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The BFC Editorial

Let us reflect back on how, despite the obvious difficulties, we can celebrate how God, through the Holy Spirit, has continued to move BFC forward. In this growth BFC has witnessed unparalleled Grace that has been extended by the Lord.

The Braman Foundation of Charities, full platform has been secured as the woman's facility has come on board. BFC was also able to continue its mission work throughout the African countries, its ministries in and has expanded into Sudan. In the area of our outreach in the inner cities of Albany and Schenectady, we have added several COGIC churches. This magazine, which is distributed not only to our subscribers, like yourself, but hundreds of our magazines are being distributed through many Price Chopper and Market 32 grocery stores. That distribution channel continues to grow.

Finally BFC has been able to really make inroads with its prison ministry, Behind the Walls. We continue to grow in our relationship with officials of Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

And so we celebrate, that in a year, despite the obvious setbacks, BFC has moved forward and answered the Lord's call to "Love Thy Neighbor", to visit those in prison and to carry the gospel to all the world. On this special occasion we say thank you, we celebrate your prayers, your well wishes and your financial support.

We celebrate our great God that has gone before us and opened doors regardless of what we see or hear in the natural. God in Joshua 1:9 has called us to be strong and courageous in all circumstances. And so as 2021 comes into full swing we celebrate you and others and thank God for all His provision as we lay at His feet our plans for 2021.

Enjoy this issue of Revive as we feature articles on Celebration as well as all our Latest News. Again, God Bless You, your family and extended gratitude for all you have done for us in 2020.

Faithfully yours,

BFC
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"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

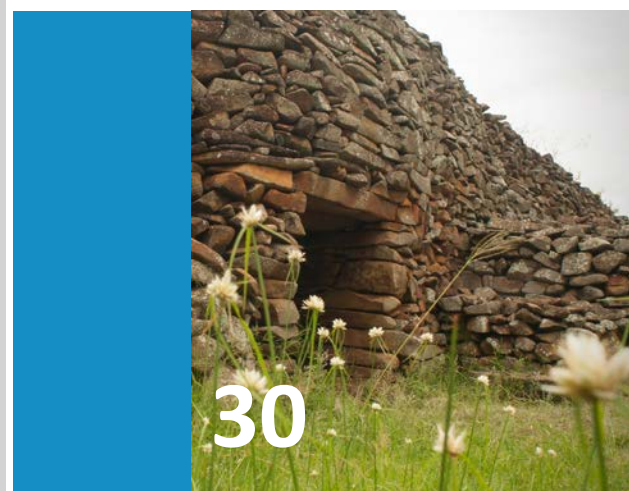
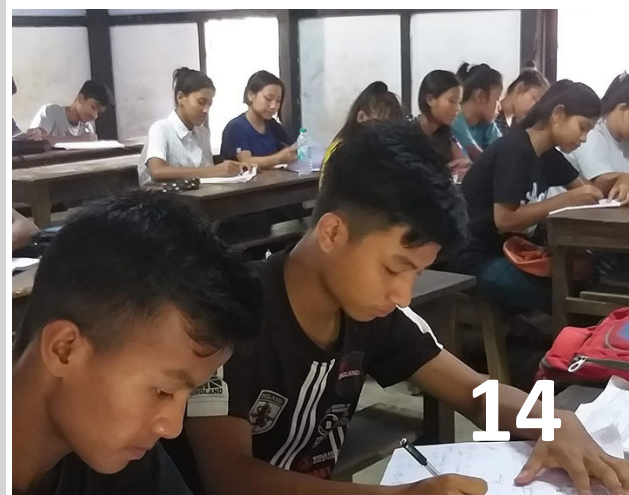
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Conference | September 23-25, 2020

Missions: Nairobi, Kenya

The Braman Foundation has begun work with 15 new churches in the Nairobi Region at Kenya. East African Liason, Mark Otieno is heading this up to serve the Lord. In cooperation with CEF (Christian Evangelical Fellowship) we have been working with these churches.

BFC in partnership with CEF conducted an introductory Sunday school teachers training in the Nairobi Metropolitan Area of Ngong. This was the first training within Ngong District and is projected to be the area of implementation for various BFC programs including Operation Blessing Bag.

The theme of the Seminar was “Evangelizing Children Effectively.” The objective of the seminar was to give teachers introductory skills and tools to enable them to evangelize children effectively.

The training was a success as the trainees expressed enthusiasm for the work of Christ in children ministry. It is our hope and prayer that they effectively implement the knowledge and tools to the benefit of children.

Pray for this work as we press into what the Lord wills for us.

The Elderly Care Program

Missions: Kenya

The Elderly Care Program continues to grow through the faithful labor of Jomo Otieno. BFC continues to support our friend, Jomo and his wife Sara as they, together with the Holy Spirit are serving the elderly in the Migori region of Kenya.



You may suffer without the “social net” that we take for granted here in the States. We, therefore, as a church body continue to press in to what we can do to “Love our neighbor”. This, too, is what Christ meant by “Love my people”. Pray that BFC expands this work in the name of Jesus.

“Celebration Time - Come on”

by Charmaine Long

Sound Familiar? “A dedication to last throughout the year; **It’s time to come together – it’s up to you**, what’s your pleasure?” Kool and The Gang 1980. Some of you may remember this song but, for others (too young) it is worth a listen as it can really lift your spirit up.

