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Monthly Mission Report December 2024

Dear Churches of the American Baptist Association,

As we look ahead in anticipation to all 2025 will hold, let us remember what Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13. There, we are commanded to forget what is in the past and to reach forward into the future. The word "forgetting" in that verse means to cease to be affected by. If you are like me, I had moments of victories and failures this past year. As we roll into a new year, we cease to be affected by our past failures and successes. May we trust the Lord with all our hearts and reach ahead to all God has for us in this coming year. We pray for God to do greater things in and through us in 2025.

It is with great joy to share the great reports from the missionaries. For the month of December, the missionaries report **414 professions of faith and 35 baptisms**. That brings our totals for this associational year to **3,145 professions of faith and 278 baptisms**. Please join me in praying for 6,000 professions of faith for this associational year!

I am once again in awe of what God has done through the generous giving of His people. Because of the sacrificial giving and great effort of the churches of the ABA, we have received **over \$320,000 for the Thanksgiving Missions Offering**. We believe there will still be some offerings coming in during January. We pray that we will meet our goal for this special offering. I would like to extend a hearty thank you to all churches and individuals who gave offerings to help meet this goal.

I did enjoy some much-needed rest and time spent with family this month. Amid some down time, we were blessed to preach, present and worship with Tanglewood MBC in Atlanta, TX and with Bethlehem MBC in Star City, AR.

It is our intention to send out the 2025 Missionary Recommendation Forms by the end of January. If you and your missionary have not received them by then or if you have questions, please feel free to contact us. Those forms will be due to our office by April 18, 2025.

Keep on Keeping on,
Justin Coburn

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| BEGINNING BALANCE: | \$2,568,582.01 |
| RECEIPTS: | |
| Interstate Salaries | \$ 187,938.74 |
| Foreign & National Salaries | \$ 184,312.90 |
| Designated | \$ 36,771.03 |
| Undesignated | \$ 9,092.10 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS: | \$ 418,114.77 |
| BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE | \$2,986,696.78 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | |
| Interstate Salaries | \$ 68,436.00 |
| Foreign Salaries | \$ 34,191.87 |
| National Salaries | \$ 25,585.00 |
| Designated | \$ 36,771.03 |
| Sal/Exp of Sec-Treas Office | |
| Office Salaries | \$ 15,432.52 |
| General Office | \$ 1,881.53 |
| Sec/Treas of Missions-Expense | \$ 841.86 |
| Automobile Expense | \$ 1,273.73 |
| | <u>\$ 19,429.24</u> |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: | \$ 184,413.14 |
| BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD: | \$ 2,802,283.64 |
| SURPLUS FOR DECEMBER | \$ 233,701.63 |



Missionary Job Villazor baptized 5 in the Philippines.
Praise the Lord!