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PROJECTS



GLS Team 300 becomes GLS Formula 300

Supplying Regular Baptist Press Sunday School materials for free to 40 countries provides for churches that cannot acquire resources to teach their people the Word of God. Chris Hindal, director of International Ministries for the GARBC, reports that wherever he goes internationally, he hears both words of appreciation and requests for additional materials. It is hard for North American Christians to imagine the reality of churches without materials. Some national churches have received books, pamphlets, etc. over the years from which they teach over and over again. Often they have no visuals, and the teachers have had no training, so they simply read from a book. When they receive RBP material, it is a breath of fresh air that enables them to be so much more effective as they carry out the work of discipleship.

At last year's GARBC annual conference, GLS Team 300 took center stage as Chris Hindal stood in a box and made the point

that shipping costs could be met if 300 families or churches would commit \$30 a month. Praise the Lord, half the team has been assembled. We need to take one more lap and finish the race strong. Team 300 will become GLS Formula 300 as we race to the finish. We are asking God for 150 more families or churches to make that same commitment of \$30 a month. Many families have realized that \$30 a month is doable. It amounts to \$7.50 a week. Through such giving, influence via the printed page becomes a dynamic force even in countries of political/religious adversity. The phenomenon of Acts 12:24 repeats itself, "But the word of God grew and multiplied."

As God impresses on you the importance of your involvement, send in your first \$30 check to Gospel Literature Services, designated GLS Formula 300, to 1300 N. Meacham Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173. Join today!

Recently Completed Projects

Haiti



The Shelby Road Baptist Church in Shelby, Michigan, read the GLS report concerning the ministry in Haiti, contacted Chris Hindal, and put together a medical team. They had an effective ministry in healthcare and, more importantly, saw 55 professions of faith through their labors. Praise God for a church with a Great Commission vision.

The Association of Evangelical Baptist Churches of Haiti provides fellowship for 123 churches throughout the island country. Through the International Partnership of Fundamental Baptist Ministries (IPFBM) we connected this association with Dr. Jim Bearss, who has taught modular courses to the pastors. Dr. Bearss, formerly a GARBC pastor, left the pastorate to start the On Target Ministry for equipping pastors to teach others also. Now he is raising funds to begin a theological training school in Haiti. The Partnership is facilitating some pastoral support, as well as gifts for specific needs, and has helped with Dr. Bearss's expenses to continue the training of these pastors.



Bangladesh

Gospel Literature Services funded the printing of a new discipleship book titled *Way to Joy* in Bangla, the vernacular of Bangladesh. This book was written by the staff at ABWE to serve as a primer for new believers. In consultation with the Christian Literature Division in Chittagong, Bangladesh, GLS agreed to fund the project as a worthy contribution to the gospel ministry in that Islamic country.



India

Following Chris Hindal's trip to India and the report concerning new church plants around Vijayawada in southeast India, one contributor wrote a check for \$8,000 to erect a church building. Currently four other congregations are meeting in the open air or in a borrowed facility. It will cost about \$8,000 for each congregation to build its own facility (total \$32,000). These are Baptist churches holding sound doctrine and reaching into Hindu communities with the gospel of grace. Praise God for their vision to plant churches and the opportunity we have to assist them.



China Beijing Olympics

Due to China's increased aggression against religious activities and dissemination of religious materials, our outreach for the Olympics shifted from personnel on the ground to a mass distribution of CDs in the country. We were able—through Chris Brown's efforts in collaboration with his Chinese contacts—to produce a CD for those interested in learning English. As a student progresses in English, he or she will have the opportunity to study the Scriptures and be led to a presentation of the gospel. This CD has great potential as it takes advantage of the desire of non-English speakers to learn English.



Orphanages in Liberia

Two orphanages in the Monrovia area were in need of pumps to provide drinking water from their wells. Both were using the hand-over-hand bucket method. God's people within the IPFBM stepped up, and each orphanage was able to install a pump. In addition, the school and orphanage directed by James Burnette at the Christian Assistance Friendship Foundation suffered major damage caused by rebels during Liberia's civil war. The IPFBM continued to assist as the organization's personnel rebuilt the school's walls. However, further work is needed.