Speaking of Spirit; how do we lean into our faith to lift our spirit? How do we “celebrate” amid difficult times and sorrow? I am sure all of us can tap into a memory where there was great cause for celebration no matter how far you may need to go to find it. Recall the feelings you had, how your body felt, and the wave of joy that was palpable. You felt good all over. Nothing could steal this time from you. Although why and how we chose to celebrate something may be different for each person, the results are very similar. The euphoria we feel helps to tone down and put into perspective the balance of good and bad as we see it. Any celebration that gives glory and praise to the Lord can encourage renewed focus and joy in the Lord, if we allow it.

God’s faithfulness can be celebrated in many ways, but we must take the time to truly celebrate. Not just a quick “Thank you Lord” but a full out celebration that we can feel and gives us a memory that we can tap into and feel the joy again.

Throughout this 2020 season we might find it very difficult to find reasons to celebrate as the challenges and difficult times seem so overwhelming. But we could say, “What better time to celebrate than now?” It is so easy for difficult times to drag us down and create anxiety, especially when the season is long. Yet the season of “Thanks and Giving” and the birth of our Lord and savior are perfect times for us to lean into the Lord and give Him praise. This opportunity to step away from difficult times (even if just for a short time) helps us to regain a better balance of our situation, remember our blessings and maintain a sense of hope and belief in our heavenly Father.

To celebrate is also to bring joy to others and share our enthusiasm. Within this year there have been many demonstrations of people sharing their joy. It is through these demonstrations of joy during difficult times that others wonder how this is possible. How through challenges, sadness, and uncertainty can there be room and

ability to share joy? How is it possible to hold these two opposite and strong emotions at the same time and have joy be the successor? Glad you asked because the answer is; an opportunity to share one of our greatest joys; our faith in Jesus Christ. When we are in unity with the Lord and seeking to serve Him, we are given an inner peace that only He can give. An inner peace that is like no other, defies rationale and gives us the ability to place joy and challenge in perspective. We are not riddled with the angst that allow the despair of difficult and sad events to take us over. The angst that sets a dark cloud over us and does not part to let in any sunshine. A covering that squeezes out any joy there might be and actually prompts us to share the darkness with others. This is often what people expect to feel especially with multiple and prolonged times of difficulty.

So, imagine how people are caught off guard when they see a reaction of peace and often joy in people, they know are going difficult times! This appears so unnatural to them they feel compelled to share some doom and gloom with you just so you have the correct perspective and attitude about your current situation. But, yet again, they are met with responses that come only from the goodness of the Lord and the awareness of their blessings. Right about at this point, they become curious; could it be they have the wrong perspective? And BOOM, here is your opportunity to share the joy, love, and faithfulness of the Lord. Talk about a celebration! What better way to celebrate than to share the Lord and our blessings with others? Now, you do not need to bring out the marching bands and bullhorn (although if that is your style, go for it). Just to have them be in your light that shines through the dark clouds as you speak from your heart is a gift to them.

There are so many verses in the Bible that speak to this topic of celebration during difficult times. I find many of these verses sort of jumpstart my thoughts for times such as these. Here a few:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you.

Romans 8:28 And know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

Psalm 34:17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God

People who have faith in the Lord are often given the strength they need to give thanks and praise to Him despite the current set of difficult circumstances. Yet another cause for celebration and joy! So, no matter what your definition of celebration or how you demonstrate your joy, be sure to lean into the Lord with a mighty heart. A heart that is capable of joy in the storm. A heart that can share the inner peace that only the Lord can give you as you cope with your struggles.

As we begin to wrap up 2020, the year of uncertainty for sure, there are many good things for us to capture and share as memories that will be passed from generation to generation. Along with the memories there are a few words of wisdom we can pass on as well. You will each have your own faith filled messages to share. A couple that have resonated with me are:

- We save ourselves by saving others. In times of crisis it is best to reach out to those in need and be thankful that we can help.
- An important outcome of a crisis is NOT to come out of it the same. We are given the opportunity to renew and refresh through the adversity. We should not be so quick to try and regain what was familiar but to reflect and see what may need to be changed.
- No one comes out of a crisis alone; we need each other. This is one of the strongest messages that we hear from the Lord, "To Love One Another" not just in crisis but all the time.

I pray you are able to find joy and celebrate the Lord's blessings and faithfulness as this year draws to a close. I ask the Lord to give you the true peace that comes only from Him. May you lean in more, serve others, share the Lord's word and feel His love and light each and every day.



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see on bramanfoundation.org

BFC Statement of Purpose

Our mission is carried through the direction of God's grace. We have tried to abandon our ego-self and allow God to work through us. In the Gospel of St. Matthew 25:36, "I was in prison and You came to me," really has called us to this ministry. Millions of persons today continue to suffer addictive behavior, depressed moods and behavioral problems which lead to destructive lifestyles. Our sole purpose is to provide an avenue in which God can use us through these principles to raise others from their myriad of difficulty.

Let us always remember that we are children of one God regardless of gender, race or creed, and that God does and will express in and through us all. Christ is our example. May we come to understand His divine love.



Conference | November 11-13, 2020

Missions: South Sudan

We celebrate how God is on the move in one of the most unstable regions of the world, South Sudan. BFC hosted a CEF CONFERENCE IN Juba at the Aron Hotel on November 11 -13th. Juba is one of our favorite spots, and where BFC has put much of its focus.

We celebrate our friend and staff member Elijah Chol as he has provided so much help in organizing our efforts in Juba.

Celebrate their faithful teachers, as despite very oppressive conditions, participated in our November conference.

