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A Periodic Newsletter

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Changes & Transitions

The July 2016 meeting of the board of Directors of the FBE was a time of saying goodbye to a ministry and to many long-time leaders.

The **Universal Pen Pal Project**, earlier known as Christian Corresponders, was disbanded. For many years John and Fran Carter taught English to the Chinese teachers who enjoyed studying with native English speakers. Together with the Chinese teachers, they began a program to help improve the handwriting and grammar skills of the Chinese students. Each year the Chinese students wrote letters, and their teachers would bundle them and send them to John. He would distribute them to youth groups in Baptist churches across the Southern Baptist Convention that would find a correspondent for each Chinese student. The program was quite successful because the teachers in both countries could monitor the writing and encourage their students to do their best. In 2000 John reported that 11,000 letters had been processed. The program fell apart when students asked to correspond using email. The teachers no longer found the process to be a good teaching tool, and the Chinese authorities, fearing such

free exchange of information, shut it down. They even block our FBE website. Mrs. Kellie Ziesemer, from Ohio and now of Florida, led the program since 2006. She leaves this position, but will remain active in FBE. Thank you, Kellie!

Dr. Paul Reitzer, retired Vice-President of Judson College in Alabama, retired as the State Director of Alabama. Paul has served as Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of FBE. He remains very active in supporting FBE and Book-Link. Thank you, Paul!

Lucille Skaggs retired as Treasurer after serving since 2010. She had worked hard with her husband, Bronelle, to enlist and train workers to help them sort and pack the 1119 boxes of books for shipment at Books on Mission. Bronelle had served as NC State Director and also as Vice-President. Because of health problems, they are moving "back home" to Kentucky. Thank you, Lucille and Bronelle!

Rhea Lamb announced her retirement after serving as Secretary since 2006, working in every aspect of the FBE, and missing only one meeting of the Board. She will remain actively involved in FBE. Thank you, Rhea!

Dr. Robert Lamb, Executive Director of the Fellowship of Baptist Educators since 2005, announced that he plans to retire in October of 2016. Despite the denominational changes that have whirled about the organization, he has led the FBE to continue its focus on helping teachers use their gifts in fulfilling the Great Commission, to double its membership, and to become worldwide in membership. For ten of the eleven years he led as Executive Director, he has also edited and published *Educomis*. Before becoming Executive Director, Bob was Treasurer, State Director of North Carolina, Vice-President, and President. He feels that it is time for some younger leadership, but has agreed to serve as the Placement Director. Thank you, Bob!

With regret, we say goodbye to two long-time members.

Dr. Syl Moorhead, a founding member of FBE, past President, and first Editor of *Educomis*, died in Mississippi in June of 2016.

Bill Rieves, long-time supporter and leader of the Book-Link Foundation, died in Mississippi in March of 2016.

Container of Bibles and Study Books Sent to India

On July 7, Books on Mission loaded a twenty-foot container of Bibles and study materials bound for Shalom Bible Seminary in Kohima, Nagaland, India. The seminary will use what materials they need for their library, then will distribute everything else to Bible schools and pastors in their area. We sent a total of 1119 boxes containing approximately 22,000 books.

It was a joyous occasion that came after many, many people worked for more than a year to contribute, haul, sort, and pack the books. We've put a video of the occasion on our website www.thefellowshipofbaptisteducators.org for you to see, and want to share a few more pictures here.

Bronelle and Lucille Skagges of Shelby, NC, led out. Ted Alexander served as director, publicizing, promoting, and hauling materials. Tommy Kuykendall worked with the Skaggs. Sandy Simpson, our President, brought teenagers from her church to help. Olin and Earnestine Williams from Book-Link International, Inc.,

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shared their experience and paid the shipping costs. Friends from Cherryville, NC churches came to load the boxes.

We collected and packed the books at the NC Baptist Men's Shelby Missions Camp. We are grateful to the directors, David and Janet Brown for all their help.

One of the groups that came consisted of four chaperones and thirteen young people from the University Hills Baptist Church in Charlotte. They helped sort, pack, and waterproof boxes of Bibles and Christian study materials. When Bob Lamb stopped by to see them, he was amazed at how well Bronelle and Lucille Skaggs had trained them. They were going about their work seriously, only once in a while having to stop and ask if they should include a particular book.

