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Apache Preaches on Alabama Trail of Tears

Pastor Phillip "Pete" Reede preached in two Alabama Churches and was the key-



note speaker at a missions banquet. He and North American Mission Board (MSC) missionary Ken Bain also met with nine Alabama Directors of Missions, who have links to more than 300 churches.

Pastor Reede spoke passionately about how in 1981 he believed that like most of his relatives, he was being destroyed by a life of alcohol and sin. He remembered a missionary telling him about Jesus in 1978, but he defiantly rejected Christ. Radical in his

distrust of white Americans, yet in his desperation he sought out a preacher in a white church who led him to salvation by the Blood of Christ.

Dr. Robert Gamble, pastor of Calvary Baptist in Scottsboro, Alabama said, "You and Pastor Pete came like a fresh wind to lift up our people and challenge our churches. We often forget that we are truly part of a worldwide family. Who could have planned for an Apache to preach the gospel to white men on the 'Trail of Tears'— only God."

A descendent of Geronimo, the last great Native American Warrior who roamed free, Pete is pastor of Christ Fellowship Community Church in the Tohono O'odham village of Hikiwan deep in the Arizona desert. He is often called on to minister in a number of reservations.

While in North East Alabama, "Pastor Pete" was emotionally gripped when he saw the railroad track that is believed to have carried the train on which Geronimo and his remaining band were transported in cattle cars to imprisonment in Florida.

Mission Service Corps and the Cooperative Program

...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8 NAS

These words in red are known by all who are born-again believers to have been personally spoken by Jesus himself. All of us in the power of the Holy Spirit can handle the "Jerusalem" part. That's at home where we live. The being "witnesses" part is simply telling what you have seen... just as in a court of law. We can even handle "Samaria" in the course of our travels in the regions nearby. But when it comes to "the remotest part of the earth", very few can handle that without partnering sponsors.

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MSC and the Cooperative Program

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The Cooperative Program is a wonderful tool to provide the means for spreading the Gospel. **But it does not cover the needs of some missionaries.** Southern Baptist churches voluntarily send a percentage or a specified amount of their regular offerings to their state convention for state missions/ministries. A portion of those funds is combined with those from the other states and then are distributed to fund the North American Mission Board (NAMB), the International Mission Board (IMB), and other collective ministry activities. Special seasonal offerings; the Annie Armstrong Easter offering and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering provide precious gift funds for NAMB and IMB missions.

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IMB missionaries are funded by the Cooperative Program. Only part of NAMB missionaries are funded. Of the more than 5,300 NAMB missionaries, generally, a third are career missionaries, a third are short-term funded missionaries, and a third are MSC missionaries, who receive no funding.

While some MSC missionaries are blessed to have the means to do their work from their own resources, **many do not and must rely on partners to come along side.** Some may

Coming along side of missionaries who experience ministry funding shortfalls afford you the opportunity to experience the incredible cutting-edge blessings of being a missionary.

have originally been self-funded, but with great sacrifice have expended all their savings to spread the Gospel. Their dedication may have literally impoverished them for the cause of Christ. As their monthly supporting partner, you have a role equally important with those who make the sacrifices of a missionary on the mission field.

A shortage of funds is a crippling barrier for the work of many MSC missionaries. We believe that church members and leaders need to be educated that not all missionaries are funded by the Cooperative Program. kTb Ministries is among those who do not receive any kind of funding from the cooperative program.

There are some MSC missionaries who are "tent makers" in that they have a regular job and still manage to devote (at least) the required 20 hours per week to ministry. But there are many like Ken and Thurleen Bain who work in such a remote area that it is impossible to be employed, and when their ministry is practically 24-7.

Remember, if God has called you to go into all of the world, He will provide the resources. But if you cannot go, you can partner in prayer and in funding with those who *can* go.

In the words of the Apostle Paul,

"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account"

Philippians 4:17 (NKJV).

A personal message from Ken and Thurleen Bain

Except for the precious Native American believers who have "...Have Decided to Follow Jesus...(with) No Turning Back," no other people are as important to the ministry that God has called us to than our partners.

"It's better to have a partner than to go it alone... But if there's no one to help, tough! By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three stranded rope isn't easily snapped."

From Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (The Message)

If you are among the special friends who have been our financial and prayer partners from the be-

ginning, or if you have recently begun supporting us in our labors for the Lord's work, thank you sincerely. Though there are always needs and opportunities that we experience weekly, somehow by your prayers God has multiplied your gifts so that we could keep going.

Some of you have been meaning to start sending support on a monthly basis. Let me encourage you to begin now. If you are not comfortable at this time with a monthly commitment, a one time gift will fill a serious need. Time is short and the harvest is ripe. Don't miss the blessing of being part of extending the gospel to a

What is a MISSIONARY?

"A missionary is a person who, in response to God's call and gifting, leaves his or her comfort zone and crosses cultural, geographic or other barriers to proclaim the gospel and live out a Christian witness in obedience to the Great Commission."

North American Mission Board
and the International Mission Board

whole nation of Native Americans.

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Sincerely,

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