

Bridge Builders for the Cross

A ministry committed to bridging the gap for Christ

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2013-2014

Mexico Ministry

Our Christmas trips to Mexico in December each year are always such a blessing and this year was no exception. Because of the wonderful generosity and Christmas spirit of our supporters, we were able to bless so many children and adults in the Piedras Negras area.

A final tally of about 275 backpacks of toys, clothing, personal hygiene items, games, and countless other items were donated by you wonderful people and you made a lot of kids happy! We also had a trailer load of candy, new clothes, toys, electric hospital bed, wheelchairs and the list goes on and on. We bought \$1,000 of groceries for soup kitchens, orphanages and left monetary offerings with all of our ministry partners. Thank God for all of you! You helped make it possible for BBFTC to give Christmas gifts to many who wouldn't have had any.

"My trip to Mexico was an eye opener for me, it gave me a different outlook on missions. There are so many things that they need and do without that I would never of thought about before, little small things that I take for granted. I realize now that there are a lot of things I can do and get to send that will make a difference. The trip definitely has made me think more mission minded." - **Eric Martin**



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October Cuba Mission Trip

"The trip to Cuba was a joy and a true blessing. The privilege to preach in four churches in Cuba was an honor and a blessing I shall never forget. And to visit the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary, which is a tribute to Mom and Pop Willey's many years of labor, was a highlight of the trip. Even with halting words and the use of an interpreter, the people responded eagerly and joyously to God's Word. One Cuban Christian woman said, 'We love you for who you are, not for the things you bring, although we need and can use them.' I replied, 'Friendship and love cannot be bought. We love you and we give because we love.' I wish we in the US would renew our zeal and privilege to serve God in our land of such plenty. The church always grows under oppression. Will God have to allow hardship and loss of freedom to stir our love to put Him first?" - **Robert & Tommie**



"I want to tell you about a Mississippi woman forever changed by a trip to Cuba!

I am glad to report that the Church in Cuba is alive and well and filled to overflowing with God's Glory! They will talk about God's gifts, sing about them, anytime of day with anybody and everybody. Praise God! I want to tell you about shining faces, sparkling eyes, moving feet, raised hands, and mouths shouting Hallelujah! I want to tell you about churches

under pavilions, between cargo containers, behind banana trees, churches under verandas so they can catch a breeze, nice churches with pastors living above or below them.

I thought I was prepared, but here are some things I was not prepared for...

...The beauty of the country.

...The beautiful people and how happy they are to share God's love.

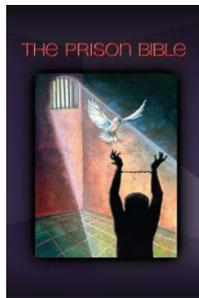
...The best worship service I ever attended at midnight in a metal covered shed.

...The most talented singing couple I have ever heard and living in a shipping container."

Please pray for the pastors and people of Cuba!"

-Russ & Deanna

Bible Distribution -Praise The Lord! The new **Prison Bible** is in and a case shipped to each of the 21 prisons in Oklahoma. We have already received good reports from several chaplains! Help us pray that funds will be available to continue this very important and worthwhile project.



Bibles continue to go with us on every trip to **Mexico and Cuba**. Our mission and purpose is and always will be about spreading the Word. Our humanitarian and benevolent efforts are always secondary to the Cause of Christ.



Bible League International has been a great partner in helping us spread the Word at a discounted price. Help us continue to send Bibles to those that need to hear the Words of Jesus.

We get letters & appreciate the following testimony...

"My name is Sheila and I am currently incarcerated at Mable Basset Correction Center. I am writing to you regarding the large print Bibles that you are sending to our facility. It is a gracious blessing to many of the women housed at this prison. A large majority of the ladies here have suffered tremendously at the hands of the enemy. These women are



able to read God's truth in a simple easy-to-read format that enables them to understand what they are reading and more importantly, what God is saying to them personally. The ladies are growing in wisdom and knowledge. They are replacing their long companion 'fear' with a newfound faith of God's Word

and they realize, "Christ is the One who gives me the strength I need to do whatever I must do." Philippians 4:13.

Yes, the Bibles that you are sending have not only made a difference on this earth, but an eternal difference in countless women's lives at Mabel Bassett. You are loved, appreciated and I encourage you to continue to follow God's leading. You are making a difference. Our lives are better because you care. Thank you for not giving up on us."

COMING UP in 2014

Cuba Mission Trips

March 27–April 4th Please pray for the 20 persons ministering on this trip!

July 13-21st Children's Camp - We will have a limited number on this trip. The deadline for deposit and passport information is **April 15th!**

October 9-17th Come join us to see how you can minister in Cuba! Deadline date for deposit and passport information is **July 10th!**



Children's Camp in Cuba

Mexico Mission Trips

Our trips to Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico are for 4 days in the months of March, June, September and December. We continue to minister in two orphanages & neighborhood soup kitchens feeding underprivileged children.

We try to keep the dates and time flexible because of the close proximity of Mexico. Information will be communicated about each trip as soon as we confirm dates, but don't hesitate to contact us for our current plans.

Do you want to be involved, but don't know how?

You have a new opportunity to be a tremendous help! Go to our website www.bbftc.org and click on "How to Help" Check out our programs:

5 X 5 Cuba & 5 X 5 Mexico

We are excited about this great avenue to fulfill

The Great Commission!
