

Solomon Islands Missionary Baptist Seminary School (SIMBSS)

A Ministry of Calvary MBC - Idabel, OK

April, 2014

In my years of pastoring, I've seen countless mission reports begin with that apology for the tardiness of the recent month's report. While I am not the missionary of this work, I must begin with those infamous words... "Please accept my apology for the tardiness of the April report."

Since returning from the Solomon Islands, I have been moving at an extremely fast pace. The work of Calvary, locally, has seemed to pick up significantly, which is great. We've seen several saved, one baptized, and a good many who we anticipate will make decisions for membership and baptism soon.

As far as the work of the SIMBSS, there are several things of which I want to make you aware.

The indebtedness continues to be one of our focal points during this time of planning for the future. The indebtedness represents three specific expenditures: 1) Those funds used to move the Mitchell's to the field, 2) Those funds used to bring the Mitchell's back from the field, and 3) Those funds used to send me to the Solomon Islands to secure the assets, and meet with the brethren and churches regarding the future of SIMBSS.

As I expected would happen when Bro. Clyde Mitchell was forced to leave the field due to Sis. Kathy's health, support over the past few months has been up and down. Fortunately, there aren't any regular monthly expenditures, except for the payments being made against the indebtedness I mentioned. If we can continue to see the same level of monetary support each month, we believe we can see the debt completely erased by the end of August or mid September.

If you are considering re-directing your support due to the transition and delay of the SIMBSS, I completely understand. However, I would ask you to consider continuing your support at least through the end of 2014, and re-evaluating at that time. While I don't believe it will happen, you have my word that if becomes apparent that the Lord has closed the door on this work, we will follow His leadership and inform you, the supporting churches, so you can make whatever changes the Lord would have you to make. I'll not lead Calvary MBC – Idabel, OK, or any other church for that matter, to continue giving money to a work that God is not in.

The supplies, materials, and truck that were shipped to the Solomon Islands via World Wide Literature Project & Supplies in Hamburg, Arkansas (Thanks Bro. Meredith) are all safely stored in Honiara, Guadalcanal. Additionally, the rent for the storage fees has been paid in full through the end of September, 2014.

We are working toward a short term teaching trip sometime in September or October, 2014. In the absence of any clear direction from the Lord regarding a new missionary to send to the Solomon Islands as the Seminary Director, we are working with Bro. Joe Morell to establish a curriculum plan for SIMBSS. We believe we can get formal instruction underway on that first short term trip, and, along with subsequent short term trips, we can provide those men desiring training and instruction with a solid foundation upon which to build. Since biblical instruction is a life-time process of precept upon precept (Isaiah 28:10,13), it goes without saying that the foundation being built upon must be founded on a rock (Matthew 7:24-25).

The curriculum plan will be designed for instruction to be given during the trip, but also to leave material with them to work on until the next 2-3 man team arrives. Initially, we are planning for the trips to be quarterly, and more often, as money and team member availability allows. (More On Next Page)

Another thing worth mentioning is that this curriculum plan, while designed for short term trips, is flexible enough to be incorporated into regular instruction should God direct us to a man to send as the Seminary Director. We will not have to back up and reorganize all the instruction and schedules again. This is a very important detail of which I felt you should be aware.

We'll have a booth in the Exhibit Hall in Grand Rapids next month, so be sure and stop by and visit with us.

Finally, I've included a few pictures from my last trip that I thought you'd enjoy seeing. God bless you all and thank you for your financial and prayerful support.





White Rock MBC in North Malaita



Mixer donated by James Thompson in East Texas arriving at LD Foreman Memorial MBC in Malu'u, Malaita



Pastor Silas Suifasia & Family



1 Spam can, 2 nails, 4 bottle caps, 1 rock, 1 string, and 1 stick = 1 homemade toy



After effects of the 2014 Flash Flood



Items prepared for flood victims with funds from Calvary MBC in Idabel, OK and Old Sarepta MBC in Sarepta, LA



Donated items being distributed to the flood victims in Honiara, Guadalcanal



Pastor Don Stewart of the Sherwood Hills Baptist Church in Campbelltown, Australia preaching at Emmaus MBC in Malaita