

# Missions Spotlight

## Tim & Patti Long

The Mission Board received a call from American Baptist Missionary, Tim Long, wanting to visit Crawfordsville in September. This became the perfect time to put Tim and Patti in our Mission Spotlight for the entire month of September. Tim will visit our church on Sunday, September 18th.

First Baptist Church has had a long relationship with this missionary couple. We first met and served side by side with the Long's in the country of the Dominican Republic. Many members of our church traveled to the Dominican Republic and helped with construction projects, visited many of the local people, and worshiped in their churches together.

The Long's have continued faithfully serving as American Baptist Missionaries but in a different location. The following information is an update on their mission work and some current prayer requests.

Patti and Tim Long began their mission service in Baja California, Mexico, in July 1996. Patti ministers as special education teacher and resource specialist at the

Monte Horeb Baptist Grade School in Tijuana. This is a school that reaches out to the most vulnerable of the city's young population, its children with special needs. She also coordinates the STEP scholarship program for students at the school. First Baptist Church of Crawfordsville currently has 2 Sunday School Classes that sponsor a child through the STEP program.

Tim serves in leadership development through the Baja Baptist Seminary, teaching present and future church leaders, both at its Mexicali campus and extension centers located throughout Baja California. He also coordinates a scholarship program for seminary students.

### Prayer Requests:

1. For the upcoming year of US assignment in which we will be visiting our supporting churches throughout the United States. Pray for safe travel coming to Indiana this month.
2. Pray for Manuel, Moises and Julian, three students at the Mexicali Seminary who will be finish-

ing their fourth and final year of classes in 2011-12. Pray also for six prospective full time students who are prayerfully considering entering the Seminary this fall.

3. The summer of 2011 has seen many new students coming to the Monte Horeb Grade School for early enrollment, many of whom have learning disabilities. Pray for these new students and the preparations that Patti and other teachers are doing as classes begin for a new school year.

For those of us in the church that have known and co-labored with the Long's, have found their faithfulness to missions to be a great encouragement in our spiritual journey . . . as Tim comes as our guest on September 18th, may we be a special encouragement to him.



# A Response to the State Fair Tragedy—Pastor Isaac

This past weekend a horrible tragedy occurred at the Indiana State Fair. A gust of wind from a summer storm blew down the roof and metal scaffolding around the stage. So far there have been five confirmed deaths, numerous casualties and hospitalizations. The media has been flooded with conversation about this horrible event. I am confident that as I write this article we have not yet seen the worst of it. Already the news reports are beginning to place blame and point fingers. No matter who is at fault, the staging company, the event coordinators, the weather guy, the scene will be ugly. With potentially millions in lawsuits and the unimaginable pain and hurt that the families of victims will suffer, it will be an event that lingers on for months maybe years to come. As believers, it is our job to

respond to our world biblically and so providing a "pillar of truth" in a sea of confusion.

This tragedy is almost identical to an event that took place 2000 years ago in Jerusalem. Apparently there was a Tower at Siloam which collapsed causing the deaths of nineteen individuals. Jesus cites this event and then makes two very important statements which are equally applicable to the tragedy at the State Fair. Jesus first makes it clear that the people who died in the collapse of the tower were not worse sinners than anyone else in Jerusalem. The tower did not fall on the 19 worst people in Jerusalem, but it fell on 19 people in Jerusalem who were neither better nor worse than the rest of the population. This is important because this helps us to know how to respond to them. We are right to

pray for, to encourage, to cry with or seek to help those who are suffering the results of a tragedy or disaster. Some would say that this is God's judgment or that people suffer because of sin or lack of faith, but Jesus clearly opposes that position. To gather, like Job's vulture friends, around a casket and discuss why the person should have been wearing their seatbelt is horribly wrong. Faultfinding can be attractive, an easy way to try to avert the pain, but that energy is mostly wasted. The attention should instead be given to those that grieve and mourn. It is our job to show love, affection, care, and concern in any way we are able and not try to make judgments about the sin of those who are suffering.

So those who died were not any worse than those that lived, but Jesus goes on to say, that we all

## Wednesday Night Electives—Fall 2011

v "Windows" Grief Recovery - An ongoing grief support group for those persons who have lost loved ones. This group is led by Marge Hughes and anyone is welcome. Starts at 4:30.

### v Adult Classes

~ A Study of Ecclesiastes with Pastor Isaac—Fireside Room - Some come to the end of their lives bitter and filled with regret, others end their lives with hope filled with wisdom and gratitude for what God has done in their lives. Ecclesiastes is written by a wise old man who has seen it all and looks back on life with some important insight. This is a wonderful book to study for anyone who wishes to live well.

