I remember at a Thanksgiving meal that the host said, "I had planned a time to tell what each of us are thankful for but the food will get cold." So with a very short prayer we started eating and never did get around to expressing what we were thankful for. We had plenty of time to watch football and play games but it was one of my greatest disappointments in relationship with the host.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of family, food and fun. What are your greatest Thanksgiving memories? Sometimes it is a homecoming event or a day to simply relax. What are you thankful for? To whom are you thankful?

I believe that God works all things together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose. So why not thank God during the hard times too? God has promised to work the hard times into something good. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Thanking God in the hard times of our lives may be the greatest time of faith and makes us most pleasing to God.

Paul and Silas began praising God in the prison in Phillippi when things had gone so badly for them and suddenly God released them. Maybe giving thanks or praising God maybe your greatest test of faith. Maybe God will release something in your life – suddenly!

Keep Looking Up, Dan



### **Eastern Border Associations**

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# **Serving Others** in Jesus Name





#### **Leadership Summit**

Be sure to join us in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to learn more about leading your church in missions education and involvement!

To learn more about this event, go to: wmu.com/index.php?q= blog/adults/misc/events-

blog/adults/misc/eventsand-opportunities or contact Connie Dixon at cdixon@bcnm.com.

### Did You Know?

... that more than \$3.5 billion has been given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, whose namesake inspired the first collection of gifts in 1888 so the world might know Christ. Then, as now, every penny you give to Lottie Moon supports missionaries as they share the Gospel overseas.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions 2013 was the largest total offering in the 125 year history of L.M. Offering. Giving was up over 3.2% over the previous year.

The offering represents well over half of the INTERNATIONAL Mission Board budget for the year. This allows all of our international missionaries to continue to "chase after the darkness" as they share the Gospel on foreign soils...

Let's do it again this year!

### Prayer 🚷 Needs

Missionaries from our area serving on mission fields:
James & Jill Judd
Keith & Kristie Sullivan
Randall & Joan Bell
Mike & Laurie Boling
Lindy Pate

Daniel & Denise Climer

## Looking 🌇 Ahead

**Nov 30-Dec 7**: Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions

Jan 2015: Call to Prayer Month

**Feb 7**: Sunday School Director Seminar – Fellowship Missionary Baptist, Albuquerque

**Feb 19-21:** Women's Leadership National Event – Del Norte Baptist, Albuquerque

# Budget 🌑 At A Glance

#### **Tucumcari Baptist Association:**

 Income
 \$2,378.55

 Expenses
 \$2,450.00

 Ending Balance
 \$17,132.54

#### **Eastern Baptist Association:**

 Beginning Balance
 \$-1,795.21

 Income
 \$15,204.53

 Expenses
 \$17,218.48

 Ending Balance
 - 3,809.16

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