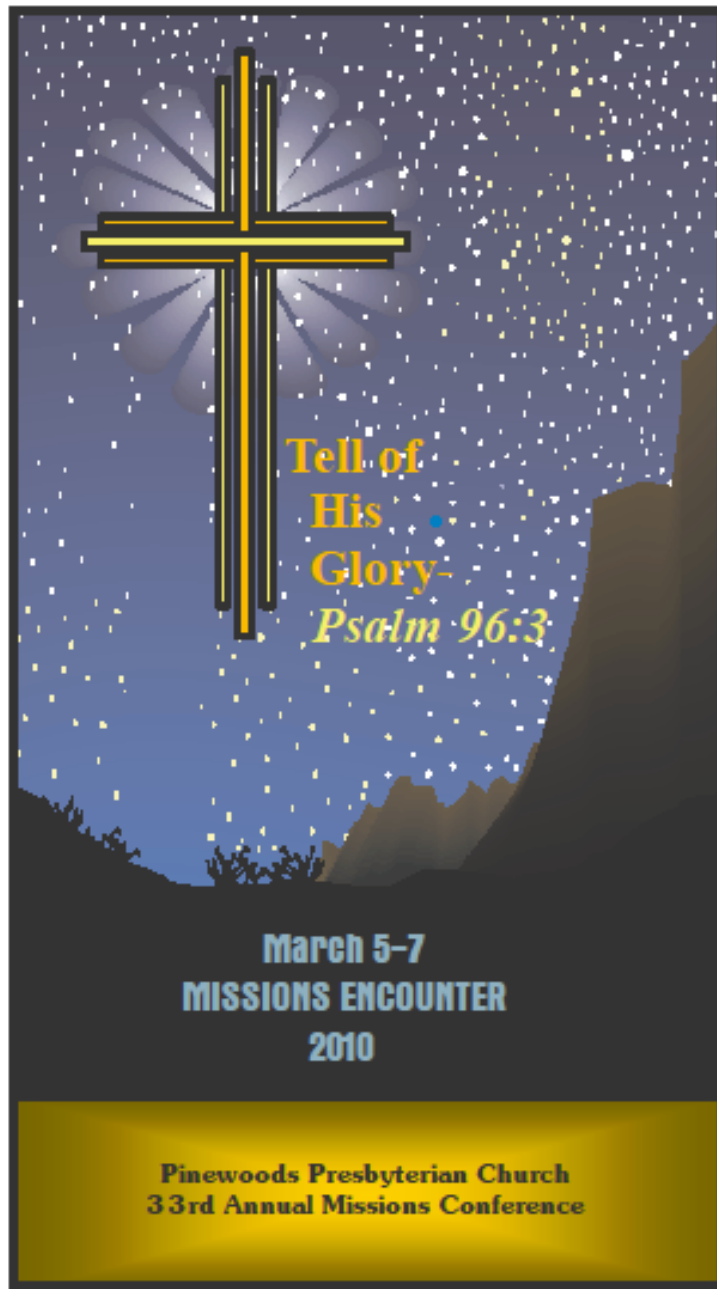
Have you ever thought about that – why have a missions conference? It's a good question, and we hope we can give you a positive, encouraging answer.

First, we are all called to be missionaries (Matthew 28:18-20) and share the good news of the gospel with the people of the world. This call is for every Christian, every one of us; and it is a call, not an option, in our Christian walk. We are to share the gospel with the people in our community, in our country, and around the world (Acts 1:7-9). It's obvious how we can share locally, but how do we fulfill the command to go "to the remotest part of the earth?" Well, we send someone to tell of the good news, we send missionaries (Romans 10:13-15). And if we send them, we have to support them for "a laborer is worthy of his hire" (I Timothy 5:18). How do we do this? We support them through our prayers and missions giving.

Second, we need to be reminded of this important responsibility, we need to be made aware of how this responsibility is being fulfilled, and we need to encourage and support those we have sent out to labor in the field. What is a logical way to achieve all of this? We accomplish this goal with a missions conference.

Our missions conference is called a World Missions Encounter Weekend, and it enables us to fulfill some of the obligations and responsibilities we have to our call to spread the gospel. Our keynote speaker talks of the reasons for missions, our responsibilities, and attempts to challenge and encourage us in this vital Christian duty. The visiting missionaries share about their ministry and outreach, which enables us to see how the command "to go into the uttermost parts of the earth" is being fulfilled. At the same time, our presence at the conference is a way to support and encourage our faithful missionary servants. And, the conference also calls for our prayer and financial support of these servants. The conference alone does not satisfy all of our responsibilities, but it is a beginning, and it does help us to see our missionary task more clearly and understand it more deeply. So, briefly, that is why we have a missions conference and we are delighted you have joined us for the 2010 Pinewoods World Missions Encounter Weekend.

