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To our National President, Dr. Jerry Young, Regional Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Dr. Calvin McKinney, Convention Officers, Pastors, Delegates, my brothers and sisters in the family of faith.

I am happy to report to you on the work of the Foreign Mission Board since we last met. We have been working to actualize what we initiated in 2012 as we continue to move from “Paternalism to Partnership.” We have continued to encourage and lead our mission partners to do as much as possible for themselves and to be open to revenue streams in their midst to support their work. We have additionally encouraged local congregations who have a particular mission interest to work along with the Foreign Mission Board in meeting that need.

Examples:

- Our president’s church, New Hope. in Jackson, Mississippi has sent money to purchase medicine for the S. Willie Layton Hospital in Malawi.
- The White Rock Church, Dr. William J. Shaw, pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. Cedric Jones, Pastor and Cookman Beloved Community Baptist Church, Rev. Dr Donna Jones, Pastor, decided to take a trip, approved by the Board, to Providence Industrial Mission (PIM), led by Rev. Mackford Chipuliko, stayed on the campus and agreed to support the improvement of the S. Willie Layton Hospital.
- We also want to thank Dr. Calvin O. Butts and the Abyssinian Baptist Church of NY, for their support over the last two years.
- Former President, Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, personally gave, as pledged, \$10,000 to the Board to support the fight against the Ebola Virus.
- The women of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention sponsored the building of a well in Sierra Leone.
- Dr. James Thornton, Pastor of the Salem Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, and Dr. Leonzo Lynch, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, agreed to support the purchase of a vehicle for our missionary in Guinea, all while supporting our core ongoing expenses.
- Along with the Second Baptist Church in Elyria, OH, pastored by Rev. Dr. Carl P. Small, who is sending support to a church in Jamaica, although we do not formally have work there.
- This year, we teamed up with our four sister Baptist bodies {known as the The African-American Baptist Mission Collaboration (AABMC)} to raise money to fight the Ebola Virus that impacted 3 of our stations; Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia; which left thousands dead and more that 26,000 children as orphans. Today, thank God, because of His grace and cooperative work, the disease according to the Center for Disease Control has been stopped in its tracks with only one or two cases here or there.
- * This past February, Dr. Terrence Griffith, a Board Member and Editor of the Mission Herald traveled to Malawi to participate in the Independence Day Celebration of the Country. and to Swaziland to check on the work there.
- * Rev. John Coger, Board Member, led a Mission Trip to our Central America work in Nicaragua, August 14-21. We provided building support through Deacon Charlie Richmond, Layman Board Member, from Texas and educational support to our teachers, public and church school from Dr. Elois Dupree and retired Superintendent Gloria Clayton and Rev. John Coger, preaching from Pennsylvania.
- * We will present at this Session, Dr. Monica G. Williams-Davis, Ph.D., and Mrs. Leslie Goldman, our partners representing UNICEF.
- * We are honored to have Rev. Ngwedla Paul Msiza, newly elected President of the Baptist World

Alliance from East Lynne, Republic of South Africa, who will speak at the William J. Harvey, III Annual Foreign Mission Dinner. He is the first South African elected to such a position.

- * We are happy to make available support for pastors who have never traveled to a Foreign Mission Board site through the Lewis G. Jordan Scholarship. The deadline is **January 30, 2016**.
- * We are happy to announce a mission trip to South Africa, Malawi and Swaziland, July 18-29, 2016 under the leadership of the Foreign Mission Board. The cost is \$4,200.00 from New York.
- * A highlight of our year was a visit to the Foreign Mission Board by our President, Dr. Jerry Young, who shared his vision for missions with us.

The final half of the Board's Report will include a snapshot of our Mission Stations.

I begin this portion by highlighting the fact that the focus of our work is the proclamation of the word and winning souls to Christ. We currently have approximately 615 churches, 10 full time missionaries and hundreds of pastor who look to us for support. Many of these churches provide meager support to their pastors, as their part of the partnership.

WEST AFRICA

Liberia

I am happy to report that over \$190,000 was expended to reopen our work in Liberia; specifically at the Suehn Industrial Mission, we renovated and added to the Bethel Delaney Baptist Church and completed a new Community Center named in honor of Chairman Moore. A mission team traveled to Liberia to dedicate the church and community center and install Rev. Jallah Anthony as pastor. The church and center is a bright spot in Bomi County, one of the few buildings for miles around that has generated electricity, inside toilets, electrical outlets and a pastor's administrative wing.

The Community Center was used to distribute food and clothing during the Ebola Crisis.

Our goal is to complete the pastor's residence and begin a process to reopen the school. The Suehn Alumni Association agreed in their Annual Reunion in Minneapolis to put a water pump on the site.

Sierre Leone

Rev. Henry A. Samuels, is providing strong leadership to our one church, with four branches, a primary school, in four locations, with 308 students, 14 teachers; a junior and senior secondary school with 1,378 secondary students; 53 teachers and 18 administrative staff. These schools are supported by the Vine Memorial Church in Philadelphia.

A great need here is a vehicle that we are gathering support to purchase and renovation of existing buildings.

Guinea

Rev. Gwendolyn Traore, assisted by her husband, Brother Musa, Traore, leads our work in this country that's 90% Muslim. However, she is making inroads into conversions to Christianity through Bible Study Clubs, and one church with several extensions.

Two needs here cry for support:

1. A vehicle to travel to the work.
2. Food because of the Ebola Virus rice and oil

110 lbs of rice will feed a family of 15 for 2 weeks, oil to cook the rice. \$15,000.00 will feed 250 families for 2 weeks

Malawi

Rev. Mackford B. Chipuliko leads the work at Providence Industrial Mission, pastoring our headquarter's church, New Jerusalem, and coordinating our work with Dr. Patrick Makondesha, and Board Chair, Dr. Moses Chinyama. The African Baptist Assembly includes our Mission Station (PIM), the hospital, pastors and churches all across the Nation. We have more than 520 churches in Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania with 79 pastors to service those spiritual needs that we support. There are other churches that the congregations support. We have more than 3,160 students on our campus, a corn mill, a 70 acre farm and of course, the S. Willie Layton Hospital.

Swaziland

Mrs. May Simelane, Mission Administrator, is expanding our educational and occupational training schools with more than 360 students under the management of Premzone LLC, a clinic that serves 120 patients per month, and 9 National Baptist Churches with 511 members.

Nicaragua

We currently have four churches in Nicaragua, the Zion Baptist Church in Bluefield, pastored by Rev. Eli Simeon, New Hope in Haulover, St. John in Kukra Hill, and Calvary in Awas. As reported, we took a strong Christian Education team to Bluefield for in depth leadership training, workshops, and Christian Education instruction support.

A great need here is to renovate the school and parsonage for the pastor.

Other Sites

At some point, we will revisit our work in Barbados and the Bahamas. Discussions are ongoing with our work in South Africa.

We conclude this report with thanks to God, our President and his Team, our Board, staff members, Mrs. Collins and Ms. Owens, our pastors, churches and all who, in any way, helped to move the work forward. A special thanks to Sister Lula Wheeler and the Loyal Boosters, including chapters that are being developed around the country.

It takes team work to get the work done: The Foreign Mission Board, NBC, Inc., Churches, local communities where we serve, the government of the Countries, where we are, and **external partners**.

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

Rev. William B. Moore, Chairman
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