~ Financial Peace University with Dave and Nancy Kline—Chapel 6:15

~ *You Can Change* by Tim Chester with Pastor Jeff and Pat Snow—Cost \$6 please sign up at the Welcome Center.

§ Most of us want to change. We want to grow as Christians, but too often we've given up hope.

This book study is an excellent opportunity to learn afresh the Good News of Jesus and how this Good News can truly change us. It is deeply biblical and theological, and yet extremely practical and easy to read.

§ Though we all will be studying the same content, we are going to have two groups: a Men's Group with Pastor Jeff and a Women's Group with Pat Snow.

v Middle School Youth Group: 6:30-8pm in the FLC & Discipleland for Children: 6:30-8pm in the FLC

## Pastor Isaac continued . . .

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should repent or we will face the same fate. This changes the focus from the victim to the spectator. As someone who witnesses a seemingly random tragedy we are quickly reminded of several important facts. Everyone is a sinner, sin leads to death and we must repent of our sin to escape it's punishment. The people who died in the tower collapse were just as sinful as the rest of Jerusalem. When we read about tragedy and death in the news we remember that everyone is a sinner and in particular *we* are sinners. Our attention in love and care goes out to the victims but our attention in reflection and serious consideration goes inward to our own hearts. We remember that we also have sinned and that if justice was done today the tower would fall on our heads. We must admit that the wages of sin is death. When we witness death in the world we are instantly called to remember that we should die. This hopefully fills our hearts with repentance. Jesus sees the tragedy of the tower collapse as an opportunity for all to see the results of sin and repent for we do not know the day or the hour of our own death. When we see sinners suffering on the earth we should consider our own soul and repent of our sin.

There are many other passages that would apply to this situation but Luke 13 provides us with a starting point. We pray for, and mourn with, the families suffering from this most recent tragedy. We

also take this opportunity to reflect on our own sin, its punishment and our need to repent. There is also one final response I would encourage, which is not explicit in Luke 13 but would be shown clearly in the chapters to come. Isaiah 53 says that *he was crushed for our iniquities*. Jesus, who was sinless, the only perfect man in Jerusalem, was crushed for the sin of us all. We must not only turn from our sin but turn to Christ in faith and gratitude. Trusting that he has paid our penalty and that we can live thankfully because the rock that we deserved he took, the cross we had earned he carried, the death justly ours was lovingly taken by our Savior. Thank him that the weight of sin which would have crushed us he took so that we might have not the death we deserved but the life he deserved.

*There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.*  
*<sup>2</sup> And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?" <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."*

*Luke 13:1-5*

## Christian Nursing Service

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Carla Earl will be leading a Exercise Call for any lady of the church who is interested. This will be geared toward different ages and levels. We will have toning and stretching for the entire body using dumb bells for resistance. The class will meet every Thursday evening starting October 6th at 5:30 for one hour. Bring 3 - 10 pound weights ( what ever is comfortable for you) and a mat or large towel. If you have questions you may call Carla at 361-6908

The September Annual Christian Nursing Service meeting will present a program on anecdotes and stories from drivers and clients highlighting the extra things volunteers do for our clients. supporter of CNS, you are invited to join us for dinner, a brief business meeting and a program featuring anecdotes from volunteers relating experiences while delivering meals:

### Christian Nursing Service

#### 43rd Annual Meeting

As a valued volunteer and

### Meals on Wheels – More than just a Food Service

September 7, 2011

6 pm

First Baptist Church

1905 Lebanon Road (32 East)

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Guests are welcome!



## Hands & Hearts for Jesus

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Our first meeting after the summer break will be on September 6th at 5:30 pm.

Our personal chef, Tyke Rice, will prepare a lite meal for us. Dessert and devotions will be provided by Barbara VanArsdel.

A report will be given from Summer Conference at Franklin College. Sharon Kenny will give a detailed report with new White Cross requests. Virginia VanHook will lead us in gift wrapping shoeboxes

for Operation Christmas Child.

Everyone is welcome to join us for good fellowship, and fun working on our service projects.



## Edna Martin Circle—September 13th

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Tuesday at 9:00 am. Marjorie Hughes will present the lesson on Rebekah. Hard working and generous, Rebekah's faith was so great that she left her home forever to marry a man she had never seen or met. Yet she played favorites with her sons and failed to trust God fully for the promise he had made. Study scriptures: Genesis 24; 25:19-34; 26:1-28. Linda Graham will present our Mission Moment; Pat Seale will be hosting.