The Pinewoods Missions Team



Frank Morehead Barker, Jr.



Frank M. Barker, Jr. was born January 31, 1932 in Birmingham, Alabama. Frank graduated from Auburn University in 1953 with a BS Degree in Textile Engineering. After serving four years as a jet pilot in the United States Navy, he graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary with the Bachelor of Divinity and the Master of Theology degrees. In May of 1988 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary.

He married Barbara Brown on November 3, 1961. The Barkers have three grown children and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Barker is in great demand as a speaker especially for women's groups. Dr. Barker received the distinguished honor of Eagle Scout as a 14 year old.

Ordained in 1960 by Birmingham Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Dr. Barker became the Pastor of a recently gathered group of Presbyterians who were soon to be organized as the Briarwood Presbyterian Church. From a congregation of 35 members, meeting in a storefront building in 1960, Briarwood grew to a membership of over 4000.

In 1972 Dr. Barker was one of the "Committee of Forty" that laid the foundational structure for the formation of the Presbyterian Church in America, a denomination of Presbyterians committed to the inspiration, inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture. Beginning in 1973 with 250 congregations, the PCA has grown to over 1500 churches. The first and founding meeting of the General Assembly of the PCA was held at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Barker has continued to serve the PCA in many capacities: at the General Assembly level as Chairman and member of the Committee of Mission to North America; the Committee of Mission to the World; and has served as Moderator of the General Assembly.

Dr. Barker has preached and taught in many countries around the world including South Korea, Japan, Mexico, Germany, Greece, in the Caribbean, Brazil, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Romania, Australia, New Zealand, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Africa, and Thailand.

He is also an author, having written *A Living Hope*, a study guide on 1Peter, *The Gospel of John for Group Study*, *1 Timothy: Pure Heart, Good Conscience, Sincere Faith* and *Encounter with Jesus*.

Dr. Barker heads the Department of Old Testament at Birmingham Theological Seminary. He retired as senior minister of Briarwood in 1999 but continues his association there as pastor emeritus with Harry Reeder as Pastor/Teacher. His biography, *Flight Path*, details his naval pilot experiences, conversion, and the early days of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. It is co-authored by Janie Buck and Mary Lou Davis.

Bryce & Noreen King



We both grew up in Boca Raton, FL and graduated from Boca High (Bryce - 1970; Noreen - 1972). Noreen became a Christian through contact with the youth group at Spanish River Pres. Church while in 10th Grade; I came to faith after a serious electrical accident resulted in the loss of my right hand and an extended rehabilitation. Although we

both attended the same school, we were a couple of years apart and didn't know each other. After I became a believer, we both ended up involved in a Coffee House ministry sponsored by SRPC and in April 1976 we were married.

In 1981 we left Boca to allow me to attend Reformed Seminary in Jackson, MS. During our time there we met Moises & Aaron Zapata who were both from Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. Our friendship with these guys eventually led us to move to Merida after I finished school (December 1983). What started out as a 2 year commitment eventually led us to 23 years of life and ministry; our kids (Aaron - 1978; Kelly - 1980; Niki - 1982; Sara - 1984) all grew up there and we had the privilege of being involved in the birth and growth of Shalom Pres. Church (www.inpshalom.org.mx) and the foundation of the Centro Educativo "Blas Pascal", a Christian Junior & Senior High School.

Because we felt that it was important that local leadership assume full responsibility in Shalom and the school and that it was time for us to be closer to our respective families, we decided to return to the US in late July of 2007. As we were preparing to return, we decided to purchase our small farm in Winnsboro, TX to pursue our interest in an agrarian lifestyle. At the same time I accepted an offer to work with Second Pres. Church in Memphis in order to gain some experience in domestic Hispanic ministries through helping them initiate an outreach to a local Hispanic community. Having finished our work in Memphis in March 2009, we relocated to Winnsboro to develop the farm and came to an agreement with Third Millennium Ministries (www.thirdmill.org) in which I continue to be involved in Hispanic ministries (both Domestic & International) through my work in the Spanish "contextualization" of IIM's educational materials.

