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Person-to-Person —IT'S MORE THAN BUILDING A BUILDING!

As missionary builders, **Mike & Peggy Carr**, settled into the mobile home park near the CBM build site in Chardon, OH, Peggy had opportunity to meet their neighbor. Marti Gildersleeve was struggling to put the skirting back in place on the bottom of her trailer. Peggy called for Mike to help and from then on began a real neighborly relationship. After a bit of time, Peggy, along with fellow missionary builder, Peggy Robinson, organized a teatime. Marti and two ladies from Chardon Baptist Church were invited to attend. As the ladies shared a sweet afternoon in fellowship, which ended in a precious prayer meeting and exchanging phone numbers, a good—and Peggy trusts—lasting connection was made between the church family and their neighbors in the mobile home park.

Marti shares, “Blessing of a lifetime, when five families relocated to our neighborhood while working on an expansion to one of our local churches in Chardon, OH. They lovingly shared their calling to the ministry of the gospel with compassion, caring and prayer for those around them; a living example of Jesus’ hand in their lives and ours! I am forever grateful.”

Missionary builder, **Ben Wooster**, had the opportunity to coach his son, Emmaus’ 1st and 2nd grade boys Stars basketball team, which is part of a local church outreach in the Chardon area. The team greatly improved in their basketball skills, but more importantly, they heard the gospel at each practice and halftime of each game. During the devotional time at practice, some of the boys asked good questions concerning salvation, and Ben was able to share with them answers from God’s Word. The Woosters are praying the seeds planted will produce fruit in each one of these boys. Ben and **Katie** are thankful the Lord opened the door for this area of ministry, alongside serving on the build project.

More stories on the back!



Ben Wooster (L)



(L to R) Peggy C., Carol, Peggy R., Marti, Shirley

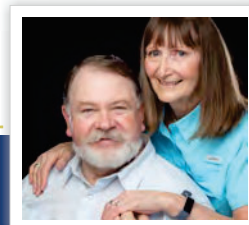
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"I was the manager of the mobile home community where the builders had their campers parked to do the work in Chardon, Ohio," says Kelly Hilliard. "I met Mike & Peggy Carr, **Peggy & Dennis Robinson**, and the rest of the mission workers when they pulled their campers in. The Carrs and Robinsons had the most impact on me because they made time to stop in just to say hello and pray with me. I had been backsliding a lot but was turning back to God when these folks made their appearance. They reached out to the people living in the community and helped them mow grass, do small chores, and just be a friend, which most of us were lacking. They kept their lots clean and neat, and helped others do the same. It was actually a joy to see them walk by and exchange pleasantries and, often times, a quick prayer. I have since taken a new job but still have contact with Peggy Carr. Spirit-led people—I pray for them all in all they do. I sure miss them..."



Kelly Hilliard



The Hayeses

Retired pastor James Hayes, who attends CBC along with his wife, Susan, shares, "I could not be more pleased to see the efficiency of the CBM build team. Every member of the team reveals a 'true Christian Spirit' which glorifies God and His Church. While doing an outstanding job of building the 'physical church building', it is obvious to me that every member of the team is a dedicated Christian witness for the expansion of the 'true church'. The CBM team has been a blessing to Chardon Baptist Church in so many ways, but mainly in the area of Christian walk and witness." Susan adds, "How it impacts the future is yet to be seen, but we certainly have the building that we envisioned."

As these testimonies reflect, CBM builders are missionaries in every sense of the word. They skillfully construct quality buildings that serve as useful tools for local churches, but they focus on investing in the lives of people so that "Christ may dwell in...[their] hearts through faith".

A Living Legacy

The following represent gifts given to CBM in remembrance of those now with the Lord—

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY WOODS, CBM MISSIONARY

Miss Barbara Hatt

IN MEMORY OF DAVID HOFF

Mrs. Mafra Young • Mrs. Glaphrey Jackson
Mrs. Marjory Hoff • Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Miller
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jenkin III

IN MEMORY OF PASTOR ROSS MARION

Rev. & Mrs. Dennis Seiler

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IN MEMORY OF STEVE NORMAN

Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jenkin III

IN MEMORY OF EARL JOLLS

Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jenkin III

IN MEMORY OF GORDON SCHRODER

Rev. & Mrs. Kurt Schroder

IN MEMORY OF EILEEN PATTERSON, CBM MISSIONARY

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IN MEMORY OF BETH (DOVE) WASSON

Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jenkin III

IN MEMORY OF RUTH FOUST, CBM MISSIONARY

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Giving & Receiving Well

A FAITH STORY FROM THE STREETS...

At our church, we have an ever-changing population of homeless folks. Some will occasionally visit for coffee or something to eat. They usually don't stay for the service; they're just seeking cash or clothes. Sometimes there are faithful homeless who want to serve in any capacity. It's a small step to becoming a participant in serving the Church. One of these guys was very faithful and became persistent about wanting to help. He asked me what he could do. He said his name was "Woz." I offered Woz a trial position as a greeter at the front door. Despite his situation, he was friendly, happy, and always smiling. I thought he would be an excellent addition to our front door greeters. After a few Sundays of greeting, Woz felt good about his contribution. He became a little more of a producer than a consumer. Many people commented on Woz's big smile, loud laugh, and cheerfulness. He was a good greeter.

