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Monthly Update

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The Carpenter's Project is an Independent Baptist ministry dedicated to church planting and church growth in closed countries



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IBCAP: Becoming a Reality

The Carpenter's Project has partnered with two Filipino pastors who are working toward opening the Independent Baptist College of Asia-Pacific (IBCAP). Classes are scheduled to begin this November.

Last month, Kerry Copeland and I traveled to the Philippines to assist these men in promoting the ministry among pastors in metro-Manila.



Two conferences were held where a total of 110 pastors and missionaries attended. We were very encouraged by the response. Many pastors pledged financial support, and already 13 students have committed to attend. We're praying that at the opening, the freshman class will number at least 40 students.

Another objective of our trip was to find a location for the college. For two days, we examined a dozen buildings, but not one seemed to be what we were looking for. Each was either too expensive to lease, or too costly to remodel. Then, just as we were about to run out of time, the Lord led us to the perfect place: the fourth floor and a portion of the third floor of a new building, centrally located, close to the city's major transit system, and surprisingly inexpensive. Clearly, it was an answer to prayer.

Now, comes the task of furnishing the facility. We need chairs, student desks, video equipment, computers, books, furnishings for the library and office, and many miscellaneous items.





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The Timothy Project at work in India



Leading men to Christ



Sharing the gospel in cities and towns

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Bible Baptist Church
Lipa City Philippines
January 17, 2010

We're still pricing many of these items, but now it appears that we need just \$20,000 more to complete the project. Should the Lord lead you to help, our friends in the Philippines would be most grateful. Your gift for IBCAP is an investment in the training of young men called to reach lost souls in Southeast Asia for Jesus Christ.

Gifts for IBCAP can be sent to our address below. We will insure that it will be used wisely and for this purpose only.

The Timothy Project: The Church Planting Ministry of The Carpenter's Project

What is its Mission? To establish indigenous churches in countries inaccessible to American missionaries where there has been no permanent gospel witness. The Timothy Project assists qualified national church planters, who without temporary financial help, would be unable to venture into their field of ministry.

How Does it Work? Timothy pastors are supported for a period of five years. Support is reduced 20% each year until all support expires. Knowing that support is temporary, Timothy pastors are encouraged to begin teaching grace giving principles soon after converts are made.

What is Our Need? Currently we're supporting church planters in East Africa, India, and Myanmar. We know of many more men trained and ready to enter the 10-40 mission field, but first, we need your support.



Frequently, just \$100 per month is enough to place a church planter on the field. In a time when it takes several thousand dollars each month to keep an American missionary on the field, supporting a Timothy pastor for a fraction of that cost is wise.

Would you prayerfully consider helping us help a Timothy pastor?

Haiti: How You Can Help

Almost daily, we're receiving updates from Missionaries Rodney and Cathy Fitzsimmons on their activities and what is happening in their area. Rodney and Cathy are located in Gonaives, a city of more than 200,000 about 75 miles north of Port au Prince. The earthquake was strong in Gonaives, but not nearly as damaging as that in Port au Prince. Many residents of Gonaives lost loved ones in Port. And all Haitians are severely affected by shortages in deisel and gas, skyrocketing food prices, and lost wages. Exaggerating the problem in Gonaives are more than 70,000 refugees from the quake's devastation.

Many have asked, "What can we do to help?" Here are two ways you can make a difference:

An immediate monetary gift. Rodney and Cathy Fitzsimmons are distributing funds to national pastors and church members in Port au



"We talk of the second coming; but half the world has never heard of the first."

Oswald J Smith
Canadian Pastor
1889-1986

Prince and other affected areas who need food, medicines, and other necessities. Most of these items are available, but prices have doubled and tripled, and many are out of work. The best way to send monies to Rodney and Cathy is to send it to [Baptist World Missions](#), PO Box 2149, Decatur, AL 35602 marked "Haiti Relief".

Helping a national pastor through our Timothy Program. Rodney and Cathy know a number of good men, sacrificially serving in local churches to members who have nothing. These pastors need food and clothing for their family and just \$60 monthly would be greatly appreciated. It would be a great encouragement, and it would help them focus on the ministry to which God has called them. In the previous news item, we've described the Timothy Project in greater detail..



These Sudanese children heard the "good news" through one of our Timothy pastors

As we close, I'm reminded that Carl F H Henry (1913-2003) once said, "The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time". That is our challenge: to spread the good news before its too late.

We are so thankful for your prayers and support of this ministry. Thank you for being The Carpenter's friend,

John Conrad

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