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Heartland Baptist Church Charters

By Dr. John Bailes

Tim and Launa Zuck, as well as their three children, were missionaries in the Ivory Coast when civil war broke out. It became too dangerous to remain there. After filling in for a furloughing missionary in France, God began to impress upon Tim's heart the need for more fundamental Baptist churches here in the USA. I will let Tim tell about it in his own words.

“After much prayer and some fasting, I was convinced that the Lord wanted us to plant a church in the heartland of America. Having the ‘go ahead’ from the Lord, I wanted to see how He had been working in Launa's heart, so we went out

and discussed the matter over a steak dinner. She was also convinced that God was moving us to the place where he wanted us to start a work for Him. The next step was to talk it over with our pastor (Rick Dawson of Victory Baptist Church in Carterville, IL), who was extremely supportive of the ministry to which God was calling us.”

Tim expressed to me that the town of Marion, Illinois, was constantly in his thoughts as he prayed and asked God where to start the church. With the direction of the Lord, the support of his wife, and their commissioning church behind them, they decided to have a series of get acquainted

meetings with the intention of having an official church start up in the Spring. On November 4, 2006, they held the first (and only) such meeting in the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse Conference Room. They were overjoyed when 37 people came out to hear about Heartland



Baptist Church. In the days following this meeting, the response was so overwhelming and the people were so anxious to get started that they decided to go ahead and start meeting for church services. On November 18, 2006, they had their first church service in the Boy Scout Cabin where they were able to meet several more times, but they were not able to secure it on a regular basis. They met once again for church in the Western Sizzlin' Conference Room and then God answered prayer when they were able to secure a sublease of about 3,000 square feet of space in an Adult Day Care Center.

Tim reports, “Our attendance had steadily
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Pastor Tim Zuck, Launa, Audrey,
Kayla and Jared

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been running between 15 and 20 at this time with a high day of 55 when we had a 'Family and Friends Fun Night.' Since we were now able to meet in the same place on a regular basis, we felt that it was time to plan an official church start up. We talked it over with Dr. John Bailes and decided that Easter Sunday would be a perfect time to go forward with a charter-signing service. Several other churches responded to our invitation to come and help with a literature distribution for the new church start up. We were blessed to have about 58 people involved in passing out over 4,500 book of Romans and invitations to our Easter Sunday Celebration Service. We had 37 in attendance with 19 folks signing the charter as founding members of Heartland Baptist Church of Marion, IL. It was a joy to have Dr. and Mrs. Bailes there to guide us in this start up and we are thankful for his help in preparing us for the literature distribution. He has continued to provide wise counsel, for which we are thankful. It was a great blessing to receive \$1000 from the **RESEEDING AMERICA FUND** to help us with the cost of distribution materials. We are still seeing the results of this distribution and we are following up on leads that were produced."

The new church started a building fund from the very beginning with the intent of one day finding a permanent location for their ministry. The location where the church was meeting was spacious but required a lot of set up and take down time on the part of all the church folks. Brother Tim began to pray for God to do something supernatural and unusual to get them into a permanent location for their church ministry as soon as possible. About three weeks after the charter-signing service, he received a phone call from the owner of the building saying that he needed to meet with him in his office. Tim said, "I just knew that God was responding to my prayers." He went to the meeting and the owner told him that he no longer wanted them subleasing space in the



below:
Dr. John Bailes
with Pastor
Tim Zuck



building. This did not disappoint or discourage Brother Tim at all but caused him to become excited and encouraged at what God was preparing to do. Brother Zuck began to look again for somewhere to go and within an hour's time the Lord led him to a piece of property about 5 miles east of town with a little sign that said "For Sale By Owner." He called the phone number on the sign and went directly over to meet the man. After explaining to him who he was and what he was doing, the man proposed to sell them 8 1/2 acres with a 24 x 50 pole barn building for \$80,000 on a contract for deed at \$650 per month and zero percent interest. The property is up on a hill so water is not an issue. It also

