



FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST WORLD-WIDE MISSION

From the desk of Dr. Ernest Gambrell ~ President

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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

The first month of 2022 has "come and gone!" It is unbelievable how "time flies." I apologize for being later "reporting to you" on the ministry, but it seems the longer this pandemic goes, the more changes in ministries and the more issues or problems missionaries are facing around the world.

Good news! Last Friday, January 20th, the Chris Echols family, after a 30 hour "zig-zag" flight, landed in Australia! They had tickets and had planned to leave the States several months earlier, but Australia "stopped all flights from all countries" from landing in their country. We rejoice that God opened a door and they were able to return. Amen!

We have been watching and working closely with an extremely difficult and dangerous situation in the country of Kazakhstan, which is a former member of the Soviet Union. There were riots in 5 major cities which, according to reliable sources, were instigated by terrorist from other countries. The cities were "locked down" and a missionary family affiliated with us was in one of those cities. They were "locked" in their house for a week and were told by the American Embassy "not to go out the door" until they were notified. The riots have now been brought under control, but not before over 500 people were killed and over 5000 arrested. Please pray for the family in that country.

There was a similar situation in Belarus, which is also a former Soviet Union country, but the riots were only in the capital city of Minsk. Another family affiliated with the Mission has served in that country for over 20 years. They do not live in the capital and, at this time, have not been seriously affected by the rebellions and riots. PLEASE remember these two families in your prayers.

Covid, of which you are well aware, has affected a number of missionaries. Sam and Brenda Eastep, who are planting a church in Leon, Mexico, have been seriously sick. His wife Brenda and son Paul are improving, but Sam continues to be seriously ill. They need and would appreciate your prayers.

We continue to receive encouraging reports from missionaries in other countries explaining how God is working in "very unusual ways" to cause people who have, in the past, rejected the Gospel, but are now calling or coming to see them and saying, "I need help! Please tell me again how I can be saved and have my life changed." The pandemic seems to have had the same effect on them as the prison doors being opened in Philippi and the jailer saying, "What must I do to be saved?" These things always remind me that "Our Heavenly Father is still in control, nothing has gone wrong, and nothing has 'caught him by surprise.'"

PLEASE pray for all of us in the Home Office. Please ask God to "give us wisdom" to give Godly counsel and to be a help and encouragement to missionaries - regardless of whether they are affiliated with this Mission or not. It makes no difference. It is our heart's desire to "encourage and help God's faithful servants, as they help others and preach the Gospel." Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. Amen!

Trying to Faithfully Please and Serve Christ,
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