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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER- PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

"They Strengthened Their Hands to this Good Work"

As Nehemiah began to carry out the vision God had laid upon his heart, he encouraged the other workers. In Nehemiah 2:18, he says, "I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me." Note that the emphasis of their work was upon the Mighty Hand of God and not on themselves. We must be sure that the ministries we are involved in are God-honoring, Christ-centered, and Spirit-filled! Nehemiah continues to say, "Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work" (2:18b). Throughout the third chapter, the phrase "next to him" appears over and over. The people were called to a good work and worked side-by-side for the same goal. If we are to act as a God-honoring Fellowship of local churches, we MUST be willing to work alongside other believers in "this good work." What a blessing to have fellow workers in the Kingdom of God!



Make plans for 2019 National CGBCI Conference at Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Reservations can be made via phone (toll-free) at 1-877-270-1393 or directly at 616-957-1770. Reservations can also be made online at [crowneplaza.com](http://crowneplaza.com). You must mention the Group Name "**Conservative Grace Brethren Annual Conference**" or "**CGBCI**" during registration.

More information, Conference Schedule, posters and flyers will all be sent to churches in early 2019."



## NEWS FROM FELLOWSHIP CHURCHES

### **GBC of Irasburg, Coventry, VT-Pastor Scott Libby**

That's a hill...? We recently completed a combined 3,866-mile journey. No, we didn't travel that all at once, however it was done in a span of a month and a half. The longest travel was our trip to Vermont via Pennsylvania at over 2200 miles. It has been an absolute joy to meet many of the different church bodies throughout our fellowship. Everyone has been very welcoming and supportive.

As we arrived in Vermont, all of us kept saying, "Wow, look at that mountain!" We started asking some of the people the name of them and more often than not we would get, "That's not a mountain; that's a hill." I am sure the look on our faces was pretty humorous. When you grow up in Indiana where you can see for miles. A large hill looks like a mountain.

This reminds me of how our life can become. Do we look at God and say, "That's a mountain?" Do we serve Him as the Lord He is? God calls us to sometimes climb what seems to be an impossible mountain. However, if we are faithful, we will be able to climb. It is all in what our perspective is. Do we really see God as mighty as He is, or do we continually question Him? This is a question that my family and I have been asking ourselves. We have made a giant leap. November 24<sup>th</sup>, the moving trucks were loaded. November 25<sup>th</sup>, I spent my last Sunday at Calvary GBC with those saints who have become our family and closest friends. November 26<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Craig Noyes, brother Tom Yonker (Calvary Grace Brethren) and I climbed in the moving trucks with my wife and kids and made the journey to the Northern Kingdom.

We did find a house during our journey also. It is located just minutes away from the Irasburg GBC. As we looked and looked at houses, it seemed God was directing us to buy. We did also look into rental properties, but it was just too expensive.

Please pray for our transition from Michigan to Vermont, and Pastor Russ Simpson's transition from Indiana to Michigan.

Thank you all for your support through prayer and finances.

Pastor Bryan, Torri, Camden, Aubrey, Alex and Roxy Maley

P.S. A special prayer request: Braiden has decided to stay in Michigan and continue his work and further his education.

### **New Troy GBC, MI -Pastor Bob Mensinger**

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. We had a very busy fall. We continue to minister to our elderly in assisted living and those confined at home for health issues. We had a great music concert back in August with the New Legacy Project out of Nashville. There were 67 present for the concert so it went up from about 52 last year. We had Michael Imhof for special meetings Oct. 20 & 21. He is a former Navy Seal Commander and had some very challenging messages. We handed out 167 tracts & candy bags for Halloween to children who stopped by the church. One of our ladies at an assisted living home moved back to Tennessee last month.

Pastor Bob passed his moral fitness exam for ordination in September. He is now looking at District examination for the 12 points of doctrine of the CGBCI in January and national examination in March, if all goes well.

### **Orrville GBC, OH -Pastor Ike Graham**

Persecution in India continues to escalate. Recently, an American missionary, John Allen Chau, was murdered on North Sentinel Island of India's Andaman Islands. The government claims that since the island is protected, they cannot do anything.

Please continue to pray for our Brethren in India. Just living the Christian life is much more difficult. Also, by way of reminder, please consider the following projects:

- Konnect - the ministry to foster and orphaned children. A gift of \$25 per month cares for the needs of one child.
- Scooters/mopeds - some of the church planters (5) could more effectively move from village to village with a scooter/moped. They cost \$700 each.
- Bicycles - other church planters (4) could more effectively move from village to village on a bicycle. The cost is \$75 per bicycle.
- Brother Paul - For 10 years, Brother Paul received no financial support from us (CGBCI). In fact, he gave from his monthly salary to help support the church planters. Now that he is retired and directing the work full time, his monthly need is \$1,000.

