



Urgent News from EBM Board

August 24, 2011

RE: Evangelical Baptist Mission (EBM) Dissolution

Dear EBM Family:

It is with a heavy heart and much prayerful consideration that I, on behalf of the EBM Board of Directors, write this letter. Following extensive objective assessment and the advice of legal counsel, we are beginning action to dissolve EBM. The organization will be in the process of shutting down over the next week and a half. Funds to continue are not available. On September 2, 2011, the EBM home office will close its doors.

The Board will work with its legal team to formulate a plan to assign any assets in a proportionate manner to the creditors of the organization. The process will take some time as EBM will need to liquidate its holdings in order to give an accurate accounting of what will be distributed. Further, the process will involve evaluation of what creditors' claims should and should not be paid.

The final payments of reimbursable expenses will be paid as of August 23rd and health insurance will be paid through September 2011. Thereafter, there will be no disbursement from EBM to anyone other than to protect and complete the above process.

With this being said, EBM is committed to facilitating an orderly transition for each missionary to another mission agency. ***EBM encourages each missionary and sending church to choose one of the options below if they desire to affiliate with a mission agency.*** Each of the agencies below have agreed to receive and provide immediate care for EBM missionaries. We have also included information about a missionary clearinghouse should that be preferred.

By September 2, 2011, if none of the options below is chosen, EBM will assume that the sending church will take the role of managing the missionary's financial accounts and will send the pertinent information to that church.

1. **Fellowship International Missions (FIM)**. FIM is doctrinally aligned with EBM and has as strong emphasis on the role and responsibility of the local church. <http://fim.org>
2. **Association of Baptist for World Evangelism (ABWE)**. ABWE is doctrinally aligned with EBM and values the role of the local church. <http://www.abwe.org>
3. **Faith Global Ministries (FGM)**. A ministry of Faith Church of Lafayette, IN, it also views the task of missions as belonging to the local church. www.faithlafayette.org/missions
4. **Central Missionary Clearinghouse (CMC)**. CMC is simply a clearinghouse to

promote Christianity through the establishing of churches. It offers a means for handling a missionary's finances. <http://cmc.missions.net/>

This list is not meant to be exclusive. It does represent agencies that have extended an immediate "safe harbor" for our missionaries and a means to facilitate their donations. Attached are descriptions of protocol for each of the first three listed agencies for your assessment. There may be other acceptable options for missionaries depending on their needs, location and counsel of their sending church. If you have specific questions about agency choice, contact Rick Hudson, VP of Missionary Personnel (rhudson@ebm.org) before September 2, 2011

Further, missionaries and sending churches should immediately contact donors and have their donations diverted to the sending church or the selected missionary agency. If help is needed the staff at EBM would be more than happy to assist you with this process until September 2, 2011. On August 31st, EBM will be closing its books after which all donations will be returned to the sender.

After September 2nd, please address your questions or requests for information to ebm@ksbc.net.

NOTE: Please understand that all ebm.org addresses as well as the EBM website will be disabled at the end of the day on September 2nd.

While the Board and I deeply regret the disruption and sorrow this decision causes, we believe it is both the wise and responsible direction to proceed. We thank God for each of you and the partnership God has given us in the gospel for many years. Please be assured of our prayer for you to be strengthened, comforted and directed by the Lord of the harvest.

Sincerely in Christ,



Don Whipple
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Evangelical Baptist Missions

