



Solomon Islands Missionary Baptist Seminary School (SIMBSS)

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“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” II Timothy 2:2

This verse has become the “life verse” so-to-speak of the SIMBSS. If we aren’t about that business, and ultimately the business of declaring the Gospel to every creature, we might as well not exist! To that end, the first short term teaching team departed on October 19th for Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. I’ll tell you the whole story, but let me begin by saying that the trip was a complete success.



After the normal complications with the airlines, 5 members of the 8 member team arrived on Tuesday, October 21st, and the rest arrived on Wednesday, October 22nd. Bro. Don Stewart, Bro. Steve Duffitt, Bro. Kevin Bryant, Bro. Justin Meeks, and I arrived on Tuesday, while Bro. Joe Morell, Bro. Maxie Haynes, and Bro. Clyde Mitchell arrived on Wednesday.

Bro. Don Stewart, Bro. Steve Duffitt, Bro. Kevin Bryant, Bro. Justin Meeks, and I boarded the boat on Wednesday morning, October 22nd bound for Malaita Province. We arrived at our destination of LD Foreman MBC in Malu’u (North Malaita) late that evening and taught a series of lessons on Thursday and Friday using material prepared by Bro. Donald Britton from East Texas. The material we used is part of the TBI (Texas Baptist Institute) curriculum, and is entitled, *“The Barnabas Class - Twelve Lessons on Bible Analysis”*. The lessons were well attended (30-40), well received, and much discussion ensued, which was a great encouragement to everyone.



From Left: Steve Duffitt (Pastor of MBC San Antonio), Justin Meeks, and Kevin Bryant (both members of the Calvary MBC Mission Committee). All three are on their maiden voyage to Malaita Province!

While our part of the team was in Malaita, the rest of the team took in the sights of Honiara and spent time fellowshiping with those who’d gathered at Newport MBC in Honiara to attend SIMBSS classes.

After visiting the area churches, we returned to the Malaita Province port city of Auki late in the evening on Friday, October 24th in order to catch the boat returning to Honiara on Saturday, October 25th. A special time of fellowship and Bible Study continued while at the hotel that evening with our team of 5 and the 12 students who were traveling to Honiara to attend SIMBSS classes, which were to begin on Saturday.

We arrived back in Honiara several hours later than we'd planned (it's beginning to be normal!), and the first official SIMBSS classes began at 4:30 pm on Saturday, October 25th. Words cannot describe the joy and excitement present among the people of the Solomon Islands for this long awaited day. In fact, we were all quite excited and encouraged by the attendance. In addition to the 12 students who traveled from Malaita Province, there were an additional 25-30 students waiting in Honiara for classes to begin. We were able to hold 3 days of classes, and the number of students varied slightly each day due to work schedules of some and other things that kept everyone from being present at the same time.



Bro. Joe Morell, Pastor of Flatwoods MBC and Director of MTM, delivered the lessons from the material he has prepared on church planting entitled, *"The Pauline Cycle of Church Planting"*. If you know anything about him or the material, you already know how that went. It was amazing, and the students soaked it up like a proverbial sponge! In fact, I think the members of the team who had not heard it before enjoyed it as much as the students did! As I've already said, there are simply no words to describe the effect that this first teaching module had on those present.

Bro. Maxie Haynes, also from Flatwoods MBC, did a fantastic job teaching on Salvation and Eternal Security, which was also well received. Over the past 2 years, the matter of backsliding and losing one's salvation has been an ongoing topic of discussion among the brethren. At least one of the men who has struggled with this doctrine, indicated that he finally understood what is meant by Eternal Security. This was a tremendous victory that only the Lord could have wrought. To Him be the glory!



Plans are already being made for Module 2, which is scheduled to take place the first week of March, 2015. Bro. Bryan Sellers and Bro. Larry Clements have already committed to taking care of the teaching responsibilities for that trip. In Module 2, we will begin studies in Systematic Theology with the Doctrine of Salvation. If you have interest in traveling to the Solomon Islands on this trip, please let me know right away, as we'd like to set the itinerary before the end of the year. There are lots of things to do in order to be ready to go, and the students need time to raise their travel funds and tuition.