We have begun praying that BFC is able to secure a conference center.





About Elijah

Elijah was born in 1972 and his parents were pagans. He did not know about Jesus Christ and even never heard about Him until they died without Jesus. In 1983, he joined the movement called Sudan People's Liberation Movement and Army (SPLM/A) which was lead by Dr. John Garang De Mabior and he began training as soldier and served for eight years in the army. Upon leaving the Army in 1992, he went to Kakuma refugee camp in North Kenya as the refugee. During this time he studied for primary school and attended a seminary at Kakuma Baptist Mission for five days and from there he gave his life to Jesus Christ. In 1996, Elijah was baptized and joined Theological Education by Extensions (TEE). Soon after he attended Kenya Baptist Theological College for four years and ordained as a pastor in 2003. Elijah is married to his wife Rose Joshua Chen and they have three children, one girl and two boys, Immanuel Riak, Grace Riak and Sunday Riak.

Please pray for BFC as future plans of planting a conference and worship center in Juba. This would be our first conference center. We feel led through the presence of the Holy Spirit to move forward in this area. More than any other country we have traveled to South Sudan.

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Conference | December 7-9

Missions: Sudan

We celebrate the Lord's grace as He has allowed BFC to expand its footprint in Khartoum, Sudan. Despite the obvious difficulties of 2020, we have been able to travel to Sudan to begin our work with 8 new churches. Here are some pictures from our conference that was held December 7-9 in the country's capital of Khartoum.

We have sought the Lord in expanding the work. Here we will move forward with CEF conferences, additional Biblical trainers and hopefully a conference center in due time.

From this point we are hoping to work in to Mali, Libya, Egypt and several other countries.



Mission Update

Missions: Uganda

Currently, we are planning for a CEF seminar in Uganda. There is not a date set but we are tentatively looking at having this seminar take place during the first quarter of 2021.

This date will depend on the general elections in Uganda which take place in January. There is already widespread violence and we pray that the outcome be peaceful.

We have stayed in communication with the team at CEF, Pastor John and the Enro Hotel to set the budget early enough for planning.



Mark Otieno

Mark specializes in implementing community programs and telling community impact stories to help the most vulnerable overcome extreme poverty and experience the fullness of life as Christ envisioned. His Christian faith inspires him to protect and empower the most vulnerable, not only through community development, but also showing them the way of Jesus Christ.

Celebrate

by Maggi Roscoe

Hello my friends and future friends! Do you like to celebrate? I sure do! What types of events do YOU like to celebrate? Well, I can name several occasions that I truly enjoy getting all worked up over!

Right now, we are in the "season" of multiple traditional celebrations, however not everyone is "feeling" it, right? Fall Festivals, Thanksgiving, almost Christmas, heading into the New Year, 2021!!! WOW!!! And that's only November's plans and dreams and expectations.

Do you have children and or grandchildren that go all out in sports? I do! Root, root, root for the home team! Do any of your family members engage in the arts? Dance, music drama? Let's go to the show!!!

And just when you thought you could NOT celebrate one more thing, here come the school programs. Here comes the need for food baskets. Here come the kid's fundraisers or the church outreaches!!! And let's not forget the weddings and birthdays, right!

Let's stay focused on the true emphasis as to why we CELEBRATE!

C- Christ died for me while I was yet a sinner

E- Everlasting life is mine when I receive Jesus as my Savior

L- Love your neighbor every day- don't save it up for a "holiday"

E- Enjoy your family and friends, because the joy of the Lord is my strength!

B- Bring that JOY with you everywhere you go!

R- Relax...stop stressing. Be anxious for nothing says the Lord.

A - Attend those functions that are meaningful.

T - Trust that God is in charge and wants you to be happy, He has a hope for your future!

E - Excel in the CELEBRATION of life!

My prayers are for everyone and anyone who reads this article that you will know that people DO care! God cares! We at BFC are here for you. Prayers are lifted daily for you. CELEBRATE this time of year like never before with cheering and shouting and songs of praise for the ONE who is worthy.



Homeland
NATURAL PRODUCTS

**INSPIRED BY OUR BELIEF TO
"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"**

In keeping with the prominent BFC mission statement to "Love thy neighbor," our products do just that. Our herbs, essential oils, cleansing products, and incense help in a subtle nature with your relationship with the Holy Spirit. Both herbs and essential oils help to restore you to a healthy mind and body. Incense and daily prayer can enhance your devotions and purpose driven life.

100% of Homeland's profits are used to support the Braman Foundation programs. We, at BFC, are very grateful for your support.

