



SANDY CREEK
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NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATIONS

Holidays, like Independence Day, are not the only times of celebration. We at Sandy Creek have celebrated graduations—college degree for our intern Jacob Horton, master's degree by Jason Hobbs (husband of SCF team member Kim), and PhD degree by Scott Colter. You will see in this issue reports from some of the Sandy Creek Foundation international equipping ministries. We also celebrate milestones that move us forward in kingdom service. Jacob has returned to Oregon where he is working in a local church; Jason and Kim Hobbs have gone to a church in Alabama; Scott and Sharayah Colter have expanded their ministry with the Conservative Baptist Network and accepted positions with Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. August 2 Candi Finch becomes Dean of Women at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, where the Pattersons are on the adjunct faculty! You can see why we are pointing students to MABTS—totally committed to missions and evangelism as well as to the inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture!

As we work on *Paw Prints*, Paige's memoir of life and ministry, we have been a bit startled by the big chunk of our time and energy devoted to celebrating graduations. Paige has presided over more than 120 graduations at



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his PhD diploma

three institutions, participated in another 20+ through messages, charges, hooding of PhD students, etc. There is no way to estimate the number of students to whom he has handed diplomas over more than four decades on 5 continents. And we must certainly include in his memoir some of the innovative touches he brought to this special time! We have included in this newsletter some graduation highlights. The SCF fall

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newsletter will be more comprehensive in reporting on the extensive and varied ministries of Sandy Creek Foundation. God continues to fling open doors and bless the ministries He has put before us around the world—even through the dark days of pandemic!

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AROUND THE WORLD

INDIA

Northeastern India:

Alem Longchar reports that 12 men and women graduated with BTh and MDiv degrees from the Bible College and 13 from the School of Evangelism. The requested solar-powered projector with screen and the Jesus film in 5 languages, funded by one of our donors, is on its way for use in the 47 tea plantation villages throughout this vast region bordering China, Bhutan, Myanmar to show the Jesus film—and teach adult literacy—as a bridge to evangelism and church planting. The need we highlight in our prayer requests is for the construction of a church in a mountain village dominated by Buddhists and Hindus—\$7,000.

Southern India:

“I was filled with pride to see Binu Chamakkala Paul accept his doctorate. Several years ago I began supporting international students from ‘closed countries’ to attend seminary in the United States. God

burdened me years ago with the acute need of reaching the lost in these countries that do not allow or make it difficult for one to practice personal faith in Jesus Christ. Over the years, I have grown to love Binu, his wife Princy, and his children. As they return to India this summer, Binu will have a leadership role in Christian ministry and share God’s plan of salvation with unbelievers. I will sorely miss them but intend to visit them in the future. I thank God for the opportunity to invest in His kingdom through servants like Binu and his wife.” -Sharon Edwards

Dr. Paul shares his testimony: “Thank you for your prayers and support, especially for the Presidential Scholarship that you gave me. I’m so honored to have your name mentioned in my dissertation because it was necessary to acknowledge you. Thank you, Dr. Patterson, for your prayers and financial support.” Sandy Creek Foundation was delighted to give Binu boxes of books for his use in the seminary where he will be teaching! As I am typing these words, a text message arrived from Binu—they are safely home to India!

Pray for this family and for who will underwrite the next scholarship—already a request from another closed-country leader needing education and unable to do on his own! Contact Dorothy Patterson at SCF if God moves you to help.



Mrs. Sharon Edwards with Dr. Binu Paul at his graduation



Graduation at the Leadership Training Center in Siliguri

CUBA

Abel Marrero, president of our Baptist seminary in Havana, has requested the solar-powered backpack with screen and the Jesus film in Spanish, and a SCF ministry partner has responded. We are searching through our network for courier to get it to him! The seminary is also in need of laptops and “intelligent” phones for their students, giving them access to needed resources since, for now, their program is continuing to run only online.