Our Community Outreach Opportunity for September will be sharing items with the Christian Nursing Service Well Baby Clinic – children's band aids, baby Tylenol, baby lotions, diapers, wipes, butt paste, baby shampoo, body wash, books – such as board books and very easy to read books for ages birth to 5/6 years, little stuffed animals, or coloring books with crayons. We invite anyone in our congregation to participate in this Out-

reach Opportunity – just give your items to Marge Hughes or Mary Jane Porter.

This Circle is open to any woman in our church who has a heart for missions, wishes to participate in learning more about the ministry of American Baptist Women, and desires to share in Christian fellowship with other women. Please join with us. You may phone Mary Jane Porter, 362-6687, for further information.

## Coming Events—Women's Fellowship

It's a Wonderful Life at Beef & Boards on Tuesday, November 15th cost \$44.00 per person.

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with this heartwarming family show and rejoice as George realizes the tremendous impact his life has had on the world around him.

We will need to make a firm commitment by October

15th. At the present time we are holding a large group of seats. If you are interested in going be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center. We will start collecting the first Sunday in October and everything will need to be paid no later than October 15th. We will leave the church at 5:30.

Christmas Aglow—December 6th. Christmas

Dinner and program for all of the ladies of First Baptist. November and December seem far away in this heat wave, but before you know it the holidays will be here.

## Guiding Light—August

The kids have gone back to school after a very fun filled summer. Ms. Kim and Ms. Lauren had every day full of activities. Check out the bulletin board on the way to the FLC. You'll get a small glimpse of some of the summer fun. We have started the After School program. The children get a snack and then get help with their homework. Every Monday Pastor Isaac has Kids Club with them. The kids enjoy the song time but also have many good Bible questions answered.

Preschool has also begun. I do have openings in the 4 year old class if you know

of anyone looking for child-care. We are offering a new computer class to the 5 year old class. Every other Tuesday a company called Compuchild comes to the daycare and teaches the children computer.

New Staff: We have new additions to our daycare staff. Ms Debbie comes from a local daycare and is active at Calvary Baptist. Ms. Jackie has been a nanny for five years and is active at Mellott Community Church. Ms. Angie has 3 children of her own and is active here at First Baptist. We are excited to have them on board!

Financial information: We

are currently helping staff children and families in the community with assistance from the scholarship fund. We have offered to support 3 children from the Family Crisis Shelter, a three year old and two school age children if there is a need. We are hoping in the future to help many more children.

Continuing to serve,  
Julie and the Guiding Light Staff



### Passion Groups

New Study:  
*A Love Worth Giving*  
by Max Lucado  
based on  
*I Corinthians 13*

September 19th

10:00 am  
at the home of  
Marge Hughes  
1473 W Deer  
Cliff Drive

7:00 pm  
at the home of  
Pat Snow 152 E  
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## Freedom Association

Meeting - Sep 18th  
FBC Crawfordsville

Speaker: Tim Long missionary to Mexicali to Speak.

The Freedom Association is a smaller group inside of the ABC IN/KY region to which we belong. Responsible for ordinations and adding or removing member churches from the denomination.

Come and join with sister churches from our area in a time of worship and fellowship.

3 pm meeting  
5 pm supper

## Operation Christmas Child Mission Trip

Last fall a mission team from FBC went on a short term mission trip to Charlotte, NC to a shoebox processing center. Everyone who went, was impressed with the Samaritan Purse Organization and everyone was blessed by being involved at the processing center.

We are planning to go again . . . But to a new location!!! This year, our trip will be to Atlanta Georgia. We have made reservations for up to 15 adults. Our group will leave on Sunday morning, December 4th. We are on the schedule to work at the center on Monday and Tuesday, December 5th & 6th from 5pm -

9pm. The group will leave Atlanta on Wednesday morning for home.

If you are interested in this wonderful outreach and joining us for a short term mission trip, please call Fred and Georgia Phelps (866-0734)

More details to come!



## Church Matters

- v What? - The Bible is clear that "Church Matters" and that being a part of a local church is extremely important for the Christian life. This class is an opportunity to learn more about FBC: The vision that drives us, how we organize ourselves, what excites us, a normal week @ FBC, why we gather and do the things we do, how to join us, and much more!
- v When? - This class will be held *Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm* and will be followed by a free lunch!!
- v Where? - Fellowship Hall @ FBC
- v Who? - Anyone who is interested in learning more about FBC, especially those who are interested in partnering with us in membership some day!