has its own front-age road entrance and is visible both directions on Illinois Route 13, which is a major road into the area. That was on a Thursday and by Friday morning

members from the church gathered at the property to see it; others were contacted by phone and together they prayed concerning the possibility of God's will for this property. It was unanimously decided that they would buy the property. There was a refreshing spirit of unity. A check was written for \$5,000 right there on the spot on the advice of their attorney and they began to draw up the papers. They have done a lot of work to get the building comfortable to meet in, but they still have much to do to get the property cleaned up and ready for use. The attendance has climbed slowly and they now have between 25 and 30 on a regular basis. Pastor Zuck states, "We are so very thankful that God is still working in supernatural and unusual ways and we are looking forward to more of what He has in store for us in the future. Not one of us could have ever imagined six months ago that we would be in a permanent location where we can seriously put our hands to work in serving God from the heart for His glory."

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When **RESEEDING AMERICA** assists new churches and churches in decline, it takes thousands of Romans books to do a distribution for these churches. Can we count on your monthly support of our "Seed Bank Fund" to help us sow the seed of the Word of God across America in this ministry? Send your gift to "Seed Bank Fund" **RESEEDING AMERICA** c/o BIM I P.O. Box 9215, Chattanooga, TN 37412.

Ten Thousand Households in California Receive the Gospel Message

By Bob Larson

RESEEDING AMERICA recently assisted and organized a scripture distribution project in Modesto, California. Praise the Lord for the many churches and individuals who volunteered their time to assist in this project. On the third day of the distribution over eighty-five people volunteered their time to help distribute the scriptures. Ten thousand packets of the book of Romans and invitations to Lighthouse

Baptist Church were distributed in three days. Lighthouse Baptist also did a wonderful job of preparing the packets and helping distribute the Scriptures. After much hard work and prayer, thousands of homes were reached with the Gospel message! On the Sunday following the distribution, a fifty-three-year-old man who came to visit the church was saved. Other visitors were also in attendance. Please pray that the Lord would

continue to bless and build this motivated church and give its pastor, Ray Ferrell, wisdom and direction.



New Church in Rural Georgia Delivers The Gospel to Over Six Thousand Homes.

By Bob Larson

Four years ago church planter Chris Chaille moved to Broxton, Georgia, to reach Coffee County with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was trained and received "hands on" experience in his home church (Heritage Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas – Joey Crenshaw, Pastor).

Chris, his wife Nancy, and their three children have been faithful to serve the Lord in this needy area of Georgia. They have a burden for rural Georgia and believe that if God can build a fundamental church in the city, He can do it in rural Georgia.

I have had the privilege of preaching for this church planter and from time to time assisting and advising Bro. Chaille in the starting and establishing of this New Testament Church. Chris went to Georgia with minimum

support and has had to work a secular job during the planting of Heritage Baptist Church in "downtown" Broxton. He told me recently that if he had to do it over again, he would take the time to raise support.

This past February, Brother Chaille and I talked about trying to cover a large part of Coffee county with a door hanger packet that would contain a copy of John and Romans and an information brochure about the church. The dates were set for May 17 - 19. **RESEEDING AMERICA** helped in the organization of the distribution and obtained the John and Romans books with a beautiful personalized cover. Talking Rock Road Baptist Church, West Branson, MO, and their Pastor Delbert Davis graciously helped with the expense of printing the books and delivered them to Broxton. Meanwhile, **RESEEDING AMERICA** contacted several churches to assist in the upcoming distribution.

We arrived in Broxton on the first day of the distribution to find that some of the members of the congregation had actually started distributing the packets earlier in the week. Individuals from churches in Douglas, Rocky Ford, and Mt Vernon, GA, also came to assist us in the distribution. This new congregation worked tirelessly for three days. Now that six thousand copies of the Gospel of John and Romans have been distributed, Chris and

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Nancy Chailee are seeing new families visiting their church on a regular basis.

