



# SANDY CREEK FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



## RECEIVING AND GIVING- THE CYCLE FOR KINGDOM WORK

As we complete the official celebration of Thanksgiving here at *Hacienda del Pastor*, the headquarters of Sandy Creek Foundation, our hearts are full and overflowing because of what we have seen God do during 2021. Oh, the challenges remain! Added to the February ice storm and pandemic, we had a transition within our team over a few months! Meantime our ministry partners overseas have experienced even greater challenges than we have here in Texas. Again and again the Lord raised up the help needed. Three families have joined Paige and me in regular monthly giving; we have another group who are giving annually and others who have given during 2021. We came close to our budget and are praying that this year the funds will be in hand by the first quarter, including the project money to help our ministry partners. You will find more information on this in the newsletter. The balance between petition and praise has been amazing!

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AND, LO, THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME UPON THEM, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE ROUND ABOUT THEM: AND THEY WERE SORE AFRAID. AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM, FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE. LUKE 2:9-10

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## CUBA

Communication with our partners in Cuba has been challenging, but when we connect, we experience both gratitude and excitement. In the spring, Dr. Abel Marrero completed his PhD, now fully equipped for leading the Seminary in Havana. A Spanish publishing house has contracted him for a book on B. H. Carroll—the prominent Texas Baptist who founded Southwestern Seminary. We are grateful to help him in gathering resources for his research. The borders remain closed. We have a solar-powered backpack/screen for showing *The Jesus* film already funded as soon as we can get it to him.



Solar-powered backpack/screen to show *The Jesus* film

## GERMANY

Despite the opening and shutting cycle of borders, the work of Bibelseminar Bonn goes on with 47 new students. The July flood that destroyed lives and property hit within 20 minutes of the campus. BSB professor of biblical counseling (one of Paige's former students), mobilized 10,000 volunteers from the churches to provide physical and spiritual help. The counseling program has 250 students. Pray for the approval from civic authorities needed to begin construction of the much needed building, which is required by the government for the growth in student body being experienced. The Pattersons have been privileged to invest resources and time in mentoring and equipping administration, faculty, and graduate students. Sandy Creek Foundation is honored to help this strategic institution in Western Europe.



Paige with Bibelseminar Bonn staff

## INDIA

In Kerala, Dr. Binu Paul is now immersed in planting a church in Perumbavoor as well as beginning to build a small center for theological education that will focus on practical training for church planting in India. He estimates that the cost of running this training center in connection with his church plant will be approximately \$3,500 per month since the students have no way of paying tuition or even room and board. He is projecting a goal of a minimum of 10 church planters in the program.



Passing out rations at the Leadership Training Center in Siliguri

In **Siliguri**, located in the northeastern region of India, the Leadership Training Center, under the direction of president Alem Longchar (who with other faculty members have been trained under Paige at the Criswell College, SEBTS, and SWBTS—amazing reunion with so many former students during our last visit), is working in 16 States of India as well as in neighboring countries like Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Bangladesh. During covid they have reached out to 410 families with rations and the Bible in their respective languages. We also have a solar-powered backpack/screen with Jesus film in the needed languages waiting for open border to go in as an additional tool for this outreach. One of their greatest needs is for worship sheds, which can be constructed for \$5,000.





Armour teaching Paige's Bible class about the Armor of God

## JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH

Armour has been able to resume ESL classes and other activities. The church is now officially open! They have been blessed by new visiting families--both believers and non-believers. Pray for Dorothy to make the time to finish typing Amour's manuscript on *The Bushido: The Way of Christ*. The Japanese Translator and Armour are waiting on her! This volume is being prepared for publication in Japan. Armour still brings Japanese students in the area to the Hacienda for Paige to mentor. He also taught Paige's Bible class, as he did in the Japanese Church, on Ephesians 6 and the Armor of God.

## JORDAN

The Blessings Center is an outreach of Zarqa Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Samer Batarseh and his wife Susan. More than half of Jordan's widows are illiterate and live in poverty; 40% are under the age of 60; most have no monthly income. Widowed, divorced, and abandoned women are the sole bread-winners for 35% of the Syrian refugee population in Jordan. In this center the women are taught to produce handicrafts and other tools for supporting their families. This plan is not just meeting a need now, but it provides a solution for the future of these struggling families! Dorothy really wants SCF to help with this project!