**Sign Up @ the Welcome Center Today!!**

## Library News

### Sons of Encouragement

by Francine Rivers. Five stories of faithful men who changed eternity. Aaron, Caleb, Jonathan, Amos, Silas. Each story includes a six part Bible study, perfect for individual use or group discussion.

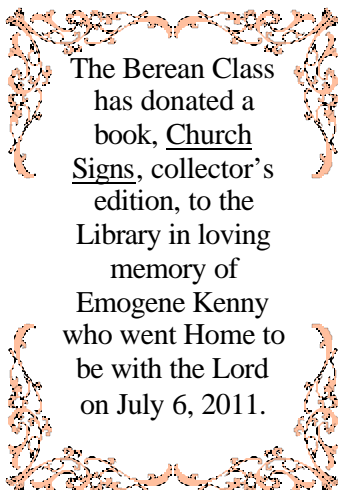
Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton. Bethany lost her arm in a shark attack and

nearly dies, but she never lost her faith. Soul Surfer is the moving, true story of Bethany Hamilton's triumphant return to competitive surfing and has continued to be a beacon of inspiration to all who hear it.

To the Golden Shore, the Life of Adoniram Judson. Baptist History. On February 19, 1812, Ann and Adoniram Judson sailed

from Salem aboard the brig Caravan as two of the first missionaries to go out from North America.

Also, we are continuing to take books to shut-ins that enjoy reading. If you know of anyone who would like to have reading material from the Library please let me know. Pat Snow 362-6919



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## Note from the Congregation

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement. We were touched by your thoughtfulness.

Mary Deckard & Family

Dear Church Family,

Thanks for all the kindnesses to us during this time of Bonnie's knee surgery & recuperation. We are blessed by this caring fellowship.

Walter & Bonnie Terry

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## Note from Our Missions Partners

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First Baptist,

Thank you so much for your continued support and your special gift last month! These are both so appreciated and necessary as we launch this new work on our ISU campus for the Gospel. Thank you so much!

The Harshbarger's

Terre Haute Chi Alpha

6,000 people on the beach and boardwalk! We focus our outreach on the high school seniors who come here to party with their friends before they head off to college in the fall—so we are already on our way to reaching next year's freshmen.

God Bless,

Joe & Michele Davis

Sincerely,

Pete and Cindy Zull

First Baptist,

First of all we want to say thank you for your faithful partnership throughout this year.

We recently received a love gift for our ministry from your church over, above and in addition to what you have already contributed. We are overwhelmed and truly thankful for your continued support.

With much gratitude,

Rick & Mercy Barnes

First Baptist,

Thank you so much for the amazing, above and beyond, gift to our ministry!

This particular gift is being used to fund our missions trip to Ocean City, NJ this summer where God is moving in amazing ways! Already Joe has seen 4 people pray to receive Christ and our entire project have shared the gospel with over

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gracious and generous gift for our ministry and family. As always, it came at just the right time to help with medical bills and travel expenses to Israel.

Thank you for your caring for us and your on-going interest for the ministry to international students at Purdue.

Harvest  
Party  
Sunday,  
October  
30th



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## Special Event Coming Soon At First Baptist

It is time to mark your calendars for a wonderful day at our church to celebrate Women's Day for American Baptist Women of Indiana. The date is Saturday, October 8th and a day full of activity has been planned just for the women from all around the state of Indiana.

Registration forms will be available at the Narthex and the deadline is September 15th.

Our guest speaker is our own National President, Barbara Anderson. She will be leading a workshop and speaking in the afternoon session. Other workshops will be: Hats Through the Ages, by local business woman, Marcheta Dixon; Hymns Through History, presented by Linda Wilson; and Pat Snow will be leading a workshop called The Art of Daily Devotions.

Cost is only \$15 for the day. We must have your completed form by September 15th for an accurate count for lunch. Our noon meal will be catered by Allen's. Registration on Saturday, October 8th begins at 8:00 am with a continental breakfast followed by the opening gathering at 9:15 am.

Please join us for renewal and recommitment to the ministry which has been entrusted to American Baptist Women.

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### ABW MINISTRIES WOMEN'S DAY REGISTRATION—October 8, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

You may put my address \_\_\_\_\_ and email \_\_\_\_\_ on a state women's mailing list.