LCD Projector to Indonesia

The Indonesian Baptist Ministry in Indonesia, under the leadership of Brother Ferry Paoki, represents ministries on several Indonesian islands. Brother Paoki conducts training seminars to help these struggling pastors and ministries. He was delighted to be able to purchase an LCD video projector to enhance the effectiveness of the training.



Floods in Bangladesh

Natural disasters can certainly cripple a ministry when its operating budget is already strained to stay balanced. Floodwater about three feet high destroyed furniture and badly damaged the first floor of the missionary guesthouse in Chittagong. The IPFBM responded with a gift to help with the clean-up and restoration. These gifts are a tangible encouragement in stressful times.

Kenya Torn by Tribal War

Thousands of Kenyans were displaced from their homes as they ran for refuge from killing in the streets. Pastor Ossoyi of Faith Baptist Church in Suna-Migori housed at least 20 families in the church building. They needed food and medicines. To ease their suffering, the IPFBM responded with gifts on two occasions. This kind of sensitivity demonstrates the compassion of Christ at critical points of human need.



Current Projects

Thailand



Two young ladies in Thailand have been working tirelessly to translate Regular Baptist Press children's Sunday School curriculum into Thai. This is a huge undertaking. A new computer will enable Grace, left, and Pet to read and translate the digital files rather than use the cut-and-paste method. Your gift will assist them with their personal expenses as they voluntarily spend hours and hours on this much-needed project. Need: \$3,000

Print Shop in Northeast India



GLS purchased a printer for the New Testament Baptist Church Association of northeast India. This association is led by Brother H. C. Stephen, association representative. We expect this print shop to be self-sustaining once the press gets underway. Our project goal represents the start-up costs to make this shop operable and to complete the first publication. Need: \$10,000

Computers for Christian School in India



Near Vijayawada, India, God has raised up a ministry with many venues of influence under the direction of Dr. Chatla Deva Sahayam. Included in this ministry is a Christian school with about 250 students, 40 of whom

are resident orphans. Wesley Chatla is the administrator. The school needs a computer lab, but presently it has only one computer. Perhaps a Christian school in the States would be willing to take on a project to help a school in a different culture to prepare its students to serve the Lord. Need: \$5,000

Orphanage in Liberia



A new church has been planted in Bassa, Liberia. It has about 50 members, and God is blessing with new converts. The church is starting an orphanage for the many children orphaned by Liberia's civil war. Adjacent land is available to purchase, but the group does not have the money for this project. Would you like to have a part in reaching orphaned children in Liberia? Would you be willing to assist the believers in this baby church as they commit to the vision God has given them? Need: \$4,000

Emergency Relief

Human suffering assaults our senses every day through the news. Unfortunately, we can become calloused and not think about the individuals and what kind of reality they are facing. But, praise God, He intervenes in human affairs to bring greater glory to His name. These are not events to exploit; they are opportunities to show the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. The recent cyclone in Myanmar and the earthquake in China have displaced thousands of people. Most of them are in mourning for the loved ones who perished. As you give, we are able to strategically enter lives and, with the Lord's help, to gather the

gleanings of grace into local churches. These disasters will continue to plague the planet until Jesus comes. Need: Whatever you feel led to give

Church Plant in Liberia

By faith, Pastor Philemon Gwelikporlusoho has begun a new church in a needy area of Monrovia. He and his family are trusting God for their personal needs as they do His work. And the church members are trusting God for construction expenses. They build as money becomes available. They are molding the building blocks, but to continue, they need additional monies. Your gift would greatly encourage them in this effort. Need: \$6,000

Church Roofs in Haiti

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. The people give of their food items and other products, but not very much cash comes into the church treasury. Most of the church buildings are covered with corrugated metal (called a zinc roof) because the materials are relatively cheap and last a reasonable number of years. Several of the fellowshipping churches need maintenance on their roofs. Will you help these congregations worship in dry, protected buildings? Need: \$2,000 per church



Unger's Bible Handbook in Bengali

GLS funded the first printing of Unger's Bible Handbook for the people of Bangladesh. In fact it was the first Bible resource to be available in Bengali. After distributing it to pastors and Bible school students for several years, the supply has been depleted. This is a helpful tool for the pastors and a vital contribution to the ministry in that part of the world. We need to print a minimum of 3000 more copies. Need: \$24,000