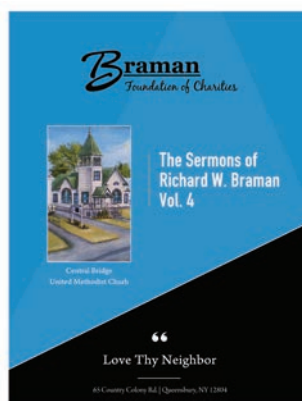
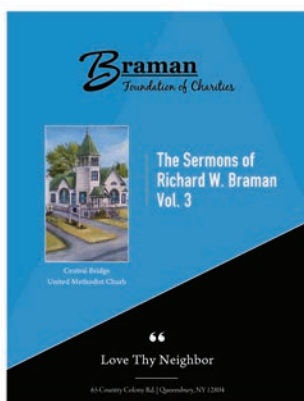
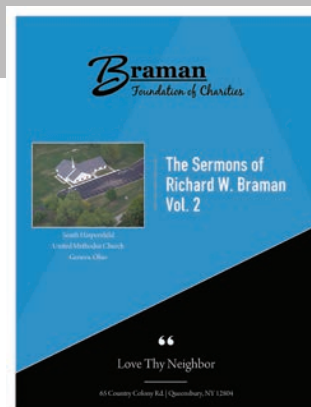
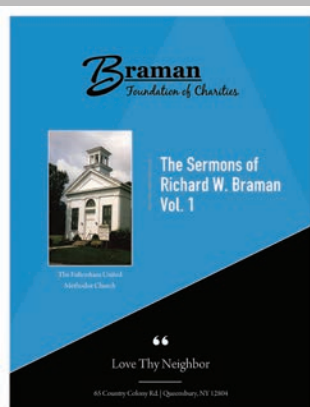
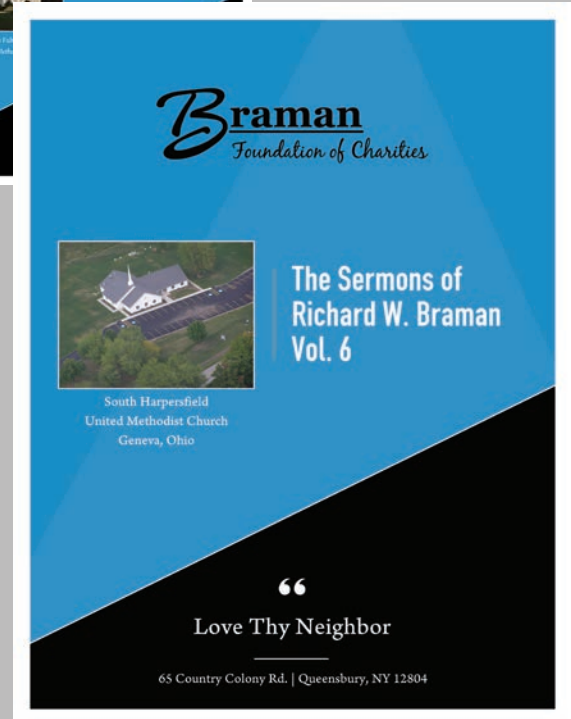
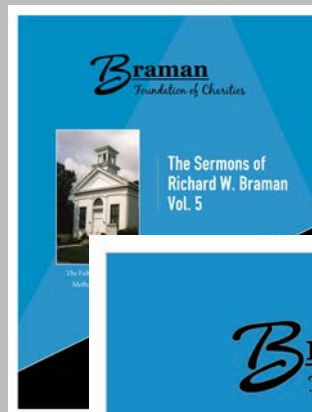
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The Sermons of Richard W. Braman Soon to be featuring Vol. 6

As you read these sermons may the Holy Spirit continue to guide your path and may the Grace of our Lord continue to bless your life and your families' lives. If you have never had the experience of realizing Jesus as your personal Savior just ask him to come in your heart and He will. These can be read on our website.

Shout out to the BFC team for helping put this new book of sermons together.

We celebrate the work of Sandra Torrant, a BFC Board Member whose labor in transcribing the RWB Sermons.



About Sandra

Sandra Torrant is a member of the Kirk of Kildaire, a Presbyterian Church, USA, in Cary, NC. where she serves in its Stephen Ministry—a lay care-giving ministry that supplements pastoral care. She is a past elder and educator in the Reformed Church of America. As a lifelong Christian, she is always looking for ways to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Asapalli Update

Missions: India



A letter from Charlies Rymbai

It's my prayer always for God's protection. I fully lean on Him for wisdom and guidance to uphold me to carry on His work and mission. Days are filled with challenges at this time we are experiencing many challenges. Keep us in your prayer.

We are not able to pay the teachers and staff salary for the past several months reason being many parents are unable to pay their children fee since last January 2020 till date due to Covid-19 which affected most of them. The Govt. of India is now putting pressure upon Missions by introducing new Laws to suppress the work of the Mission. A few years back we were being harassed by the Government just because of the name Christian and now regarding the FCRA, I need to approach the Government authority.

The school ongoing projects need to be completed which at this moment the works is stopped due to financial crunch. Information regarding the sponsorship children:

1. **Miss Lalthisen Mangthang** completed her Board Examinations this year very well. She secured 1st Division she got admitted to a nearby college. She is attending her regular classes. She is at present doing well continue to uphold her in your prayers.
2. **Mr. Jowel Pohshna** is now in IX Standard. He will be appearing his Board Exam in 2022. Currently, he is with us in the Hostel continuing his regular offline classes. He will be writing his exam in the month of February 2021. He is doing good by God's grace.
3. **Mr. Latjanthai Rongmei** is now in X Standard, he will be appearing for his Board exams in March 2021. Currently, he is now with us continuing regular offline classes. Health-wise he is doing well.
4. **Ms. Florysha Rongpharpi** is in X standard. She is doing good and will be appearing for her Board Examination in March 2021. Currently, she is here continuing her regular offline classes.
5. **Ms. Sona Baglari and Ms. Jenny Baglari** both are of KG-I Standard, these two little girls were assured by Mr. Peter for sponsorship and they really need it because there is no support from the parent. They came all the way from Mumbai around 3,055 km from Asapalli with the hope of receiving help and support for their education. They have been here with us from the beginning of this year and all throughout the lockdown. There has been no response in their regards from Mr. Peter neither from the parents. They are like orphans with no to support and one care for them. We are all they have now as their parent and family here in Asapalli. Kindly convey the urgency of need to help these two little girls. It would be a great blessing to them.