One day, a woman came in. She was a first-time visitor. After the service, she pulled me aside and scolded me for having a homeless man as a church greeter. I understand that Woz was not the best dressed, but I never made any rules about his clothing. I knew he had no money for clothes. To his credit, his hair was always neat, his face and hands were always clean, and each Sunday, he made a point to "spit polish" his shoes. She felt Woz didn't represent our church very well, and it might be offensive to new visitors like her. I understood her point entirely but disagreed wholeheartedly. He wanted to give something, not just take! I believe Woz's willingness to help and our willingness to provide him with responsibility actually represented our church well.

When you pastor an inner-city church, you serve inner-city people. These people come from all walks of life; difficult lives, desperate lives, and lives searching for hope and meaning. They need the Church and what it can offer. In every church, there are "producers". The ones who serve, invest, help, counsel, and labor for others in the Church. These producers are critical for the health, growth, and vitality of the Church.

They give more than they receive.

Some consumers receive far less than they give—those who are genuinely needy and unable or ill-equipped to produce or contribute. When appropriate, consumers need to be evangelized, discipled, fed, clothed, counseled, and given financial aid. The Church must aid the needy to restore them to self-reliance. The local church needs to be willing to help those with legitimate needs and help them move from consuming to producing. Healthy churches have both producers and consumers, and at times, one can become the other. A church should work hard to welcome consumers to establish them as producers; both spiritually and in their works.

Woz should not be isolated or hidden. He was to be encouraged, taught, and placed in a service position, any service. The Church should be first to grab the hand of one reaching out. I heard a homeless man telling his story. He said the homeless are not hated, loved, tolerated, or accepted because they are invisible. No one is invisible to Christ, nor should they be to the Church.

Serving and being served are two very different things, but they have two things in common: humility and appreciation for others. It is arrogant to be choosy about who we allow to serve us. It is prideful to set standards about who we serve. Woz was a consumer who wanted to give what he could. Future producers need opportunity and care, and patience from the Church. No one should be marginalized in the Church; they are precisely the ones Christ pursued!



SCAN ME



Continue the conversation at **CBM Destination Missions**, where missionary pastor, Bill Branks, shares about ministering in inner-city Detroit at Common Grounds Baptist Church.

Ministry in Transition—

Bill Jenkin III will transition out of the role of CBM president on July 1, 2022. Bill and his wife Terri are enthused about giving their full attention to a broad-ranging preaching and teaching ministry. (Read more in the sidebar to the right!) We recently sat down with Bill to hear his personal reflections as he prepares to step out of the presidency.

CONTACT: Bill, when you and Terri were approved by the CBM board in 1983 to become church planters, was there any thought in your mind that you might someday become the president?

Bill Jenkin: No. Zero. Even after serving with CBM for a number of years and knowing that the mission would be looking for a president to replace Dr. Webber, the thought did not enter my mind. It wasn't until Doc visited our work in Bradenton, Florida, during our building project. At that time, he asked me to consider coming into the CBM office as Vice President of Church Relations, with the possibility of helping with the transition to a new president, or possibly becoming the new president.

CONTACT: Briefly walk us through the path on which God led you to the CBM presidency.

BJ: How far back do you want me to go? I could go back to the period when, as a new believer, I was involved in a church plant in Philipsburg, Montana with CBM missionary Roger Foust Sr. as my pastor. Arthur Cunningham (CBM Executive Director) came to visit our church and he challenged me to consider home missions. At the time, I just laughed at the idea.

Later, after I knew God was leading

me into the ministry, we began to consider church planting. We had natural connections with CBM, but we did not rule out other mission agencies. During my time in Bible college, I frequently visited the CBM home office. Larry Vincent (CBM Deputation Director) and **Larry McCauley** (CBM Field Director) were a huge encouragement to me.

Once we joined CBM, we never thought of going anywhere else. The Lord allowed us to see four churches started in Florida. During that time, I had the privilege of serving as a missionary representative on the CBM board. That experience enabled me to see the bigger picture of what God is doing through CBM.

CONTACT: Would you share with us some of the highlights of your experience as CBM president?

BJ: Even in the context of all the special meetings I have had over the past 16 years, the number one highlight has been visiting CBM mission churches and CBM missionaries. Second to that would be visiting graduated CBM churches and seeing what God continues to do through them. I have also enjoyed speaking at Sportsmen's Banquets, which have proven to be very productive in terms of salvation decisions and dedication decisions.

CONTACT: In your opinion, has the church planting landscape in North America changed over the past 16 years?

BJ: If it has changed, it has changed for the better. This is a good time to be planting churches, to be building churches. This is a good time to see people saved.

Equipping the Saints!

In the epistle to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul describes how Jesus Christ has given apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," (Ephesians 4:12-13).

