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Celebrating 140 Years of Faithfulness in Warsaw, Poland

The Lord opened the door to Poland for us in 1990. Recently, an invitation was extended to participate in a special conference hosted by the First Baptist Church in Warsaw. The weekend conference (October 8-9, 2011) commemorated the church's 140 year existence and marked the 50th anniversary of their 25 Waliców Street facility. I had the privilege of bringing the message at the Sunday morning worship service with the President of the Baptist Seminary and the President of the Baptist Union of Poland in attendance. Both of these men we have known for a number of years. My first occasion to preach in Poland was in 1990 at the house church in Kraków then pastored by the current President of the Baptist Union, Gustaw Cieślak. During the conference I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Andrzej Seweryn, president of the Baptist Seminary in Radość. Together with Pastor Marek Budziński, we had a productive discussion about church-based education. I was extended an invitation to speak at the seminary whenever I am in the Warsaw area. It's my prayer to have the opportunity to challenge Polish pastors concerning the area of training men for ministry. Poland is experiencing a lack of qualified pastoral leaders.

Many pastors have left the ministry, leaving untrained "leaders" to fill their vacant roles. It was a blessing also to meet with the pastor and elders. This group of men is earnest about building the church in a biblical and God-honoring fashion. They have asked us to partner with them in this enterprise. Though we have partnered for 20 years, this is a new day with a new team and a new vision to reach Warsaw and the nation for Christ. Lord willing, we will have an extended conference during the summer of 2012.



Meeting with the Pastor and Elders of FBC, Warsaw

Missions Conference in Laurelton, New York

The faithful members of Evangel Baptist Church in Laurelton, (Queens) New York recently hosted their Annual Missions Conference. It was a blessing to be included in the September 29-October 2, 2011 event. Rev. and Mrs. Larry Stone of Second Baptist Church, Verona (MS) and Miss. Anna Beth Wivell with Bibles International were also on hand. Please pray for Evangel Baptist as they search for new pastoral leadership. The people demonstrated considerable vision in having the conference, hosting the speakers, and attending the evening and Sunday meetings. Other churches in the immediate area joined us to round out a truly spiritually uplifting time in the Word of God and with the people of God.



With Pastor Larry Stone

Christian Ethics at Davis College in Binghamton, New York

Davis College has been a powerful force in training young men and women for ministry for more than 111 years. I have been graciously invited to teach a course in Christian Ethics during their upcoming winter term. This is a one-week intensive module running from January 9-13, 2012. Since winter term courses are run based on enrollment, please pray that sufficient students will enroll during the coming weeks. As a Bible-centered higher education institution, the mission of Davis College is to "make an impact upon the world for Jesus Christ by the fostering of Christian character and the equipping of students with the knowledge, competencies, and skills needed in an ever-changing world for service and leadership within the church, Christian organizations and society." The school's philosophy aims at producing Bible-centered educational and practical experiences designed to enable students to know the Word of God, to apply it to every aspect of life and to minister it effectively to the world. It is a privilege to partner with Davis College and to train students with a passion for the Word of God and the global harvesting of souls.



Itinerary

September 7- December 16, 2011 <i>Adjunct</i>	Teaching Ethics and Comparative Religion at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (Johnstown, NY).
October 30, 2011	First Baptist Church (Cincinnatus, NY)
December 11, 2011	Humphrey Baptist Church (Great Valley, NY)
January 9-13, 2012 <i>Adjunct</i>	Teaching Christian Ethics Davis College (Binghamton, NY).
January 25- May 11, 2012 <i>Adjunct</i>	Teaching Ethics and Comparative Religion at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (Johnstown, NY).
January 29, 2012	Grace Baptist Church (Guilderland, NY)
February 5, 2012	First Baptist Church (Little Falls, NY)
February 19, 2012	First Baptist Church (Hempstead, NY)
June-July, 2012	Kenya, Rwanda, Germany, Poland

September 23, 2012	Harvest Baptist Church (Bath, NY)
October 14, 2012	Tuscarora Baptist Church (Addison, NY)

Prayer & Praise

- Please pray regarding the Lord's direction for **international ministry** during 2012.
- Please pray for opportunities to **present our ministry** in local churches.
- Please pray for the Lord's **abundant provision** of the needed ministry and personal resources.
- Please pray for **students to enroll** in the Christian Ethics course at Davis College.
- Pray for the Lord's **daily wisdom and strength** and for us to rely fully upon Him for all things.
- Praise the Lord with us for the **faithful supporters** who stand with us prayerfully each day and financially each month.
- Praise the Lord with us for **opportunities to minister internationally** during this past year (Wales, India, Germany, and two occasions in Poland).



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