



REACHING ACROSS

Developing Christian leaders globally

DECEMBER 2019

“Whew and Wow!”: A Word from Our Executive Director



Executive Director
Greg Morrow

WHEW! Or maybe, WOW! Either word could describe Future Leadership Foundation’s activity in 2019, as well as anticipated FLF activities for 2020.

First, let’s take a quick look back to the many ways the Lord has worked through FLF and our partners to further the development of Christian leaders around the world.

In the fall of 2018, FLF’s board approved a record number of partnerships for this year that saw FLF field service workers active around the world to train Christian leaders in many forms:

- Retreats for pastors and leaders families in India
- Theological education certificate programs in El Salvador
- A spiritual reunion retreat in Lithuania that focused on Christian unity for pastors and their wives
- Pastor leader training through mentorship in Moldova
- Music leadership training through a choir festival in Ukraine
- Supporting foster adoptive families in cooperation with the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home
- Camps in Moldova and Ukraine
- Missions and church planting initiatives planned with Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary
- A first-time partnership that was shaped by vision/

strategic planning efforts in Poland with the Baptist Union in Poland (a first for FLF in this country)

Whew and wow! What a privilege to watch as God establishes relationships resulting in furthering Kingdom work — and FLF gets to play a part!

On November 1, FLF’s board approved 20 requests for 2020, once again a record number for partnership projects. We heard reports from our relatively-new committees on advancement and partnership projects. There was good financial support, due to the faithfulness of God and many donors. We connected with a key leader, Sven-Joonatan Siibak, via Zoom from Estonia.

Our board increased its membership to allow for up to 18 members and approved its first international board member. We honored FLF cofounder Verlyn Bergen on his retirement. And at the conclusion of its meeting, steps were taken to schedule a three-day prayer and planning board retreat in the summer of 2020.

Whew and wow! What a wonder to ponder what it means to know that God is at work, and that He invites us to play a part. As “Experiencing God” author Henry Blackaby said, “Look for where God is at work and join Him there.”

FLF remains committed to do just that. We invite you to join with us by giving and going, by serving and sacrifice. This is our privilege ... this is the wonder ... that God uses ordinary vessels through whom to work as He does extraordinary things.

Ending 2019 Strong. Beginning 2020 Stronger.

Your financial gifts are a *vital* part of ending 2019 strong and beginning 2020 stronger than ever. As you’ll see, FLF will be involved in a record number of partnership projects in 2020, cultivating partnerships with indigenous Christian leaders and assisting with their identified needs. You can read more about these projects inside this newsletter.

Please use the enclosed card and envelope. Or, you may go online to flfmissions.org/give to support FLF as we close out this year.

We are grateful to partner with you, and, as always, your gifts to FLF are tax-deductible. As an ECFA-accredited organization, you know your gifts are being used with financial integrity.





POLAND

Spring or Fall 2020

Christian Leader Development Initiative Awarding a Certificate of Training

Partner: Baptist Union of Poland with Samford University

\$1,000

June 2020

Seminary Student Incentive Initiative

Partner: Baptist Union of Poland

\$1,000

June 2020

Baptist Seminary Library Modernization Initiative

Partner: Baptist Union of Poland

\$1,000

Summer 2020

Church Revitalization Project

Partner: Baptist Union of Poland

\$5,000 (Fully funded by Parkade Baptist Church)

Ongoing

Discipleship Cohorts through Leadership Coaching

Partner: Baptist Union of Poland

\$500



EL SALVADOR & GUATEMALA

\$2,400

May 2020

Theological Education of Pastors Awarding a Certificate of Training

Partners: Baptist Association of El Salvador, Baptist Theological Institute of El Salvador and Guatemala Seminary



PUERTO RICO

\$1,000

Summer 2020

Leading Through Change Initiative

Partners: American Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico and First Baptist Church of Rio Piedras



UKRAINE



August 2020

Foster/Adoptive Camp Leadership Training

Partners: New Hope Ukraine and Missouri Baptist Children's Home

\$500

October 2020

Mission Students Retreat

Partner: Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary Missions Department

\$1,600



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The Future Leadership Foundation (FLF) develops Christian leaders globally, collaborating with churches, ministry organizations and religious entities by addressing needs and goals that facilitate reaching people for Christ and equipping them for ministry.

