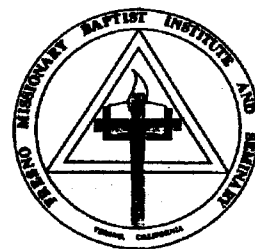


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Dear Brethren,

The Fall Semester of the 2008-2009 school year is close to the halfway point. The Lord continues to bless our labors with a dedicated staff and a committed student body. The number of students enrolled seems to be holding and the attrition has been minimal, as compared to other school years. Bro. Larry Crouch continues to be well received as he attends the various Fall Local Association meetings. He was with the Southern California Cooperative Association at Anaheim in early October and actually preached the Annual Sermon. He will be with the Coastal Cooperative Association meeting this coming weekend held with First MBC, Antioch.

This Tuesday, November 18, Pastor Bill Gurnett of Landmark MBC, Martinez will be the principal speaker in our Fall Seminar which will emphasize Global Mission Work and the Local Church. Pastor Gurnett and the assembly at Martinez have been instrumental in the field of foreign mission work for many years. In addition to Pastor Gurnett, Pastors Larry Crouch and David Butimore, Sr. will speak as well. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning with two morning sessions, lunch provided by the ladies of First MBC, Fresno, and two afternoon sessions. Pastor Gurnett will be the featured speaker in the Tuesday night services of the Galilee MBC, Fresno and Pastor Douglas Knox.

An integral part of seminary training is the addition of practical experience. Each of the ministerial students is actively involved in their various church ministries. Bro. Crouch, who is Chapel Coordinator, requires each student to fill out a Christian Service report form each week. In addition to that, our student ministers are very busy filling pulpits throughout the state of California. So great is the need, due to many churches without pastors, that several of the students are gone from their home churches in order to preach in the services of those congregations. Continue to pray for the young men who are continuing to prepare themselves for effective service.

We are blessed and, therefore, thankful to the Lord for the faithful support of churches and individuals. However, we are currently in a financial shortfall and request additional help in this area. If you currently don't support the school financially, prayerfully consider becoming a regular supporter. If you do support the seminary ministry currently, prayerfully consider increasing your regular offerings, or consider the prospect of receiving a one-time special offering for FMBI. We would appreciate your consideration of our current needs.

In His service,

Bro. David Butimore, Sr., President