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Fields of Service

- Brazil
- Peru
- Asia
- Trinidad
- France
- Spain
- Italy
- Russia
- Kenya
- United States



Project name: Blue Asia Grace

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Analiese and Jesimiel
Nichols

Joel and Stephanie have been approved by the TBM Board to begin their ministry in Asia. Please be in prayer for them as they continue to do deputation, build financial and praying relationships here in the States. Be in prayer as they continue to lay the foundations for their new ministry in Asia.

Someone was telling me recently about a small project that he started on his house. When he opened that “Pandora’s box,” he discovered more problems that needed to be fixed, to the point that he nearly regretted ever starting it. At this point I sigh and say, “Isn’t that life?” If we had the list of heartaches, roadblocks, and disappointments that we will go through before we took on the big things of life, would we have had the guts to go forward? Maybe that’s one reason why God leaves so much of our future a mystery to us. I spoke briefly during a church service recently about the intimidation and discouragement I’ve been feeling and how trust is what keeps us going. You see, in Bible college, I was forewarned by seasoned ministers about the pain we will go through in ministry, but it’s not those things that get to me. Our enemy has been discouraging me by letting me know acutely that I am inadequate for ministry.

“Isn’t That Life?”

He found my tender spot and has been haunting me with visions of failure. I felt just like Moses felt when God commissioned him to go back to Pharaoh: “Oh my Lord, please send someone else.”

The good news is that Scripture will train the servant of God to be “thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim 3:16, 17). I know from Scripture that God’s power is made perfect in my weakness, “So then, I will boast most gladly about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may reside in me. Therefore, I “am content with weaknesses, with insults, with troubles, with persecutions and difficulties for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor. 12:9, 10)

On my own I will fail. But as Christians, we are never alone. In a way, I resemble Elisha’s servant in 2 Kings 6:15-18. He was nervous about the difficulties that were coming and focused on the problem. He saw an approaching army. What he failed to see was that God was there, and He was ready to be strong where Elisha and his servant were weak. God opened his servant’s eyes and he could see that the hills were filled with horses and chariots of fire. If God opened my eyes, I would

Joel and Stephanie

then be able to understand why I have no reason to be nervous and scared. But what is required of me is that I trust Him knowing that this is true whether I see it or not. So, we take one step at a time, moving forward toward Asia. Sometimes I feel like a car stalling out while it is climbing a hill. But we are staying faithful to His calling because He is faithful and trustworthy; this I do know.

Please be praying for us because the enemy does not want us to go.

We have been able to do deputation and to present our new and upcoming ministry to several churches, especially in Wyoming. Wyoming will always hold a special place in our lives. It’s where our family got its start, our home church is there, enduring relationships with Frontier School of the Bible staff and faculty are there, and Tentmakers Bible Mission (our mission agency) is there.

The TBM Board said that sometimes a missionary’s first visit to the field can burst their ‘excitement balloon.’ It was very good for us to hear from the Board that they were even more encouraged and thrilled that our trip to Asia fortified our resolve and heightened our enthusiasm for ministry.

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Why LaGrange?

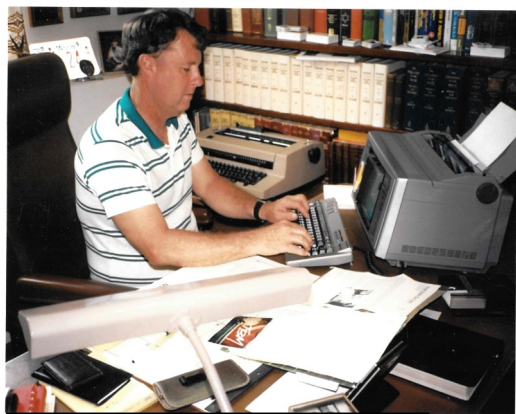
Ben Cline

August of 2011, my family and I moved from Utah to LaGrange, WY to serve in the Home Office of Tentmakers Bible Mission. I have had many opportunities over the years to share the ministry that God has placed us in. When I get to the part about LaGrange being a small town in rural Wyoming with a population of around 400, I am usually met with a look of shock and the question, "Why LaGrange?"

The Home Office of TBM has had a few locations since it was founded in 1985. The first was in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the small personal office of the Mission's secretary. Years later, Rocky Mountain Bible Church in Frisco, Colorado provided the second location by allowing TBM to use office space in their building. Then, in 2009, through God's provision TBM was able to purchase the current Home Office facility and place it in LaGrange. This meant big changes for the operational side of TBM. Among other changes was that of owning a facility rather than using borrowed office space. Board and staff meetings, TBM's daily operations, and TBM Candidate School could now take place in a centralized location. The new space allows for maintaining guest rooms for visitors including missionaries home on furlough. These are all benefits of the new location, but the question remains, "Why LaGrange?". TBM could have chosen a more populated area, right?



Current Home Office in LaGrange, Wyoming



Former director Dick Manion at the Home Office in Grand Rapids 1988

We believe that a key reason God provided our location in LaGrange is because of its strategic position which helps TBM to fulfill the Mission that God has called us to: "TBM exists to plant Bible-teaching churches throughout the world". LaGrange is unique. Not only does it provide a quiet, small town setting for accomplishing the daily tasks that keep the Mission running, but the facility is a short walk from the campus of Frontier School of the Bible. Over the years God has allowed many contacts with students who are preparing for work in the ministry. Since relocating, God has led many to become TBM church planting missionaries and, at present, nearly half are alumni of FSB. Our Home Office staff often have opportunities to speak at FSB's chapel services, teach courses at the school, and interact with students in their free time. FSB also hosts three Missions Conferences a year that allow TBM to present ministry opportunities to the students, but also allows for interaction and networking with leaders from other Mission Agencies. TBM has been able to open our facility to professors at FSB to occasionally hold classes here, to other Mission Agencies for their events, and to the local church for Sunday School.

We are thankful to God for this unique place that has allowed TBM to effectively work toward the church planting goals that He has placed on our hearts. If you happen to be in LaGrange, come for a visit! We would love to show you how God has answered the question, "Why LaGrange?"!