



GIBMissions

December 2010 Report from Missionary Evangelist Robert Lewis

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Dear Pastor,

September 20th, we attended the Tenth National GIBF meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, hosted by Kevin Folger and Cleveland Baptist Church.

September 24th, we hosted the ordination of Pastor Kevin Pridemore at the First Missionary Baptist Church, Healdton, OK. He is now serving fulltime, and I am only visiting the church occasionally.

October 1st, we began a "Road Trip" to visit supporting churches. Our first appointment was with Buchanan Avenue Baptist Church, Sioux City, IA. From there, we headed west and preached a missions conference at Bible Baptist Church Selah, WA. I then spoke at David Brown's Annual Home Missions Conference in Yakima, WA. While in Yakima, I was able to visit with our GIBM missionary to Mexico, Antonio Venegas. I discovered that his son had been very ill this last year and his family had been through many serious trials with his son. I then visited Paul Gentry, Bible Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, WA; Rich Farinella, Woodin Valley Baptist Church, Bothell, WA; Jorg Lemus, Harvest Baptist Church, Albany, OR; and John Schrader, Heritage Baptist Church, The Dalles, OR. This trip was a "Thanksgiving Tour" to report to many of our supporting churches and to rekindle the warm hearted fellowship that we have enjoyed in the past with them. It was a good trip, and the Lord blessed us with safety and good accommodations all along the way. During the journey, we were also privileged to visit with Brother and Mrs. Viril Stalnaker. It was great to visit with this couple and share in their excitement of planting a new church in Vancouver, WA. While traveling through Utah, Judy's sister called to tell her that their step-father had just passed away. I immediately took a left turn and took Judy to Denver to catch a flight to Lynchburg, VA, so that she could attend his funeral. I drove the last 750 miles alone.

November 3rd, Judy flew from VA to RI, and I flew from TX to CT. We met in MA, and rode with Pastor and Mrs. David Davis to Quebec where I spoke at the NE Regional GIBF meeting which was hosted by Mario Monette and the fine people of Eglise Biblique Baptiste, St. Hubert, Quebec. We spent the next few days with Brother and Mrs. Davis and the Grace Bible Baptist Church in Vernon, CT. It was a special treat to preach in their new facility. It is in a better location and provides more accommodation for the growing congregation than their old building. November 10th, Pastor Davis took us to a rendezvous point to meet Pastor Pete Montoro of the Open Door Bible Baptist Church, Queens, NY, where I was privileged to speak at their Missions Conference. Later in the month, I visited Terry Williams, Burleson Avenue Baptist Church, Burleson, TX. After services, I had the joy of visiting with another GIBM missionary, Russell Brinkley, missionary to Scotland.

December 5th, we visited Pastor Eddy Johnson, Grayson Bible Baptist Church, Sherman, TX. It was a good experience for us because the church was having a service to commission one of its own missionaries, Larry Odom, to Canada.

I enjoy preaching so much that I often tell preachers that I would pay them to let me preach. We have never let the size of the church, or the size of the offering, determine where we would go. God opens the doors and we go through them. It is such a blessing to see money given, lives committed, and souls saved. Sometimes in these meetings the Lord uses His Word to enlist workers for His great vineyard. What a joy to be a co-laborer with God!

Best Wishes Always!

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