The following students too are doing well but are still back home since the lockdown started and have not returned yet but are coming back soon to attend their regular classes: **Mr. Gaisinthui Gonmei** of III Standard, **Ms. Happy Lamin** of IV Standard, **Mr. Jessy Barman** of V Standard, **Mr. Rahul Shadap** of VI Standard, **Mr. Sarson Hanse** of VI Standard, **Ms. Sharon Gonmei** of IX Standard

Request you to kindly pass on the message to the sponsors on behalf of those children. I will definitely encourage the children to write themselves to the donors whenever they are free. Right now their classes are in full swing after a gap of many months. We are working on sending messages from the children directly to them and even artworks or photographs of the children.

The positive cases of Covid-19 here in our country is also increasing every day. We commit everything in the Lord's hand. It's our prayer to God to grant each of you good health. May he continue to keep you blessed physically, mentally and spiritually. May the good Lord fill your home and each member of the family with good health and joy as you celebrate and observe "THANKSGIVING DAY". We unite with you in Thanking God for all what he has done for us, whatever the situation may be God is good and He will surely help us overcome every difficult situation.

I always thank my God for you because of His Grace given in you through Christ Jesus. May He continue to use you to touch the souls that are unknown and unreached. May His name be glorified through you.

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col 3:16-17

Child Sponsorship Program

Asapalli

Every contribution makes a difference to lives of the children of the Asapalli Christian School & Hostel. Prayerfully consider how you can support the Mission of Asapalli. Your contribution of \$30 per month will allow a student to attend The Asapalli School and Hostel. Donations may also be given annually at \$360 per year. Your generous gift may be made through our website or by mail at P.O. Box 4743, Queensbury, NY 12804.



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Florisha Rongpharphi
 Class: VIII
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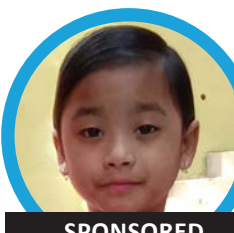
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India Alliance Church

Missions: India

Like so many others, it is very difficult time for our friends in Gujarat, India. As far as community is concerned, they are totally detached from their regular fellowship. No doubt online fellowships are there but most people find themselves depressing due to lockdown.

Recently they have noticed an increase in mental issues and social problems, where three of their young people committed suicide.

Most churches continue to be closed. In the coming month, limited people could access to the fellowship.

Indian economy is lowest in its current scenario. Many people are losing jobs due to Covid and we have witnessed those who worked especially on daily wages, labor jobs and even good earning business owners are going complete shut down. We also witnessing a subtle downgrade of ministerial finance due to lack of monetary support. They are also facing financial lack of money for their children's educations.



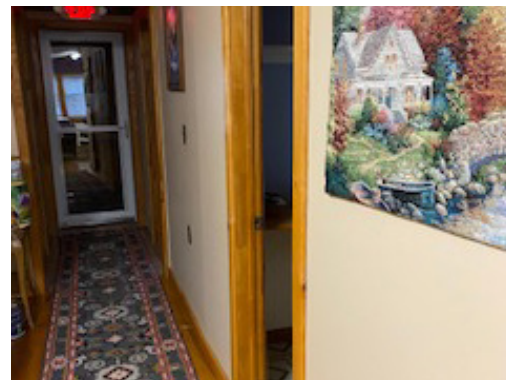
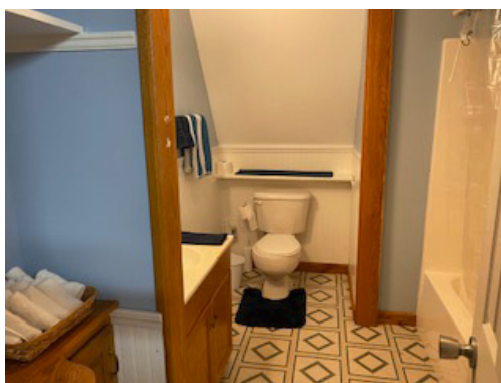
Operation Blessing Bag

Dear Friends,

Braman Foundation of Charities wants to know... are you in need? Do you know of someone in need? Do you have an outreach ministry in your church? Have you had a desire to become more involved in your community? Among other outreaches we have a program entitled "OPERATION BLESSING BAG". Various personal hygiene items as well as other personal necessities are provided in these durable, reusable and waterproof back packs. We have had the privilege to hand out through local and international churches hundreds of these wonderful bags. Shampoo, deodorant toothbrush, socks, protein bar are just a few of the items we provide at no cost to you or your church. We simply ask that you pray and go love your neighbor. Please e-mail for your orders and we will work with you on a plan of achievement. These Blessing Bags WILL bless the recipient whether homeless or just less fortunate. They make a great Evangelism tool as well!

We at BFC look forward to hearing from you and sharing testimonies of how God is working in your life as you love your neighbor by blessing others.

Sincerely, Maggi Roscoe



Community Programs

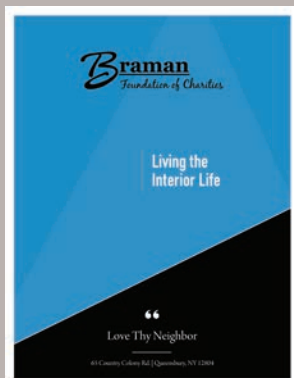
Women's Ministry

We celebrate 2020 as BFC was able to purchase property in Queensbury, NY. This acquisition has allowed us through God's grace to complete our trio footprint of Missions, Community Programs and Corrections / Prison work.