Speaking of travel funds and tuition, we believe it might be necessary to help the men with travel funds to get to Honiara for classes. Each student will be responsible for their own tuition of \$100 SBD, which is only about \$15 USD. Their tuition is not intended to offset any of our costs. It's sole purpose is so that each student will be making an investment in their own education. We'll speak more about what help you might be able to provide for their transportation after we've had ample time to come up with a plan.



In closing, I'd like to speak to the attached financial report. You'll notice that the expenditures were fairly high, but over \$3,000 was for expenditures that we hope will be reimbursed by the travel insurance company. Also, we won't be taking the trip to Malaita on future short term teaching trips due to the shortness of the trips and the lack of dependability of the sea transport vessels, so that will be an expense we won't incur each time. Finally, future trips will be less expensive to the SIMBSS because the teams will be smaller as we go forward, and the SIMBSS will only bear the food and lodging expenses of those actually taking care of the teaching responsibilities. We'd hoped to be able to bear the greater portion of the expenses over the airfare, but we simply don't have enough monthly support to do that.

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SIMBSS Monthly Financial Report

October 2014

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Annonymous	\$20.00
Beech Creek - Waldo, AR	\$25.00
Bethel - Ashdown, AR	\$104.33
Bethel - Texarkana, AR	\$50.00
Bethel - Wilmar, AR	\$50.00
Calvary - Idabel, OK - Faith Promise Missions	\$280.00
Calvary - Idabel, OK - General Fund	\$833.33
Calvary - Owasso, OK	\$584.20
Creekmont - La Porte, TX	\$50.00
Donaldson - Donaldson, AR	\$50.00
Doug & Valerie Clements	\$100.00
Egypt Ladies Aux. - Hamburg, AR	\$25.00
Eric & Janette Nichols	\$30.00
Ethel - Antlers, OK	\$50.00
Faith - North Little Rock, AR	\$50.00
First - Sallisaw, OK	\$51.00
Florence Street - Broken Arrow, OK	\$125.00
Geneva - DeQueen, AR	\$145.00
Glazier Peau - Hot Springs, AR	\$100.00
Grace - Stillwater, OK	\$100.00
Holly Creek - Dierks, AR	\$100.00
Landmark - Ardmore, OK	\$129.44
Landmark - Whitesboro, TX	\$100.00
Leola - Leola, AR	\$74.42
McAlester - McAlester, OK	\$109.02
Mt. Zion - Cale, AR	\$75.00
Pine Top - Broken Bow, OK	\$80.54
Providence - Thornton, AR	\$125.00
South Bay MBC - Harbor City, CA	\$25.00
Tommy & San King	\$50.00
Unity - Texarkana, TX	\$88.44
Zion - Roland, OK	\$100.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$3,879.72

EXPENSES	
Calvary MBC - Idabel, OK - Building Fund	\$500.00
Deputation Trip to MBC San Antonio	\$259.91
Postage and Office Supplies	\$44.10
*Module One Trip (See Breakdown Below)	\$5,977.26
*Airline Issues (See Explanation Below)	\$3,460.75
*Malaita Trip (Not part of future STT Trips)	\$1,382.21
Container & Truck Storage (3 months)	\$1,283.82
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,908.05

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$5,461.78
Contributions	\$3,879.72
Expenses	\$12,908.05
ENDING BALANCE	-\$3,566.55

NET GAIN/LOSS	-\$9,028.33
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CALVARY MBC IDABEL, OK - Building Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$16,000.00
Payments (10/1/2014)	\$500.00
Ending Balance	\$15,500.00

EXPLANATION OF MODULE ONE EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Curriculum & School Supplies	\$377.21
Ground Transportation in Honiara	\$435.47
Food & Drink (8 Men)	\$1,172.18
Lodging & Laundry (8 Men)	\$1,939.67
Newport MBC Expenses & Student Meals	\$823.09
Student Travel	\$1,173.53
Phone & Internet	\$56.11
TOTAL MODULE ONE EXPENSES	\$5,977.26

We were diverted through Australia going and coming due to issues between FIJI Airways & the Solomon Islands Government. When Bro. Jack Story booked our flights he was not made aware of this issue and we only learned of it just before boarding our flight out of Tom Bradley International in Los Angeles on October 19th. We did purchase travel insurance for the flights, so we anticipate being reimbursed for these expenses.

We are at their mercy, so we ask you all to pray!!