

Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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May News



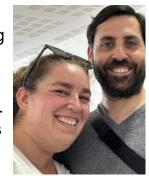
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Thank you for praying and supporting our Portugal Mission Team. Our five US team members were joined by some Ira-

qi girls and by the Encontro team to do ministry in Lisbon and some surrounding villages and towns. We did numerous egg hunts and park events filled with games with dozens and dozens of kids and their families. We also connected with several church plants encouraging, praying, training, and worshipping. Numerous contacts were made for the various church plants

and the Gospel was shared at every event.



We expanded our mission this year working in a few immigrant communities as well as our usual Portuguese communities. Many of these were new church plants that reaches these communities. Many of those are in Portugal due to turmoil in many European and Eastern countries. We met many who had left their countries due to religious persecution. These Christians lost everything in their native lands when they chose to follow Christ.

The two girls with the balloon hats were from Iraq. Their parents had to leave because of the persecution from being believers. Their parents wanted them to experience mission work so they were adopted out to us for the week as helpers. When we were getting ready to leave, I gathered them around me and prayed for them. They gave me a little parting gift, a bracelet, that I now wear to remember the persecuted believers scattered around our world. In parting they called me grandfather. I had been adopted by them as their grandfather during our week of ministry. They haven't seen their grandparents and extended family since leaving their country over a decade ago. Much of our world is hostile to Christ and His followers. Pray for them and don't forget the cost many pay to follow Jesus. I hope to lead another trip next year, if

interested. let me know.

Both executive boards met April 24. We are beginning the process of appointing committees to plan budgets and nominations. At our next meeting this summer both associations will be working on budgets and nominations.

Pray about your church's associational mission gifts. You gifts support Camp Harris, BCM, Rolling Hills, Counseling through Granberry, Bible distribution, and numerous other ministries including seminary scholarships and mission grants. Everything is more expensive and we haven't increased our budget in several years. Pray about your gift and please give to support our local ministry needs.

Blessings, Bro. Randy



STAFF NEEDS

Rocky Springs—Youth Director FBC Ringgold—Pastor Unity, Cotton Valley—Music Minister FBC Doyline—Pastor

Brother Randy has training materials for Minister-Search Committees.

Please send resumes to the associational office or direct to the church. Also send notices of staff vacancies you want us to announce.



We can help your students participate with other groups and share ideas with youth leaders.

BWC Leader, Aaron Coffey

Next Event

May 28 at Camp Harris

End of year blowout

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.



GRANBERRY COUNSELING CENTER Help for Today Hope for Tomorrow

A ministry of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries Amy Butler, LPC, LMFT



Missions & Ministry Center 1408 Sibley Rd. Minden, LA 71055 Call 773-5539 for an appointment.

MAY

- 2 Retiree Luncheon, FBC Minden, 11:45AM
- 26 Fish Fry Camp Harris
- 28 BWC Youth Network, End of Year blowout, Camp Harris
- 29 Memorial Day

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WCBCENTER.COM

JUNE

- 11-12 National WMU Annual Meeting/Missions Celebration
- 11-14 SBC Convention—New Orleans
- Webster-Claiborne Executive Board, MMC, 10:45
 Bienville Executive Board, 6PM

It's a New Day Update

Goal \$600,000

Raised \$214,638.62

Balance in LBF New Life Center account \$24,875.78

New Roof is finished with the help of a loan, still needing donations for completion of much needed projects!

318-927-3706

Email info@harrisbaptistcamp.com

2800 Camp Harris Rd. Minden, LA 71055

Camp Harris Camp Dates:

June 5-9 Camp Changer Mission Trip, Adults & Kids

June 11-14 Girls Only Camp

June 14-17 Boys Only Camp

June 19-22 Youth Camp

July 3-6 Children's Camp

July 10-13 Youth Camp

July 24-27 Kids Camp

Sign Up Now!!!!!

Remember

The Party Trailer is available for your events.. Call the office to reserve at

318-377-3005. Cost is \$25.00 to help with maintenance of the trailer.

"Kingdom Builders"

if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.
Call or text Randy Ray
318-312-0884 or email at rray1.ch@gmail.com

Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain Bible Distribution 2023



Bible Distribution

Love's 67

Dixie Inn 80

Total Bibles 147

If you would like to donate funds for this ministry, call us at the Mission Center.



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We offer free and confidential services in a safe and non-judgmental setting all at no cost to our patients. We listen and we care.

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Jennifer Kennedy Michael Sanders John Franklin Lewis Mann

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CAMPS

June 5-9 Camp Changer Mission Trip June 11-14 Girls Camp June 14-17 Boys Camp June 19-22 Youth Camp July 3-6 Children's Camp July 24-27 Kids Camp Sign Up Now!!!!!



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Rolling Hills Drop Off Building is located behind our Mission Center. We accept anything except for mattresses. The building has a lock. You can call the number posted on the door 24 hours a day to get the combination. Thank you for your gifts.

Louisiana Tech BCM will be sending students to collegiate week August 6-10 at Falls Creek, OK. The cost is about \$300 per student. Please consider off setting this cost by providing a \$100 scholarship. You can give directly to the BCM or send it to the association with a memo of BCM Scholarship.