Tammy Campbell, Evelyn Bickley, Lori McLean, and Christie Fulford were the sponsors. Youth were Ryleigh Davis, Layne Harrison, Tori Harshman, Kaley Fulford, Wyatt Davis, Ashleigh Gordon, Shelby McLean, Andrew Gordon, James McLean, Laura Fulford, Sara Waits, Reilly Fatticci, and Lexa Harshman. We are grateful to each one of those who came.



The Next Executive Director for FBE

The Fellowship of Baptist Educators is searching for a new Executive Director. An applicant should be:

- *A Christian*
- *An active member of a Baptist church*
- *Experienced as an educator & administrator*
- *Committed to the Great Commission*
- *Happy to work with all Baptist groups*
- *Financially able to serve as a volunteer*

Job Description of the Executive Director

1. Leads the Fellowship in its objective toward informing educators about long and short-term missionary teaching opportunities—domestically and internationally.
2. Provides administrative leadership, leading the FBE officers, and serving as FBE's liaison with affiliated agencies and other Great Commission sending agencies
3. Maintains the Fellowship's home office at his/her address
4. Maintains the membership databases and oversees the maintenance of the web site

5. Oversees production of effective publicity materials and raising of financial support

6. In consultation with FBE officers, recommends individuals to fill state director positions

Send applications or recommendations to :

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1449 Skyview Lane, Lexington,
KY 40511-8810, or call at 859 –
225 – 3655

ROBERT & RHEA LAMB FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTIST EDUCATORS ENDOWMENT

The Lamb endowment has been established as:

First: Examples of many who have been a part of FBE's ministry until now.

Second: To provide support for the growing work of the Fellowship.



“To encourage Baptist educators to use their professional skills to fulfill the Great Commission—‘to teach all peoples’.”

The Lambs served as Baptist educators for 35 years in North Carolina. Dr. Lamb filled faculty and staff roles with Gardner-Webb University, and Rhea taught in the public schools. Dr. Lamb also served twenty-six churches in interim positions, and Rhea was active in WMU. They have been personally involved in missions at home and abroad, and active in FBE since 1992.

FBE members who fill the Fellowship's staff needs do so without salaries. The endowment earnings undergird the costs of maintaining communications to link teachers with needs worldwide.

To enable FBE's potential, send your investments to NC Baptist Foundation, 201 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511. Make checks payable to NC Baptist Foundation with the note “Lamb Endowment.” To invest stocks or include the endowment in your will, call 1 – 800 – 521 – 7334.

Bill Overly or a staff member will be glad to assist you.

Literacy Missions Working with the Fellowship

We are partnering with the Literacy Missions Ministry of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in the ongoing effort to reach more people for Christ and meet non-English speakers' need to learn to speak English. The Literacy Missions Ministry includes English as a Second Language (ESL), English as a Foreign Language (EFL), Tutoring Children and Youth (TCY), and Adult Reading and Writing (ARW).

Our new partnership is full of promise as we work together in calling dedicated Baptist Educators to reach out to people around them who would like to know English.

In North Carolina the North Carolina Literacy Missions staff



offers the specialized training necessary to most effectively reach Internationals and others through ESL and EFL workshops and webinars, and also annual state Literacy Missions Conferences. Anyone who would like to attend one of these may email or call Donnie Wiltshire at the number below. Donnie can also provide information about training offered in other US states.

FBE Members living outside the United States Can Participate

If you live outside the United States you can participate in the **Beyond Our Borders (BOB)** webinar training for teaching English as a Foreign Language by contacting Gail Caraway in Charlotte, NC (rttteach@gmail.com). Gail will provide the password for the secure website from which you may have a free download of the **BOB** manual, handouts, resources and links to Parts One and Two of the two-hour webinar. At the conclusion of this training, participants receive a certificate of completion.

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News From the Historian

Cathy Ollis, the new FBE Historian, asks that if you have articles or pictures of members of FBE that would be of historical interest, that you send them to her at cathy.ollis@gmail.com. You can also reach her at 2-C Lynx Drive, Black Mountain, NC 28711, cell phone: 828-989-4939.

Cathy is especially interested in items from our pioneers who have recently died. She will collect materials for a year, and next March will send them to the library at Samford University in Birmingham where our Historical Files are housed.

Send Your Email Address

Please let us have your current email address.

