



# Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

## PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

Randy R. Hales, Director of Missions

### August News



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Margaret and I made our yearly pilgrimage to Portugal to spend time with family. We were able to have family time but also mixed in some mission opportunities. I was able to share my testimony with our Iraqi friends who had invited their Muslim neighbors to a BBQ. We also attended another church's outdoor baptism, met new missionaries arriving to the country, and were able to attend church in Lisbon. We rejoice in the mission hearts of so many who want to see Europe return to God. Less than 1% of the population are evangelical,



BBQ, Iraqi House Church

most are secular, with no real religious background. Many will say they are Catholic, but only the old folks still attend worship, the younger generations have become agnostic and uncaring of spiritual things.



Iraqi House Church

The mission field needs workers. Pray about your mission support locally, nationally, and internationally. The

Cooperative Program still provides the backbone of our mission efforts providing about 50% of SBC mission funding. The Georgia Barnette offering that supports Louisiana mis-



Welcomed new missionaries

sions, the Annie Armstrong offering that supports North American Missions, and the Lottie Moon offering that supports International missions are vital to mission funding providing over half of their budgets. Lead your church to raise your goals giving more than you ever have. Our world needs the Gospel to survive. Also, while you are thinking of missions elsewhere, don't neglect your local missions. Our association needs your support. The needs at Camp Harris, Baptist Student Ministries at Tech, Rolling Hills, Granberry Counseling grow every year. We need your support to do our work. I ask that you pray about your mission giving and increase your giving this year. Thank you for your past generosity. Thank you in advance for your future generosity as well.



Iraqi House Church

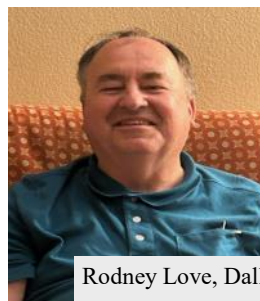
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Church sign in the Lisbon Church



Rodney Love, Dallas, TX Grand Coaching

### Mission Corner

#### Oscar Montalvo Mission Trip to Quinceo Michoacan Mexico on May 28th to June 13th

It took me three days to get to my destination, driving. The language of the city of Quinceo is Purepecha, not Spanish. The people in that region are indigenous. They are hungry for the word of God. The task for someone that knows the word of God is to go and pray for the families and their relatives. In the twelve days that I was in the town of Quinceo, each day there would be people that would confess Christ as their Lord and Savior. At the end I counted 42 saved souls: 42 confessions and reconciliation. I went on the streets and met people with a Pure Pecha translator, their native language. I am so happy that the Holy Spirit did the job and that through him, the Word of God, was preached. They were called into God's Kingdom. I am glad that I can serve God in the evangelic ministry. Thank you for letting me share this testimony with you all.

### La Tech BCM

Summer missionaries are traveling across our world this summer. Pray for safety and fruitfulness.

BCM has 58 students going to collegiate week Aug. 6-10! We have received 27 of 40 committed scholarships and we rejoice with the number of students and have a great need for more scholarships. Please pray about supporting students.

Kevin Inman, Director

**Ron & Alana Greenwich have returned from Brazil and will be available to share about their experience.**

Rodney Love, pictured left, has partnered with the Life Coach Institute to offer Grand Coaching, a study designed to help parents provide spiritual coaching to their children and grand children. Interested? Let me know. Bro. Randy

**STAFF NEEDS**

**Rocky Springs**—Youth Director  
**FBC Ringgold**—Pastor  
**Unity, Cotton Valley**—Music Minister  
**FBC Doyline**—Pastor  
**FBC Haynesville**—Pastor  
**Magnolia, Saline**, 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.

**UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WBCCENTER.COM**

**August**

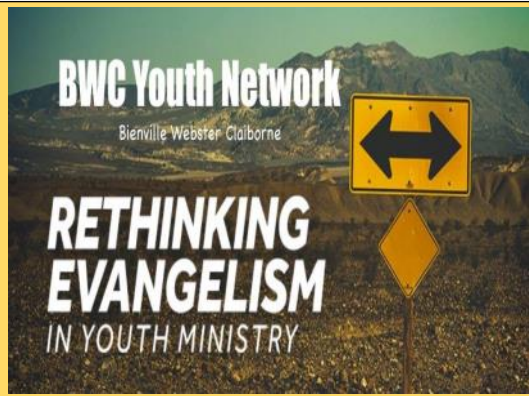
- 27 BWC Youth Network, New Ebenezer, Castor, 4:30-7 PM
- 28 Executive Board Meetings  
 Webster-Claiborne, 11:00 @ Missions & Ministry Center  
 Bienville, 6PM, Bryceland

**September**

- 15-16 LA BNF Fall Retreat @ Philadelphia BC, Deville, For more information or to register go to Facebook, Louisiana Baptist Nursing Fellowship

**October**

- 22 Bienville & Webster-Claiborne Annual Meeting, Camp Harris, 5:30 PM
- 26 January Bible Study (Winter) Bible Study Training @ Harris



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

BWC Leader, Aaron Coffey

**August 27th**  
**New Ebenezer in Castor**  
**4:30-7:00**  
**Get your youth involved!!**

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

**Camp Harris** *It's a New Day*  
**Goal \$600,000**  
 Please give!!!  
 318-927-3706  
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Church Clerks gathered for training at the Mission Center. Thank you, Jeanne, for organizing, planning, and putting together this wonderful event.

**"Kingdom Builders"**

*if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.*

Call or text Randy Ray

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**LOUISIANA BAPTISTS**  
**GEORGIA BARNETTE**  
 MARK 1:38  
**LOUISIANA MISSIONS OFFERING**  
 WEEK OF PRAYER  
**SEPT. 10-17, 2023**  
 STATE GOAL  
**\$1,750,000**

**The Georgia Barnette Offering** is so important but often neglected. In our area we have started several missions with these funds. At this time Resurrection Fellowship that now meets in the old Cypress Springs Baptist Church receives a mission supplement. It was this offering that helped us with property, financing, and training. **Please consider raising an extra big offering this year.** Every cent goes to mission development in Louisiana. Please be generous.

Bro. Randy



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 Hope for Tomorrow*

*A ministry of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries*

**Amy Butler, LPC, LMFT**



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**\*\*\*\*\*Party Trailer\*\*\*\*\***

Call the office to reserve at 318-377-3005.

**Don't Forget the cost is \$25.00**

For maintenance and hopefully soon some much needed upgrades to the trailer.



**Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain**  
 Bible Distribution 2023



**Bible Distribution**

Love's	208
Dixie Inn	207
<b>Total Bibles</b>	<b>415</b>

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



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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.

**Rolling Hills Natchitoches has opened at 400 University Pkwy. across from the college. Check them out!!**

**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.**