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2020: Envisioning What God Can Do Through FLF



ESTONIA \$4,500

March 2020

“Futurum” Future Leader Training for Young Leaders

Partner: Baptist Union of Estonia
(*\$2,500 funded by FBC Farmington*)



BELARUS \$500

April 2020

Family Ministry Leadership Training

Partner: Baptist Union of Belarus
(*Fully funded by FBC Farmington*)



MOLDOVA

Spring or Fall 2020

Social Work Students/Professional Social Worker Training

Partners: Baptist Union of Moldova and Samford University
\$500

March 2020

Pastor Leader Training through Mentorship

Partner: Baptist Union of Moldova
\$3,000

July 2020

Foster/Adoptive Training Retreat for Moldovan Children’s Homes

Partners: Baptist Union of Moldova and Missouri Baptist Children’s Home
\$5,000

Ongoing

Foster/Adoptive Parent Cultural Exchange USA/ Moldova

Partners: Baptist Union of Moldova and Missouri Baptist Children’s Home
\$0 (*Personal expenses paid by participants*)



INDIA \$4,000

September 2020

Young Pastors and Leaders Family Retreat

Partner: TLA Educational Trust of India

October 2020

Pastors Mission Conference

Partner: Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary
\$1,500

Fall 2020

Macedonian Project/Academic Teaching Initiative

Partner: Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary
\$0

November 2020

International Music Missions Leadership Initiative

Partner: Baptist Union of Ukraine
\$2,000

DID YOU KNOW...?

This year, Future Leadership Foundation approved 14 requests that totaled \$38,900.

For 2020, in the recent November 1 board meeting, FLF approved a record **20 requests** for a total of **\$35,000**.



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We've Moved!

(Our office, not our mailing address)

Our FLF office has relocated to the sixth floor of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo, (FBCJC) from the Baptist Student Union on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia. We are grateful to the BSU for renting office space to us this past year as we reorganized, and we are indebted to FBCJC for our new space at no cost.

In January 2019, we moved our mailing address to Columbia, Mo. *This continues to be our mailing address.* Please make sure to update your records, so we receive your correspondence and contributions.

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How You Can Support FLF

There are three ways to give to support FLF:

- Write a check to FLF and send to PO Box 1891, Columbia, MO 65205-1891
- Give on our website, www.flfmissions.org.
- For other means that best meet your needs, please email us at office@flfmissions.org or call toll free 866.652.5150 and let us work with you

As a 501(c)3 charity, you will receive a statement of your tax-deductible gifts to FLF. **Thank you in advance for investing in emerging leaders around the world!**

Be a Member of the Club

All of our administrative costs are covered by the board and staff of FLF, so we can focus solely on raising project support.



The **500 Club** is our desire to provide \$500 annually to help fully fund our projects, in either one payment or spread throughout the year. Use the enclosed card to indicate your interest or contact us directly. Thank you for making the projects listed in this newsletter possible through your pledge to pay it throughout the year.

Thanksgiving and Giving *by Stephen Mathis, CFP®*

As I participated in FLF's recent board meeting, I felt a sense of amazement at how the ministry vision God planted in the hearts of Roger Hatfield and Verlyn Bergen (FLF's cofounders) 20 years ago has grown.

Jesus' words about mustard seeds have come to life in FLF's expanding impact through Kingdom work in over 15 countries and, through faith, mountain-like challenges have been overcome. How grateful I am for all of the FLF friends, supporters, partners and volunteers that God is calling to help grow Christian leaders.

A look in this newsletter at the projects planned for 2020 is exciting. I am praying about how I can commit financial support for them.

But, before leaving 2019, I have been reminded that a gift of thanksgiving would be a very significant way to prepare the way for 2020. Perhaps you would be led by God to join in a year-end thanksgiving gift?

At the top of this page you'll find information about how to direct gifts to FLF. *In addition, some tax-wise gifting approaches to consider include:*

- For those with donor advised funds, FLF may qualify as a beneficiary of a DAF distribution.

- If you are over 70 ½, having required minimum distribution (RMD) amounts from an IRA transferred directly to FLF may reduce taxable income.
- Gifts of appreciated stock or mutual fund shares made to FLF's brokerage account may avoid capital gains tax

Should you desire more information or assistance in arranging a gift to FLF, contact Gary Collins, FLF Treasurer, at gary@flfmissions.org.