When we receive information about crisis needs we search our database to find members who might be able to meet the need. Please send your email to the Executive Director at rlamb12@carolina.rr.com

David Hill Elected Editor of Educomis

We are happy to welcome Mr. David Hill to be the new editor for Educomis. David, who lives in Fort Worth, Texas, has extensive media experience working for the Radio and TV Commission of the SBC, and teaching Multi-media

*Plan now to volunteer
in the spring or summer of 2017.
Go for a week or two, or go for a year or two.*

Production and Speech on the college and seminary levels. He leads Glen Meadow Media.

Winners Among the States

Over the last ten years of our fellowship, three US states have made the most progress in reaching new members. Florida, led by Brenda Hazell, went from nineteen to fifty-one members; Kentucky, led by Les Hill, went from twenty-one to eighty-six; and North Carolina went from seventy-four to two hundred and sixty-six. The especially large growth in North Carolina is the result of several factors. Bob Lamb, Bronelle Skaggs, and Sandy Simpson have been especially active, and have had the strong support of North Carolina Baptist Men and the Woman's Missionary Union.

Internationally, Gordon Miller of South Africa has been very effective working through the Baptist World Alliance.

We hope that in the 2016 – 2017 year we can reach even more teachers to encourage them to use their skills in missions. If you would like to help as a "State Director" in one of the United States or in another country, please let us know. – Bob Lamb, rlamb12@carolina.rr.com

Volunteer with the International Mission Board, SBC

The International Mission Board has a web site to help you find an opportunity to serve as a volunteer for short and long term assignments. Go to their website www.imb.org to learn more.

Look under the heading "Go," at Ways to Go to find categories. Those who are interested are asked to choose a category of service and to apply before learning much about what the opportunities are.

These are the categories for service:

- Apprentice/Career: Long-term service, age 21-50 at appointment
- Journeyman: 2-3 year assignment, age 21-26
- ISC: 2-3 year terms, support roles, age 21+
- Masters: 2-3 year terms, age 50+
- Kairos: 2-3 year terms for Hispanics, age 21+
- Macedonia Project: 3-4 year assignment while earning theological degree, age 21+
- Students and Young Adults: serve for a week, summer, semester or year
- Professionals: Make disciples through your job.



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Opportunities in the USA

North Carolina. CBF Field Personnel Anna and LaCount Anderson serve in northeastern NC, primarily centered in Halifax and Northampton Counties. Their ministry continues to expand and includes summer events for children, a literacy fair, VBS, a community garden, food ministry and the operation/renovation of a woman's shelter in Enfield. Teams are always welcome. For more information, contact the Andersons at landerson@cbf.net.

Texas. Refugee Ministry in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. CBF Field Personnel Karen Morrow works with small teams to minister among refugee families as they acclimate to life in the US, learn English, find jobs and understand healthcare and employment issues in a new and foreign country. Contact Karen for more information at 817 964 2052 or fkmorrow@yahoo.com

Opportunities Overseas Through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Many opportunities are available through CBF and are listed on their web site at www.cbf.net/missions/volunteer. Email the host field personnel or mission partner directly for more details or contact the CBF at engage@cbf.net or (770) 220-1600.

Student.Go trains and sends undergraduate and graduate

students to serve for a summer or semester long term. Working alongside CBF field personnel and partners, students gain experience in cross-cultural service and provide assistance to the ministries with which they work. For more information email at student.go@cbf.net or visit the Student.Go website: www.cbf.net/studentdotgo

Examples of short term CBF ministries open to anyone:

Israel

CBF Field Personnel Allen and Verr Dean Williams work with the Dom children at the Community Center in East Jerusalem. Opportunities include working with ESL tutoring classes, children's summer programs, development of Center newsletter, and more. Individuals are needed immediately and teams of around 10 people are desired for summer. For more information please contact awilliams@cbf.net.

Kenya

CBF Field Personnel Sam and Melody Harrell direct Africa Exchange, a community development organization that focuses on early childhood welfare, appropriate technologies and cross-cultural education. Occasional volunteer teams engage in service-learning activities that revolve around work at Integrated Child Development Centers across the country. Light construction, group work with children and cross cultural learning form the basis of interaction. Please contact Sam & Melody at

harrell@africaexchange.org for information about partnership formation and engagement.

Bali

Jonathan and Tina Bailey need 2 artists-in-residence willing to commit 1-6 months working alongside artists in Bali while learning the traditional arts and culture. Opportunities include possibilities of collaboration fusing western and eastern art forms. Please contact Jonathan and Tina through CBF if interested.

