



I suppose I am writing the last Dan's Den today. My retirement date is the end of the month. I want to share some of the things that I have learned in 14 years on the job training and 34 years before that observing the ministry of Directors of Missions.

Once I thought I was to be a referee as a Director of Missions. There was conflict in one of the churches and I stepped in to help resolve the conflict without being asked. Let me say that was a big mistake. Instead I began to realize that my job was to provide support and encouragement. If I had been asked to mediate a point of conflict, stepping in to help and encourage, that would have been appropriate. It was not my job to correct others because that is the job of the leadership of each church and the Holy Spirit.

Money management was important to the Associations. Since churches gave money to the association, I viewed the money as "mission money" and tried to be generous with people and tight with the purchase of things. I personally purchased a camper and slept in the back of the pickup instead of getting a motel room on many occasions. On many trips there were a few naps in the back of the pickup when I was exhausted. Spending one night in the camper was a little miserable but the rest of the time it worked well. Other times, I made sure I stayed in a more economical motel, on the other hand I would take anyone to lunch and to connect with them. Several times pastors from other parts of the state would dine with me or a group of us and sometime later they found their way to one of our associational churches as pastor. There were enough pastors from one association that the Director of Missions from there warned me to stop taking his pastors to lunch at state meetings! The treasurers for both associations both did an

excellent job accounting for every penny. A big thanks goes to David Hale in Tucumcari Association and Laquita Dial in Eastern Association.

Learning what I could do best has been a lifelong journey. It boils down to trying to be an encourager. At some point I began to pattern my ministry to that of Barnabas from the book of Acts. I was trying to encourage others and at the same time preaching with urgency because these are the last days before the second coming.

I learned to depend on many ladies in my life. One of the hardest jobs in the kingdom of God is trying to keep track of me and my ministry. I found two ladies that made great Associational Assistants; they were much more than a secretary. Early on in my ministry Ceil Boatman joined my team and learned what I needed before I made the discovery myself. Thanks, Ceil. Then I found a great manager that could see what was needed and have it finished before I got to the office, her name is Elaine Williford. She is simply amazing and has a great overall view of the association. She is staying on to keep things in order until a new Director of Missions arrives on the scene.

Miriam and I will not leave the area. I plan to pattern my retirement days to be a combination of ministries like Dick Ross and Wes McAfee as they supported area churches for years and years. I hope to help in supply preaching and interim pastorates as well as supporting my home church. I will continue to Disciple and Coach young leaders one-on-one or in small groups of two or three.

Finally, I want to say, Thank You all for loving me and all the support you have given. I was overwhelmed by the amount of cards and gifts that the churches and individuals have given. Thanks for that too.

Keep Looking Up!
Dan Pearce



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Thank You!



Dan Pearce

For your leadership, support, encouragement, prayers and love for 14 years, Dan. We appreciate everything you have done as our Director of Missions!

Prayer Needs

- For Miriam and Dan in this time of change.

Looking Ahead

April 22: Easter - Resurrection Sunday

April 26: VBS Training – University Baptist at 6 pm

April 30: NM Singing Churchmen concert – FBC Tucumcari - 7 pm

May 2: National Day of Prayer

June 13-15 : Ute Lake Camp Meeting

Budget \$ At A Glance

Tucumcari Baptist Association:

Receipts\$1,183.70
Disbursements\$1,800.00
Ending Balance\$9,507.88

Eastern Baptist Association:

Balance Forward
March 1st.....\$2,330.57
Receipts\$8,674.45
Disbursements\$8,989.96
Ending Balance
March 31st.....\$2,015.06

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