

# NEWSLETTER

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## Louisiana Baptist Agricultural Missions Fellowship

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**Focal Scripture.** *But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother in need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

**2007 Annual Meeting to be Held Jointly with Agricultural Development Foundation.** Our annual meeting will be held Friday afternoon, January 26, 2007 at University Baptist Church, 5775 Highland Road in Baton Rouge. The annual meeting of Agricultural Development Foundation will be held Saturday morning at the same location. Every person who is interested in agricultural missions as a means to reach the lost with the gospel is invited to attend and participate.

**Annual Meeting Program.** The meeting will be called to order by Dr. Ken Tipton at 1:30 p.m. Our special guest speaker will be Kerry Johnson, an agricultural missionary stationed in Oaxaca, Mexico. His work is primarily with the Zapotec Indians who have been marginalized by society and struggle to survive in the mountains of the region. Not only are they very poor, but the vast majority of them are not believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Two new PowerPoint presentations titled *Solutions to Hunger and Extreme Poverty* and *Ain't God Good* will be presented by Nelson Philpot. Following special music and entertainment by Warren Miller, Minister of Music and Senior Adults at University Baptist Church, a short business meeting will be conducted. Several committee reports will be offered, including projects our Fellowship will have the opportunity to support in 2007. A report will also be made concerning a seminar being planned by our Fellowship for presentation to Baptist missionaries in Mexico in 2007. The two-day seminar will be titled *Using Agricultural Missions as a Platform for Evangelism*.

Our goal is to help all the missionaries understand that a significant part of the effectiveness of Jesus' ministry was the fact He drew heavily from agriculture because the listeners understood sowing and reaping. It is also well established that if a person is hungry, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, is more palatable if served with bread made from grain. Interestingly, the Baptist who has baptized the largest number of people is an agricultural missionary, Doug Knapp, who served in Tanzania. He personally baptized more than 20,000 persons and their work produced nearly 40,000 total baptisms and 200 churches in one 9-year period.

## **Program for Agricultural Development Foundation.**

The meeting will also be at University Baptist Church and will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 27. There will be presentations by two agricultural missionaries, plus other presentations concerning project activity, etc. This meeting is always a blessing to those who have a heart for missions.

**Directions to University Baptist Church.** The church is located at 5775 Highland Road about one mile south of the LSU Agricultural Center Building on the LSU Campus. If arriving in Baton Rouge via I-10, take exit 158 at College Drive and proceed about 2.7 miles west to Highland Road. (Please note College Drive becomes Lee Drive after 0.6 mile, but continue traveling west.) Turn left onto Highland Road and proceed past Burgin, McDonald, and University Heights to Leeward Drive. Turn left onto Leeward Drive and proceed to the second parking lot past the main University Baptist Church building. Our meeting will be in the Chapel just past the church office on the left.

**Lodging Options.** Each family should make their own arrangements. Several hotels are located at exit 158 (College Drive) adjacent to I-10. The Hampton Inn has offered the lowest rates of \$104.00 to \$109.00 with AAA or AARP discounts. It is located at 4646 Constitution Avenue, phone 225-926-9990. A variety of restaurants are also located at this exit.

**Projects.** Examples of projects that individuals can support are as follows:

**Egg incubation facilities for a family = \$100.00**

**Drip irrigation for a family = \$200.00**

**Rabbit project for a family = \$200.00**

**Chicken project for a family = \$200.00**

**Quail project for a family = \$200.00**

**Small greenhouse for a family = \$300.00**

**Goat project for a family = \$300.00**

**Heifer project for a family = \$500.00**

**Water pump and pipe for a village = \$2,000.00**

*Please help us in this effort to help poor people in Southern Mexico help themselves by sending a generous check made out to Louisiana Baptist Foundation, P.O. Box 311, Alexandria, LA 71309. It is critically important to indicate the funds are for the LA Baptist Ag Missions Fellowship. Funds will be used to support agricultural mission projects in Oaxaca, Mexico, or possibly in other areas the Executive Committee may approve.*