Southeast Asia CBF Field Personnel Hunter and Mary work in this context where individuals and teams are constantly needed. These groups may assist with opportunities like providing leadership in worship settings, assisting with childcare, registration set up and administrative skill, as well as staffing a summer camp, teaching English, and even first aid training. Contact CBF at **engage@cbf.net** if you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities.



Romania

CBF Field Personnel Ralph and Tammy Stocks work with the Romany people. The Ruth School offers 1st-8th grade studies for Romany children. They provide the opportunity for VBS camps with various dates. They also need 2 individuals for 9-10 days in Oct., Dec., Jan., and Mar. to teach a course to around 20-25 students. Contact Ralph and Tammy for more information about any of these opportunities at **rstocks@cbf.net**

Belize

Tutoring in a Children's Home. Eric and Julie Maas work with teams each year to provide a variety of ministries. Teams join in VBS work, medical ministry, construction projects and Bible studies in April, June and in the fall. Discipleship and leadership training is a huge need. Contact Eric and Julie at **julie@seeksserve.org** for more information. When: Anytime. Length: Open.

Greece. CBF Field Personnel Bob and Janice Newell lead PORTA as a spiritual and cultural center for Albanian immigrants in the heart

of Athens, Greece. Albanians are exposed to cultural affirmation through art shows, job training, worship services, language classes, feeding programs, puppetry, parenting workshops, financial planning, computer classes, and theology and leadership courses. If you are interested in assisting with any of these wonderful ministries that are offered through PORTA, contact Bob and Janice at **bandjnewell@hotmail.com** Translation assistance is available.

France

CBF Field Personnel David and Julie Brown serve in the beautiful coastal town of Marseille, France. The beauty of the location is overshadowed by the plight of the thousands of refugees who come to Europe in search of a better life. These refugees have faced immense poverty, civil wars, and ethnic strife. Through tangible ministries like ESL classes, counseling, leadership development, music, construction projects and VBS, teams are able to join the Browns in this work. Contact the Browns at **gbrown52779@yahoo.com**

Beginning English Instruction in Istanbul

The English School of Istanbul (ESI) is a modern preschool offering an international curriculum in a bilingual environment close to the center of Istanbul, Turkey. Designed for children ages 3-6 in a state of the art learning environment, each class has a fully qualified and experienced British teacher, as well as a bilingual teaching assistant. Our preschool incorporates the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) - the UK standards for learning, development and care for children.

www.englishschoolistanbul.org
berke.turgan@gmail.com

Opportunities to teach in a seminary overseas

Philippines.

The Baptist Seminaries in the Philippines often need visiting teachers. Contact Dr. Les Hill who can introduce you to the appropriate contacts.
dlleshill@gmail.com

Cape Town, South Africa.

FBE members have enjoyed teaching at the Cape Town Baptist Seminary. Contact Dr. Bob Lamb if you are interested in knowing more. rlamb12@carolina.rr.com

Volunteering in China

The Edge English Institute

promotes cross cultural exchange between the Americas and international locations by teaching English and instructing professionals in Western business methods. www.theedgeinstitute.org

Shaoxing, China

Oct. 12 – Oct. 31, 2016

Project Task: Volunteers will live on campus and attend Chinese (Mandarin) language classes taught by student-teachers and attend related cultural events. No prior Chinese language experience is required. Chinese TCSL students will teach, tutor and guide volunteers.

Also with the Edge Institute:

Survey Teams for **China, India, Nepal, Taiwan, & Thailand**

Survey Teams are needed and can be formed any time of the year for China Project Task: The team assesses the needs in strategic areas such as universities, parks, and temples as well as areas that are heavily traveled and populated.

Volunteers for China, (VFC), is a Christian Humanitarian, 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization that facilitates volunteers, both short term and long term, for service in China.

www.volunteersaforchina.org

Northwest China Teachers

NWCT is meeting the educational needs of provinces in northwest China by equipping talented individuals to connect and educate English students of all ages. A university partnership in Lanzhou allows members to study Chinese. Teachers are part of a team in their city, so they won't be alone.