Dr. Patterson teaching at the seminary just before the outbreak of Covid-19

In Dr. Marrero's words: "I am very thankful for the opportunity of graduating with a PhD from SWBTS. Particularly I would like to express gratitude to Dr. Patterson for inviting me, encouraging me, and granting me a presidential scholarship. Cuba was closed for many years, and it was not possible for Cuban pastors to get doctoral degrees. This program allowed me to study with an accredited institution in the US while I remained in Cuba, serving the Lord at Havana Baptist Seminary. Now, with degree in hand, I am better equipped to minister to my people in Cuba. I praise the Lord for this amazing opportunity."

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-Dr. Abel Marrero

MADAGASCAR

Nirintsoa Mamitiana is finishing his PhD dissertation. Because the borders are still

closed, he has been unable to get to U. S. campus for his cohort meetings, which makes this work all the more difficult. Please pray for him. He has survived Covid siege. He and his wife Toky have already opened the Christian Academy, and he is teaching pastors in Fort Dauphin and in the Bush. A friend of Sandy Creek has purchased the solar-powered projector and screen with the Jesus Film in the needed languages, packaged in a specially designed backpack, to be used for evangelism in the remote region of southern Madagascar. Missionaries have this tool in hand and will be returning to the island soon as borders open. Another donor has replaced the worn tires on the utility vehicle used for evangelism and church planting in the Bush. Because of the devastation brought on the island by the pandemic, hearts are even more open to the gospel!

In Mamitiana's words: "An Antandroy man who used to be a shaman and his entire family have made professions of faith. We have been witnessing to him, and now the day of salvation has come! Please continue to pray for these new converts and for our strength to do this great evangelistic work as well as the training ministries we have begun to put more workers in these fields ripe for harvest."



Mamitiana is here with Tsirahamba (former shaman) and his family and other converts

GERMANY

From Heinrich Derksen and Andy Wiebe:

“In the heart of Europe, Bible Seminary Bonn serves local Baptist churches and evangelistic ministries with over 1,200 graduates that passionately share God’s inerrant and powerful Word. The partnership with Dr. and Mrs. Patterson helped us strategically to provide a world-class education with a dynamic and Bible-based theology. In our partnership we truly encountered God’s faithfulness throughout the past 15 years! Together with the Pattersons and faithful friends, we were able to unite over 250 Bible-believing churches in Germany through a bi-annual pastors’ conference with over 1000 pastors and lay preachers. Our school has benefited from strategic donations that helped us maintain our ministry and pay off the debt of our main school building. It is a joy to know that the LORD Jesus made our partnership possible, not only to develop a strategic teaching ministry but also to prepare the soil

for a new spiritual revival in the land of Martin Luther’s Reformation. Thank you!”

PRAYER REQUEST FROM GERMANY

FOUR TV SCREENS FOR SMART CLASSROOMS AT \$500 EACH

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Dr. Patterson delivers check to Dr. Derksen to clear debt of BSB from ministry partner

POSTSCRIPT FOR MINISTRY PARTNERS:

Challenges continue with petitions as well as praises in our prayers. We are grateful for your faithful commitment with prayers and financial support. We have almost completed repairs from the February ice storm—far more than we had found in the days immediately after the devastating event that rocked our state!

- We are still on our knees concerning the refusal of Collin County to honor our non-profit status, resulting in hefty property tax bill as well as penalties during process of appeal. Pray for our wisdom as the Lord has brought forward another attorney to help us in our last effort!
- Pray for Paige’s teaching and shepherding the President’s Class in FBC Dallas, his commitments to churches and conferences this fall, his writing projects—working on second draft of the memoir of his life and ministry, finishing chapter for one volume and research and writing of another volume for which he just signed contract, and for the time to continue his weekly blogs!
- Pray for Dorothy’s editorial work on all of these manuscripts, for her completion of the pruning and organization of their Archives from childhood through the years at SEBTS and for the securing of our archives from the 15 years at SWBTS so that she can complete the transfer and settling of these Archives no later than next spring! Pray that Dorothy can complete her manuscript *The Bible Speaks on Being a Woman: Womanhood as Defined by the Creator*. Pray for Dorothy as she completes arrangements on translations and digitization and reprinting of their publications.

Pray for our new Sandy Creek Foundation Team, whom we will introduce in the fall issue of the Newsletter!

Praise the Lord for the answered prayers featured in this Newsletter and for His abundant mercies in meeting our most urgent needs during these challenging days!

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