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Louisiana Baptist Agricultural Missions Fellowship

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Focal Scripture. *A generous man will himself be blessed because he shares his food with the poor.* (Proverbs 22:9 NIV)

Focal Thought. I reckon him a Christian that is neither ashamed of the gospel, nor a shame to it. —*Matthew Henry (1662-1714) Presbyterian Minister*

Annual Meeting Plans. Our annual meeting will be held January 27 at Bethel Baptist Church in West Monroe, Louisiana. The meeting will be held in conjunction with our parent organization, Agricultural Development Foundation (ADF). Meetings for directors will begin at 8:30. Registration will begin at 9:30. President Dr. David Morrison will call the meeting of the Louisiana Fellowship to order at 10:00. Welcome and opening prayer will be voiced by Dr. Dennis Hensley, pastor of Bethel Baptist, and greetings will be offered by Randy Graves, President of ADF.

The keynote address will be presented by Jeff Palmer who is the Chief Executive Officer of Baptist Global Response (BGR). BGR is a non-profit Southern Baptist relief and development organization that provides solutions to acute and chronic suffering around the world. Palmer is a former agricultural missionary in several countries in Asia. He is a God-gifted speaker on human needs who will bless your soul with his remarks. You do not want to miss this presentation. He is the author of three books on Kingdom development.

The second speaker will be Dr. Guilherme Prezotti of Heifer International (HI) in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr. Prezotti is a veterinarian and is responsible for rural entrepreneurship for HI. He has experience in many parts of the world and will discuss the work of HI, which is renowned for the organization's work in helping poor people. One of the core principles of HI is the Passing of the Gift. The gifts may include heifers, water buffalo, pigs, goats, sheep, flocks of chickens, groups of rabbits, llama/alpaca, etc. This concept asks that each rural family that receives an animal gift pass on one or more of the animal's offspring, along with other inputs, training and skills, to other families in need. This unique approach creates a ripple effect that transforms lives and communities. Recipients become donors and build new levels of self-confidence and fulfillment.

Cindy Sellers Roach of HI may also attend and speak briefly in behalf of the many activities of HI.

Following lunch, Agricultural Development Foundation will hold its annual meeting at the same location.

Directions to New Bethel Baptist Church. Via I-20 from the West. Take exit 112, Well Road, (LA 3429) south 1.2 miles. Turn left onto New Natchitoches Road (La road 838) and travel 1.1 miles. Turn right onto Washington Street (LA 3033) and travel 0.3 mile. Turn right onto Price Drive just past the middle school. Enter through the double glass doors. **Via I-20 from the East.** Take exit 114, Thomas Road, (LA 617) south 1 mile. Turn right onto New Natchitoches Road (LA838) and travel 1 mile. Turn left onto Washington Street (LA 3033) and travel 0.3 mile. Turn right onto Price Drive just past the middle school. Enter through the double glass doors. **Lodging.** There are numerous hotels at the exits to I-20.

Please Make Every Effort to Attend. Any person who has a heart for missions, especially those who care for persons who are chronically hungry and poor will be blessed by the presentations of the different speakers.

Project Support. *The greatest need of your Fellowship is always for additional funds with which to help the poor help themselves.* Following are examples of projects individuals, classes, or churches can support to provide a helping hand to those who are poor, hungry, and in need of Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord:

Egg incubation facilities for a family or village.

Rabbit project for a family.

Chicken project for a family.

Goat project for a family.

Sheep project for a family.

Dairy heifer project for a family.

Vegetable garden project for a family.

Drip irrigation for a family.

Small greenhouse for a family.

Water filters to provide pure water to families.

Please help us help those in desperate need to help themselves by making your check payable to Louisiana Baptist Foundation and sending it to P.O. Box 120, Homer, LA 71040. Indicate the funds are for Ag Missions. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of your contributions go directly to the mission field because the Executive Committee pays all expenses for operating the Fellowship.