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- Works of Evangelism
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- Equipping Nationals



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## YEAR IN REVIEW

*Praising the Lord for a year of blessings*

It is always encouraging to look back on the previous year and walk down "Memory Lane." As in any journey, when you are in the middle of the trek, you don't realize how far you have come. Last year was like that for us. It was an incredibly busy year, but full of blessings with many ministry highlights for which we are grateful.

Joanna and I want to express our gratitude to all of our friends and ministry partners who make it possible for us to do what we do. Without your faithful financial support and your continued prayers for our missionary family, our task would be impossible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

At EMU International, our purpose statement has been widely published: The Purpose of EMU International is to bring glory to God by assisting churches and individuals in carrying out the Great Commission given to the Church Universal by our Lord Jesus Christ through (1) ministries of evangelism, (2) establishing indigenous churches, (3) and equipping nationals to do the same.

As the Director of EMU, in addition to overseeing our home office which basically runs on cruise control thanks to the expert leadership of Ken and Joan Jensen, I have the unique privilege of traveling and sharing the ministry of EMU and its missionaries while also encouraging pastors and churches in their ministries. If I have counted correctly last year, I preached 68 times, in 23 different states, 3 foreign countries, and in 32 different churches. As always, time spent with our missionaries is one of my most treasured blessings. In addition to traveling to Uruguay, France, and Croatia, we hosted five Uruguayan nationals for five weeks, driving around 7,000 miles. We ministered in 12 churches and visited 4 camps. We also saw New York City and the Ark Encounter, in Kentucky. What a blessed time we had connecting with ministry friends and introducing their ministry to several new pastors and churches.

Visit my Facebook page and check out my photos: <https://facebook.com/pastorjd>. If we are not friends, I would love to connect, so send me a friend request. Also, I regularly share monthly updates on my blog at <https://pastorjeffdavis.com>.

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**January** began with the **Advance the Gospel Conference** at BJU in Greenville, SC. What a tremendous privilege to host one of the workshops with a video conference with EMU International's missionary to Cambodia, **JD Crowley**. I then spoke at **Temple Baptist Church in Sarasota, FL**. The following day, I participated in a **Missions Summit** with a couple of dozen missionary leaders in Bradenton, FL, sponsored by **ARCH ministries**. I then participated in the three-day **National Pastors' Fellowship**. Joanna and I ended the month by spending a few days in Georgia with ministry friends and speaking for **Pastor Todd Sivnksty** at **Berean Baptist, Lilburn, GA**.



**February** began with the **BJU Seminary Core Conference** which was on the important theme, "Who Am I? The Contemporary Assault on Personhood." Pastors and ministry leaders came from across the country. What a joy to reconnect with many ministry friends. I preached for my good friend and supporter **David DeLand** at **Cooley Springs Baptist, Chesnee, SC**. I then spent the next three Sundays in **Uruguay**. I preached for **Family Camp** at **Campamento Emanuel** the first week. This was followed by the week of the **Workers' Conference**. I invited **Dr. Kevin Oberlin**, pastor of **Beth Haven Baptist Church** and Dean of the School of Theology and Global Leadership at BJU, to speak for our ministry leaders. Each weekend we were in different churches.

At the end of **March** and beginning of **April**, I had the unique opportunity to be the first Missionary in Residence at **Fatih Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, IA**. They gave me a meal ticket, an apartment, and a small office, and asked me to preach in chapel and teach a few classes. The main focus was to serve as a mentor in missions to the many students who feel God's directing them to the mission field. It was a full three weeks and a privilege to connect with so many special young people. I am excited to see how God uses them to build His church around the world. While in Iowa, I preached at several churches and connected with area pastors.



I made it home on the eve of Easter. It was great to have our entire family together to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. During the month, we also held our annual meeting of the EMU Board of Directors. It was also great to be back at our home church, **Palmetto Baptist Church, in Powdersville, SC**, and have the opportunity to preach on Sunday morning, April 23.



