

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2007

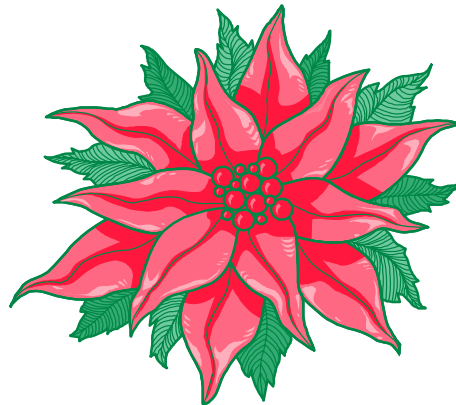
Dr. Mark Inman, Director of Missions
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Aurora, Iglesia Bautista Emanuel
Bartlett, Bartlett Baptist Church
Bartlett, Disciples Community Church (Korean)
Carpentersville, Primera Iglesia Bautista Meadowdale
Cicero, Iglesia Bautista Betel
Crystal Lake, First Baptist Church
Crystal Lake, Iglesia Bautista Luz y Verdad
Dundee, Twin Oaks Baptist Church
Elgin, Iglesia Bautista Bethania
Elgin, Calvary Baptist Church
Elgin, Larkin Avenue Baptist Church
Elgin, Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva
Harvard, First Baptist Church
Huntley, Lighthouse Fellowship Church
Marengo, Emmanuel Baptist Church
Mendota, Victory Baptist Church
McHenry, First Baptist Church
Montgomery, Calvary Baptist Church
North Aurora, Cornerstone Community Baptist Church
St. Charles, Misión Bautista Hispana
Sycamore, Sycamore Baptist Church
Woodstock, Calvary Baptist Church
Woodstock, Iglesia Bautista Edén



Our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Praise God! We join you in giving thanks, celebrating His coming, and looking forward to His return. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

Mark and Alice Inman



"Y al ver la estrella, se regocijaron con muy grande gozo."

Mateo 2:10

May the Lord Jesus lights your life as the star announced one day to the humble people where the Savior had been born.

Merry Christmas!

Lydia Gonzalez



**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS
COLUMN**

By Dr. Mark Inman

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion Your God reigns” Isaiah

52:7! Thank you FVBA pastors and churches for your faithfulness in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Last year the number of baptisms doubled in FVBA from the previous year's total. That's right, the Lord blessed us with a 100% increase in baptisms. Let's continue to be faithful in sharing the Gospel this year and trust the Lord to open hearts.

Speaking of good news, our Hispanic pastors and church leaders have been planning an evangelistic emphasis for the year 2007-2008. The first planning meeting was held at Larkin Avenue Baptist Church October 6th with a good attendance. The second planning meeting was led by Joshua del Risco from NAMB October 30th. Plans include evangelism training and evangelistic events culminating in a special week of evangelistic efforts prior to next summer's Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Several Hispanic evangelists and pastors will come to our area prior to the convention to assist our churches with this work. It is not too late to be involved. We hope to have a similar strategy for our Anglo churches in place soon.

Planning for next year's FVBA Children's Camp is now underway. The first planning meeting was conducted October 27th. Sonia Contreras is serving as this year's Camp Director. Our Children's Camp has been the largest group at Streater Camp each of the last two summers. We believe that the potential for outreach and ministry to children through Camp is much greater than we have known to date. Come be a part.

This year is a year of mission emphasis in FVBA. We are looking for churches to sponsor mission trips to Baltimore and Oklahoma this next summer. Baltimore is a strategic focus city and special efforts are being made to impact that city for Christ. Our FVBA Moderator Frank Russo, Pastor of Cornerstone, North Aurora, will be traveling to Baltimore later this month to explore the mission trip possibilities for us. A Shawnee, OK church plant has requested a mission team to assist with their VBS next summer. This church has a large number of children who are attending. We hope one of our churches can step up to meet this need.

On the International scene, we have an opportunity for our churches to partner with 4 people groups in Senegal. Each of the groups are engaged by one missionary couple who need partner churches to come along side of them in reaching people who are overwhelmingly Muslim at this point. Plans for a preliminary Vision Trip to Senegal are being made. We hope you can go.