Alan and Chinglien Fiol



Chinglien and I have been serving (since 1999) with Mission To the World in Taipei, Taiwan at a four-year evangelical Christian college called Christ's College, which is overseen by Mission To the World (MTW) of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). For over forty years Christ's College has had a strategic ministry to Taiwanese

young people.

A primary ministry of the college is one of evangelism, as most of the 400 students at Christ's College are unbelievers when they enter the college. In addition to their regular degree courses, they take required Bible classes, participate in regular nightly dorm devotions and attend chapel services. Through these and other ministry avenues, including teacher-initiated Bible studies and personal counseling, these young people are introduced to the Lord and are challenged to put their faith and trust in Him for their salvation. We praise the Lord that He has brought as many as 75% of the unbelieving students to Himself while they were at the college.

Beyond the evangelistic work is the on-going vital work of discipleship. For young believers in this largely Buddhist society unfamiliar with the Bible or with a biblical worldview, the early years of their walk with the Lord are critical for their grounding in the Word and in the application of their faith to their everyday life. This is our primary burden for the students at Christ's College. Please pray with us that God will mature many in their knowledge of the Lord, His Word and how Christ's eternal promises and claim over their lives affect their everyday lives. And pray that God will draw these students into good, Bible-believing churches where they will grow in faith and begin a lifetime of committed Christian service.

We work with the students in a number of venues. One is through my classroom teaching; I am on the English faculty. In the spring semester of 2009 I also taught a ministry outreach course, whose purpose is to prepare Christian students for ministry. Another ministry facet is through dormitory devotions and Bible studies. Further, we work one-on-one with students to counsel and disciple them. Each teacher is given a particular group of students to mentor, called Advisee Class. We have gotten close to many in our advisee classes and have seen the Lord work mightily in their lives. We live on campus and students are free to knock on our door to talk to us.

Off campus, we have worshipped and served in various churches, occasionally filling the pulpit, ministering personally to seekers and needy Christians, as well as leading the choir and otherwise helping with music ministry. In addition, we have conducted Bible studies in our home.

David & Jan



David and Jan both grew up in Louisiana and became Christians as teenagers. They married in 1977 while David was in medical school. After completing his training, David

practiced internal medicine in Pensacola, FL. He and Jan were active members of McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church where Jan served as a Bible teacher for women and children, and David was a ruling elder. Hearing a missionary speaking in their church sparked their interest in missions, beginning the process that would lead them to the field several years later. They joined Mission to the World in 1988 and worked in rural Africa from 1989 to 2004, first in Kenya and then in Nigeria, and since 2004 in a major urban center in Europe. Their work has been focused on reaching Muslims since 1995.

After almost five years of leading a church-planting team reaching out to Muslim immigrants in the most international city in Europe, in 2009 David and Jan were asked to begin a new role with Enterprise, the division of Mission to the World concerned with outreach to Muslims. David is the Area Director for Enterprise Strategic Fit ministries—those works in which MTW workers develop the vision and strategy for outreach and church planting, including pioneering works in locations where there are very few Christian believers. About half of Enterprise's workers fall into this category (others work where a national church or strong national leader directs the ministry). David and Jan provide support and encouragement to the field teams, help them develop and assess their plans, and provide accountability for their work. The experience that David and Jan have had of ministry and leading teams in three different locations help them to both assess new potential locations for work and to assist established ministries. They continue to live in Europe which serves as a hub for travel to the regions they oversee in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and North America. They also continue to be involved in locally in their neighborhood with the field team assisting in ministry and maintaining the relationships they have developed with Muslim friends.

2010 World Missions Encounter
Weekend Program
“*Tell of His Glory...*”
Psalms 96:3

Friday, March 5th *Nursery available for infant through 4 yrs.

- 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. ** Chick-Fil-A Dinner
6:20 - 6:25 p.m. Introduction of Missionaries
6:25 - 6:40 p.m. Opening Comments -
Dr. Frank Barker, Jr.
6:45 - 8:45 p.m. Group Rotation -
Hear Missionaries speak.

Saturday, March 6th *Nursery available for infant through 4 yrs.

- 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. ** Buffet Dinner and Dessert
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Missions Service -
Dr. Frank Barker, Jr.

