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REVITALIZATION EFFORT AT RIVERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

I have been called to the REVITALIZATION effort as the TRANSITIONAL PASTOR of Riverdale Baptist Church. That is right in the center of what Mike Palmer Ministries is about. The amount of work associated with that effort is monumental. But all the principles learned through the years can be applied to help Riverdale transition to become a more healthy church, ready to call its next pastor. That may take as long as three years given the situation at Riverdale. The good news is that after four months, there is already some progress! I have preached through the book of Nehemiah. The biblical truth in that book has been "spot on" for

that church family at this time. And we have also been going through the biblical mission of the church and the six tasks of the church on Sunday nights. This church will be a good test for the overall work of REVITALIZATION. It will be good to have experienced being a TRANSITIONAL PASTOR firsthand. I will be even better equipped to help others facing the same challenges...and there are SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES! MIKE PALMER MINISTRIES has helped provide some church health resources for Riverdale. We are still involved with International Missions and Pastor Networking, although the time required in being the Transitional

Pastor has taken some time away from the networking and equipping of others. I hope to do some work in this area beginning in the late summer and fall. I need your prayers and support in this effort. The church has systemic problems BUT the people know they need to do something; and they need experienced leadership to guide them in those steps. I believe that the Lord is in the RESURRECTION business! He is able. Your support will help MPM guide this church toward health. And you will also help us touch people globally. Thanks for standing with us in this Gospel centered work.

Michael Palmer

TWO PLUS TWO MISSIONARY TRAINING AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FUTURE INVESTMENT IN THE GOSPEL WORLDWIDE

Several years ago Southeastern Seminary began a program for International Missionaries in which they could go to the mission field and also earn their Masters degrees. This coming January several missionary couples and singles will come to Prague for training. Dr. Danny Akin and other professors from Southeastern Seminary

will be present to teach these intensive sessions for two weeks. I am planning on being there to meet and get to know EACH person and LEARN about their particular assignment. And in the future I hope to be able to TAKE AREA PASTORS WITH ME to make a genuine Gospel difference in these places and in the lives of these

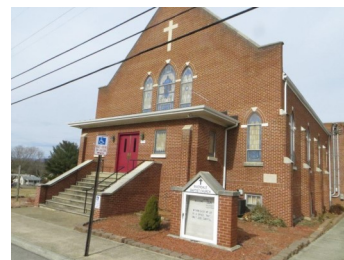
precious people. This could be one of the most strategic mission trips in the sense that I will be able to learn about mission strategy and opportunities in MANY DIFFERENT AREAS AROUND THE WORLD. After that I believe the Lord will help me develop a strategy for investing in them over the next decade. Thank You Lord.

12 SIGNS OF MEDIOCRITY IN A LOCAL CHURCH

- NO PLANS FOR EVALUATION
- TOLERANCE OF MISTAKES
- POOR MAINTENANCE OF CH. GROUNDS
- POOR UPKEEP OF THE MEETING PLACE
- NO RECORDS OF ATTENDANCE / GROWTH
- NO CLEAR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY
- TOLERATION OF SIN
- NO CLASS FOR MEMBERSHIP
- LACK OF VISION
- LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE NATIONS
- NO NEW WORKERS IN PLACE
- LACK OF HEALTHY CHAOS

FROM A BLOG BY CHUCK LAWLESS JUNE 2015

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23



PLEASE PRAY FOR RIVERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH TO BECOME A POWERFUL EXAMPLE OF CHURCH REVITALIZATION

There are thousands of churches like Riverdale all over the USA, and several right here in the Roanoke Valley. MPM is right in the middle of all this.

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A PERSONAL WORD

Hazel and I have been very busy this Winter and Spring. My mother and the work associated with her house and her care have been overwhelming. But now her house is close to being rented and hopefully some of that labor will come to a close. And of course some day in the future Mom will be with the Lord. It is our sincere hope that we will be able to invest more time in pastors and staff in our region. Plus we just need to develop more key friendships. We are in unfamiliar territory in this time of our life. The Lord is using us. Your support and friendship is more meaningful to us now than ever. Let us know how you are doing. Thanks for being a part of MPM.
Mike and Hazel

THREE INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS PLANNED OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF

An open door to further ministry in Romania is coming again in October of 2015. The Mission Team we are developing will have nearly ten people going with us. We are doing a Coaches Clinic (teaching how to teach the game) and we are doing a Basketball "Camp" for the area students! We will be able to share the gospel with ALL of them! Then while that is going on, we will also be helping reach and teach people related to Costel Burlacu's church (Alpha and Omega Bapt. Ch.). There is an AWANA banquet scheduled in which there will be many parents present. His Church is beginning to gain traction and make genuine gospel difference; in late May they baptized six people! The cost of this trip is \$2,700 per person.

There are also TWO other international mission trips on the horizon. One is to be with the IMB Two Plus Two Missionaries who were recently commissioned and are finishing their master's degrees overseas (that trip is January 2016; Joseph and Lily Veres will be there). The second is a possible trip to Ireland (Seth and Jessica Lewis) in the Spring of 2016. Thank God for the privilege of investing in these wonderful gospel centered people and assist them in their faithful labor.

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HERE ARE THE UPCOMING NEEDS FOR MPM IN 2015 AND EARLY 2016 :

1. Romania Mission Trip – OCTOBER 16-26
2. Romania Mission Trip – support the Gospel Strategy there. We will need funds to get the proper equipment for the two basketball events; rental of portable goals, gym rental, and basketball equipment; Gospel DVD's, booklets, the AWANA banquet; over \$1,000 needed
3. PRAGUE MISSION TRIP – JANUARY 4, 2016 – This is a strategic mission trip done each year with the faculty of Southeastern Seminary. I will have opportunity to invest in these couples and keep up with them and their needs for the next ten to fifteen years!! The cost of this strategic mission trip is \$2,600.
4. Working on Trip to Ireland (Seth and Jessica Lewis) – sometime in 2016
5. PRAYER – We need your prayer for discernment as to God's total strategy for this ministry. We want to honor the Gospel and make a genuine difference. Pray specifically that Mike would be able to develop more vital relationships with other pastors and staff in our region. THANKS GOSPEL FRIENDS FOR YOUR HEARTFELT PRAYERS!

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If you want to give a gift to us personally you can certainly do that, but any checks to us must be in our name and not the ministry. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP,
Michael and Hazel Palmer