

International Ministries Executive Committee Report  
April 20, 2010

International Seafarers

More than 500 seafarers have visited the International Ministries Center in 2010 with more than 40 of them praying to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. More than 100 Bibles and New Testaments have been distributed this year. We have lost a few of our volunteers over the course of the past few months because of health reasons, so we are now more in need of host churches and individual volunteers than ever. In the past few weeks, we have had several evenings with more than 40 seafarers. While we are grateful for the opportunity to minister to that many men at one time, the quality of our time with them and the effectiveness of our witness is diminished with such high numbers. Oftentimes, we are so consumed with logistical matters that the spiritual needs of the seafarers go unmet. Volunteers who can spend time talking to the seafarers, sharing the Gospel with them, and taking care of logistical matters is greatly appreciated. Please pray about your church, Sunday School class, or small group coming and getting involved in a hands on mission project with the seafarers. It is a rewarding and unique opportunity to do cross cultural missions without having to pay the price of airfare, or to get a passport.

International Language School

The ILS continues to provide churches in the Mobile Baptist Association the opportunity to reach out to the nations, tribes, peoples, and languages of the world. In 2010 alone, we have had the opportunity to minister to families from Iraq, Turkey, Russia, Thailand, Panama, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, India, Germany, West Africa. Four of the countries mentioned above are Muslim nations and it would be dangerous, if not impossible, to enter them with the explicit purpose of sharing the Gospel. But, once these individuals come to Mobile, the door of freedom allows us to openly share the Gospel. Many of these families have heard the Gospel for the first time; and received a Bible in their own language for the first time ever! God, in His Sovereignty, has brought them to the United States, perhaps just for us share the Gospel with them, disciple them, and then see them go back to their homeland as missionaries to their own cultures. Please pray about getting involved with the ILS. It can be just one morning, or evening, a month. But, it will make an eternal difference.

Language and Ethnic Church

PeopleSearch Mobile 2010 has been rescheduled for April 29 – May 2, 2010. The potential for starting several new language churches and/or Bible studies is great with this event. Many people have been praying and planning; and our expectations are high. Language specialists will be doing surveys among speakers of Spanish, Tagalog (Filipino), Russian and Portuguese (Brazilians), the Deaf, and people from West Africa. We need two more vans and three more drivers for PeopleSearch, and numerous prayer warriors. If you would like to ride in the vans and pray for the various language groups and language specialists, or if you would like to simply stay in your own home and intercede, please contact us so that we can get you some material about how to pray during this time.

Please also continue to pray for the Vietnamese Obedience Baptist Church as they are still without a pastor. Continue to pray for the Laotian Mission and their pastor Noy Paul Phangnivong as they are in the process of completing the translation of their church constitution into Laotian. They are also looking for property to purchase so that they can have their own facility.

### Walk for Bibles and International Ministries

It is hard to believe that it is time for WFBIM again. WFBIM has been a success from its inception and is the single most important event impacting the finances of International Ministries. In 2008, churches from the Mobile Baptist Association raised more than \$34,000.00 which went directly to the purchase of Bibles, ministry to seafarers, the International Language School and to help start and support language and ethnic churches in Mobile County. WFBIM will be Saturday October 9, 2010 and will be held at four locations: Citronelle, University of Mobile, Dauphin Island and the International Ministries Center. Each church will need a captain who will be responsible for the promotion of WFBIM. If you are interested in serving as a captain or site leader for one of the locations, please contact Doug.

### Baker High School Philippians 3:14 5K

The Baker High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring a 5K which will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the First Baptist Church Tillman's Corner property. All proceeds will go to the International Ministries of the Mobile Baptist Association. The entrance fee is \$15 and will include a T – shirt. If you are a runner or a walker, come join us!



International Language School Students at the  
Dauphin Way Baptist Church Site