



# REACHING ACROSS

*Developing Christian leaders globally*

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## Future Leadership Announces New Leadership Team

On April 6, the Foundation's Board of Directors unanimously selected Rev. Greg Morrow, Ph.D., as its next executive director. Rev. Morrow has served as the Foundation's Chief Operating Officer since 2014. He has also served as Pastor at First Baptist Church, California, Mo., since 1997 until his retirement in September 2016.



Morrow replaces the organization's first executive director and co-founder Roger Hatfield, who retired in September.

"Greg is passionate about missions and specifically about training future Christian ministry leaders in the direction of God's call," said Gerri Ogle, Future Leadership Foundation Board President. "We are thankful for Greg's call and willingness to lead our ministry."

Morrow received his PhD in Rural Sociology and International Development from the University of Missouri in May.

In addition to Morrow's appointment, the Board also named the following members of its leadership team:

- Randy Fullerton, Director of Development
- Melissa Hatfield, Director of Operations
- Cara Harrington, Executive Assistant
- John Jackson, Field Service Director
- Chris Cook, Field Service Director
- Gary Collins, Treasurer
- Irvin Cockriel, Advisory Board

You can see all of our leadership team, Board and volunteers listed on page 2, along with a revised mission statement:

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## SBU Leads Youth Camp in Lithuania for Second Year

Lithuanian leaders are preparing to host a youth camp for the second year in a row. Last year, under the direction of Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) and FLF, Lithuania hosted its first youth camp in five years.

This year's event is scheduled for July 12-31 at Wesley Camp in Lipaja, Latvia. Heading up the preparation for FLF are Ed Walton, Director of Libraries at SBU, and his wife, Tina Walton, working with local leaders Dana Podriabinkina and Henrikas Zukauskas. A team of six SBU students will join the Waltons in this initiative.



The efforts aim to continue developing youth ministers in the Baptist Union of Lithuania. We will train and equip pastors identified as effective

leaders, so they can organize summer camps and enhance youth and children's ministries in their churches to reach children and youth for Christ.



## Ministry and Collaboration Explored at European Summit



FLF will have a great representation at the first European Summit in June, held at Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary, L'viv. Nine FLF staffers and board members will attend the Summit June 2-15, which includes meetings at the seminary, the Baptist Union in Kyiv, and the Baltic States. The summit will explore further ministry and collaborative opportunities with FLF's European partners.

In addition to the FLF team, local leaders will attend from numerous eastern European countries, including the Russia Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Romania, Poland and Armenia. Separate staff visits to Estonia and Lithuania will conclude the Summit.

FLF will help the partners assess their needs and develop specific project and partnership requests.

The FLF team will present these project ideas to the FLF board at its October 2017 meeting.

Please pray for the European leaders as they meet in their countries to agree on their God-directed priorities and make partnership requests to FLF.

*Pictured above are some of the participants, including (l-r): Viorel Iuga, Romania; Igor Fridrikh, Belarus; Ion Miron, Moldova; Leonid Mikhovich, Belarus; Slavik Pyzh, Ukraine; Peter Mitskevich, Russia; Igor Miklayev, Belarus; Mateusz Wichary, Poland.*



## iPad Initiative Nearing Completion (With a Little Help From Our Friends)

The iPad Initiative is nearing completion! Last Fall, FLF purchased 290 used iPads from William Jewell College at \$125 each. A partnership was fostered with Minsk Theological Seminary and Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary to provide iPads to enhance theological education for students.

The cost of the iPad was shared evenly between FLF, the seminaries and the students. Students were able to purchase the iPads for approximately \$40 each.

The interesting part of this project has been getting the iPads to Belarus and Ukraine. The most efficient and effective way of transporting them is through friends traveling there on mission. FLF missionaries and friends from Missouri, Louisiana, Georgia and Texas have partnered to carry the iPads. FLF received a big boost when the Singing Men of Texas took 136 on their tour to Ukraine. The final twenty-seven iPads will arrive via FLF leaders participating in the European Summit in June. What a great opportunity to celebrate the successful end of the iPad Initiative!

Once again the FLF mission has been accomplished through the partnerships within the larger body of Christ to strengthen the ministries and missions of our brothers and sisters around the world!