**May** and **June** were very busy as I had the privilege of hosting five Uruguayan nationals for 5 weeks. We ministered in **12 churches** and visited **4 camps**. We also saw **NYC** and the **Ark Encounter**. We drove **7,000 miles**, during their time here. The trip began with a stay at the headquarters of **GMSA, Fort Lauderdale, FL**. We then visited the **Anchorage Christian Camp**. We scheduled meetings on the first Sunday at **Park Avenue Baptist, Wilmington, NC**, and **Friendship Baptist in Raleigh**. We also participated in several midweek services, the first at **Agnew Road Baptist, Greenville, SC**. On our way to Michigan, we visited the **Ark Encounter** and the **Indianapolis Rescue Mission**. We visited with the **Snead** family, dear supporters of Camp Emanuel, and then one of Pedro's supporting churches, **Childs Bible, Onondaga, MI**. The team wanted to visit New York City, so I contacted my good friend **Pastor Bill Jones, Manor Community Church in Manhattan**. He hosted us for three days. We had the privilege of speaking to his Spanish service. We also handed out hundreds of tracts in the subway and spoke for **Pastor Matt Recker at Heritage Baptist Church** for their midweek service. One day, I walked over 30,000 steps. After flying back to **Detroit**, we drove to **Kansas** where we stayed for several days with our friend **Donna Williams**. We spoke at **Homewood Community Church, Williamsburg, KS**. We also reconnected with our good friend **Britt Hopper**. We drove to Greenville, MS, where we spoke for the midweek service at Greenville Bible Church. We stayed several nights with the **Parkersons** who are precious supporters of EMU. Another dear ministry partner is **Grace Baptist Fellowship, Lewisburg, TN**, who support Paty's health needs. Maxi, Pedro's 17-year-old son, attended camp at the **Wilds**. We spoke for the midweek service at **Westgate Baptist, Spartanburg, SC**, and then spent a couple of days at the Wilds.



Their trip ended with a weekend spent in churches in **South Carolina, Open Door Baptist Church in Bamberg, and Foster Creek Baptist Church, in Hannahan.** While in the Charleston area, we enjoyed a breakfast meeting with **David and Sandy Martin.** Check out my July blog post, "The Incredible Journey," and my Facebook album, "Pedro's Trip to the USA, 2023."

While we were in Kansas, I received the wonderful news that our daughter **Abby** and her husband, **Caleb Prigge,** had our sixth grandchild. **Judson Caleb Prigge** was born three weeks early on June 2, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and 18 inches long. As I write this, he just marked his 6 month birthday. He is a joyful addition to our family.



At the end of **July** and into the month of **August,** the Lord gave me the tremendous privilege of helping **Faith Baptist Church, in Delco, NC,** on the weekends, following their pastor's retirement. By God's grace, they recently called their new pastor. At the end of August, thanks to the generous gift of some ministry partners allowing us to use their beach house, Joanna and I spent a couple of weeks in **Florida.** It was the first time in years that we have taken time away like that. What a joy to have our son Caleb and his family join us for a few days. Also, our daughter Hannah and her husband Caleb Greene came down the second week.



In **September,** I shared an update at our home church, **Palmetto Baptist, Powdersville, SC,** and then returned to **Fort Lauderdale, FL** for the **Fellowship of Missions, Annual CEO Retreat,** a gathering of 20 like-minded mission agencies. I currently serve on the executive board. The month also began the Fall visits to college campuses with the **Global Opportunities Conference hosted by BJU.**



## Attention Pastors

I am currently planning my calendar for 2024. In addition to traveling and visiting the EMU International missionaries on their various fields of service, I have had the privilege of preaching in Christian School chapels, Pastors' Fellowships, at Christian Camps, Missions Conferences, Revival Meetings, and Family Conferences. I am also available for single meetings to promote the work of EMU International. Contact me if you are interested in me visiting your church.



**October** was a packed month which began with me preaching two Sundays in a row for **Open Door Baptist Church, Bamberg, SC.** The next week I drove and spoke at **Calvary Baptist, Westminster, MD.** The following week I was in classes for three days at the **ABWE** headquarters for their **Good Soil Certification, New Cumberland, PA.** The following week, Joanna and I were in a missions conference at **Grace Baptist, East Flat Rock, NC.** I returned to **Faith Baptist Bible College** in Iowa for their **Global Reach Conference.** On Saturday, I flew to **Pittsburgh** to meet **Pastor Richard Woodruff** and spoke for a Missions Emphasis Sunday at **West Milford Baptist, West Milford, WV.**

**November,** I made a whirlwind trip to **Colorado** to speak at a Missions Emphasis Sunday for **Pastor Jonathan Jones** at **First Baptist, Gunnison, CO.** I then returned to **Delco** for two more Sundays at **Faith Baptist Church.** Our family gathered together in Sevierville, TN, for Thanksgiving.

On **December 1-13,** I traveled to visit missionaries in **France (Tim and Ruth Bixby family)** and **Croatia (Kornel and Tanja Crnković family).** Last month's update has details on that trip. Read about it on my blog and visit <https://pastorjeffdavis.com/france-croatia/> to view photos. We ended the month celebrating the birth of our Savior with our our entire family together for a couple of days before Christmas.



**We praise the Lord for a wonderful year of blessing!**

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