

# NEISBA

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## To our pastors from the Apostle Paul:

[4:1] "I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: [2] Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. [3] For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; [4] and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. [5] But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." I Timothy 4:1-5

## Camp Crosswalk

Plans are underway for this summer's Children's Camp, June 15-19 (Mon.-Fri.), for young people entering grades 3-8 to be held at Spring Valley Bible Camp in Muscatine, Iowa. Daily devotions, Bible Studies, and Worship are woven together with games, swimming, great food, paddle boats, mini-golf, and more. Cost: \$140. For more information contact Julie Behrens ([julieabehrens@yahoo.com](mailto:julieabehrens@yahoo.com)).

### Let us pray for Pastor Barnabas Soh this month; he writes:

"As you may remember, I have lost my health more than two years ago and taken chemotherapy to treat Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma and skin cancer caused by CTCL so far since September 2012. To make matters worse, my wife lost her job last October and now needs to find a new job, which has been found not easy. For a church to survive and grow, there are at least two crucial elements – financial and human resources. However, my two churches currently face both financial pinch and insufficient manpower. My pastoral and ministerial philosophy is to go and preach the gospel anywhere even to the place where there is one soul who is thirsty and hungry for God's word. I remember very well that your prayer support and financial assistance from our NEISBA have been great helps for LOTWBC up to the present time from the very beginning. I do not know how to thank you enough for that. My health issue has been improved much by the grace of the Lord, though only God knows how many more miles for me to go on. I am sure the day will come when my cancer will perish in His timing. Please keep on praying for my wife and me and my two local churches, Light of the World in Waterloo and Word of Life in Davenport."

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Your Associational Dollars at work:

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NEISBA is currently supporting three church planters.

Herb Thompson – New Beginnings Baptist Fellowship, Oelwein

Barnabas Soh – Light of the World, Waterloo & Word of Life, Davenport

Gilmer Mauricio – Iglesia Bautista Hispana Emmanuel, Cedar Rapids

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## Around the Association:

Iglesia Bautista Hispana Emmanuel, Cedar Rapids, is one of the three church plants supported in part by your contributions to the Association. Pastor Gilmer Mauricio last year performed eleven baptisms in this ministry which last week welcomed 49 participants for their Sunday afternoon worship service.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, was recently blessed to celebrate Thanksgiving through worship and a meal with the Korean Baptist Church, led by Pastor Ahn Ho Kim. In December, Immanuel celebrated Christ's birth through worship and a meal with Pastor Gilmer Mauricio and the Spanish-speaking congregation. At the time of this writing, Immanuel has two baptisms scheduled for the coming Sunday (January 18).

Community Baptist Church, Marion, is moving forward with plans to purchase a building in February across from Linn-Mar High School. They are very excited to be moving into their own facility and have been praying about this for many months as they went through two zoning board meetings in order to secure a needed variance. Once again proving what we already know; God is good!

Light of the World Baptist, Waterloo, took care of the sheep of the Lord consisting of students from USA, Korea, Japan, China, Malaysia, Nepal, India, Poland, Greece and some Arabic countries like Bosnia and Saudi Arabia in the past. Most of the church people are currently students attending University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. They are from USA, Korea, Nepal, Malaysia, India and China.

## 2015 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowships

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Immanuel Baptist Cedar Rapids

June 28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Dunkerton

August 30<sup>th</sup> – Community Baptist Marion

November 29<sup>th</sup> – Community Southern Baptist Waterloo

If you have something you would like to see included in the newsletter, please email me at:

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*Blessings,*

*Darin Ulmer* (Large Editor)

## To our churches from the Apostle Paul:

[4:1] As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. [2] Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. [3] Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism; [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6