Finally, we have purchased our FVBA Disaster Relief Trailer. Now we need to equip the trailer. We have requested funding through IBSA/NAMB to assist with this effort. Please pray that we can complete the furnishing of the trailer soon.

We welcome contributions for the completion of this ministry. Could you help? Listed below are some of the items we need to get the Disaster Relief trailer operational.

Item	Qty	Item	Qty
Spoons Long Handle Slotted	4	Can Opener Commerical	1
Spoons Long Handle solid	4	Colander Large	2
Hand Truck	2	Garbage Cans 20 Gal	4
Drying Racks (wire shelves 18x48)	6	Ladles Commerical (4 & 6 & 8 Oz)	3 each size
Laundry tubs plastic	4 ea	Electric Light Set 10 to 20 light string	2 ea
Coffee Urn 100 Cup	1	Table 30x72 in	3
Convection Oven Commerical used or refurb	1	Tilt Skillet Commerical used or Refurb	1
Dipper Stainless Steel	1	Utility Tongs	2
Paddle Mixing 30 in	2	Wood Mixing Spoon 18 in	4
Measure Dry 4 Qt Aluminum	2	Measure Liquid 4 Qt Aluminum	2
Whip Stainless steel 18 in	2	Mixing Bowl Stainless 20 Qt	2
Mixing Bowl Stainless 8 Qt	2	Dredge Stainless	2
Turner Wood 8"x3"	2	Skimmer Stainless	2
Grater Commerical	2	Cutting Boards 18x24	2
Swivel Peeler	2	Chef's Knife 8 "	2
Oven Mitt 15"	4	Hoses and Cables	TBD
Shelving	TBD	Folding Chairs	4

Monetary or equipment donations could be sent to Fox Valley Baptist Association, 1590 Weatherstone Lane Suite 2, Elgin, IL 60123.

These are exciting days to serve the Lord. Let's continue to share the good news whenever and wherever we can.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November 2 – First Baptist Church, Crystal Lake
 November 26 – Igreja Bautista Vida Nova, Elgin
 December 7 – Igreja Bautista Eden, Woodstock



JOY FILLS MY SOUL/GOZO INUNDA MI ALMA

by Lydia Gonzalez
I would like to share my joy. On September 15, 2007, I got married to Hector Vazquez in Crystal Lake, IL. Also in September, I started teaching Spanish classes to kids at the Bartlett Christian Academy, a ministry of Bartlett Baptist Church. God has been faithful! Thank you for your support and continued prayer.

Deseo compartir mi gozo. El 15 de septiembre del 2007 contraí matrimonio con Héctor Vázquez en Crystal Lake, IL. También en septiembre, comencé a enseñar clases de Español a niños en Bartlett Christian Academy, un ministerio de Bartlett Baptist Church. Dios ha sido fiel! Agradezco su apoyo y oraciones continuas.

BENDICIONES DURANTE LA CONFERENCIA FEMENIL ESTATAL

No cabe duda que cada año que pasa La Unión Femenil Misionera Estatal de IL va creciendo en número, en creatividad y en su enfoque misionero basado en Hechos 1:8. Aplicamos este texto a la necesidad y prioridad de ser testigos en nuestra casa, nuestro trabajo y la gran necesidad en nuestra ciudad Chicago.

Otro propósito es alimentar el crecimiento espiritual en la mujer y se reflejó el 12 y 13 de Octubre del 2007! Mas de 22 iglesias del estado de IL participaron y otros 5 estados - Arkansas, Colorado Indiana, Missouri y Ohio ayudaron a que se congregaran mas de 400 damas en una sola celebración de convivencia espiritual. Los testimonios desgarraron el corazón, al modo de llorar todas juntas y así también decir: Hermana, yo comparto tu dolor, pero no estás sola, pues Jesús invita a que puedes descansar a Sus pies! La música alegre del grupo Adonai animaba a levantar las voces y las manos para adorar a nuestro Dios.

