

# Nebraska – Thailand Mission Continue

I wanted to update everyone on how our mission work with Mike and Becky Mann in Thailand is continuing. Mike and Becky were here in Nebraska Sept. 15 – 25. They traveled to seven churches and the ABC-NE convention while they were here. I believe many heard about and became excited about the work in Thailand during this time. Tom and I, along with a few others are working on forming teams to build water projects in 2014. Fresh, clean drinking water saves lives and brings healthier lives to the Hill Tribes in Northern Thailand. We are the first Christians that they come in contact with so Jesus is also the ‘Living Water’ that we hope they will learn to accept. We will need to raise the \$11,000 for the cost of each water project. Each person going must raise the cost of their ticket (about \$1,600), in country costs for food, housing, etc. (about \$850), pay for a passport if you don’t have one (about \$100), immunizations as needed, per your doctor (\$250?). We will also need VBS craft supplies and we will be collecting other things that we will ask for as we get closer to the date.



We are still raising funds to build a school in Thailand. We have raised just over \$32,000 so far and need at least \$50,000 for construction to begin. The school will be built after the water projects are finished in the area and economic development begins. So as you can see there is a lot of work being done with the Hill Tribes in Northern Thailand. Here are some ways you can be involved.

**Pray** for Mike and Becky, for the teams that will be forming, and for the Hill Tribe Villagers that they can meet Jesus.

**Donate** to Mike and Becky’s personal support either through the website internationalministries.org or by mail to American Baptist International Ministries, PO Box 851, Valley Forge PA 19482 make sure to mark your check Mike Mann personal support

**Donate** to the Water Project or the School Project. Contact Angie Gillming at First Baptist 1616 W 39<sup>th</sup> St, Kearney NE 68845 or call 308-234-2311 or [secretary@kearneyfirstbaptist.org](mailto:secretary@kearneyfirstbaptist.org)

**Go** join our team and travel with us in 2014.

Other exciting things in the works are: forming a statewide Mission partnership Team with Mike and Becky and a coffee distribution center in Nebraska for the Lanna Café coffee grown by the Hill Tribes and distributed by Integrated Tribal Development Program (ITDP) run by Mike and Becky Mann. Call Angie Gillming at 308-234-2311 if you have interest in knowing more!

Thanks,  
Angie Gillming

Some of you asked for Mike and Becky Mann’s address here in the states so here it is:

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## American Baptist Men of Nebraska name Pastor Darren Stroh Clergy of the Year!

The American Baptist Men of Nebraska met for lunch at the 2012 ABC/NE Region Convention. The group announced during that luncheon that Pastor Darren Stroh of First Baptist Church of Holdrege had been chosen for the 2012 Clergy Person of the Year. Congratulations to Pastor Darren and the congregation at FBC Holdrege!



The whole team pose, at work and study



## 2012 Bulgaria/Serbia Mission Study Tour

Pastors, Brian High, Tekamah, Irv Jennings, Arnold, Michael Friday, Bellevue, Darren Stroh, Holdrege and Executive, Robin Stoops spent 12 days studying church planting and mission in Bulgaria and Serbia. Great insight was gained from our brothers and sister in Christ. Watch for opportunities to hear more of this life changing experience.



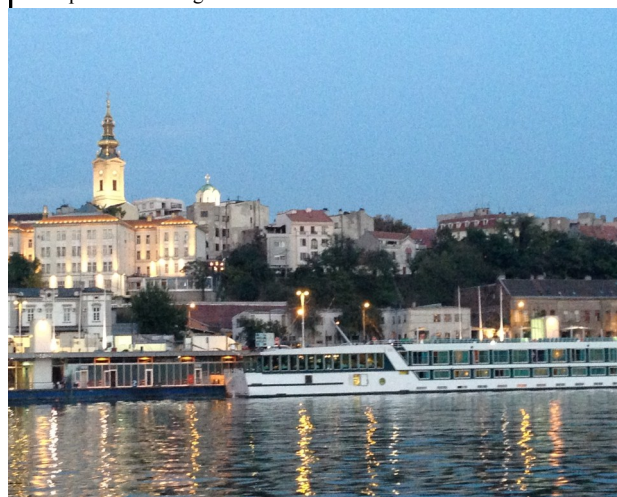
Above: Pastor Dane & Irv  
Below: Robin and church planting pastor in Serbia



Below: L to R: Danube River; Sofia Baptist Church, Bulgaria, Baptist Church sign n Serbia



Above: Reid Trulson, Church Planter, Michael, Irv, Andre, President of Serbian Baptist Union





Rev. Glynis LaBarre



FBC North Platte Choir

2012 ABC/NE Region Convention North Platte, NE



New Life Praise Team, Bellevue NE



The 2012 Fall Pastors Seminar was held October 15-17 at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center. The theme was built around Steven Covey's "7 Habits of a Highly Effective Leader."



There were twenty three ABC NE pastors present at the training. Debbie Finch guided the pastors through the Seven Habits in a very professional and efficient way. When asked what they will take away from this training many pastors said, "Better time management and a better understanding of my role as a church leader."



When not in training sessions the pastors enjoyed fellowship time with one another and four worship sessions led by regional pastors. On Tuesday night the pastors who traveled to

Serbia and Bulgaria shared their experiences and what they learned about being the missional church. On a fun note, the pastors enjoyed an American Baptist trivia and challenge game based on "Minute to Win It" on Monday night. The next pastors event will be the Quad Region event in Omaha April 8-10, 2013.

God is Doing Great Things— FBC Mason City

God is doing great things in Mason City First Baptist and they recently celebrated with "Invite a Friend" Sunday to share His blessings. The congregation took their challenge seriously, and really hit the streets, knocked on doors and made many phone calls. One of the visitors said that her family alone had received ten invitations!

All of their hard work was rewarded with an attendance to worship of 104, a number that more than doubled the present average Sunday participation. Drawing that many worshipers to church is even more remarkable considering the total population of Mason City is only 168 people.

The Sunday School hour that followed also surpassed all records of memory, even picking up 2 additional adults and 5 more children! Afterwards most stayed even longer and spread throughout the church to settle into a potluck dinner that also proved to be second to none.



It all started with a year ago when Brittany McDaniel and the female Epicenter Youth Group students from FBC North Platte attended a girls conference in Denver, CO. They had a great experience and thought, "We should host a girls only event in Nebraska for the students in our region."

With that simple hope, Brittany decided to put her dream into action. The Beloved Girls Conference was held at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center November 2-4 with twenty students, four speakers, two worship leaders, and three adult leaders from six ABC NE churches.

This event gave the students a chance to explore what it means to be a beloved woman of God and how to live out a Christian life in the midst of everyday challenges. Brittany said, "This event went beyond what I hoped for. Thank you to all of those who helped to make this event possible. Hopefully it will grow from here."

Speakers for the event included Brittany McDaniel from FBC North Platte, Jana Sickler from FBC Kearney, Lisa Mamula from New Life in Bellevue, and Dee Riggs from FBC Lincoln.

