



MINISTRY UPDATES

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH MISSION

Update On the Finalization of the Merger

As I look back over the past two years since becoming the Director of Rocky Mountain Bible Church Mission, I stand amazed at what God has done. Just over two years ago Southwest Bible Church Mission and Rocky Mountain Bible Church Mission began to entertain the idea of a joint effort for the cause of church planting in the Rockies Southwest region of the United States. Initially there were three IFCA church planting agencies invited to meet together to discuss the possibilities of working together to carry forward the Vision America goal and objectives in the southwest. In December of 2008 Dr. Roy Sprague of N.I.C.E. met with representatives from SBCM and RMBCM which began the discussions concerning the potential of a merger. Those discussions continued in the June IFCA Convention of 2009 and thereafter. As the two boards periodically met together, it became apparent from the discussions and through much prayer that a merger of SBCM and RMBM would best serve our vision and purposes for church planting.

Once the board of RMBCM and that of SBCM approved the concept of a merger the idea was then presented to the three IFCA Regional fellowships—Rocky Mountain Regional of Colorado, Arizona Regional and the Roadrunner Regional of New Mexico and western part of Texas. All three Regional fellowships

enthusiastically approved the proposal for a merger to take place. We are so grateful for the support of the regional fellowships as they have prayed and encouraged us all through the process.

Following the approval of the regional fellowships, the two boards began to work out the details of the merger and with the assistance of our legal counsel, I drafted an “Agreement of Merger” document which detailed the process of implementing the merger. That document was edited by the joint boards until we reached its final copy and was approved.

With the assistance of our legal counsel, we have filed the documents with the state of Colorado and will file the proper documents in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. The “legal” paper work for completing the merger is in process and we praise the Lord for this monumental step being taken to complete the merger.

But what does this all mean for the mission? There are a number of things that I would like to communicate to our supporting friends. First, the new name of the mission will be Rockies Southwest Bible Church Extension. RSBCE will serve the states of Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and the west part of Texas [we also have an active work in Utah] as the church planting agency for the IFCA

Regionals serving these states.

Second, beginning January 1, 2011 all donations should be made out to RSBCE or Rockies Southwest Bible Church Extension and sent to the home office address at RSBCE PO Box 88 Englewood, CO 80151.

Third, our missionary family has now expanded to include the Chapmans serving in Santa Fe, New Mexico and Leonard Smith at Las Cruces, New Mexico. We covet your prayers for all of our missionaries as they make adjustments to the merger.

Fourth, from the two boards that had served SBCM and RMBCM one new board will be formed and will have its first meeting in January of 2011. I would ask that you pray for God to lead us as we form the new board and begin to serve as a united board rather than two separate boards.

Fifth, our general fund operating expenses will have a significant increase. Would you and/or your church consider placing RSBCE in your church’s mission budget as we “adjust” to the financial obligations for this new mission.

Thanks for your prayerful support!

Schedule

Tom Palmer Meetings—Green River, UT	Nov 7
Mesa Hills Bible Church	Nov 14
Glendive/Billings, MT—Thanksgiving	Nov 24
Severance Community Church	Dec 5
Speak in AWANA Clubs McCarroll Bible	Dec 2
Speak in AWANA Clubs	Dec 9
Speak in AWANA Clubs	Dec 16
Christmas	Dec 25

Schedule

Severance Community Church	Jan 2
RSBCE Board Meeting—Phoenix, AZ	Jan 8
Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting	Jan 17
Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting	Jan 18

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Prayer Requests

- Additional Monthly Support Need
- Finalization of the merger and the January Board Meeting
- Trailer Project Funds Completed
- Spiritual wisdom in working with missionaries and churches
- Personal spiritual growth and walk with the Lord
- Matthew's new job and need to find new housing
- Development of travel plans to the southwest in Jan/Feb
- Sale of mission vehicle
- Outreach of mission churches during the Christmas holiday ministries

Christmas Greetings

The simplicity and wonder of Christmas is so succinctly captured in the words of the Gospel of Luke: *"And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn"* [Luke 2:7].

As we celebrate this humble birth, we do so with great joy for the announcement to the Shepherds was *"unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."* What a blessed privilege it has been for Helen and I to serve the Lord together these past 35 years. The joy has been ours in proclaiming the wonder of God's love in giving His Son that we who believe in Him might not perish but indeed enjoy eternal life. These past two years have been such a challenge and yet very rewarding as I have assumed the role of serving RMBCM as the Director of the mission.

We are so humbled by God's grace and the goodness of God's people who have so faithfully and sacrificially supported us in this endeavor. We are deeply grateful for the very gracious support of our sending church, Honesdale Gospel Tabernacle. They have been such an encouragement to us in this new ministry.

As we approach the new year, we would covet your prayers for God's continued provision of our financial support needs. We are currently at about 72%-75% of our total need. Helen's employment has been a great assistance in making up the difference but has taken her away from the freedom to travel and minister with me on behalf of the mission.

Our families continue to be a blessing as we see them growing in the Lord and as we watch our grandchildren grow up. We were blessed with the addition of another grandson as Grady Dale was born in October to Mark and Jennie. We take such grandparent pride in our nine grandchildren. Although we are distant from them and seldom get the opportunity to see them we are so thankful for Facebook pictures and notes which keep us updated with our families. Matthew was blessed with a full-time job working for the Beckley Police Department as a records clerk.

Although we will miss being with many of our dear friends at Christmas, we wish each of you a very blessed Christmas and a new year filled with God's blessing.

We love to hear from you so keep the letters, emails, and phone calls coming.

Because of Christ,
Paul and Helen Williamson