

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT JANUARY 2012

To our president, Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, the vice president at large, Dr. Jerry Young, the general secretary, Dr. Calvin McKinney, convention officers, and my brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are happy to report that we are making significant progress on our paradigm shift from Paternalism to Partnership. We are endeavoring as we do missions going forward to empower those with whom we work with the capability to assume responsibility to chart their own destiny.

EXECUTIVE SEARCH

The Foreign Mission Board under the leadership of Dr. J. Wendell Mapson is conducting a search for a new executive secretary. Applications are available on our Convention and Foreign Mission web-sites and at the Foreign Mission Booth. The Board is seeking qualified applicants who can give their full time energies to the work of the Board. Special emphasis is being placed on assisting with the paradigm shift and a demonstrated record of securing multiple sources of funding.

BOARD RESTRUCTURING

We are moving very aggressively to expand the Foreign Mission Board. It is the desire of the Board to expand participation and representation between the regions and State Conventions. The Board will meet in January, June and September. Three new Board members have been added so far. We welcome Dr. Ocie Oden, Alabama; Dr. Myron Barnes, Pennsylvania and Sister Pamela Edmonson, Maryland.

TRIP TO MALAWI AND SWAZILAND

It was my delight to lead a delegation consisting of board members, Dr. Frank D. Tucker, Washington, DC and Dr. Terrence D. Griffith, Pennsylvania to Malawi and Swaziland to begin setting the framework for our new direction of moving from Paternalism to Partnership. We have completed the framework of a memorandum of understanding to begin that partnership. We will be working with a diversely represented central committee to develop the work. Additionally, we are working with the White Rock Baptist Church and the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a team who will travel to Malawi in teams during the summer to improve and work in

the hospital on the campus of the Providence Industrial Mission. This mission is being undertaken with the support of our missionary, Rev. Mackford B.K. Chipiliko, our Board and under the direction of Pastor William J. Shaw and Pastor Cedric H. Jones, Jr.

TRIP TO LIBERIA

We have planned a trip to Liberia, November 8-15, 2012 to celebrate our centennial. It was under the direction and missionary zeal of Rev. Lott Carey, who sailed to the West African Country to begin our work on the continent. Sources have it that Carey was born on the slave plantation of William A. Christian in Charles City County, Virginia in the year 1780.

One hundred years later, we return to celebrate under the leadership of the first African woman to be elected to head any African country, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Rev. Napoleon Divine, our board member who was born in Liberia and whose father went to our mission school is coordinating the trip. Information is available at the booth and soon will be on our web-sites. Sign up for the celebration.

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FAITH, FAMILY AND EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

The Foreign Mission Board was pleased to participate with the Home Mission Board, Evangelism Board and the NAACP in a Faith and Family Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Charles Mock of the Home Mission Board will give a full report of the Conference.

As you can see, much work has been accomplished this past year, yet, much needs to be done. Therefore, we will not slow up nor slack up until much more is done.

I extend a special thank you to President Julius R. Scruggs and cabinet, Vice Chair Mapson, and members of the board for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. William B. Moore
Chairman
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