

BIMI Reseeding America

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Prayer

1. **Our BIMI Home office staff as they assist missionaries around the world.**
2. **USA Church Planters as they gain support to plant churches.**
3. **Joy Wesson and four children in home going of husband Joshua, Missionary to Dominican Republic.**
4. **Family members that are dealing with physical issues.**
5. **God's Leadership for struggling churches.**

Praise

1. **Recent Reseeding America distribution at Southgate Baptist in Scottsboro, Alabama resulted in thirty visitors.**
2. **Thanks to those who helped Mrs. Candy Miller with her repair cost on her mobile home. Pray now for the work to be approved by the Mobile Park owner.**
3. **Pest control agent received Christ after house inspection**
4. **30,000 accident free miles in past year.**

A BLESSED SUMMER

Greetings and Blessings! We had a wonderful summer and a busy one. In June we had our Annual BIMI Missionary Candidate School. What a blessing to have near record numbers applying as missionary candidates to serve the Lord. We had 39 first year candidates and 42 second year candidates for a total of 81 attending. It was a joy to teach the second year class on church planting and see their eagerness to learn. They were ready with questions after each class. We also had two great weeks this summer with Camp Bimi. The A week has first year students, second year students and third year students. So during A week we may have three separate groups meeting at the same time. Our second week is our B week and includes only first year students.



A Week students in class

This year A week had 32 attending and B week had 14 attending for a total of 46 students. Several of the students have begun making application for candidate school. This is a highlight for me and Sandy each year. We have taught in Camp Bimi since it started over 20 years ago at Sand Mountain Bible Camp. July is always an exciting time when our children come with their children and we are able to spend time together as a family. We go to the Park and play volley ball and

Boccia ball. Then we feast on hotdogs, hamburgers, bake beans, potato salad, cold drinks and all the trimmings. We finish our day with a slice of cold water melon and fireworks.

Though we were not actively involved in it, the BIMI Enrichment week this year was a great blessing to our furloughing missionaries and their children. Bill and Gwen Griffin, who served in Japan, direct this ministry. The stories that come out of this week of ministry are so exciting to hear, especially the children. The whole week is taken up with spoiling the kids and a new adventure each day for the teenagers. Pray for our BIMI MKs pictured below, that God will use them on the mission field.



MK's from all over the world

Back on June 12 of this year we received news of the home going of Steve Fox our missionary to the Native Americans in Arizona. Steve battled cancer for many years but took every opportunity to witness to others being treated for cancer. I flew to Phoenix to attend the funeral and represent Baptist International Mission Inc. When we met at the church where Steve had been the pastor, I watched and listened as individuals, families and groups went to the platform

and they shared what Steve and his wife Treasa meant to them. Some talked and some sang. Several Indian groups sang in their native tongue. Steves entire family sang and some of them gave testimony. This went on for four hours. It was overwhelming to hear how this man had given himself to reaching the Indian people and see the impact that he had made on them, as well as his own family.



Steve's family pictured above.

Clyde and Joyce Simpson have been very dear friends of ours and Joyce went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 24, 2015. Clyde and Joyce first served as missionaries in St. Croix before joining BIMI in 1971. They served in different places in Southeast Asia until 2005 and for the past ten years have served in the USA assisting Jorge and Ann Noriega planting Hispanic churches in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Our Annual BIMI Directors meeting blessed us with field reports about church planting ministries around the world. Remember to pray for more laborers to evangelize the world and for God to use us for His glory.