

International Ministries

Executive Committee Report

April 16, 2018

Recently we met to honor the international community here in Mobile County (pictured below). We prayed for them and raised flags of different countries representing some of the nations living in Mobile County (pictured below). There are now 74 different nations living in Mobile County and we have the privilege of reaching the nations here at home. Many of our church members are unable to travel to other parts of the world, but can serve in international missions without leaving the county. Thank you to all who came in support of the international community and to those who helped serve the meal.



This past week we were on a ship at the port visiting and had the opportunity to share in a Bible study with a large crew. It was a very encouraging experience, knowing that the entire crew were strong believers in Jesus Christ. They shared with us that the entire crew had a daily Bible study.

Friday, April 6 was the last day for Jay Yarbrough who has been a volunteer Port Chaplain for the last several years. Harold Reagan told us that after over 25 years that he is ready to retire. All he needs is a replacement. Harold is unable to drive the ministry vans due to his age. He has loved and still loves the ministry to the seafarers. Visiting the ships has been his heartbeat and passion. If you would like to take one of these positions, please contact me at bmorton@mobilebaptists.org or 251-751-7441.

The new International Language School Center is going well. We have picked up new students because of the new programs offered. We have new programs coming soon. Some of those are the *citizenship classes and conversation classes*. Soon we will offer *classes for churches wanting to speak other languages; designed to prepare mission teams for their travels*. Teacher training will come soon. We are always in need of more teachers. Teaching English, to help improve language skills, to internationals provides a witness opportunity. Please contact Kim Wilson (kwilson@mobilebaptists.org, 251-533-2911) for information on how you plug into this ministry.

Praise the Lord for the new pastor for the International Baptist Church. Sanghwan A. Lee began his new ministry on Easter Sunday. Also, the Vietnamese Obedience Baptist Church called Tien Van Tran as their interim. Both these are an answer to prayer. Please pray that God will provide God's person to plant a new Spanish Baptist Church here in our association. We have over 11,000 Spanish speaking people living in Mobile County.

The annual International Ministries Benefit Golf Tournament is almost here. Remember that it, and the Walk for Bibles and International Ministries, raise a large part of the financial support for International Ministries. Please pray seeking God's will in your part in supporting what God is doing in work among Internationals here in the Mobile Baptist Association.