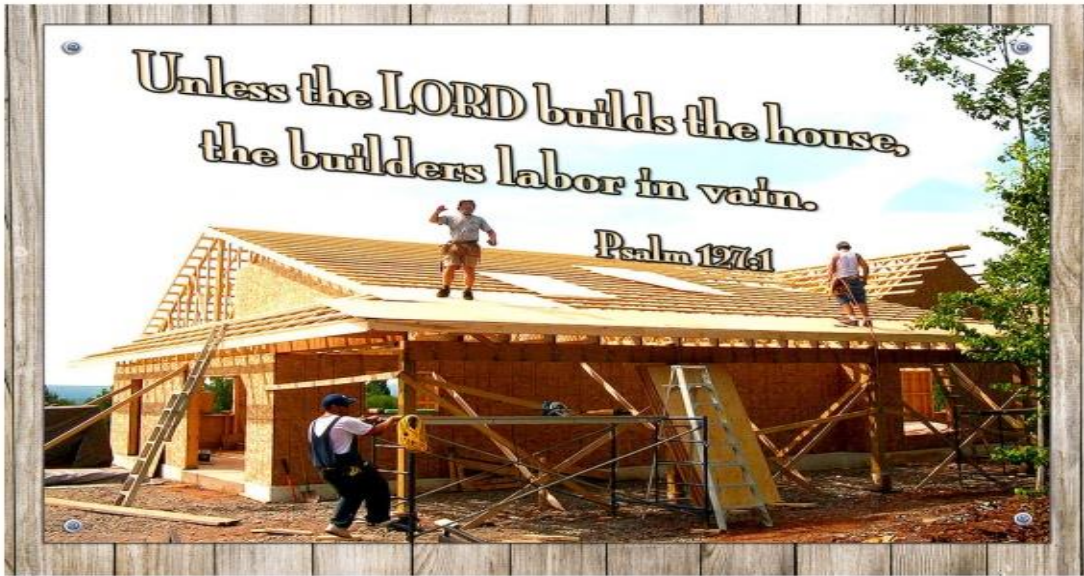


## The Poirier's Annual Mission Update

### Jan 2017



Dear friends in Christ:

The year 2016 is now complete and while it will long be remembered as a year of embittered politics and terrorism attacks here and abroad; for Naida and I, it was much quieter.

We started the year with high expectations of her mother coming to live with us and getting the church building and community outreach projects under way here in Jackson. God though in His infinite sovereignty it seems had other plans for us.

First as I noted last spring we moved into a rather large home with the anticipation of Naida's mom relocating from Puerto Rico to live with us due to health reasons. She did in fact come and stay with us for 8 weeks but missed her home and friends in PR too much. That combined with the huge increase in health care cost she would have paid here, (go Obamacare) she decided to move back home. Now Naida and I have a very large home for just the two of us, plenty of room for visitors hint. Naida's mom is managing back in PR with the help of her church family and a very thoughtful neighbor.

The church project was slowed while the members voted on a number of issues, including finances. They are moving forward, have secured the services of a local architect/engineer and could possibly break ground later this year, next at the latest.

The community outreach project did not materialize so Naida has, on her own, gone out and got a part time job at a community thrift store. She is doing many things similar to those she did with MS. Bea at the Mercy House distribution center in Lakeshore and is enjoying it very much.

They love her there especially her work ethic so much so they want her full time but because of her disabilities we have to limit her hours.

I have been staying busy this past year with college, projects around the house, the church (mowing and other small things) and odd jobs in the neighborhood. It seems the two previous owners of our house were the developments handyman and that distinction has past to me. In addition our realtor has gotten me some work on the side doing repairs to homes for sale.

There have been some highlights this past year; first the Briarwood Terrace Community Picnics held in April and Oct. These are bring a dish to share at a 3 hour neighborhood get-together of the folks in our development. The October one was held at our house and some 62 families came, heard a blessing of the meal and we also got to share a lot about church building, Christ and much more. I have been asked/tasked with building a sign for the entrance to the subdivision and three "little lending libraries" for the neighborhood.



