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“What a Blessing”: A Word from Our Executive Director



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Few people find themselves excited at the prospect of a five hour meeting, especially when contemplating the last two would be after lunch when the carbs set in.

The most recent board meeting of the Future Leadership Foundation represented, however, an exception to the rule. FLF's board gathered in Jefferson City on May 16 for the spring version of our twice-annual meeting. Seldom do meetings result in the spirit of thankfulness, anticipation, sweet fellowship and worship but such was the case for our FLF board, staff and guests on that day.

- We began our day with a devotional brought by Kathleen Boswell, member of First Baptist Church, Sedalia. *What a blessing to hear Kathleen describe her work in Belarus.*
- Then Dale Siebeneck, managing partner of Evers & Company, shared the results of our financial review and 990 nonprofit information form. *What a blessing to receive an independent word confirming the financial integrity FLF has long enjoyed.*
- And, it's always a privilege to listen as field service staff shared inspirational reports of how the Lord continues to work. *What a blessing hear what God is doing in places like Poland, El Salvador, Ukraine, Moldova, India and Lithuania.* And what an added blessing to know God has called one

of our advisory board members and her family to relocate to Europe in fulfillment of their call to minister in Ukraine and Poland.

As if we were not blessed enough, we welcomed Ryan Feeler to the FLF family as a new advisory board member; heard reports that underscored the strong administrative foundation we enjoy through the sacrificial work of FLF staff; and were guided throughout the meeting by FLF board members' visionary leadership for developing Christian leaders globally.

Perhaps this sounds like an Executive Director “pat on the back” for all who contributed to an important and inspirational meeting. Well, true.

But as I shared with the board, and to all of us who support the Future Leadership Foundation through our prayers, service and contributions, we must exercise care to always give God the glory for all that has happened in the past, is happening in the present, and will happen in the future.

Our greatest privilege is to serve humbly wherever the Lord leads and to give Him the glory for those things He does. And, as the Apostle Paul states in Ephesians 3:20-21: *“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

FLF Team Returns from **Training** in Moldova



Pastors and other leaders from the Baptist Union of Moldova benefited from a weeklong visit from an FLF team in March. The theme of this year's training was mentoring, with emphasis on these leaders understanding who God made them to be and growing to be the best they can be for the Lord.

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PRAY IT FORWARD: Looking Ahead to Upcoming Global Leadership Efforts

Please be in prayer for these FLF projects and partnership efforts in 2019, including one that will be underway as this was being sent to the printer.



May 27 – June 3
Lithuania/United Kingdom
Pastors and Wives Retreat

At least 12 churches will be represented at a three-day Lithuanian retreat. In addition to strengthening marital relationships, it is also designed to foster unity between the Baptist churches, and to discuss future strategies and directions for working together.



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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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Field Service Directors John Jackson and Dr. John Claydon will be preaching in local churches.



In England, Claydon and Jackson will meet with the Regional Pastor for the Northern Baptist Association, along with FLF Executive Director Greg Morrow via Skype. The meeting will discuss Claydon's new role as a member of the FLF Lithuania Field Service Team; and debrief the Lithuanian retreat, strategizing possible future involvement by FLF with the Lithuanian leadership.



July 22 – 26
El Salvador
Leadership Training

El Salvador Baptist Convention Board of Directors, Baptist Theological Institute of El Salvador Board of Directors, pastors and leaders are coming together for teaching and coaching.

Heber Mena will serve as team leader in providing leadership training, and leadership coaching for about 45 board members and pastors based on John C Maxwell's "15 Invaluable Laws of Leadership" & "Becoming a Person of Influence." He will also meet with leadership to plan for 2020.

Meanwhile, Paul Calmes, an adjunct professor at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., will teach hermeneutics courses to 50 pastors in the West (Ahuachapán), Central (San Salvador) and East (Usulután) zones in El Salvador.



September 9 – 17
Poland
Partnership Exploration

A team of 12 American church leaders, led by Team Leaders Calvin Brown, Chris Cook and Steve Easterwood will tour Poland and fellowship with national pastors for mutual encouragement and exploring future partnership opportunities.



October 9 – 16
Ukraine
Teaching and Pastor's Conference

Calvin Brown will lead a team who will be teaching students at Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary, followed by a two-day pastor's conference for what is projected to be more than 150 pastors and church leaders.

El Salvadoran Leaders Receive First Theological Training in

30 years

An FLF-sponsored team headed to El Salvador in February to provide Baptist theological training, led by Heber Mena and Verlyn Bergen, both of Jefferson City, Mo.

“There has been no formal Baptist theological education in El Salvador since the revolution in the 1980s,” said Verlyn (*pictured below, right*). In fact, “only about 10 percent of the Baptist pastors there have any theological education.”

Most of the pastors enrolled in these courses are past the age of returning to theological seminary. “We are honored to assist... these underprivileged pastors and church leaders,” added Verlyn.

Verlyn and Heber worked with the Association of Baptists of El Salvador to provide six courses for

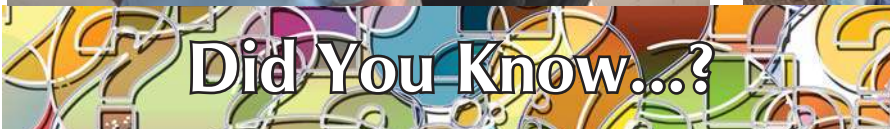


local pastors. A pilot course for this program was led in May 2018 by Dr. Kelly Malone of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo.

An FLF team will provide another course this July (*see page 2*), followed by two courses each year through 2021.

Please keep our El Salvadoran pastors and partners in your prayers!

Note: A version of this article appeared earlier this year in the FLF e-newsletter.



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FLF Team Returns from Training in Moldova

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Mike Haynes, director of the Greene County Baptist Association, and his wife Robbi (*far right*) led the mission, joined by Rev. Dan and wife Julie Swadley, pastor at Brookline Baptist Church.



Both couples serve in Springfield, Missouri. They held the training at the University of Divine Grace in Chisinau, Moldova's capital city. Moldova is located between Ukraine and Romania in Eastern Europe.

The FLF team had four specific goals for their weeklong project:

- Support and encouragement of pastors and their wives serving in Moldova
- Understand needs for future engagement opportunities with Moldova Baptist Union
- Relationship building with pastors and wives

- Encouraging and training students

Robbi says all the attending pastors and wives are bivocational. Some maintain a greenhouse or small garden to supplement their family's budget.

"For pastors and wives to come to Chisinau and stay at UGD was a real blessing to them," Robbi said. "Many of the couples never had two nights away from home in that type of setting. The pastors said they left feeling renewed and encouraged by the training and fellowship."

Mike says there is much more work to be done in Moldova. While in the area, they drove through a town just outside Chisinau with a population of 10,000 unserved by a church or witnesses.

FLF asks for your prayers for this area and will be seeking financial support for church plants and future missions in Moldova.

