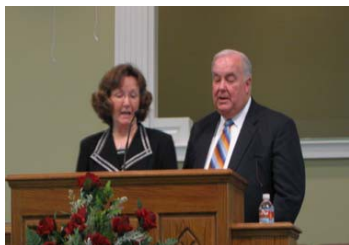




Back in the Saddle Again

As many of you know, I have had a battle with my health for the last two years. It was a slow recovery from the quadruple by-pass of January of 2007. In fact, this past November I was again hospitalized for five days and missed one conference in New York state. But now, thanks to your prayers and God's wonderful grace, I feel like I am "back in the saddle again." In the last few weeks we have participated in two very encouraging meetings. On March 1st, I flew to Vicksburg, MS, to preach a commissioning service for GIBMissionary to Costa Rica, Bob Martin. His pastor, Greg Clemps, and the Southside Baptist Church, wanted to give the Martins a Biblical send-off with real enthusiasm. I am happy to tell you that the meeting was a success. I preached in the morning service from Acts 13

"They Sent Them Away." The church made a big day of it and had Bob and Joy sing. The pastor gave them a certificate and a large cash offering. There was dinner on the grounds and Brother Martin



preached in the evening service.

FPO Nearly Tripled in Vicksburg!

More recently, my wife and I flew to Buffalo, New York, to participate in the first missions conference that Calvary Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, NY, hosted since 1995. The church is pastored by Matt Furan, former missionary to Sri Lanka. It was a delight for us to get more closely acquainted with Pastor Furan and his family. What we did not know was that Niagara Falls is Pastor Furan's home town. He has had a burden for the area ever since he has been saved, and in fact, is an answer to his early prayers. He and his family have adjusted well and the church is in love with all of them. March 15 was their first anniversary with the Church. The church has been in decline for a number of years. However, during the missions conference several of the members made comments such as, "This is the way it used to be," and,



"We believe the church is going to have revival." At the end of the conference, a faith promise commitment was received which nearly tripled the current missions deposits.

NE Regional GIBF Meeting

On March 30th, we will fly to Rhode island to participate in a NE Regional GIBF meeting in Cumberland, RI. My son, Randy Lewis, and the good people at Blackstone Valley Baptist Church are hosting the meeting. There will be preachers and church members from Rhode Island, Quebec, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine. Speakers include Bob Stevens, Marty Stevens, Bob Mitchell, and your's truly. In addition, I have on my schedule two missions conferences in Texas in the month of April.

The Missions Office is processing more funds every month. Last year the dollars that went through the office were 1.3 million. Thirty-two thousand dollars were spent to run the office. All of this money had been designated for that purpose. You can help by supporting the missionaries and supporting the GIBMissions Office budget.

Nothing Negative!

Often, after I attend a GIBF Meeting, I hear someone say, "The meetings just keep getting better and better." That was true for awhile, but I don't think it is possible to continue to "get better and better" forever. I believe what is happening is that all of the meetings are great and all of the preaching is Biblical at each one. One doesn't need to find out who is preaching to experience a great spiritual time at one of these meetings. The distinction that I notice is that we are becoming "happier and happier" with the meetings and our relationship with one another. You would be hard-pressed to find anything negative about a GIBF meeting in the recent past. This answer to prayer is a long-sought after blessing!

Best wishes, always,

Robert Lewis 1 Cor 15:58

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