(Spring 2016 Briarwood Terrace Gathering)



the Run for the Wall has evolved into a 3-day event featuring living history demonstrations of every American war from the French & Indian War to the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as various active military displays. If you want to experience American history up close and personal plan a trip to this amazing event. May 20-22 2017 Admission is free but they do charge for helicopter rides ☺

In May I was able to participate in an annual event here in Jackson MS called the Trail of Honor <https://www.trailofhonor.org/> . Myself and a group of CMA folks cooked breakfast each morning and provided coffee, prayer and fellowship to the participants and visitors. What began as a pit stop on







Speaking of “Run for the Wall”

<http://www.rftw.us/> I was able to participate in it for the first time this year and really enjoyed the camaraderie. As many of you know I am retired Army but pretty much severed all ties with the military for a number of reasons. This and the Trail of Honor made me realize it was never about the organization but about my fellow service members. Since then I have also become involve in “IGY6” which stand for “pause, take a breath and I got your six” a group dedicated to preventing the growing number of military suicides (active and ex-military)

Some 450+ bikes stopped on I-20 East Bound in MS for a photo op via a chopper



Next was a sad but familiar scene as I was called to serve in Denham Springs, Louisiana after the devastating floods in August. While the media coverage has waned I can assure you this was on a scale of Katrina just without the knock down force of the storm surge. The bright light in all this was getting to work and fellowship with Bro. Mitch Axsom and the folks of 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Clinton, LA again.

The final highlight was attending the Founding conference of the Reformed Baptist Network (RBNNet). Held in Taylor S.C. in November it was a great time of fellowship and meeting brothers and sisters in Christ ( some old and many new) who are missions driven to “Disciple the Nations.” You can find out more information at <https://www.reformedbaptistnetwork.com/> . If memory serves me (a fleeting thing as I grow older) 26 churches signed on as founding members. It is our desire and hope to become a Full or Associate member when they start adding missionaries/ministries this year.



I was able to make some great contacts and have begun setting up a revision to the ministry. We are calling it Faith Builders Ministry and you can find us on Face Book at <https://www.facebook.com/Faith-Builders-Ministry-125066171326958/>.



We have a threefold purpose:

1) Faith Builders primarily serves provides domestic missionary construction project management services to local churches. We work with and through the process of developing, planning and executing construction and or renovating buildings for small local congregation churches. We prefer to build traditional "church" buildings that both Glorify God and make the statement to the community here is a

place where God is worshiped.

2) Secondly we try and maintain a network of volunteers across the country (or anywhere else we can find them) that are willing to help out in these construction projects.

3) Lastly Faith Builders does do regular commercial and residential construction projects (time permitting) in the local community at a very reasonable fee in an ongoing effort to share the Gospel.

So far I have been working with a church in Clarkville, TN, one in Holland, MI and know of folks at the Tohono O'odham Nation Indian mission in Sells, AZ that are in need of repairs to the

mission building. There is also an ongoing need for help at the Wells of Hope Village in Uganda, Rebuild Lakeshore and we are still working on the Louisiana Flood Relief. All this can be found on our FB Page. I too will need some help this year as the roof of our house will need replacing, a project I have estimates for in the 15,000.00+ range, something we cannot afford.

Please check out our Face Book page, like the page and let us know if you have an upcoming project or are group that is able to volunteer. Eventually we will also have the information it up and running on our web site.

To those who support us financially and or with prayers we thank you. We could not make it without your help. It is our goal to glorify God in all we do, as fallen creatures; I especially at times fall short and covet your prayers. Please feel free to contact us at the numbers below.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Wisdom in shepherding these projects
- Volunteers to support the upcoming projects
- Finances for the ministry and building projects
- Naida's mom Fela's health
- Naida's health
- My health, I have not been able to be seen by the VA since moving to Jackson and the local Dr. they referred me to has been pretty much useless
- Perseverance in my college classes and guidance on whether to continue at Belhaven
- Opportunities to minister in the local Jails and Prisons, I have been contacted by Prison Fellowship about possibly joining their team
- Wisdom and guidance as I minister to two military support groups online
- Continue to pray for the incarcerated here and abroad
- Continued to pray for the persecuted church arounds the world
- Please pray for the U.S.A

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