Chris Chaillee is not a missionary with Baptist International Missions, but BIMI and RESEEDING AMERICA believe that hundreds of new churches like Heritage Baptist Church are needed all across America to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and partner with the next generation of missionaries who will go into all the world to preach the Gospel.

USA Church Plants in Progress

Alan and Sabrina Davis ~ Bronx NY ~ Our Spring Campaign began in May and May 6th was called "Good Start Sunday." We wanted our people to help us get off to a good start. The message was entitled "Peter's Advice to the Church" and the text was in I Peter chapter 5. During the invitation four ladies came forward to make a public profession of faith. Hopefully, we can schedule a baptism soon in a sister church in Queens, New York.

Paul and Wilma Marsh ~ Harrison TN ~ The opportunities abound to get the gospel out to the ever increasing numbers of Hispanics here. Last Sunday a good number of our folks went to the "Hispanic Fair" and gave out Hispanic gospel tracts, brochures and invitations to our services. Our attendance has continued to average 25 with a high day of 32. Thank you for your prayers and support.

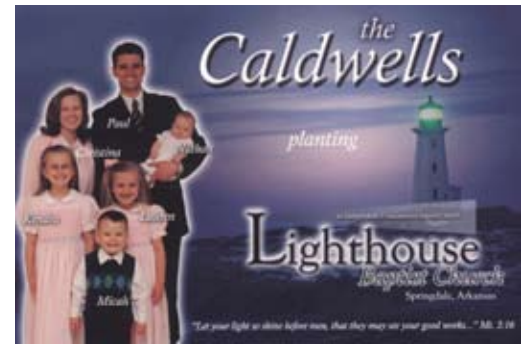
Tony and Paula Bulawa - Surprise, AZ - The Lord has seen fit to add to His church with three baptisms. Besides those who were added to the church by baptism, we have also had three ladies transfer their membership from other churches. Each was driving forty-five minutes to an hour to church. In March we moved into a public school multipurpose building. We have full use of this facility on Sundays. The Lord has allowed us to reach 3500 homes so far around this new location. The Lord has blessed us with a good number of visitors. We have also been able to assist in the start of a new Independent Baptist Church in El Mirage, AZ, with a large Gospel literature distribution. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry.

Make an Investment in the Future

These USA missionaries are currently on deputation and raising support to plant new churches in America.

The Paul Caldwell Family – Planting Lighthouse Baptist Church in Springdale, Arkansas (Fall 2007). Contact Brother Caldwell at 540-220-6925 or 540-720-7095

The Scott Cornoyer Family – Planting High Point Independent Baptist Church in the Washington D.C. area. (Grand Opening Service – September 30, 2007) Contact Brother Cornoyer at 301-904-3399 or 301-904-3554



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Pastor

Do you have any men in your church who have a desire to plant a New Independent Baptist Church in America out of your church? BIMI now offers an associate missionary program for the man who is called to start a church in the USA. For more details call BIMI today.

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A BIBLICAL PHILOSOPHY OF CHURCH PLANTING

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The material in this article is written from a lecture that BIMI Missionary Bob McKeever would give as he taught in church planting schools around the country. Although Bob is with the Lord, his work lives on. Two years ago he gave me his notes and asked me if I would continue to teach this material in church planting schools and churches across America. Dr. Bob McKeever knew church planting and he was involved in church planting ministries for years. He was a blessing and a great encouragement to churches and church planters in the US. The following contains the thoughts from the heart of Missionary Bob McKeever and we are happy to publish these thoughts as a tribute to him.

