

Logsdon Update

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Dear Praying friends,

CBM Field Director ministry:

Thank you for your concern for our ministry to church planters. Much of my office time is given to coaching, planning, encouraging and praying with our 29 church planters. The Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 11:28 often come to mind. *Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.* I long to see our CBM Church Planters complete their task of bringing a new church to a place where it will be an indigenous, autonomous church. Most of the churches are growing closer to their goal. There are some who are struggling. Those are the ones where I invest much of my time and energy. Please pray with me for daily wisdom when coaching the missionaries serving on the front lines of church planting.

In recent days I was with two churches in Iowa for special celebrations. Bethel Baptist Church in Britt, Iowa had a celebration for their renovated church auditorium on Saturday July 18th. The next day I was in Sioux City, Iowa for the graduation service of Good News Baptist Church. Brad and Joanne Hoff were the CBM Church Planters there. Over a year ago they brought on an associate pastor to groom him for the pastoral role. This provided a very smooth and God honoring transition of leadership.

CBM Family Conference was held at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa the following Monday through Friday. It is a jam backed week of workshops, special sessions and challenges from the Word of God. There were over 170 registered for the conference. We had to schedule my workshops for the church planters early in the week. We had to leave the conference early to travel to NY for the wedding of our eldest grand daughter on Saturday (Tiffany, Mark's daughter). The conference and the wedding were very special events. The only regret that I have is that when my fellow CBM missionaries knew I had to leave early for a grand daughters wedding not one of them were kind enough to say, *you don't look old enough to have a grand daughter getting married.* It was a disappointment.

Our planning and praying for new church plants are beginning to become a reality. Jon and Liz Dillon have moved to Lowell, Arkansas to start a new work. Rob and Michelle Kinney have moved to Traverse City, MI to establish a new church. Both of these families need to raise more support. They continue to raise support while working to start Bible Studies in their homes to form a core group. Ed and Cheryl Bunt are in the process of purchasing a home in Danville, Iowa. They have assumed the leadership role of a new church plant. Several families pulled out of a very liberal church and have been meeting for about a year waiting for the Bunts to arrive. Lay leaders and a CBM Foster Pastor have been sharing the pulpit ministries. The next work to get started will be in

Republic County, Nebraska. Lee and Pam Knauf have targeted this county for their first church planting ministry as soon as their support is raised.

It probably will not surprise you if I shared that the giving to our CBM general fund is way down from last year. We have made deep cuts in our operating budget with the hope that we will be able to continue to give quality care to our CBM missionary families. We have been praying mountain moving prayers for some time now. We encourage you to join CBM in praying for God's blessing and provision for our ministries.

Our ministry at Maranatha Baptist Church:

God continues to bless our efforts to develop the ministries at MBC. Joshua Putnam is part of the leadership team. He fills the pulpit and gives leadership when we need to be away. Lord willing he will become the pastor of the church when it graduates from mission status. We have several young families worshiping with us. Two of the young men are in leadership training at this time. We will need to see more outreach and discipleship ministries in place with equipped leadership to bring the church to graduation. Finances are hurting at this time. Usually the financial hurdle is the last obstacle to graduating a church from mission status.

The teens at MBC put on our own vacation Bible school this year. The first week in August they will take the same VBS to a small church in West Virginia. Out of these teenage servants we are anticipating several to go to a Bible college for ministry training. We are seeing good fruit from our efforts with teenagers and younger children's ministries.

Family:

Sherrie and I thank you from the depths of our hearts for praying for our boys as they transferred a kidney. Both Tom and Mark are doing well. Mark, who gave the kidney to Tom, had a difficult time in recovery. They damaged his spleen during the surgery and had to do another surgery to remove his spleen. We saw both Tom and Mark at Tiffany's wedding on July 25th. Both are recovering well and anxious to get back to work. THANK YOU for your prayers, cards and phone calls.

Two more grandsons graduated from high school this June. Our youngest grand daughter starts school this September. Sherrie continues to give horse riding lessons. This has been used of God to help with our shortfall in missions support.

Your servants in Christ,

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