

Men's Luncheon —

hosted by the District Men's Department and prepared by the Light-for-the-Lost cook team. Spotlights were presented by Global University, AGWM Maps Construction, LFTL and District Men's Retreat. In addition to great food and fellowship, the men enjoyed videos and many giveaways.



PURPOSE District Missions Rally

The highlight of the 95th District Council for the Southern Missouri District was the annual Missions Rally. The service was held at Tri-Lakes Church in Branson. The Tri-Lakes Singers provided a missions musical on a stage decorated with flags from many nations. David Grant, missionary to Eurasia, was the guest speaker. Using Ezekiel 38, he challenged attendees to allow God to change their hearts from stone to flesh which would lead to a passion for reaching the lost.

Five new missionary units were presented at the Rally: Bryan & Cecile Ames (Chi Alpha), John & Daralena Bean (Slovakia), Aaron & Julie Davis (Czech Republic), David & Sherri Godbout (Church Planting), and Joshua & Carmen Lovelace (Cambodia).



Director's Note —



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A Place for EVERY Man

Bernard Pixley built the first cook wagon to be used to cook the steak at L-F-T-L banquets in the Southeast Division of the Southern Missouri District. He ministered in this capacity as Wagon Master for nearly 20 years. Don Jacques commented about Bernard, "Bernard was faithful. He believed that God had asked him to build the steak wagon and work with Light for the Lost." Don also tells of a letter from Bernard where he had mentioned finding a large hickory tree to be cut and dried to be ready for the next year's banquets. "God had placed it in his spirit to do LFTL."

A member of First Assembly in Dexter, MO since the late forties, Bernard served as Sunday school superintendent for many years. He was also an integral part of men's ministries. Gary Petty, former pastor in Dexter, shares "all the men in the church looked up to Bernard. He was a prince of a man. Every pastor would love to have such a man in his congregation." God has a ministry and a place for every man. We must be ready and available.



Bernard with Bill Barker,
SE LFTL representative



SOUTHERN MISSOURI MISSIONARY FAMILY

At the spring meeting of the U.S. Missions Board, Bryan and Cecile Ames were approved for missionary service. The Ames' join the Chi Alpha team and will be involved in ministry at the University of Missouri – St Louis. Prior to this appointment, Bryan and Cecile were missionary associates to the same university. They are now itinerating in anticipation of beginning full-time ministry on campus. Congregations are encouraged to make commitments of prayer and financial support to this couple.

LIGHT FOR THE LOST BANQUET TOUR

Excitement was high during the 16 Light-for-the-Lost banquets held in March. Guest speakers included: Cecil Culbreth, Benny Ferguson, Manny Prabhudas, Carroll Deal and Scott Ennis. Our speakers were anointed of God as they shared the importance and the results of Light for the Lost.

Project 10 Million, a plan to reach ten million souls during the next ten years, was introduced as the new LFTL Councilmen project for our District.

Those who attended the banquets enjoyed a time of fellowship and, as always, the excellent food prepared by our LFTL cook teams. Most importantly, they had an opportunity to partner with our Southern Missouri missionaries by giving to LFTL. LFTL funds are critical to the effectiveness of many of our missionaries. These monies are the primary source of providing much needed evangelism tools such as tracts and bibles. All churches are encouraged to be a part of this essential ministry. If your church has not yet made a commitment to support LFTL, we encourage you to do so. You can make a pledge/contribution by contacting the Men's Department at the Southern Missouri District.