BFC, just a few years ago, decided to shift its focus to helping women in this area of its ministry. Studying the situation, revealed that the growth of homelessness, addiction and mental illness was especially on the rise in the United States especially in the female population. BFC has purchased property to create a women's shelter and retreat center. We have also expanded our offices.

Currently, we offer 4 beds and we are remodeling other buildings to be able to accommodate 8 more women.

BIHL Curriculum

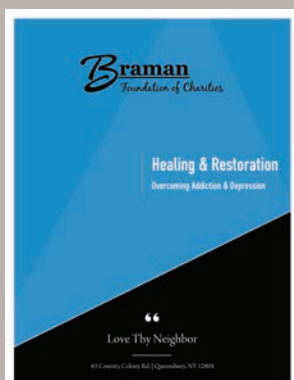


Living the Interior Life

BFC programs will also be utilized to work with women's issues stemming from abortion, depression, substance abuse, and domestic violence. The program, Living the Interior Life will be used. Other programs will be announced as we move forward in serving together.

What is Discipleship?

A disciple is a follower of Jesus. He has committed to Christ, walking Christ's way, living Christ life and to sharing Christ's love, suffering and truth with others.



Healing & Restoration

Millions of us suffer needlessly from addiction and depression. The reasons for this are many. In this program we emphasize the 12 Step Method of Recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Meditation techniques to overcome difficulties. We also rely on God's grace to help you be lifted from your dilemma.

Overcoming the Effects of Materialism

In this program we look how materialism in America has effected our lives, our finances, and how it has separated us from God. We explore the effects of pride, the idea of Covenanting our Neighbor and several other debilitating consequences of materialism in America.





New Dining Hall

We are grateful for Kevin Manard Construction and his crews work on the new dining room at BFC. This completed project will enable women to be able to dine together at the Queensbury Facility.

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Women's Conference

October 10, 2020

On October 10th, BFC hosted an all day event to celebrate the launch of its women's ministry. We thank all of the women who participated, hosted, and led worship.



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A letter from Patsy Doyle

As God began my journey at Braman Foundation of Charities, I prayer walked the property with the Lord. We were calling forth and speaking forth decrees for Braman Foundation of Charities, the Women's Facility and Gladys Braman. How very gracious and powerful is the Holy Spirit as we call upon the name of Jesus Christ to fulfill His promises.

I came to Queensbury, NY from South Royalton, VT at the end of July 2020 to care for Gladys Braman, my former mother-in-law. Braman Foundation of Charities has been on my prayer list for many years along with their various missions. God put on my heart to pray for Asapalli, their schools, VBS and God's plan & provision for them through Braman Foundation of Charities. Kenya, Sudan, Uganda retreats and conferences sponsored by Braman Foundation of Charities have been in or prayers especially for God to multiply & increase Kingdom business.

Now that I'm here on the property at Braman Foundation of Charities there are more prayers for the women who serve and the women to come as guests.

Pastors, Rabbis, teachers and the like have taught me, ministered to me and sent me out. God has asked me to be a prayer warrior as well as a worshiper & dancer for the Lord, before the Lord and of the Lord.

Holy Spirit you are welcome here. I love speaking with the Lord. I long to hear more of His words for Braman Foundation of Charities as well as myself to strengthen and protect & to experience the Joy of the Lord.

Officially I have taken over the various prayer requests that come to Braman Foundation of Charities. There is a link on the website, bramanfoundation.org; there are paper prayer request forms at our conferences; and many prayer requests come directly to Peter Braman's phone/ I also add any requests made by friends or family. At best monthly we send out prayer points from our three platforms: missions, community programs, prison/correctional facilities. Plus after every conference we send out participants' request.

Lastly, I try to send out immediately any requests made by individuals either to me, Peter or family members directly. Our prayer partners are committed friends and/or family prayer warriors. In the book of James it tells us that the prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

For prayer, contact:

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Celebration

by Laurel Osborne

This time of year our thoughts turn to memories of years gone by. Thanksgiving and Christmas typically are times when we get together with family and friends and reflect on the goodness of life. I wonder how many conversations around the table will be ones of celebration.

If asked “What do you have to celebrate this year 2020,” the response would probably go something like this. “Are you kidding, this has been the worst year ever.” Pandemic, job loss, remote learning caused by school shutdowns, face masks, and the list would go on and on. But wait, holidays are supposed to be festive, happy and celebratory.

Not so much, one would say. Not this year. Hold on! Let’s look at the times in our lives when we celebrated but didn’t know it or were unaware of it. In spite of all the adversity of 2020, we who call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ have much to celebrate. Let’s look at the times in our lives that have been overlooked as the norm.

If you are reading this article, it means you woke up today. What a gift! Another day of life. Never take opening your eyes for granted because not everyone will. Let’s not waste a moment with negative thoughts or speech. Each day is a gift to be used to serve and glorify Jesus. Our smallest acts of love to one another are never overlooked by God. “When you do the least unto my brother or sister, you do unto me.” Matt. 25:40. More of You Lord, less of me. Now that is a celebration. There is no doubt many are struggling in the midst of the uncertainty in our world right now. Yet, in spite of all the negativity this year, our minds need to be focused on things above, enabling us to remain joyful.

