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Just reflecting on our Disaster Relief trip to Texas. We had a great time working with team mates from Linn Livingston and Heartland Baptist Associations and Abundant Life Church in Lees Summit. I got to work with my friends from previous trips. Ken, Mike, Judy, and Jaime. I got to work with newcomer Julia Neal. I got to work for the 1st time with veteran Jim Thompson. I got to meet a lot of new friends and hard workers from Abundant Life. We prayed A LOT together. We worked a lot together. We got so hot and tired we wanted to collapse together. We kept a lot of divine appointments together. We helped 6 families get their homes ready to rebuild. We watched family members and neighbors cry and at times shed tears with them. Most of all we became the hands and feet of Jesus together. We could not have done it without money, prayer, and support from our friends and families at home. I feel honored to be part of such a team. Ken Wood is such an inspiration and great team leader! Every one who supported us in any way is a part of the team and a part of what we accomplished! Everywhere we went people stopped us and thanked us. YOU made it possible! Keep praying!!!

Written by Rev. Rusty Abbott, Browning FBC

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Matthew 9:27-31 (HCSB)

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, shouting, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

²⁸ When He entered the house, the blind men approached Him, and Jesus said to them, "**Do you believe that I can do this?**" "Yes, Lord," they answered Him. ²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, "Let it be done for you according to your faith!" ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus warned them sternly, "Be sure that no one finds out!" ³¹ But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout that whole area.

In Jesus day, blindness was a permanent condition.

No remedy was available to reverse the darkness of blindness, that is, until Jesus passed by. Knowing that Jesus was their only hope to ever see again, the two blind men pursued Jesus into the house. The question Jesus asks them seems odd. The two blind men begged Jesus for mercy and purposely pursued Him into the house. Yet, Jesus examines their faith in Him to reverse their blindness with sight. When the blind men affirm their faith in Jesus' ability to heal them, Jesus responds, "Let it be done for according to your faith," (10:29)

Many of us are in what seems to be "impossible" situations. These situations exist for a variety of reasons. Regardless of why or how we are in a hopeless situation, Jesus asks us, "Do you believe that I can do this?"

What do we believe Jesus can do for our churches? What do we believe Jesus can do for our nation? What do we believe Jesus can do for our neighbor? What do we believe Jesus can do for our families?

Jesus response to our request is, "Let it be done according to your faith." Is our faith in Him alone?

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MISSIONS EXPLORATION 2017

Missions Exploration is an opportunity for **boys and girls in grades 1-6** to learn about missions in a camp setting. They will enjoy music, games, crafts and other learning activities. To register go to www.mobaptist.org. The one for our area is at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly on Saturday, October 7.



The Missouri Music Men will be in concert on Thursday, October 12 at 7 PM at the First Baptist Church, Chillicothe.

Missouri Baptist Convention

The Missouri Baptist Convention will be held Monday-Wednesday, October 23-25 at the Connection Point Church, Raytown (formerly the First Baptist Church, Raytown). Messenger cards have been sent to each church. The online and mailing registration deadline is October 16.

Pastor's Breakfast

The Pastor's Prayer time and Breakfast will be on Thursday October 12. The prayer time will begin at 7:30 AM at the associational office and the breakfast will be at 8:30 AM at the Eagles Nest Café at the Meadville junction.



Pastorless Church

At this time, we have no pastorless churches.

Income/Expense by Category 8/1/2017- 8/31/2017

INCOME	
Bethany	114.52
Browning	126.80
Calvary	1,263.00
Calvary Chapel	175.00
Chillicothe	1,051.43
Dawn	374.12
Faith, Utica	207.45
God's Garden	153.62
Highview	353.66
Int Inc	5.32
Laclede	448.15
Linneus	267.72
Marceline	433.81
Meadville	911.00
Mt. Olive	78.00
Mt. Pleasant	225.00
Park	1,095.48
Pleasant Grove	571.68
Pleasant Ridge	50.00
Rothville	89.00
Wheeling	35.01
TOTAL INCOME	8,029.77
EXPENSES	
Misc Exp.	-55.00
Missions	3,827.41
Office	797.45
Pers.	4,845.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,415.46
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,385.69

Income/Expense by Category 1/1/2017- 8/31/2017

INCOME	
Bethany	850.50
Browning	910.30
Calvary	10,636.90
Calvary Chapel	525.00
Chillicothe	9,245.48
Dawn	4,254.70
Faith, Utica	1,630.10
God's Garden	909.17
Highview	2,554.93
Int Inc	43.18
Laclede	821.51
Linneus	2,992.49
Marceline	2,998.77
Meadville	4,507.00
Misc. Inc.	140.00
Mt. Olive	290.35
Mt. Pleasant	2,000.00
New Hope	50.00
Park	5,257.03
Pleasant Grove	3,821.71
Pleasant Ridge	400.00
Rothville	1,035.20
Utica	431.12
Wheeling	216.33
FROM LLBA Gen 2	5,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	61,521.77
EXPENSES	
Convention	30.00
Misc Exp.	244.50
Missions	9,547.22
Office	10,156.87
Pers.	39,394.93
Programs	1,968.49
TO LLBA Gen 3	5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	66,342.01
OVERALL TOTAL	-4,820.24