

the Home Front



Davis Family



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God Will Be Glorified

Thank you for the role you play through faithfully praying and financially supporting the work of EMU International and our missionaries around the world. Over the past few months, our ministries have been faced with the extraordinary challenges of COVID-19, but God has remained faithful.

These unusual circumstances have caused us to stretch ourselves in ways that have resulted in new ministry opportunities. Billy Judson, missionary to India states, "I believe this global pandemic is a goldmine to us, which is enabling us to reach out to more people through available technology."



We have seen new opportunities also through EMU's ministry to the 10/40 Window, the region located between 10° and 40° north of the equator. This area is considered the most unevangelized region in the world. Only 8% of missionary workers minister in this area and only \$5 of every \$10,000 for missionary work are spent there. These cultures and their



I was privileged to lead the devotional for a group of pastors in India via Zoom Video

governments are often very antagonistic to Christianity. Ted, one of our missionaries, regularly travels into this area to train national pastors in short-term modular Bible courses. Due to international travel restrictions, he has not been able to visit these countries. Instead, he is now offering almost daily video training and has seen his ministry opportunities actually increase.

I am aware that many of you are overwhelmed by the unusual circumstances of 2020. We are living in some strange times. I have thought about how Satan is at work, but then I am reminded that God is sovereign, and His providence supersedes any activities of our adversary. He will be glorified.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been inspired by reading some from the Diary of David Brainerd, missionary to the Native Americans of New Jersey (1718-1747). His writings were instrumental in influencing many future missionary heroes, including William Carey, Henry Martyn, and Jim Elliot. Brainerd served as a missionary for four years. He was sick with tuberculosis for the last eight years of his life, before his death at twenty-nine years of age. Due to feelings of inadequacy and lack of visible results early in his ministry, he struggled with depression, loneliness, and even a desire to leave missionary ministry. Despite these feelings, Brainerd determined to live wholly for God, whatever his outward success.

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I want to encourage you with a couple of thoughts from David Brainerd's journal:

We must pray

Friday, Oct. 5 [1744]...After some consultation, the Indians gathered, and I preached to them...I was exceedingly sensible of the impossibility of doing anything for the poor heathen without special assistance from above: and my soul seemed to rest on God, and leave to him to do as he pleased in that which I saw was his own cause.

Thursday, Dec. 6 [1744] ... towards night I felt my soul rejoice, that God is unchangeable happy, and glorious; that he will be glorified, whatever becomes of his creatures.

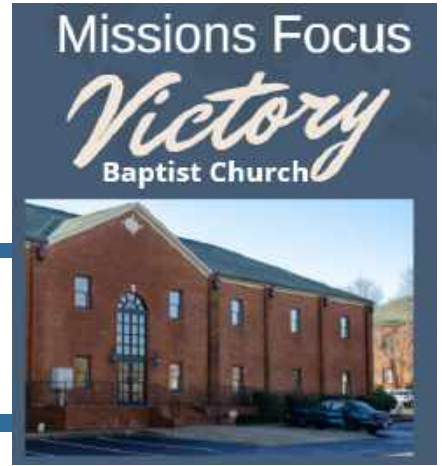
We are aware that none of us can do anything without God's help. So, we covet your continued prayers. Don't let these crazy times discourage you. God is still at work and He will be glorified!



Tim & Ruth BIXBY

Joanna and I had the privilege of meeting Tim and Ruth Bixby, missionaries to France, for ice cream in Wake Forest, NC. We had hoped to connect with them earlier, but our schedule didn't work out, so the weekend before they departed back for France we were finally able to meet with them. Ruth's parents live in Wake Forest. They are members of Friendship Baptist Church in Raleigh, which just so happens to be the church where our son-in-law Kris Wilder serves on pastoral staff. On Sunday evening, Tim shared a video and updated the congregation on their ministry. It is always a joy to spend time with our EMU family, even if it is only for a short time.

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Joanna and I had a great time with the kind folks at Victory Baptist Church in Simpsonville. I was invited for a Missions Emphasis Sunday. What a privilege to preach on missions and share the ministry of EMU International. As I am now planning my Fall calendar, please pray that churches will catch a burden for God's work among the nations.

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