“For my God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.” 2Tim. 1 :7.

Let’s go back to the beginning to see what we do have to celebrate.

Faith

“For God so loved the world that He sent his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall have eternal life” John 3:16

A Baby Is Born

Who would believe that a young girl would give birth to the King of Kings in a stable in Bethlehem? Those humble beginnings could never prepare the world for His ultimate act of love. Giving up a godly realm for a stable???

JESUS IS THE GIFT. A lesson in humility to behold all the

days of our lives is to humble ourselves and embrace the Christ child as Lord, accepting the truth that so often is overlooked among the merriment of Christmas. Never let the sparkle of decorations outshine the light of Christ. Jesus is the reason for Christmas. Now that’s a celebration!

As children of God, we have the promise of eternity in heaven. It is hard to fathom the unconditional love of God for most of us grew up with conditions. Harder yet the King of Kings and Lord of Lords gave His life for our sins. We should have been on that cross, not Jesus. That is true love. When the cross becomes personal, you will no longer put conditions on your love for others. More of You Lord, less of me. This is something to celebrate.

Family (God’s school of Learning)

What can we say? I believe families are a gift. Grandparents, parents, spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are to lead by example and the greatest example is to love unconditionally. As children of God we are to follow the example of Christ. Not all families are created equal. Each of us knows one family that we perceive as perfect. Loving each other in spite of our differences is the key. Our families are used by God to teach us things about ourselves. Our heavenly Father loves us in spite of our human frailties. Let’s embrace the beauty of those we love in spite of our differences. Children and grandchildren will bring joy when we accept them as individuals made by God and allowed to be called ours. Let’s love more with no strings attached for pure love brings joy. More of You Lord, less of me. That’s a celebration.

Friends - Old, new, tried and true.

True friends know everything about us (the good and the bad) but choose to love us anyway. Old friends are those who have walked through life with us in happy, sad, and troubled times, but never left. We may not see each other often, but when we do, it is like we saw them yesterday. No formalities are needed, just genuine love, one for another. What a gift!

New friends are answered prayer. We recently relocated about two years ago. The house next door was vacant and I prayed that God would send a christian that we could relate to. One and a half years later our new neighbor moved in. One day outside I saw this woman and said “Hi, welcome to the neighborhood.” We met in the middle of the lawn and exchanged names and when I looked into her face, the Christ in me saw the Christ in her. We hugged and that began a friendship centered in Christ. What a joy?

God has blessed me with people who challenge me to uwalk the walk and not talk the walk.” Friends to share our deepest thoughts, and being of like mind, we have no need to explain ourselves. They know. Opportunities to serve the Lord in new ways because I cannot walk into my destiny as long as I live in my past. Friends who see more in us than we do ourselves. Those who encourage us to be all that we are called to be and gifted by God, not jealous or envious of our walk but choose to take our hand and walk together. That is a real friend! What a gift this is, a Celebration.

The Ultimate Celebration

There is a song “I CAN ONLY IMAGINE” that says it all. The day we leave this world will be the best day of our lives, looking into the face of the one that we have loved. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE. To leave this earth is nothing to be feared if we have followed Jesus and lived our lives, glorifying Him and not us. That day will be unimaginable. To see those we love and have gone before us. What a reunion. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE. To spend eternity in the light that never extinguishes. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE. To stand before the throne of God, to see colors we never saw before, to see streets of gold. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE. To look into the face of Jesus and have Him say, “well done my good and faithful servant. I have prepared a place for you.” I CAN ONLY IMAGINE.

About Laurel Osborne

I am a child of God who has been allowed the privilege of being in Christian ministry for over 40 years. These times have included teaching, preaching, leading women’s retreats and seeing people’s lives changed. God has blessed me to be married to my high school sweetheart of 50 years and has given us a son, daughter, daughter-in-law and two precious grandchildren.



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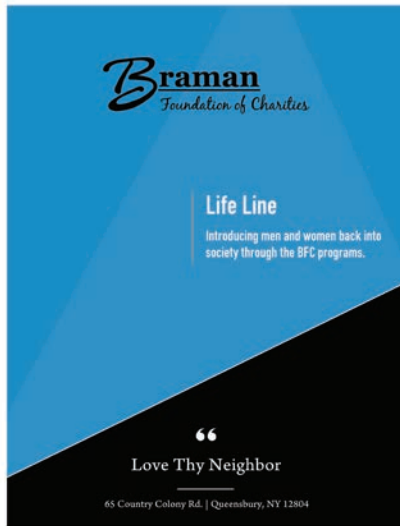
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BFC Corrections / Prison Behind the Walls Program

“... I was in prison and you came to visit me.”
Matthew 25:36

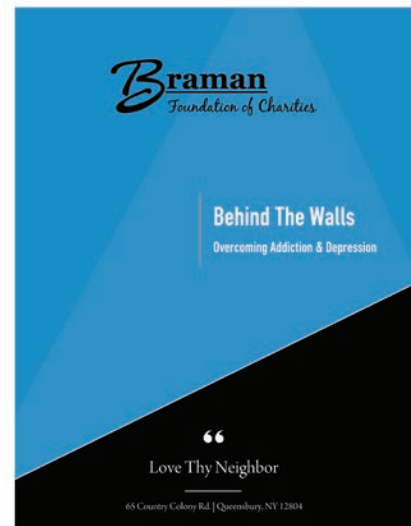


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An inmate's most vulnerable time, whether they know this or not, is when they are released from incarceration. Months and years, depending on one's sentencing of forced incarceration, are now dissolved. An individual is now "FREE", or at least they may think they are free; however, New York state statistics show that out of approximately every 100 inmates that are released, 78 come back into the prison system in some form. What can be done for the individual who wishes to change? The individual must truly have a change of heart. We can extend our hand and help with that change of heart.

