



# NEWSLETTER

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**Louisiana Baptist Agricultural Missions Fellowship**

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**Focal Scripture.** *I cry unto you, O Lord; I say, You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me.....that I may praise your name. (Psalms 142:5-7)*

**Praise Report.** God has blessed our Fellowship in 2008. Because of your generosity, funding for projects has increased significantly. Thank you for joining us in the fight to reduce poverty, hunger, and death,....and for helping us introduce people to the abundant love of Jesus Christ. We hope you will continue your support in the future. 100% of your contributions go directly to support self-help projects on the mission field. The great need is for a hand up, not a hand out. After all, our duty is not so much to be our brother's keeper as it is to be our brother's brother. There is a great difference!

The solution to our world's mammoth poverty and hunger problem is one person — one family — one village at a time, which is precisely what our Fellowship is doing.

**DVDs are now Available.** Our new DVD has been widely distributed and additional copies are available to those who are interested in learning more about the realities of poverty and hunger, as well as solutions to those problems and the work of our Fellowship. The DVD contains three 12-minute presentations. Copies are available by contacting our Fellowship office at the address, phone number, or e-mail listed above.

**Advance Notice of Our Annual Meeting.** Our annual meeting will be held at the North Monroe Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana on Saturday, January 31, 2009. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about how God is using agricultural missions to bless the poor and to bring them unto Himself. More information on the annual meeting will be provided in the January 2009 Newsletter, as well as instructions on how to locate the church, which is less than 5 miles from I-20. Please plan now to join us for this important meeting.

**Christian Listen.** *I was hungry, and you discussed the problem of hunger. Thank you. I was in prison, and you quietly worshiped in your sanctuary and only prayed for me. I was dirty and ragged, and you criticized me. I was homeless, and you only preached about the heavenly home. I was lonely, and you left me alone and only prayed for me. You appear to be holy, very close to God, but I am hungry, homeless, and so lonely.*

The author of this statement is unknown. It was translated into English by missionary Dora Harbin of Brazil.

As Christians, we need to feel the heart beat of God for those who are poor, hungry, hurting, and dying. Many also live in spiritual darkness because they have never heard the Good News that Jesus came so they might have eternal life. We have a responsibility to intercede for those are too weak, too poor, and too helpless to intercede for themselves. Our Fellowship is a bridge to the abundant life for a lost world as well as for a hungry and thirsty world.

**Hunger and Overpopulation.** We must unlearn much of what we think we know about hunger. The truth is hunger is one of the main causes of high birth rates because a large family is viewed as old-age security for parents. It is well established that parents will choose to have smaller families when they have the means to produce an adequate supply of food. Only then will they cease to be poor and become self sufficient, which is the goal of our Fellowship.

## **NEED AN AG MISSIONS SPEAKER?**

**South Louisiana:** Contact Dr. Ken Tipton, 225-766-8286; E-mail = [barkentip@aol.com](mailto:barkentip@aol.com)

**North Louisiana:** Contact Dr. Nelson Philpot, 318-927-2388; E-mail = [wnp@homerla.com](mailto:wnp@homerla.com)

**Project Support.** Examples of projects individuals, classes, or churches can support are as follows:

**Egg incubation facilities for a family = \$125.00**

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

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

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

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

**Drip irrigation for a family = \$300.00**

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

**Small greenhouse for a family = \$600.00**

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

*Please help us help poor people in Southern Mexico help themselves by sending a check made out to the Louisiana Baptist Foundation and mail to P.O. Box 120, Homer, LA 71040. Indicate the funds are for Ag Missions. Funds will be used to support agricultural mission projects in Oaxaca, Mexico, or possibly in other areas of the world the executive committee may approve.*