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#### Leadership Team:

**Executive Director:** Greg Morrow; **Director of Development:** Randy Fullerton; **Director of Operations:** Melissa Hatfield; **Treasurer:** Gary Collins; **Executive Assistant:** Cara Harrington; **Field Services Directors:** John Jackson and Chris Cook; **Communications:** Ken Satterfield; **Database Support:** Angie Isringhausen

#### Board:

**President:** Gerri Ogle, California, Mo.; **Vice President:** John Heskett, Chesterfield, Mo.; **Secretary:** Phil Hunt, Lake Saint Louis, Mo.; **Board members:** Julius Anderson, Lake St. Louis, Mo.; Steve Easterwood, Kirksville, Mo.; Stephen Hemphill, Liberty, Mo.; Norma Houston, Camdenton, Mo.; Stephen Mathis, Jefferson City, Mo.; Tom Ogle, California, Mo.; and Jean Terry Roberson, Birmingham, Ala.

#### Advisory Board:

Irvin Cockriel, Columbia, Mo; and Verlyn Bergen, Jefferson City, Mo.

## **STOP. Look. Pray.**

Prayer is not a convenience.

Prayer is not being polite.

Prayer is necessary.

Prayer powers what we do.

Below, you'll find prayer requests related to what you have read in this newsletter. Please pray for wisdom, patience, flexibility, effective communication and that God is honored and served in all that we do.

- Give thanks for the upcoming completion of the iPad initiative.
- Pray for seminary faculty to apply information from the youth conference training to future classes.
- Pray for useful feedback from this distance learning experience, and for future learning opportunities.
- Pray for the Southwest Baptist University team's preparation as they complete their semester at SBU
- Pray for Dana Podriabinkina as she coordinates the work in Lithuania among the Union leadership, local churches and "Wesley Camp" staff.
- Pray for the Lithuanian students as they anticipate their involvement in camp in Latvia.
- Pray for national leaders as they meet together in their countries to agree on their God-directed priorities and make partnership requests of FLF.
- Pray that FLF staff and board members hear and discern well what our partners share with us and are able to communicate that well to the full FLF Board as they plan for 2018 and beyond.
- Pray for generosity in supporting the ministries found in this newsletter.



## **Distance Learning Makes Youth Conference Possible in Belarus**

28 students in Belarus attended an FLF-led distance learning event in April. Drs. Keith Krispin and David Sanders, instructors at Judson University, Chicago, conducted "Youth Ministry in the Church," an online course April 7-8. We provided this teaching program for students at the Minsk Theological Seminary's Pastoral Ministry program.



The attendees expressed appreciation for our American professors' generosity and willingness to share their expertise. They especially valued the discussion about the different stages of adolescence and how they come into play for youth ministers.

Because this was an online course, presenters, local leaders and students had a chance to provide valuable feedback for our distance learning process and make recommendations for future uses. While this event spanned two days, future online learning could include a more focused approach, such as a two-hour course on a specific topic.



## FLF Partners with Global Leadership Summit 2017 (and so can you)

FLF will partner again this year with the Willow Creek Association to host the Global Leadership Summit (GLS) at Parkade Baptist Church in Columbia, Mo. The GLS is a two-day simulcast event (Aug. 11-12) featuring speakers from the church and business worlds. The purpose of the summit is to help attendees realize God's vision for their lives, churches and communities and to develop their leadership skills to be a greater influence for Christ.

FLF invites our friends and supporters to attend the GLS at the discounted rate of **\$35 per person**. FLF sees this as an investment in your leadership and your future.

The summit is an effective vehicle for FLF to discover and develop future leaders, and you can help in two ways:

- Sponsor a participant by sending a donation to FLF marked GLS.
- Attend the simulcast at Parkade Baptist Church (Columbia, Mo.). You could also bring a friend or associate who is a future leader or who feels called to support FLF's mission.

To take advantage of this discount, contact Cara Harrington at [office@ffmissions.org](mailto:office@ffmissions.org) or 1.866.652.5150.



## How to Give to the Future Leadership Foundation

Most people do not like to ask for money. It makes it a little easier when it is for a necessity, when the money is handled properly and when the process is safe and easy.

Throughout this newsletter you have read of needs to fund church planting, camps, new technology, exploring new partnerships and working alongside other Christians in teamwork, rather than in competition.

There are four avenues to give:

- Write a check to FLF and send to PO Box 865, Jefferson City MO 65102
- Go to our website, [www.ffmissions.org](http://www.ffmissions.org) and click to give online
- Go directly to <https://futureleadership.logosconnect.com/funds/give> to give online
- For other means that best meet your needs, please email us at [info@ffmissions.org](mailto:info@ffmissions.org) or call 1.866.652.5150 and let's talk

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