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**Focal Scripture.** *The rich in this present age,....are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves...*  
*1 Tim. 6:17-19*

**Focal Thought.** *"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others."*  
*Saint Augustine (354-430 AD)*

**Report on Annual Meeting.** The meeting was held on April 13 in conjunction with the LBC Missions Ready Conference at Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center south of Alexandria under the leadership of Carlos Schmidt. Unfortunately, it was poorly attended because of severe thunderstorms in many parts of Louisiana. Nevertheless, attendees benefited from missions messages that began and ended the day as well as from breakout sessions on both local and global missions.

Our Fellowship's agricultural (ag) missions display was exhibited along with those of several other missions-minded groups. We enjoyed visiting with folks interested in our ag missions efforts and several people picked up our brochures, handouts, DVDs, etc.

Fellowship members gathered separately in the afternoon for our annual business meeting. The financial report showed total funds contributed for projects in 2018, and so far in 2019, are \$18,122. The majority has gone for ag missions support in Eastern Europe, although some was expended in Thailand and Southern Mexico. The LBF balance at the time was \$4,212.49 and an additional \$500 were received at the conference. Those present voted to send an additional \$2,000 for project support to Eastern Europe, which had previously been requested by the IMB missionary there.

Executive Committee (EC) officers will remain the same for 2019, with the exception that Billy Nutt will step down as Projects Coordinator and be replaced by Charles Johnson. We appreciate Billy's steadfast service in this capacity and are glad he will remain on the EC as an At-Large member. We also appreciate Dr. Johnson's willingness to take on this new role. Also, Barbara Monzingo, who has served faithfully for many years as an At-Large EC member, is stepping down. We will miss her contributions and wish her well. Her replacement is being sought.

Attendees liked the networking aspect of having the annual meeting as part of a missions conference and agreed this meeting format should be tried again. One suggestion was to have an agricultural missions speaker in a breakout session at the next missions conference.

**We Must Help the Poor Rather Than Hurt Them.** *As followers of Christ, we must show compassion to the poor. In the past, governments and some Christian ministries harmed poor people while trying to help them. One of the problems is that we often focus on the symptoms rather than the underlying problems. Christ expects us to do better. Our world is filled with billions of people who have both physical and spiritual needs.*

The average American enjoys a standard of living that has been unimaginable for most of human history. Fortunately, God is changing paradigms of how churches and ministries can work in more empowering ways with people who are poor. Jesus took particular delight in spreading the Good News among the hurting, the weak, and the poor and He calls us to do the same.

**Project Support.** *The greatest need of your Fellowship is always for additional funds with which to help the poor help themselves.* Following are examples of projects individuals, classes, or churches can support to provide a helping hand to those who are poor, hungry, and in need of Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord:

**Egg incubation facilities for a family or village.**

**Rabbit project for a family.**

**Chicken project for a family.**

**Goat project for a family.**

**Sheep project for a family.**

**Dairy heifer project for a family.**

**Vegetable garden project for a family.**

**Drip irrigation for a family.**

**Small greenhouse for a family.**

**Water filters to provide pure water to families.**

*Please help us help those in desperate need to help themselves by making your check payable to Louisiana Baptist Foundation and sending it to P.O. Box 120, Homer, LA 71040. Indicate the funds are for Ag Missions. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of your contributions go directly to the mission field because the Executive Committee pays all expenses for operating the Fellowship.*