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In this issue of *Reaching Across*, we look back and express thanks for those who serve and look forward in sharing prayer requests and in requesting your support.

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Prayer Powers FLF's Ministry

Prayer is what makes Future Leadership Foundation possible. Please remember these upcoming needs:

Entering 2016 with Grateful Hearts

Starting a new year is both a time for reflection and anticipation.

So it is that FLF stops to thank God for our Board and its leadership for services freely given and deeply, deeply appreciated. On December 31, President Stephen Mathis (left) stepped down as president after five years in which the organization has witnessed staggering changes including a key moment in 2013 where we engaged in strategic planning that has provided continued guidance to our work and ministry.



Our vice president John Heskett (center), has guided the implementation of board-approved and updated

policies - no small feat! Finally, Gerri Ogle (right) recorded the work of this board throughout her tenure providing an

- **Verlyn Bergen** as he meets with the leadership of the Association of Baptists of El Salvador January 27-28 to do strategic planning for practical, theological education throughout the churches. At the same time a **partnership event** between The Baptist Home, Project H.O.P.E., and both Guatemalans and Salvadorans will occur the week of January 25-29 in both those countries doing strategic planning on aging ministries for their churches.

- A possible arrangement we are working on that would **provide iPads** to qualified students at both Minsk (Belarus) Seminary and

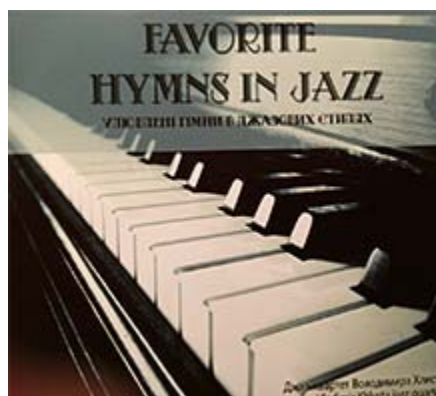
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implementation of board actions.

Stephen, John and Gerri, this ministry says "Thank you" for services rendered out of generous and grace-filled hearts from those around the world we have served and new leaders that have emerged. Others on our board, new officers and volunteer leaders can be found below. 🌹

Support Students Through Music

For some time FLF has offered the ever-current CD, produced by Ukrainian Christians, called *Favorite Hymns in Jazz*. While you may have missed it for the Christmas season, this CD will "jazz up" your spiritual time as you recall the hymns of faith known to most long-time Christians. Eleven of the old favorite hymns sung by Americans over the years infused with the incredible rhythm of the jazz genre will delight your ears and hearts.



The titles include *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*, *He Keeps Me Singing*, *Amazing Grace*, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, finishing with *How Great Thou Art*.

Each CD is \$15 with postage paid by FLF and profits to the School of Music at Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary in L'viv. You may send a check payable to the Future Leadership Foundation at FLF, PO Box 865, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Note on your check that you want the CD. You may also email to info@flfmissions.org noting how many CDs you wish and FLF will communicate back to you. 🌹

- FLF's participation at both a **Missouri Baptist University** event in February and **Hannibal-LaGrange Missions Fair** in March.

- Early conversations with nationals in **Nicaragua** on leadership development.

- FLF's strong partnership with **SBU's Global Connections** that commissions students in short-term and summer term mission projects.

- The **Global Leadership Summit** FLF Leadership Team as it meets to build momentum for the August 11-12 event and subsequent global sites around the world which could see up to 260,000 leaders in 120 countries trained.

- **FLF's new board officers:** Gerri Ogle, president; John Heskett, vice-president; and Phil Hunt, secretary.

- The elected **FLF Search Committee** as the ministry continues the process of calling a new CEO sometime in 2016.

How You Can Help Financially

First, thank you for your spirit's willingness to help the FLF ministry in 2016 as the ministry moves forward and explores new ventures.

There are three options for you to give:

1. Write a personal check and mail it to PO Box 865, Jefferson City MO 65102.



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3. Go to <https://futureleadership.logosconnect.com/> and click on "Create an Account." as You will then be able to do the following two actions: A) Using provided instructions, transfer from your bank account to FLF's bank account, or B) Use a credit card.

The national leaders and institutions with whom we partner are already vested in what they sense is God's call on their lives. Our coaching, our giving, our relationships with them allows them to stretch farther and faster as they prepare and live out their ministry calling. They, and we, thank you deeply.

Our vision is to create exponential growth of Christian leaders around the world.

Leadership Team:

Chief Executive Officer: Roger Hatfield; **Interim Executive Assistant:** Melissa Hatfield; **Chief Operations Officer:** Greg Morrow; **Chief Financial Officer:** Carol Kaylor; **Field Services Director:** John Jackson; **Advancement Consultant:** Jim Nelson; **Global Leadership Summit Leader:** Chris Cook; **Communications Team:** Ken Satterfield, team leader with Travis Ford; **Webmasters:** Blue Duck Marketing, Nate and Amanda Evans; **Treasurer:** Gary Collins; **Grants Team:** Nick Davis and Noel Blythe; **Travel Office:** Jessie Stephens; **Medical Advisor:** Brent Bergen, MD; **Office Staff:** Patti Hill, Angie Isringhausen, Barb Heller.

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, AL.

Advisory Board:

Jerry Cain, Kearney, MO; and Verlyn Bergen, Jefferson City, MO.



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