UNGER'S IN BENGALI

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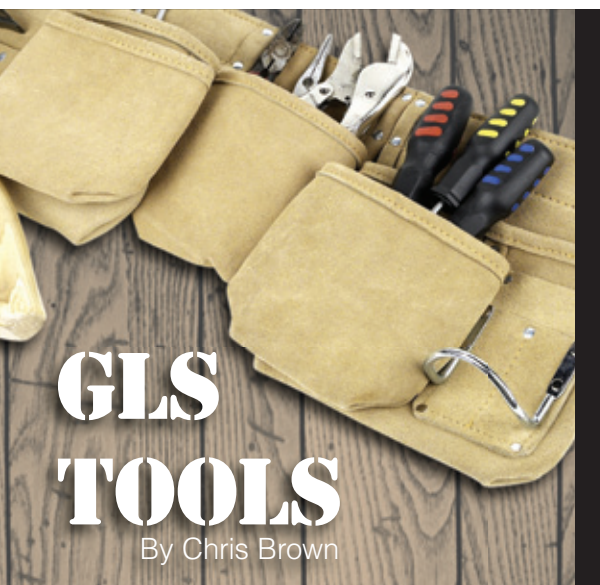
PROJECTS are only a part of what the International Ministries of the GARBC contributes to Great Commission efforts around the world. As local churches at home send their pastors and leaders to conduct seminars in remote areas, this specialized training advances the Lord's work. It is further supported by Gospel Literature Services and the publications of Regular Baptist Press, as the printed page reaches into lives that are otherwise inaccessible. Together this training and these publications provide sound Bible-teaching resources that build up the Body of Christ through solid local churches abroad.

As the IPFBM matures and the synergy of ideas begins to impact its individual partners,



God's glory will be enhanced. One day around God's throne in Heaven—in part through our impact upon "every nation, tribe, tongue, and people" every people group will be represented, giving praise and honor to the Lamb.

You can be an observer or a participator; the choice is yours. Only eternity will reveal the magnitude of what God is doing through the collaborative efforts of His people to advance His church. Would you prayerfully consider supporting the International Ministries of the GARBC? Visit our Web site at www.garbcinternational.org. Send a contribution to International Ministries, 1300 N. Meacham Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173. Be a participator for the glory of the Lord!



GLS TOOLS

By Chris Brown

"As I travel the globe meeting and ministering to our international partners, one thing has stuck out to me: The biggest need in the Christian international community is solid Biblical training"

—Chris Hindal

In the summer of 2006, Dr. Christian Wei and I started putting together a plan to facilitate future distribution

of media into China. Because of the tight security preventing any form of Christian literature/media/teaching to enter China, we came up with a creative digital solution. Then we arrived at the first step to a large endeavor to train Christians in China: network digital video and computers together through the Internet.

China has slightly opened its Internet doors to allow for trade and revenue. Though there is a strict eye on the content allowed into the country, we came up with a secure Web site that would enable confidential and secretive downloads of training material and videos. But just having the site isn't enough, training was needed to get the videos and content ready for the Web.

Every medium needs tweaking and certain settings to make it efficient. So we needed to train students at a

college on a U.S.-governed island in the South Pacific to capture, edit, and compress video for distribution over the Web. In September my wife, Amy, and I journeyed halfway around the world to start this project among 25 Chinese students. GLS donors helped me provide them with a computer. I spent six days training them to take the steps to upload compressed video so others in China will be able to download it and spread it to the millions of others who need and want more Biblical training for ministry and Christian growth.

With this project now started for the Chinese people, we have come to see the need for updated technology and digital resources for our international partners. We have started an initiative to create an international partnership training Web site that will be available for our partners to


stream, download, and share with others in their communities. We have collected content in Spanish, Chinese, and English that will be available immediately. The Web site will include seminars, sermons, Bible institute classes, and other types of training resources that will prepare men and women for ministry in the local church and will help them grow in their walk with Christ.

Please consider helping fund a part of this ever-expanding Web site. The initial cost is \$50 a month for the hosting package, which will allow for large video downloads around the world. We are looking for five (5) individuals or groups to jump on board quickly and be the start-up team to fund the initial monthly amount. And we are looking for hundreds to get behind this ministry with prayer, as all the pieces, people, and technology come together.

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