En fin! Este evento fue como ninguno otro previo a este año. Les invitamos a compartir las grandes bendiciones de Dios el 17 y 18 de Octubre del 2008. No olvides orar por el equipo de planeacion!

FVBA MISSIONS/EVANGELISM WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The FVBA Missions/Evangelism Website has been launched. The website address is as follows: www.beholdinghisbeauty.com. The website promotes missions and evangelism opportunities for every age group in Fox Valley. Prayer requests can be shared on the site. This site also provides a means of connection for us with our partners in ministry around the United States. Please check it out and share the site with others. We want to say a special thanks to Alice Inman for preparing the content for the site. We want to also thank Richard Quick who set up the website.

WHEN A DISASTER HAPPENS - WHAT NOW? By Richard Quick

Last week Dr Inman and I met the National Coordinator for Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Endel Lee while he was in town for some Advanced Crisis Management Training. Endel shared with us some of the plans and some of the obstacles that the SBC faces when responding to disasters.

Some of the issues that are being discussed are the proposed requirements by FEMA for any one in the disaster area that is not a resident in that city having disaster identification. This could cause you issues of not being able to reach members of your congregation.

When a disaster occurs and you open the doors of your church for a shelter run by the Red Cross, you must make sure that you follow the agreement that the NAMB has with the Red Cross. Contact FVBA for a copy.

NAMB will deploy Disaster Relief Chaplains from all over the country. The training for the chaplains has been standardized, but do you know what these people are doing to share the gospel or comfort members of your community? It has been recommended that all pastors attend chaplain training, not to deploy, but to understand what they are trained to do. The chaplains will be going back home; the pastor could be losing an opportunity to expand God's Kingdom.

CALLING ALL ACTS 1:8 CHURCHES SENEGAL

FVBA is encouraging each of our FVBA churches to be involved in Acts 1:8 mission trips and partnerships. We are seeking churches willing to partner with 4 people groups in Senegal West Africa. Each of the people groups are predominantly Muslim and have been recently engaged with a single missionary couple for each of the people groups. The people groups are Jahanka, Mandinka, Jola-Fonyi, and Fulakunda. We hope to have 2 or 3 representatives from FVBA take a Vision Trip to Senegal this coming Spring (2008). Please contact the FVBA office if you are available to discuss partnerships or the Vision Trip.

EMBRACE BALTIMORE

Bro. Frank Russo, Moderator of FVBA and Pastor of Cornerstone Community Church in North Aurora is visiting Baltimore the second week of November. He will explore mission trip opportunities for FVBA churches to assist the churches there in their effort to reach Baltimore for Christ. Baltimore is one of the SBC Strategic Focus Cities for this year. If your church is interested in a mission trip to Baltimore, please contact the FVBA office.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHAPEL (OKLAHOMA)

Good Shepherd Chapel in Shawnee Oklahoma is seeking mission teams to assist with their "At the Park" Bible School next summer. This is a new church start that is seeking to reach out to an area of the Shawnee community that is lower income. The Bible school is scheduled for the last week of July. Contact the FVBA for more information.

*"Pues todo es tuyo, y de lo recibido de tu mano te damos."
1 Crónicas / 1 Chronicles 29:14 b
"For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You."*

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2007

November

2 6:30 p.m. **FVBA** Chaplains' training, FVBA office

3 8:30 a.m. **FVBA** Chaplains' training, FVBA office

6-8 *IBSA* Annual Meeting, Springfield

22 Happy Thanksgiving Day

27 11:00 a.m. **FVBA** Vision Team, FVBA office

December

3-5 *IBSA* Streator Experience, Streator Baptist Camp

8 9:00 a.m. **FVBA** Children's Camp planning meeting, FVBA office

25 Christmas Day!

January 1st Happy New Year!

PLAN AHEAD...

January 29 6:00 p.m. **FVBA** Executive Board meeting

February 2 8:30 a.m. **FVBA** Frontliners Conference, Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, 742 Claim St., Aurora, IL 60505.

April 5-6, 2008 **FVBA** Acts 1:8 Challenge Weekend

April 6, 2008 **FVBA** Semi Annual Meeting

September 19-21, 2008 **FVBA** On Missions Celebration

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