

## **National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Laymen Foreign Mission Ministry Report**

Brother Willie Burke, President, National Baptist Laymen's Auxiliary  
Charlie Richmond, Jr., Chairman

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**RE: Foreign Mission Ministry 2016**

**Purpose:** To assist and support the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, INC., in its efforts to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ as it is written in Matthew 28: 19-20. And to provide for our brothers and sisters on our six (6) active mission stations located in Africa and Central America. Spiritually, Physically and Financially.

The Foreign Mission Board operates under the authority of our President, Dr. Jerry Young and within the framework of the National Baptist Convention. The Convention goals and objectives for Foreign Mission, becomes the Foreign Mission Board's goals and objectives.

As Laymen Foreign Mission Chairman, I serve as Liaison to the Foreign Mission Board. Those who work with me, keeping me informed about the total work that the Board is engaged and involved in are Pastor. William B. Moore, Board Chairman. Pastor, Terrence Griffith, Director of Publications. Board member, Pastor, Leonzo Lynch of North Carolina. Sister Delores Collins, Foreign Mission Office Manager. Board member, Pastor, Albert Davis of Philadelphia whom I traveled with to Swaziland, South Africa in 2014. Board member, Pastor, John Coger of Philadelphia, whom I traveled with to Nicaragua, Central America in 2015. As well as other board members who I am with three to four times a year.

During my meetings, interactions and travels with the Foreign Mission Board, I observed some areas that I believe all of us can be of great assistance and a huge blessing to God's people.

In August 2014 while working at our mission station in Swaziland and interacting with the mission station administrator Mrs. Mae Simelane, teachers and 300 plus children who attend the Pre-School and Primary Schools, I witnessed something that I must share with you. These little children are so beautiful and so smart. The teachers are so dedicated. Our children and our school ranked #3 in the entire Nation of Swaziland. Their only request from us here in America is a playground. They never had a playground, they only seen pictures of one. The administrator has sent me pictures of what it will look like. A fence with a gate is badly needed to secure the property and protect the children. Thieves are coming onto the property at night. People are wandering onto the property during the day while the children are present.

During my visit to our mission station in Bluefields, Nicaragua in August 2015, I witnessed some things that you should know.

Pastor Eli Simeon, the administrator of the mission station which consist of a church with 200 plus members, two schools with 500 plus students that operates in two shifts because of lack of space, in a city populated with over 50,000 people, can't afford to own a vehicle. He was riding in the back of a pickup truck with his Bible and note book in his hand going to do the Lord's work. He and his family has to catch taxi cabs to take care of family business, the church and school business as well as the Lord's business of witnessing and making disciples.

Sixty miles up the coast we have three churches. Two of them are serviced by Pastor Benson that are fifteen apart along the ocean coast. Pastor Benson greeted us at the boat docks on his bicycle. He serves these two churches twice a week on his bicycle Sundays and Wednesdays, fifteen miles each way. His church, New Hope Baptist Church has over 135 young people who can't get into the church that is filled with about 100 adults. They have to gather outside on the grass with no cover to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (This will be addressed at a later date, we can't have them continue to do this, they have a six months rainy season, rain every day).

The conditions mentioned above with God's pastor's and people would not be tolerated in any fashion here in the United States of America. These are our Christian Brothers and Sisters. They are National Baptist. As you can see by the dates I have mentioned above, I need your help NOW!!!. During our trip to Malawi this coming July, we will again visit the mission station in Swaziland. After two years of talking about this playground equipment, I just can't imagine facing those precious children without the money for that playground. Please help. We are Americans, we are African Americans, we are National Baptist. We can do this working together. It is my prayer that God will put it in your heart to give a generous gift toward these very worthy causes.

**2016 funds needed to support the Foreign Mission work of our Convention:**

- Playground equipment for the children in Swaziland, South Africa, \$2,500.
- Vehicle for mission station administrator, Pastor Eli Simeon in Bluefields, Nicaragua, \$4,000
- Motor Bike to replace bicycle for Pastor Benson in Haulover, Nicaragua, \$1,000
- Charlie Richmond's July 2016 mission trip to Malawi, South Africa, \$5,000

**Total needed by June 1, 2016 - \$12,500**

Thanking you in advance,

Brother Charlie Richmond, Jr., Chairman  
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