Out of this passage God developed in CBM missionaries, **Bill & Terri Jenkin**, a desire to serve local churches by equipping saints and building up the Body of Christ. The Jenkins seek to do so with a focus on Evangelism toward Salvation; Educating toward Sanctification; and Encouragement toward Steadfastness.

Avenues of ministry include family and Bible conferences, church growth seminars, missions conferences, men's and ladies' retreats, sportsmen's dinners, marriage relationship seminars, and evangelistic outreaches.

In July of 2022, after serving in CBM administrative roles for the last 16 years, the Jenkins will officially transition to CBM Special Ministries missionaries. Bill and Terri are eager to continue serving the Lord and local churches in this capacity, with special meetings scheduled into 2025.

Contact Terri at TerriJenkin.CBM@outlook.com to learn more about partnering with the CBM "Equipping the Saints" ministry in your local church.

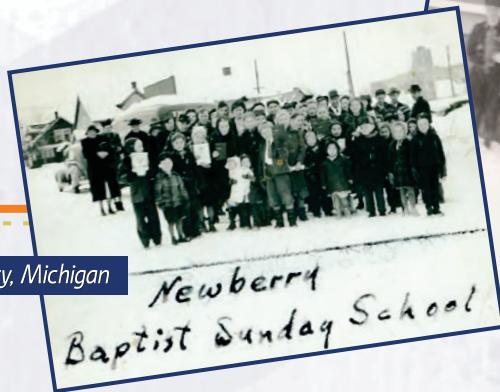
Use a smartphone camera or QR reader app to scan this image for a direct link to the Jenkins' YouTube ministry channel. Subscribe so you don't miss any future ministry video uploads!



Ishpeming, Michigan



Newberry, Michigan



Celebrating 80 Years!

"Met at 8 o'clock Monday evening, May 25th [1942] at the First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan. Those present were Henry H. Savage, Ralph H. Pardee, Kenneth G. Hempstead, Floyd P. Miles and Arthur A. Glen."

Thus began the meeting in which it was decided to officially incorporate **Hiawatha Land Independent Baptist Missions** (now Continental Baptist Missions). For that reason, we recognize 2022 as our 80th anniversary year. However, the story of CBM begins much earlier than May of 1942.

In late 1933, Arthur and Florence Glen moved to Escanaba, Michigan, to pursue a ministry of itinerant evangelism and literature distribution. One month later, Ralph and Mabelle Hill moved to Van Meer, Michigan, to begin a church planting effort. Over the next nine years, an informal fellowship of gospel workers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula formed which grew to include the Glens and the Hills, Axel and Blenda Anderson (Ishpeming), Harry and Kirstin Craner (Hulbert), Fred and Stella Kinkle (Newberry), Sidney and Clara Austin (Van Meer), and Malcolm and Emily Van Antwerp (Munising).

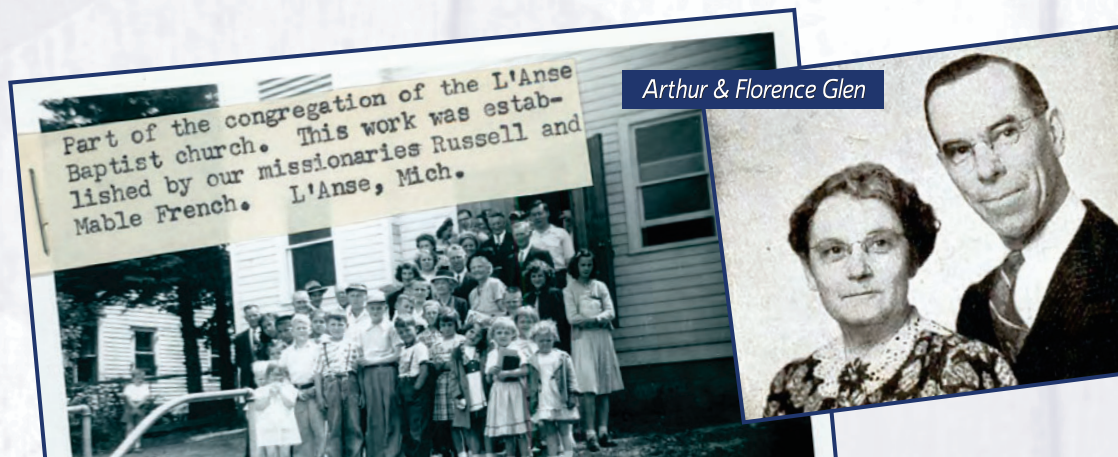
Looking back, we can identify Arthur Glen's ministry on behalf of this group as providing encouragement and counsel, communicating to churches and individuals the needs of these gospel workers, receiving and distributing material support for them, and recruiting additional workers.

Eighty years later, the CBM home office continues to provide those same services on behalf of missionaries and the churches that send and support them.

The notes of that incorporation meeting in 1942 conclude with this statement: *"Dismissed with Prayer for God's blessing in all the work of the Mission, its Director and Officers, and those who shall work with its approval in the ministry of the Gospel."*

We believe that for the past 80 years God has answered that prayer—may He continue to do so in the years ahead!

Arthur & Florence Glen



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