Sunday, March 7th

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:45 - 9:40 a.m. Combined Sunday School Classes
Adult—David & Alan
Sr. High—Daniel & Kendra
Jr. High—Bryce & Noreen
Elementary—Jan & Barbara
10:00-11:15 a.m. Worship Service
Dr. Frank Barker, Jr. preaches
11:30 - 11:45 a.m. Missionary Inquirer's &
Seekers Meeting

**Nursery is available by reservation by Sunday, February 28th. Please sign-up on the COMM Link.*

***Sign-up in the Narthex if you will attend the Chick-Fil-A Dinner and/or the Buffet Dinner.*

FAITH PROMISE

The grace of giving is one of the most amazing blessings of the Christian life. Throughout the Old and New Testaments God reveals that He intends that His redeemed people are to be the channel for His gospel to be extended to all the nations and people of the earth. It is both a privilege and a duty of the Christian to send missionaries to every nation, tongue and tribe.

Missionaries require financial support and that is where Faith Promise is essential. Many people at Pinewoods are very familiar with the biblical concept (see II Corinthians 8 and 9) of making a Faith Promise commitment for missions. Others who are new to Pinewoods may not have heard of Faith Promise giving.

Making a Faith Promise commitment has essentially two components. Faith: Trusting God to enable you to give more than you thought you could and at the same time meeting all your personal needs. Promise: Trusting God because He promised to supply all your needs.

Because a Christian lives with one overall purpose in mind- to glorify God- as a Christian you should want to give more and more to advance His kingdom throughout the world. By committing yourself to Faith Promise, you begin to see everything you have belonging to God. You will look for ways He will provide so you can give more for His cause. You do not rely on your limited resources, but on God's unlimited resources.

Faith Promise giving can be supplied by reordering our financial priorities, being creative in the ways we generate and save money or in unexpected ways as God provides. Many people have testimonies that demonstrate the power of God to provide in many unusual ways and their lives have been richly blessed as their faith in God's provision grew.

As you contemplate this concept pray that God's grace, which is far greater than any need we have, will fill your heart.

Missionaries

North America

Bryce & Noreen King, PEF, III Mill
Duane & Kim Baxter, Med. Ministry
Ben & Katie Nelson, Campus Outreach
David & Paula Hutchinson, MNA, CT
Tim & Becky McKeown, MNA, Hispanic
Bill & Wendy DePury, InterVarsity, Deep So.
Pat & Linda Pearce, Campus Crusade
Steve & Jenna Lammers, RUF, U of FL
Brian & Jessie Steadman, Brooklyn
Mo Leverett, Rebirth, Int'l.
Brad & Fawn Winsted, CMI, Atlanta

Latín America

Tony & 'Cilda DeMercado, CCCD, Jamaica
Alberto & Judy Nunez, Friends of Disabled
Don & Sue Gahagen, MTW, Quechua
Kenton & Karen Wood, MTW, Mexico

Asia

Alan & Chinglien Fiol, MTW, Taiwan
Darlene Johnson, MTW, Japan
Beau & Jennifer, MTW*
David & Marcia, MTW*
Harold & Edna Matolka, Pioneers, Russia
Scott & Christine, MTW*
Victoria, The Navigators*

Europe

Clay & Darlene Quarterman, MTW, Ukraine
David & Jan, MTW*
Jaime & Irene Vieira, CPI, Portugal

Africa

John & Liz, Int'l. Link*

**Missionaries are serving in fields where great sensitivity is required. We are unable to publish details for these workers since broad dissemination of their location and situation could be detrimental to their continued ministry.*

Our Short-term Mission Projects

Periodically, we take a group on a short-term missions trip. Our main focus over the years has been Merida, Mexico and Mandeville, Jamaica. But, we have also served locally and in wilderness area like Moose Jaw, Canada. Our efforts have been to minister in "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the remotest parts of the earth."



Cantonment/Pensacola 2009 Pinewoods 360°



Merida, Mexico 2006



Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf in Jamaica.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

If you think God is calling you into mission work, either short-term, full-time or in some other capacity, please join us on Sunday morning at 11:30 for discussion with missionaries and the Missions Team. We want to pray with you and give you an information packet to guide your decision.

If you think God is calling you but are unable or uncomfortable attending the meeting Sunday morning, please consider doing the following things.

- read a missions book
- read about a famous missionary
- attend a short-term missions trip
- get to know the missionaries the church supports
- read prayer letters from the missions center
- entertain missionaries while they are in town
- communicate with missionaries via letters & email
- consider serving on the Missions Team

Please feel free to contact the Missions Team at any time during the year.



Stefanie (Goen) Delinois and Amanda Schaffer
with deaf students at CCCD

Pinewoods

Pinewoods' Vision Statement:

We seek, for the glory of God, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be a Christ-centered community, passionate in worship, biblical in nurture, faithful in gathering, that effectively engages the world for Christ.

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