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Baptist Builders Club USA

a Christmas giving project!



This Christmas you can excite others about helping a church plant that needs prayer and financial support. By adopting the BBC-USA project for your church, Sunday School class, or family, you can help a new church minister in its community.

How? you might ask. We've taken out any guesswork by providing promotion and decorating ideas. We've simplified things further by creating PowerPoint slides and clip art for promotion or decorating. We've supplied church-planting stories and an overview of the assistance BBC-USA provides to church-planting ministries. And we've developed coloring pages for children attending your church.

Access these resources by visiting the ministry website at www.BaptistBuildersClub.org. Everything you need is available through the "Christmas Giving" tab. If you can't access the website and need the materials mailed to you, call Kristen Nolan at 888.588.1600, ext. 803. She can answer any questions and send you what you need to get started.

When your BBC-USA Christmas giving is done, submit your gift in one of these convenient ways:

1. Donate online.
2. Call 888.588.1600, ext. 803.
3. Send your donation by check payable to Baptist Builders Club.

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Simply write "Christmas Start Up" on the memo/comment line.



Help-Up Spotlight

Endicott, N.Y. On Sept. 7, 2011, the West Corners area of our community suffered flash flooding. Through it all, the Lord was there (though we sometimes forget). Despite all of the flooding and with over 20,000 people being evacuated, not one human life was lost! The Lord was moving and protecting thousands of workers and first responders. I came to find out He was also directing national aid to us as well.

Unknown to me during the flood and within 24 hours of the catastrophe, members of Baptist Builders Club were trying to get in contact with our church and me. It was not until days later I was able to contact Michael Nolan, who was offering help. I was very touched, and it was such a blessing. The problem was, I had no idea what we needed.

Later the National Guard escorted a large group of us back into the area to survey the damage. The church basement and first floor were flooded to shoulder height. We lost the boiler, water heater, and all of the appliances and supplies that were in the church's kitchen, social hall, classrooms, nursery, storage rooms, and food pantry.

Through the hard work to follow, we were constantly uplifted by the prayers and hands of many from a variety of sources. But I am compelled to single out Baptist Builders Club and the attentiveness of Director Michael Nolan. Through phone conversations and e-mails, Michael and Kristen were constant companions to us. The encouragement to my family, our church membership, and me has been a great blessing.

On Oct. 12, Baptist Builders Club sent our church a donation for an incredibly generous amount. It has served to pay the lion's share of replacing the boiler and water heater.

We of West Corners Baptist Church want to publicly thank all of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have contributed to Baptist Builders Club. We thank God for you, and ask His blessings on your ministries.

Pastor David Cook
West Corners Baptist Church

UPDATE

God's Timing Is Perfect

West Corners Baptist Church of Endicott, N.Y., received \$9,000 of emergency assistance from BBC-USA. The funds were used to replace the church's boiler, which severe flooding had ruined. At the end of October, BBC-USA received a message from one of the church's deacons. "I just wanted to say thank you again to Baptist Builders Club and the GARBC," he said. "Our heat in the church was turned on today." The next day, temperatures dropped as a history-making snowstorm hit the Northeast. Some areas received up to 30 inches of snow. What a praise and blessing for the church's boiler to be in working order only one day prior to the storm. God's timing is perfect!

Michael Nolan,
BBC Director

Meet longtime BBC-USA member Larrie Tice

It is always a blessing and encouragement to hear of the faithful and loyal supporters of Baptist Builders Club. Kristen and I usually learn about these fine folks when we read the notes and letters they send with their monthly or call-letter support.

In June 2011, we learned about a loyal supporter in a different way. At the 2011 GARBC Conference, I was presenting our ministry at a BBC-USA breakfast when I noticed a hand waving in the air. This was a little unusual, since it was not necessarily a time for questions, but I stopped and called on the sweet lady who appeared to have an urgent message. She then told everyone that she and her late husband had been supporting the BBC-USA ministry since 1952—that's nearly 60 years of support! Thank you, Mrs. Tice, for the many blessings you and your late husband have given to Baptist Builders Club!

—Michael Nolan

Donor's Spotlight



■ Faithful BBC-USA member Larrie Tice.

Church planting is hard work. It takes dedicated people who are determined to complete the process. Church planting can be made easier, however, when a team supports the work along the way. This is the role Baptist Builders Club seeks to fulfill.

The Biblical concept of helping is found in 3 John 6–8, where John wrote to the “beloved Gaius” concerning his support of the traveling evangelists of his day. John commended Gaius and told him to continue to help by sending the itinerant evangelists “forward on their journey.” This phrase carries the idea of helping those missionaries in any way possible. It suggests providing money, food, and shelter, praying, and even washing clothes.



■ Dan Mead—BBC Board Administrator

John’s instruction to Gaius is not unlike what Baptist Builders Club does. We do what we can to send forward our church planters so they can accomplish their task. The reasons for such a practical ministry are found in John’s words.

“They went forth . . . , taking nothing from the Gentiles.” It would be illogical to think that the unsaved would or could be expected to support evangelists. First, the unsaved do not support evangelism efforts that are contrary to their own belief systems. Second, support from the unsaved gives the impression that the believer is serving for the wrong reason. It hurts the witness of the gospel.

So if the unsaved won’t support church planting, who will? The obvious answer is, it must be other believers.

“That we may become fellow workers for the truth.” John stressed that Christians are on the same team and that, as fellow helpers, they should support the team. The church planter has skills and talents many of us do not possess. However, we help when we assist them; we partner with them in sharing the truth and seeing what it accomplishes in others. As joint workers, we can make sure that church planters have the support and tools to accomplish the mission.

“You will do well.” This statement politely says please—please continue to bring them forward. John, with a heart full of love for Christ, was asking for help in reaching the lost for Christ.

Please take some time to consider helping Baptist Builders Club assist today’s Regular Baptist church planters. When we help, we carry out John’s words in asking other believers to send fellow workers on their way.

Daniel D. Mead
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