<http://nwchinateachers.org>





Teaching in South America

Amazon Valley Academy recruits teachers as a full time teaching missionary, or as a retired teacher on a one year or multi-year assignment. Their needs include: Director of Amazon Valley Academy
ESOL Teacher
Elementary Teacher
Middle School Teacher-Generalist
Secondary English Teacher (with ESL training)
Secondary Science Teacher
Secondary Social Sciences Teacher
<http://www.avabrazil.org/>

Inter American School, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

It is the mission of IAS to promote academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment, prepare life-long learners who will offer their God-given talents and passions to the world, and foster a community

that seeks to address the needs of others through a life of Christian service. They are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year
<http://www.ias-xela.org/>

International Christian School of Lima - Lima, Peru

The staff and teachers are committed to the Lord, to their students getting a good education and being prepared to face the world as disciples of Christ. Current needs include an ESL teacher.
<http://www.icslima.org>

Needs in Europe

Kandern, Germany Black Forest Academy'

BFA's commitment to students begins with a commitment to follow Christ. "Because of this, we're passionate about what we do, and we're always looking for more men and women who share

this passion for international education."

Urgently Needed:

High School Science Teacher
(Physics, Chemistry,
Anatomy and Physiology)

Residence Assistants

Administrative Assistant

Information Technology (IT)

Discovery / Resource Teacher

Maintenance

<http://bfacademy.com/>

Available in Africa

Bamako, Mali

Bamako Christian Academy

<http://bcamali.org/Site/Teaching%20Opportunities.html>
BCA is seeking a director.

Dakar, Senegal

Dakar Academy exists to meet the educational needs of the children of missionaries in Senegal, West Africa, and other countries. In order to fulfill the mission of providing a Christ centered, Biblically integrated quality education in English, Dakar Academy seeks dedicated personnel who are committed to investing in students' lives. Dakar Academy offers a stipend and benefits including furnished housing, utilities, and medical insurance subsidy. Staff are encouraged to raise additional financial support to cover travel, student loans, savings for retirement, and to defray the cost of living in Dakar.

<http://www.dakar-academy.org/>

2017-2018 Staff Openings

Secondary Principal

French Teacher

Elementary Teacher

Secondary Science/Math Teacher

Asia Calling

Grace International School, Chiang Mai Thailand

GIS has four different commitment levels to explore. Full-time or part-time foreign teachers/staff come as volunteers through sending organizations and must apply for a specific job opening and go through the staff application process. Student teachers should come in their final year of teacher training from any university that approves overseas placements.

Open positions for 2018-19 include Secondary Principle and Secondary Band Teacher

<http://www.gisthailand.org/>

Singapore

International Community School was established as a Christian school in Singapore to serve the needs of both corporate and missionary expatriates.

Needed for January 2017: Elementary Teacher, Fifth grade

<http://www.ics.edu.sg>

Kathmandu International Study Centre, Kathmandu, Nepal

Teaching staff at KISC are required to have an internationally recognized teaching certification, such as a BA in Education, from an accredited university.

International staff work as volunteers.

They are sent and supported by a Christian sending organization or a home church. Stipends are available to staff who commit to two or more years of service.

KISC needs include:

Primary Teacher

Secondary Subject Teachers

Art & Music Teacher

Computer Teacher

ESL Teacher

International Language Teachers

Library Teacher

Student Support Teacher

Special Needs Teacher

Vice Principal

<http://www.kisc.edu.np/>



Kodaikanal, India

Available positions at **Kodaikanal**

International School include teachers for chemistry and art.

<http://www.kis.in/>

Educational Services Organizations

Christian Schools International

Founded in 1920, Christian Schools International was the first educational services organization to be established in North America and has been the leader in Christian education for almost a century. They list teaching positions throughout the USA and Canada.

www.csionline.org

Consortium for Global Education

CGE has an Educational Expert Exchange program which provides a way to assist overseas partners in training and other workshops.

www.cgedu.org/

Network of International Christian Schools

NICS operates 18 English-speaking schools in 15 countries, providing a quality education from a Christian perspective. With over 30 years experience operating international schools, the staff of nearly 1000 educators has the opportunity to make

life changing impact on students from over 100 nations.

www.nics.org

OASIS International Schools

OASIS is a division of NICS operating international schools in religiously sensitive countries.. Their mission is to establish a worldwide network of international schools staffed by qualified educators, instilling in each student a values-based worldview in an environment of academic excellence and respect for people of all cultures and religions. www.oasisis.org

Teachers for Asia

Teachers For Asia helps applicants find a wide variety of teaching positions in locations throughout China, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand. www.teachersforasia.com

Need Help?

If you would like help in finding just the right opportunity, contact Bob Lamb who is now serving as Placement Director. Cell: 704-472-8704 or rlamb12@carolina.rr.com

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