Women being trained at the Blessing Center

## MADAGASCAR

Dec. 6 the first School for Pastors will welcome a host of pastors and church leaders from the Bush of the south to Fort Dauphin! God has raised up support for 3 days of training from the IMB, Mark Howell and E2Initiative, the Pattersons and Sandy Creek Foundation, Harry and Shirley Lewis, and others. They are helping with transportation, providing lodging and meals, giving each attendee copy of the Bible and other materials. Dr. Mark Howell will be the visiting professor to supplement Mamitiana and a few others.



Mamitiana Nirintsoa preaching at the Town Hall of Fort Dauphin

Here are other blessings:

- A generous donor has underwritten a solar-powered projector/screen and The Jesus film in multiple languages to be used in Androy Bush.
- 400 families affected by the famine have been fed.
- 80 professions of faith have been made, and 37 believers have been baptized.
- The ministry SUV equipped for the most challenging roads has received 4 new tires.
- Toky's Shema Christian Academy has increased to 12 students.
- Mamitiana has a chapter in a new book THE ABANDONED GOSPEL circulating through Africa.





Children hearing the gospel message at the Ananias House

## SYRIAN PROJECT

- The Ananias House has just been established in the Sahla area at the border of Syria and Lebanon with 270+ students from Syria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Sudan, Iraq, Turkey, and Lebanon.
- The door is open to reach 100,000 people with Bibles in this Middle Eastern Region. Training is being provided at the Ananias House especially for the younger generation to share the gospel and answer questions. Each Bible is printed in country for \$3. Almost 1/4 of these have been underwritten, But we must push to the finish line!
- Paige hosted a networking meeting with a dozen key leaders to kick off this ministry in an area of great need and now open doors.



The beautiful campus of Truett McConnell University

## TRUETT MCCONNELL UNIVERSITY

- No institution has a more comprehensive curriculum or emphasis on our Anabaptist heritage.
- Dr. Candi Finch established their women's studies program, reclaiming women's studies from a biblical perspective.
- With the growth in student enrollment and expansion of programs like the one in women's studies, Sandy Creek Foundation invites other Southern Baptists to join us in supporting the needs of TMU, such as their new on-line theological program in French, which will reach countries like Togo in West Africa!



- At the Hacienda—a great place to be now— we are immersed in decorating Christmas trees and holiday baking with the help of nieces and their elves! Two days of Open House for the Presidents' Class will be hosted by their teacher, Dr. Patterson! We will also host other events and take advantage of the holiday season to celebrate in every way.
- Hospitality ministries remain a priority to Dorothy. God continues to provide the resources and people to make this possible! Another item in our SCF budget is responding to human needs—deaths, widows, hospitalizations, home-bound care, and other crises. Our friend who contributed to this part of our budget, is now with the Lord; so we are praying that the Lord will raise up someone else with this vision.



Presidents' Class Open House at the Hacienda



Paige teaching the Presidents' Bible Class at FBC, Dallas

- Paige is teaching the Presidents' Bible Class at FBC, Dallas. Our class continue to grow. With the help of media team, group leaders, hospitality coordinators, web site supervisor, etc., we are able to go above and beyond all we ever dreamed possible. After finishing the Book of Daniel, Paige is using the holiday season for a series of Christmas Monologues. In January, he will begin the Book of Romans. He still does Bible conferences and revivals as well as lectures for classes online and on site. Students are often here at the Patterson Library to do research and receive mentoring. Paige is writing continually to fill commitments for chapters and short pieces as well as working on some monographs. The first draft of **Paw Prints**, his memoir, is complete; and hopefully 2022 will see that manuscript finalized.

- Processing the Conservative Resurgence Archives is almost complete. Dorothy hopes to finish this task in the first quarter of next year. The paper work for transfer of the Patterson Archives to Harvard University is almost complete. Dorothy's Papers go to the Schlesinger Library for Women and History, and Paige's Papers are committed to the Harvard Divinity School. The Patterson Archives will be digitized and available to researchers throughout the world. Please pray that the remaining Archives will be at least accessible to the Pattersons. These are crucial to completing the Memoir and Archive Collection. Dorothy continues extensive editorial work. We have requests for reprinting many of our publications, including translation of all for which we have rights into Spanish.



A faraway guest makes a special appearance at the Presidents' Bible Class

# THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Equipping men and women for work in the kingdom is woven into everything we at Sandy Creek Foundation are doing. Much is international, but we are also very involved in supporting some wonderful institutions right here in the USA!

