March 2024



## THE REMINDER

## Looking Over Jordan

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Lisa Fleeger 2ND

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (SPRING FORWARD) MARCH 10

> PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24 EASTER

MARCH 31

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY



• Income: \$5479

• Expense: \$6983

Your gifts are truly appreciated!

It was horrifying to see the giant wildfire that blew down upon the Historic area of Lahaina in Maui last August. But even from that horrible destructive catastrophe, hope has come to the survivors. Why? Because Baptists like us choose to promote, support, and participate in Missions. You may have read



on baptistsonmission.org or in "Baptists on Mission" Magazine about how volunteers from North Carolina left their homes and travelled to Maui, Hawaii to provide disaster relief in Jesus' name. Volunteers literally helped the surviving residents of Lahaina to sift through ash and debris, to see if they could find anything that may have survived the flames. One volunteer described the trauma, saying "you feel it with them." Many of the people who lived there would never come back to stay. Some didn't return to their property until 3 months later. Some Baptists with the yellow disaster relief shirts were there to welcome them and lend a helping hand in Jesus' name. One Maui homeowner said that she "never knew an organization like this even exists, so blessings to everybody who's helping out...we can't believe it."

It is hard to understand, but hard times are when we have the chance to share the good news. When times are tough, or toughest, that is when the message of Christ may be more clearly heard. Disaster and tragedy, loss and distress plows up the soil of our heart, so the seed of the Gospel might take root in fertile ground.

Jesus talked about the great difficulties that would come at the end of the age, when the disciples questioned Him about the signs of the times. Jesus told them not to worry. "Do not be terrified." And as Baptists on

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Mission Director Richard Brunson reminds us, Jesus said, "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony."

All around us there is lostness, poverty, cultural confusion and family dysfunction. It can seem that people suffering these actually prefer and enjoy it! But we know the need is for salvation. The need is for the Holy Spirit to witness Christ through His church to the individual's soul. Will we be clear in our Gospel conversation with the community? We need not worry and

fret, but we can agree with Jesus who said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Happy because of Jesus,

Pastor James

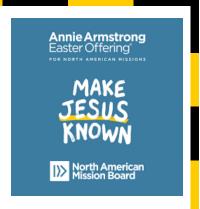
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CHRIST AROSE
Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign:
Hallelujah, Christ arose! — Robert Lowry

# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS: MARCH 3-10, 2024

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. **One hundred percent** of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 2,900 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada.

We will receive your gifts through March 31.



#### HOW YOUR GIFTS EQUIP NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

**\$100** Subscriptions for training resources

**\$300** Bibles and discipleship materials

**\$500** Neighborhood outreach event

**\$1000** Emergency travel assistance for missionary family

**\$1500** Monthly worship facility rent

**\$10,000** Worship and office equipment for a new church plant

**\$20,000** One year of benefits for church planter and family

\$30,000 One year of support for a church planter