I will be coming for the following:

Officers Meeting on Friday, October 7th \_\_\_\_\_ (\$7) Women's Day on Saturday, October 8th \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15)  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

I will be bringing girls for the Friday night sleep-over \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

I want to attend the following 2 workshops:

(number your preference 1 thru 4 on each session)

	1st	Sessions	2nd
Hats Through the Ages	___		___
Hymns Through History	___		___
Women in Crisis	___		___
The Art of Daily Devotions	___		___

MAIL REGISTRATON TO:

***Toni McKinney, 693 North Campbell Street, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 Phone: 765-918-0794***

Deadline is September 26, 2011—No refunds after September 19th

### September Calendar

- 2 Wedding Rehearsal 5:00
- 3 Meade/Brook Wedding 3:30
- 5 Labor Day—Office Closed
- 6 Hands & Hearts 5:30
- 10 Church Matters Class 9:00 am
- 11 Youth Canoe Trip
- 13 Edna Martin Circle 9:00  
GLCCM Meeting 5:00  
Board Of Christian Education 6:30
- 14 ABW Planning Meeting - noon  
Wednesday Bible Study Begins
- 15 Keenagers Lunch  
Foster Parents 6:00
- 18 Freedom Association Meeting 3:00
- 22 Missions Meeting 5:30
- 23 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00
- 24 Hampton/Wray Wedding 4:30
- 25 Board Meetings
- 26 Assemble Newsletters 9:00

#### Weekly

- Tuesdays: Staff Meeting 10:00 am  
Visions of Praise 6:30
- Thursdays: Golf 5:15 & Grapevine Dancers 7:00

### Sympathies & Prayer Requests

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| Brayden Wilde—open heart surgery, infant | Libbie Blickenstaff—surgery                     |
| Cierra King—back surgery                 | Harold Acton—brain surgery                      |
| John Moore—surgery, knee replacement     | Shannon Lyon—sick                               |
| Bonnie Terry—surgery. knee replacement   | Beulah Thomas—back in hospital                  |
| Chase Bales—infection from surgery       | <b>Extended prayer needed:</b>                  |
| Serenity Edwards—tubes                   | <b>Jim Conger—cancer</b>                        |
| Gene Covert—triple bypass surgery        | <b>Our deepest sympathy to the families of:</b> |
| Kathleen Prince—broken hip               | Olivia Burge                                    |
| Delynn Dubber—treatments                 |   |
| Sofia Flory broken collar-bone           |   |
| Virginia VanHook—heart cath.             |   |

### September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Sheila Cox       | 12 Matthew Overpeck | Fred Clore         | 3 John & Jo Anne Heiger     |
| Cody VanScoyoc     | 13 Leeza King       | Darcie Rockenbaugh | 5 Corvin & Eleanor Pitcock  |
| 2 Bill Mikesell    | Sandy Humbert       | 24 Delores Taylor  | 8 Gene & Judy Covert        |
| Charles Streetman  | Kelsey Carrier      | 25 Vicki Eades     | Lefty & Sissy Shermer       |
| 4 Tyke Rice        | Morgan Carrier      | 27 Ryan Lucas      | 9 Harold & Roselyn Anderson |
| Judy Fruits        | 14 Alexis Burge     | 28 John Gable      | 11 John & Judy Strickland   |
| Amanda Hutchison   | 16 Alysa Wray       | 29 Georgia Phelps  | 12 Brian & Katie Oliver     |
| Douglas Martin     | 17 Garry McCutchan  | Ethan McCormick    | Vance & Shirley Pyle        |
| 5 Al McKinsey      | 18 Steve Hoffman    | 30 Larrie Patton   | 15 Fred & Carla Earl        |
| 7 Dawn Hoffman     | 19 Veda Ross        | Chase Streetman    | 20 Dick & Rhoda Ames        |
| 9 Fred Phelps      | Jo Anne Heiger      | Gabbrianna Jewell  | 21 Ronald & Delores Taylor  |
| Jake McCormick     | Phillip Cochren     |                    | 24 Shane & Amanda Hutchison |
| 10 Patti Kinslow   | 20 Janet Clawson    |                    | 25 Robert & Rita Arthur     |
| David Maxwell      | 21 Rhonda Lee       |                    | 26 Gary & Terri Duncan      |
| 11 Madonna Jones   | Laura Sands         |                    | 30 Charles E & Marie Reath  |
| Jo Hanley          | 22 Phyllis Kenny    |                    |                             |
| Steve Akers        | Cathryn Taylor      |                    |                             |
| Scott Cox          | Heidi Fry           |                    |                             |
| Derrick Lippencott | Carmen Hinckley     |                    |                             |
| Olivia Nevitt      | 23 Jamie Ross       |                    |                             |