Ongoing financial needs also include the church planters in Tamil Nadu and Odisha. If you would like to contribute, please send any donation to:

CGBCI Foreign Missions

P.O. Box 217

Grimes, IA 50111

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For more information about the ministry in India, contact Pastor Ike Graham at [ikeg327@gmail.com](mailto:ikeg327@gmail.com).

### **Peru GBC, IN-Pastor Dave Jodry**

Pastoral Position Available: The Peru Grace Brethren Church is seeking a man who has thorough Biblical training/education to join our team of Elders as a full-time Associate Pastor. We would like for him to have a heart for family/children's ministries and, in particular, to lead our youth ministry. He will also share in the preaching, teaching, and worship service ministries with the Senior Pastor. This Associate position includes, but is not limited to, these areas of responsibility. Please send a letter of interest and resume to: The Council of Elders, Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 South Broadway, P O Box 552, Peru, Indiana 46970.

### **Listie GBC, PA-Pastor Chris Knight**

Any individual or any panel chairman desiring to have a display table for conference should contact Pastor Chris Knight at 814.483.9384 or by email at [chrisk4Christ@gmail.com](mailto:chrisk4Christ@gmail.com).

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM (NET)

As we mentioned in the last article for the Voice, the NET 19 dates need to be explained. The overall time period is July 6-21, 2019. The tentative itinerary is as follows:

July 6	Meet at Orrville late in the morning Depart for Listie, PA
July 7	Participate in the Morning service at Listie Travel to Camp Albryoca in the PM
July 8-12	Training and ministry at Camp Albryoca
July 13	Travel to Telford, TN
July 13-19	Ministry Focus at Telford, TN
July 20	Travel to Coolville, OH
July 21	Ministry at Coolville, OH Arrive back to Orrville, OH later the same day

Of course "If the Lord wills we shall live and also do this or that." This is how things are looking at this point. The training week setting will be a bit different from what we have done in the past. Both Pastor Chris Knight and Pastor Larry Weigle are very excited about us coming to do training at camp. If you need a NET 19 application, please contact Pastor Del and Grace Miller soon. By the time you read this, the application deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup> will be less than 2 months away. You may contact them by email at [pastordelmiller@gmail.com](mailto:pastordelmiller@gmail.com), phone 330-683-3526, or by mail at:

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## NEWS FROM HOME MISSIONS PANEL

We are pleased to pass along the word to our CGBCI Brethren that Pastor Bryan Maley and his family have packed up and arrived in Vermont!! Pastor Bryan is excited about the prospect of moving to a place that has colder winters and the promise of more snow (what he calls ideal camping weather)!! But, he is even more excited about the prospect of serving The One True God as an evangelist...and bringing the Light of the gospel into the darkness, knowing the power of His Word.

In case you haven't heard, the Home Missions Panel has fully endorsed the written plan that will involve Revitalizing and Rebuilding the churches in Irasburg (Pastor Scott Libby) and Lamoille Valley (Pastor Ethan Kallberg). These two like-minded churches have prayerfully sought the Lord together to achieve this great goal. The Spirit led them to Pastor Bryan Maley and his family. He

has roots in Vermont, and he is certain that God has called him to be the evangelist and the "go getter" in this work.

Pastor Bryan's last Sunday at Calvary GBC in Alto, MI was November 25th. They had planned to roll out the following day but a winter storm moved things up and they departed after church on that Sunday. They had an appointment to close on their house in Vermont on Nov. 28th (Their house is only 6 minutes from Irasburg GBC).

Would you please consider supporting the work in Vermont? First and foremost in prayer that knowing "Without Him we can do nothing!!" Pastor Bryan has sent prayer cards to every CGBCI Church. If you need more, call him. Want more information? On that prayer card is an invitation to you to look them up at [www.revitalizevermont.org](http://www.revitalizevermont.org). Check out the website. It is wonderfully done with lots of good information!!

Second, you can support them by giving financially. You could give a one-time gift or prayerfully consider being a monthly supporter. The Maleys are currently at 73% of their support level; the goal is for them to reach a minimum of 75% by December 31st. They have almost reached the goal. You could be the one to help them reach the goal!! This is the time of year when many churches are seeking the Lord's will for their 2019 church budget. Please consider supporting the Maleys as our Home Missionary.

May we be found faithful, contending for the faith, looking for His soon return!!

Pastor Gordy Harmon

Secretary, Home Missions Panel

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