Behind the Walls

In 1985, Braman began to witness his recovery from addiction in the New York State Correctional Facilities. Braman has presented programs since that time in many facilities including: Greenhaven, Fishkill, Downstate, Summit, and several local and county jails. It is a thorough program using the 12 step method of recovery, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Meditation techniques as well as a program for dealing with violent behavior. In addition, our program helps to provide clarification concerning the negative learned behavior that is unfortunately associated with some families.



These are trifold materials that are used in the program of Behind the Walls.



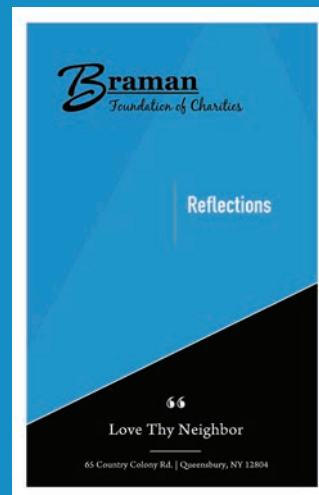
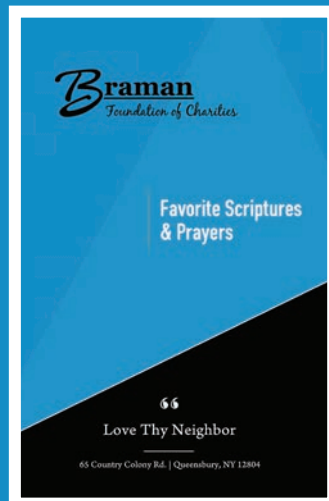
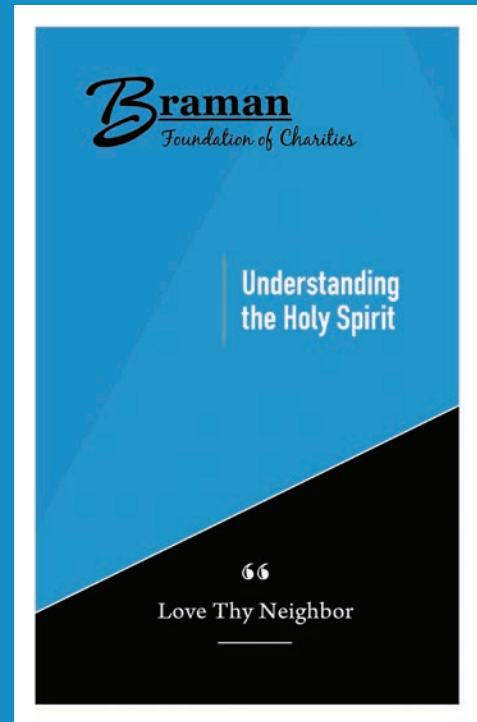
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- Matt 6:33

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Prayer Requests

2021 Prayer Points

- Pray for the Woman's Ministry
- Pray that COVID-19 ends and BFC is able to get back into the Correction Facilities
- Pray for our growth through the African countries of Sudan, Libya, Chad and Egypt
- Please pray for the church that it becomes more effective for the Kingdom of God
- Pray that BFC completes the Queensbury construction projects

By requesting prayer, others have committed to pray with you, and God has already heard your prayer. When submitting a prayer please only use first names, DO NOT give last names or other identifying information.

Submitting your request is easy!

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2. Email your prayer request to pray@bramanfoundation.org
3. Submit your prayer request online at bramanfoundation.org/prayer-line



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“And whatever you do in words and deeds do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks and a grateful heart to God”

Colossians 6:17

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BFC Thanksgiving Greetings

Thanksgiving
2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

It is 2 Corinthians 8:9 where we think about what our definition of the word rich is. Surely our Lord did not not give His life so we might be rich in material blessings or even rich in safety or security. The Lord our God did not live a rich life of safety and security as He continuously placed himself in harms way to do the work of His heavenly Father. Jesus was thankful for the little, knowing that His true riches would be with His Father in heaven. If you count your riches by who and how many love you it will still fall short of the riches from our heavenly Father. As Jesus traveled and spoke the word of Christ he was hated and feared.
Thankful to the Lord for His sacrifice

Thankful:
Thankful the Lord does not give us what we deserve! He does however give us everything we need. When we live in the knowledge of need we acknowledge all the Lord has given us and we are: **Thankful**

Gratitude:
Gratitude is an act of faith - especially in the midst of life's challenges. Thank the Lord regardless of our circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
God's love is there always, even when we cannot feel it and He promises never to leave us. As we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will given to you as well. **Mathew 6: 31-33.**

Thankfulness Leads to Witnessing Psalm 9:1
I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. When you cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, it will spill over into your relationships. When others see you credit God for His love in difficult situations/circumstances, they will begin to wonder why?
You need not even speak the words of praise and thanksgiving - you need only to be an example of Christ at work in your life. To be a living example of kindness, love, and forgiveness as a Christ like life.

Philippians 4:6-7
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving** presents your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

An Inspirational Quotation
"And whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"
Colossians 3:17

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