Bob Larson, Assistant Director USA MISSIONS - BIMI

There are several misconceptions that hinder church planting today in the United States. First, the average church today has a misconception of what constitutes a mission field. We have reduced missions today to geography. Missions is not geography! Missions is people! Why do we differentiate and use the terms home missions or foreign missions. Missions is missions and our mission field is the world. The Bible is clear when it says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). It is time to realize that every creature includes the United States of America. Recently, I was calling pastors in the Southeast to ask them for a possible meeting to present our ministry of church planting in America. One pastor told me that his church no longer supports men or ministries in the United States. Another pastor told me his church did not consider church planting in America to be a real need at the present time. Still another pastor told me that his church had experienced a drop in missions giving so they were dropping the support of their "stateside" missionaries and are just supporting missionaries who are on the "field." The sad truth is that most churches and even pastors do not see America as a mission field. Today we have more Puerto Rican people living in America than in all of Puerto Rico. We have more Jews living in America than in all of Israel. At this writing there are forty million Hispanic people living in America. Thirty-eight million black people now live in this country. Over ten million Moslems live in the US. There are twenty million deaf people in America. In Proverbs 29:18 God's Word warns, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Mission work is reaching people in every land (including America) and then establishing churches.

Another thing that hinders church planting in America is that the average church has a misconception of the US church planter. Somehow we have the mistaken idea that when a man plants a church in America, he doesn't need support. The thinking behind this is that he should be able to start a church and work a full-time job to support his family. How many men have failed and given up because of that type of work load? The figures are in and it is right at 50 percent. Oh, it can be done, and I have done it, but I believe that when a man starts a church under such conditions, someone or something will suffer. Many times his family suffers or the new church suffers or both. The book of James says, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). Today a church planter in the United States needs support. If he is going to stay at the church and pastor the church long term, then that support can be cut back as the new church picks up the financial load.

Yet another issue that needs to be mentioned is that many church planters have a misconception concerning the need to build indigenous churches. There are three common errors that many church planters make. First, they keep the new church dependent on outside support. As a result, the church membership develops a welfare mentality. The second misconception that a church planter can make is that he keeps the new church dependent on the church planter. This may happen because of his ego or it may be accidental or it may be ignorance. The third misconception that church planters often make is that they never disciple or train leadership. The above mistakes can result in new church failure.

Church planters also need to strive to build "Missionary-Minded" churches. Churches started by missionaries should be supporting missionaries. A church planter should start supporting missionaries from the very beginning. Remember, giving to missions is never a matter of can or can't, but simply a matter of will or won't. God will bless the church that gives to missions. Dr. Harold Sigtler used to say, "If you want a healthy church, put it on a missionary diet." To not establish a missions program in your church is to rob your church of God's blessing.

In conclusion, we desperately need to get back to basics and the planting of churches in America. It is the only answer for America and the only answer for the world. By planting churches in America, we can increase our mission force by increasing our mission source. If the Lord tarries and if we are going to fund the next generation of missionaries to reach an ever increasing population, we will need to have hundreds of new churches started. The light that shines the farthest around the world shines the brightest here at home.

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Appalachian Baptist Church Has Great Start

By Dr. John Bailes

Central Baptist Church of Greeneville, Tennessee, gave birth to their first new church on May 13th as Pastor Todd Abbey led the congregation in a unanimous vote to begin Appalachian Baptist Church. **BIMI missionary Tracey Jones** was voted as the pastor by the members of the church. Many of the Central Baptist members, as well as other cooperating churches, were involved in three weeks of intensive door-to-door distribution prior to their first service in their new location. I never saw so many **Rottweiler** guard dogs in all my life. Thank God for heavy chains and strong fences.

Appalachian Baptist Church had their first Sunday service on Sunday, May 20, with 125 in the morning and 48 attending Sunday evening. The following week they had 51 in their morning service and 45 in the evening service. To God be the glory! A group of ten individuals transferred from Central Baptist Church to help with the music and teaching duties. Bro. Tracey is a veteran church planter and looking forward with great anticipation for what God has for this new church. *(There will be an expanded article in the next issue of the BIMI World magazine relating the details of the start of this new church.)*



Tracey and Martha Jones