- The Lanier Center for Archaeology at Lipscomb University in Nashville, led by world-renowned scholars Thomas Davis and Steven Ortiz is the premier program for biblical archaeology in North America and one of the foremost in the world. Students are flocking to the Lanier Center. Scholarships and support for field projects in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, and the Sudan is needed! Although Southern Baptists chose to close down biblical archaeology, this program has a wonderful home at Lipscomb with baccalaureate, masters, and PhD programs. Pray that tools, like the Dead Sea Scrolls and all of the Patterson collection in the Leta Phillips Library will be moved to Nashville to be with the program as the donors have requested!
- Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, TN, is led by President Mike Spradlin. MABTS is Baptist to the core, complementarian, and thoroughly saturated with evangelism and missions. Its founder Dr. Gray Allison was the architect of the field missions program at New Orleans Seminary where Paige and Dorothy were on the street evangelism team back in the 1960s. Dr. Adrian Rogers persuaded the seminary to move out across from Bellevue to the property he provided; and before his death, he did much to establish their program in preaching and pastoral ministry. During the last year, students reported 4,382 practical mission hours and 1,950 attempts to share the gospel personally with 328 confirmed salvations. Dr. Candi Finch, Dean of Women, is developing a complementarian program of woman-to-woman teaching. Scott and Sharayah Colter are also on staff, and Dorothy and Paige have been elected to the adjunctive faculty.
- Northeastern Baptist College and President Mark Ballard are impacting the Northeast with the gospel in many different ways, and their influence continues to spread throughout our nation and world. In response to prayers and sacrificial giving, a new housing development is underway. Materials for three of the buildings are in hand, which leaves three buildings to be funded. Volunteers are already signing up to do the construction. Northeastern Baptist Press is underway with several releases coming before the end of the year. Look for *Does It Really Matter?*
- Dec. 15 and 16 Paige will be taping for the Spanish Master of Arts in Ministry (MAM) here at the Hacienda. Joe Jordan continues to oversee this program at Piedmont Divinity School, which is a branch of Carolina University in Winston Salem, NC. Students from 20 different countries (all South American countries, Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, North America, Europe, and Africa) are pursuing their degrees and preparing themselves for more effectual ministry to reach their generation for Christ. The average age of these students is 35 years, and over 95% of them are already in ministry. Dorothy and Candi have taped lectures for women who want biblical teaching on their roles and place in ministry.
- Now with two campuses—Kalispell and Billings--and an effective working relationship with the Montana Southern Baptist Convention, Yellowstone Christian College is poised to expand its faculty and student body as well as its academic opportunities. The 563 acre Kalispell campus, a former preparatory school, includes classrooms, gym, cafeteria, and offices for faculty and staff, as well as most furnishings. Dr. Patterson has been elected a trustee, and Sandy Creek Foundation will be following the work of this institution with great interest. The Pattersons have donated multiple pieces of western art from their personal collection since no art or decorative objects were left on the campus. Dorothy is also putting together a collection of Christmas decorations from the “wildlife tree” they once had. Now we have an institution grounded in a biblical worldview especially situated to impact Montana and the Northwest as well as the nation and the world. Your prayers and financial undergirding are critical as this institution puts down its roots!
- The Pattersons have been involved heavily in the ministries of Emanuel University for decades—longer than any other work overseas. They were blessed to do a prayer walk around the acreage where the institution now has a lovely campus even before the oppressive walls of communist occupation were broken down. Dorothy is honored to have a strong beginning of woman-to-woman teaching in this institution under the direction of Raelene Soritau, who is now completing her PhD work. The Dorothy Kelley Patterson Chair of Women’s Studies was established a few years ago. We are personally adding to that endowment every year, praying that the Lord will lead others to join us in building this endowment so that this work can continue to grow and prosper. Our former student Elijah Soritau, a key administrator, and President Paul Negrut have developed this work to a position of influence in eastern Europe. They have been devastated by the pandemic in Romania, but this institution continues to function effectively with its programs and outreach.

## MAKE YOUR TAX-DEDUCTABLE DONATION TODAY

The Sandy Creek Foundation exists to promote biblical truth and values through local, national, and international avenues. Would you prayerfully consider making a one-time gift or becoming a monthly, quarterly, or annual giving partner? Your gift will allow foundation ambassadors to continue to evangelize those who are lost and advance the Kingdom of God.