

"Go into all the world and preach the good news..." Mark 16:15

A MISSIONS MOMENT

An update of the various
missions endeavours supported by
Hillview Baptist Church

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In this month's edition of *A MISSIONS MOMENT*, I want to give you just a brief overview of the various missions endeavours we as a church are currently supporting. I'll divide them into National Missions and International Missions.

National Missions

Here at home we are supporting three organizations of our North American Baptist Conference. They are not so much directly involved in missions itself, but they essentially coordinate, oversee, facilitate and train for mission work. We also support one home mission.

1. North American Baptist Conference (NAB Conf.) This is the denominational organization of approximately 400 churches in the US and Canada, with Hillview Baptist Church being one of its member churches. Its headquarters are in Roseville, CA, and it coordinates the global mission work of our Conference.

2. Alberta Baptist Association (ABA) The NAB Conference is divided into 15 association of churches, with the ABA being one of them. The ABA is comprised of 50+ churches in Alberta, as well as one and two churches in BC and SK respectively. The ABA staff work with the local churches and pastors, assisting them to grow and encouraging them to carry out their mandates.

3. Taylor Seminary The ministry of Taylor Seminary - located here in Edmonton and one of the two theological seminaries of the NAB Conference - is to train and equip men and women for various Christian ministries, including pastors and missionaries.

4. Moose Jaw Youth For Christ This is a multi-faceted front-line-and-in-the-trenches kind of ministry that works with mostly troubled and hurting young people and families, as well as in camps, schools, and the community, by sharing with them the hope that is found in Christ.

Please check the Missions World Map in the foyer for pictures, reports, updates, and letters about these and other missions ministries.

International Missions

Because of limited space, I will only list these and then very, very briefly indicate the basic nature of the seven international missions endeavours we are currently supporting. In subsequent issues I'll describe each of them more fully.

1. Chain of Love (COL) An NAB-sponsored work in Brazil that ministers to the most needy children, sharing with them the love of God and helping them to become independent members of society. This past summer we had the joy of sending a missions team to work at COL for 10 days.

2. Compassion Canada We are sponsoring Alexandra Pierina Borja Borja (age, 16) in Peru, and supporting her through our finances, gifts, letters, and prayers. See her display in basement stairway landing.

3. Roman and Vicky Gehring They are working with Wycliffe Bible Translators, and are currently translating the Bible into the language of a large Pakistani people group. There is much open hostility to this kind of initiative and the work must therefore be done very discreetly.

4. Jeff and Sonja Kilmartin They are NAB missionaries in Cameroon and Nigeria, working primarily with the fledgling ministry among the Muslim Fulbe people in these two nations.

5. Fulbe Ministry This is a difficult and dangerous ministry, as opposition to the Christian faith is strong. The ministry among this 38 million nomadic people group focuses on evangelism, education, and community development, including medical clinics. Our financial support helps with the cost of training these various national workers.

6. African Water Projects One of the greatest needs in thousands of small African villages, is clean water. By way of a system of drilling down to the underground water level in higher regions, water is being brought down to the villages below utilizing gravity alone. These kinds of initiatives have often earned us the crucial good will and support of local chieftains.

7. White Cross Work This is one of the most successful and appreciated ministries the NAB is engaged in. Individuals and local NAB church groups cut up used bed sheets and make bandages that are rolled up and shipped to our hospitals in Cameroon. Many other things, such as used hospital beds and medical equipment (donated by local hospitals) are gathered here in Edmonton, and shipped to Cameroon. The need of this ministry is to raise sufficient funds to cover the high cost of sending these large shipping containers overseas by boat.