Calvin and Jennifer George – CUBA

Hear the word of the LORD,
O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off... Jer. 31:10

Nov-Dec 2019

Dear praying friends and supporting churches,

A few weeks ago after returning from my last trip to Cuba, I was diagnosed with Melanoma cancer, consisting of a small tumor under my thumbnail. I was told by multiple doctors that amputation of the thumb was the only way to be certain all traces of the cancer was removed. I had surgery on Nov. 7 to amputate most of my thumb and remove the nearest lymph nodes for testing. It will take about two weeks after the surgery to find out whether cancer has spread. We would appreciate your prayers as we deal with this unexpected news during a time when much is happening in our family and ministry.

Since the Cuban church we were helping start near Miami shut down earlier this year after the pastor had some moral problems, we have been seeking advice from our sending church and our mission board. After a period of several months of seeking the Lord and counsel from others, we are ready to announce some ministry changes that will continue to involve missionary trips to Cuba and training nationals. Shortly before the end of November, we will be moving to the Rio Grande Valley area of Texas a few miles from the border with Mexico where I will be teaching at Seminario Bautista Trinidad and assisting with Frontier Baptist Missions, directed by Missionary Gary Ellison. I taught there a week at a time on three separate occasions between 2015-2017, so we are familiar with this ministry, having known Brother Ellison for about 10 years (back when he was a missionary with Macedonia World Baptist Missions), and sharing many of the same goals of training nationals in Latin America. A big part of their ministry consists of assisting local churches with starting Bible institutes. Many churches throughout the Spanish-speaking world would like to start Bible institutes, but they do not have the staff, materials or organizational skills; therefore, their desire and all its potential remains an unfulfilled dream. Videos are taken of classroom instruction on location in Texas; then these are used in Bible institutes in five countries so far in South America.

We have worked happily with Macedonia World Baptist Missions for 17 years, and we have not had any reason to change boards. However, since we will be working closely with Brother Ellison who heads up Frontier Baptist Missions, and I will be representing the mission board as opportunities arise, we felt joining Frontier was the right thing to do. We were accepted with Frontier while I was on my last trip to Cuba, effective upon our resignation from Macedonia at the end of November, 2019. We will always be grateful for the many ways Macedonia has helped us during the 17 years we partnered with them.

Brother Ellison is aware of our burden for Cuba, which we have not lost amidst all this. However, we believe it is an answer to prayer as far as a ministry that we can be deeply involved in between trips to Cuba and now other countries where Frontier has missionaries as well as extension Bible institutes. The US government is making it harder for Americans to go to Cuba, with the most recent development announced last month being the cancellation of regular airline flights to all cities in Cuba except for Havana.

All these new ministry responsibilities are not salaried positions, therefore we will still be dependent on missionary support. Missionary support can be sent as before, but simply to this new address: FBMI, PO Box 210, La Feria, TX 78559. Checks can be made out to Frontier Baptist Missions, Inc. or FBMI, with our name in the memo line. If you would like to talk to me about this new ministry opportunity, you are welcome to call me at 956-295-0885 (notice this is my new cell phone number) or e-mail me at calvingeorge@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to this opportunity to expand our horizons in training nationals and trust that you will continue to partner with us.

For souls,

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

I am very excited about the direction that God has given to the Calvin George Family to use their years of experience and training among Spanish speaking people at Frontier Baptist Missions, Inc. (FBMI). Their knowledge of both the culture and language of the Hispanic Community will make them a productive and vital part of our team at FBMI.

Prior to coming to FBMI as General Director, I had the privilege of meeting Brother Calvin when I was the USA Spanish Director with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. We share the same vision of training the National Spanish Pastor / Missionary in sound doctrine and Baptist philosophy of ministry. Actually, Brother Calvin has already taught various one week module Bible Courses over the past three years in our Seminary at FBMI. The courses that he taught are being used in five Spanish speaking countries where FBMI has Seminary extensions.

Brother Calvin and I have talked at length about his burden for Cuba. We are praying and planning how we might establish a Training Center in Cuba so that the pastors would have access to even more resources to help them to have a successful and fruitful ministry. Brother Calvin will continue to travel to Cuba as God provides.

The George Family serving at FBMI is an answer to prayer. I envision them serving effectively in both the Training Ministry and the Literature Ministry at our Home Office.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of the George Family as they transition their ministry to FBMI. Please contact me with any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

Gary Ellison

Gary Ellison
General Director of FBMI

Calvary Baptist Tabernacle

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

Billy White
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October 30, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter as Pastor of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle and Missionary Calvin George's sending church. I support the decision that Brother George has informed me of regarding him basing his ministry from the border in Texas. I have known Brother George for 20 years. In 1999, while he was single, he came, worked on our staff, and pastored one of our mission churches which is now a constituted church. Brother George then went back to the U.S. to pursue his master's degree at Crown College where he met his wife in 2002. Brother Calvin George and his wife Jennifer were commissioned as missionaries from our church in 2003. They served the Lord as missionaries in Puerto Rico from 2005 - 2016 while making some trips to Cuba.

They have sought counsel from us as their sending church with every change in their ministry. Both Missionary Pastor Johnny Daniels and myself as Senior Pastor believe that Brother George is being led of the Lord in this new phase of his ministry that will enable him to train nationals through the international reach of the *Seminario Bautista Trinidad* a well as the flexibility to continue making trips to Cuba. God is opening doors along the Mexican border, and this new opportunity necessitates a move.

He will be working closely with Brother Gary Ellison, Director of Frontier Baptist Missions (FBMI), and will represent FBMI and the Bible institute *Seminario Bautista Trinidad*. We understand his need to join that mission board.

We therefore support Brother George's decision to move with his family to the Mexican border in South Texas and support his desire to continue training nationals in Cuba as well as the expanded opportunity through the training ministry of Frontier Baptist Missions throughout Latin America.

Sincerely,

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