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Missionaries to
Thailand

September 2018

Psalm 150:2, "Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness."

I thought for a long time that B.E.S.T. Missions should conduct a conference on the importance of placing the Word of God in the hands of every believer in every nation in the world. After putting pen to paper, Dr. Curtis Hall, Pastor Claud Slate, and I made plans for the First Annual B.E.S.T. Missions Conference to be held at Colonial Baptist Church in Rogers, Arkansas. We agreed that it should be an annual event held every Labor Day, the first Monday of September.

Pastor Slate's folks did an excellent job of hosting the conference providing all the meals and all the extras. All we needed was for God to perform one of His **mighty acts**, which He did! It was great! There were 30 preachers in attendance at the two-day conference, and many other churches represented. Colonial Baptist Church was packed on Monday night. An offering of \$4,705 was taken for Bibles, and many other commitments were made to help B.E.S.T. place Bibles in the hands of believers who have never owned a copy of God's Word. If possible, please mark your calendar for the **Second Annual B.E.S.T. Missions Conference to be held on September 2-3, 2019 at Colonial Baptist Church in Rogers, Arkansas.** It will be well worth your time, and I believe it will be a help to your church members who attend.

I've been able to travel again, and the Lord allowed me to present B.E.S.T. Missions in 5 different churches in the month of September. I'm not at 100%, but am doing what I can to make folks aware of the great need of publishing the Word of God.

God spoke to my heart about helping Missionary Mark Holmes receive a shipment of Scriptures from BEAMS. Thousands of Bibles and *John & Romans* were recently shipped to Nigeria. Brother Holmes conducts an Annual Pastors Conference and provides the Word of God for over 150 national pastors and churches in that part of Africa. Praise the Lord! That is what B.E.S.T. Missions is all about.

I attended a Layman's Conference at Grace Baptist Church in Gladewater, Texas. Weeks before, God had laid it on the heart of Pastor Jim Whithers to take an offering for B.E.S.T. Missions for Bibles. I had not told anyone about providing for the container being shipped to Nigeria, but God provided through His **mighty acts**! Praise the Lord!

B.E.S.T. was also privileged to provide 2,000 whole Bibles, 2,500 *John & Romans*, and several thousand Gospel tracts for a group of men from Longview Baptist Temple traveling to Northern Nigeria to help an established new church. What a blessing to be able to provide the first copy of God's Word for those new believers!

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Mrs. Bowen and I celebrated our 52nd anniversary on September 24th. I thank the Lord for a wife who supports me in doing the work of God. Jackie just completed her first year of doing peritoneal dialysis, and she is doing fine. Thank you all for your prayers! This month, she qualified to be put on the waiting list for a kidney transplant.

I purchased tickets to return to Southeast Asia for four weeks, and I will be leaving January 8, 2019. There are many projects to attend to and several churches that need to be visited. Please pray for my health, that I will be able to make this trip.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We thank God for His mighty acts! We love you folks and greatly appreciate you, knowing that none of this would be possible without your prayers and financial help. B.E.S.T. received over \$12,000 for Bibles this month. **Praise Him for His mighty acts!**

October 2018

My first week in October was spent in Georgia with Pastor Frank Terpening in Rome, and then with Pastor Dexter Landers in Whitesburg. Mount Zion Baptist Church in Whitesburg raised over \$5,000 for printing the Word of God for Southeast Asia.

Dr. Curtis Hall and I visited Philadelphia Baptist Church Christian Academy in Calhoun, Georgia for their Chapel service one morning. For several years, the students have been faithful supporters of B.E.S.T. and pray for the work in Southeast Asia. It was a blessing to be able to thank them personally. Pastor Tim McCulley has truly been a friend to this work of God.

The Lord has seen fit to give us more Scriptures to ship overseas. We are in the process of filling a container with 5,000 Burmese Bibles and more Thai Bibles to be shipped sometime this spring.

We have a few prayer requests to ask of you. 1).Kendall Cobb, our Bible printer in Northern Thailand, has been ill for several months, and is just now getting back to work. 2). Andy Long and his family are trying to raise needed funds for monthly support to be able to return to Thailand before Christmas. 3). Rent is due on our Bible Distribution Warehouses in December. We pay the fee annually, and we must keep the doors open. 4). My car is about to give up the ghost with nearly 200,000 miles accumulated over the past 4 years. I'm praying for a good, low mileage car, so I can continue to travel to raise support for Bibles. 5). New churches are being established in Southeast Asia in need of Bibles.

December is a big month for preaching the Gospel in the 35,000 public schools available in Thailand. Thousands of students and staffers will hear the Gospel for the first time, and each one will receive a *John & Romans* and Gospel tracts. Many will be saved during this time.

Again, we thank you, and we pray for you.

(Please visit our website at bestmissions.org)

Into all the world,

Bob Bowen

Phil. 4:13