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Greetings from ABF Executive Director

Dear American Baptist Family,

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, knowing that in the LORD your labor is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:58

The current novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) global pandemic has indeed transformed the world as we once knew it. I am reminded as such of highlighting the importance of prayer and celebrating with our American Baptist Foundation (ABF) family. In 1 Corinthians, 15:58, Paul calls on us to be "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD...". This is an important call that carries significant weight for us all. But what exactly does this call mean for ABF and you, our ABF family-- how will this call be executed?

With your continued support during these unprecedented times, ABF will be steadfast. "Be steadfast" means to be stable and firm. ABF will be immovable. "Immoveable" means not to be moved from its place. This is not stubbornness, call it persistent and faithful. ABF will be always abounding in the work of the LORD. "Abounding" means exceeding a fixed number or measure, over-and- above. Some people do what is expected. Others, out of love, go far beyond that. Their lives pour out and overflow. You might ask, doing what? The work of the Lord. As ABF continues to grow, I encourage you to remember that Christ's kingdom is built on your service, stone upon stone, every act of kindness counts. Seeing your faithful service brings joy to God's heart. God will reward you for your faithfulness, even when no one else sees. His ledger book gets fresh notations every time you serve Him. In a word, your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Blessings to you all

Yours in Christ,

Perkin

Rev. Perkin Simpson
Executive Director

Generosity Heals

2020 has undoubtedly been a year rife with challenges due to the current Coronavirus (Covid-19) global pandemic. Opportunities for reflection and growth are now ever so more important as we move forward and heal as a global community. ABF takes this opportunity to highlight and bring awareness of how our member and partner organizations and ministries are supporting and assisting in Covid-19 global relief and recovery efforts.

Our Supporting Member, **American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)** has initiated a \$1 million(USD) One Great Hour of Sharing Campaign "*Covid-19 Recovery: Renewing Hope and Service*" on behalf of the wider American Baptist Churches USA. Through this platform ABHMS has been at the fore of recovery and relief in both the mainland USA and Puerto Rico. Theirs has been a concerted focus on youth and experiences regarding how to serve church and community in times of crisis and precariousness, such as what is presently being experienced because of COVID-19.

International Ministries (IM) another of ABF's Supporting Members has also been assisting the COVID relief and recovery in East and South Asia in partnership with local churches and organizations from June to August 2020. In China/ Hong Kong, IM has provided 1,050 health care bags to schools in Sichuan Province, protective masks and food to 350 new immigrant, ethnic minority and grassroots families, 550 meal and food coupons to the homeless, and financial assistance to the Hong Kong Christian Institute to maintain its ministry. In India, IM has provided food, health kits and financial assistance to Christian organizations to help needed families and maintain their ministries, and financial assistance to the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India and Eastern Theological College to maintain their ministries. In Nepal, IM has provided food to 130 families, health kits to 2 rural health posts, free medicine to 150 patients, and supported COVID-19 radio awareness broadcasting. In Mongolia, IM has provided financial assistance to the Real Hope Church to maintain its ministry.

We recognise the importance of their work in inspiring and empowering healing. In these times of great need, we ask you to contemplate supporting our members and partners. Your donation of any amount can help to bring hope and healing to those struggling during these challenging times. We can proudly share that no dollars are retained for administrative costs, 100 percent of donations go to relief and recovery efforts.

For more information on the work of ABHMS and IM, please visit their websites:
www.abhms.org and www.internationalministries.org

Continue Giving

As 2020 comes to an end, consider the many ways you can help support American Baptist ministries and missions while enjoying tax and income benefits. Here are a few end of the year gift suggestions:

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA)

A CGA offers an excellent opportunity to make a gift while creating a dependable stream of lifetime income. Benefits include:

- An income tax deduction for those who itemize their deductions.
- Regular fixed payments for life based on attractive rates.
- Tax-free income. A portion of each annuity payment may be tax-free.

A CGA is a deferred gift. When the CGA matures, the remainder value gets added to the fund.

Gifts of Stock

An outright gift of stock or other appreciated marketable securities is an excellent way to contribute to ministry while receiving attractive tax benefits. Stocks can also be used to create an income paying gift, such as a CGA or charitable trust.

This option works best for individuals who:

- Have investments that have grown over time
- Are concerned with paying capital gain taxes

There are many planned giving options available to you. Whether it be a gift of life insurance, a bequest through your will, or a gift of real estate, ABF can work with you and your advisors to establish a gift plan that works best for you, your loved ones and the ministries you hold dear.

For your convenience, ABF will work with your financial advisor or institution to facilitate your desired gift.

A Special Thank You to Our Contributing Partners:



Since 1985, the mission of the American Baptist Foundation is to support and strengthen the Christian witness fulfilled by the Foundation's partners in ministry and mission. The Foundation encourages individuals to support the endeavors of these partners through what is known as planned giving— establishing wills and other charitable estate plans.

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