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Edgefield Baptist Association

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Making History with His Story

Contributions to the Edgefield Baptist Association Missions Offering (EBAMO) are designated for the Ewaso Ngiro Mission.

You may contribute individually or through your church.

## God's Hand at Work – Water for Ewaso Ngiro Update

Though this mission has been delayed from My original goal, God has once again shown me that He controls the time and methods of accomplishing His works. First our delay seemed to be raising funds, next the Covid-19 virus, but now God has revealed His reason for our delay. We had placed a limit on the outcome of this mission, in that we were praying and seeking funds to drill one well and build one church.



Water must be transported daily to homes. Many times, it is unsafe to drink and scarce.

God has provided a way to expand this mission to a level that only He knows the magnitude of those that can be quenched of a physical thirst as well as a spiritual thirst. I have the opportunity to purchase an all-inclusive well drill that is human powered. The all-inclusive cost will be \$32,000 which is \$7,000 more than originally needed. This cost will include the completion of the well near the village of Ewaso Ngiro where we have already obtained an acre of land for the church and well. A hydrology study is under way as I type this update. Should this report be favorable we will have the location for the well pinpointed. Should the report be unfavorable we simply move our acre one way or the other, owner is very flexible.

I originally planned to go to Kenya in October to be there as the well driller bore the well. With this new opportunity I now plan to go for the month of February 2021 when I will be there as our equipment arrives in Mombasa, Kenya. I will undergo, along with two other people, approximately 10 days of training for the equipment which includes boring our first well on the church property.

Now for the blessings that God has shown us. This purchase and first well has elevated our cost, but the equipment will be ours. This opens the door for water to be furnished to many villages at a cost of approximately \$2500 - big difference from a cost of \$25,000. This does not include the cost of a church building which is typically around \$7000 but God will provide. This also means that mission teams from your church or organization can travel to Kenya at a minimal cost and actually work with a village to install a well, minister to the villagers and receive a blessing as you allow God to use you in this mission field. To God be the glory for it all.

I have saved the best for last. The land for this first well is in a remote area about 3 miles from Ewaso Ngiro. There are about 200 homes in this area all of which struggle daily with having to transport water long distances. BUT God is at work, we have a pastor and 25 new Christians already and they are meeting regularly under a tree. God is good and we see His hand at work. Now I understand God's delays and I look forward to His complete guidance as we move forward.

Please continue to pray for this mission, pray the God meets the daily need for this village, pray that young children's lives can be saved from early death due to water borne diseases, pray that funds can be raised quickly so that work can physically begin, pray that your church can donate and participate in the international mission and pray that souls are saved. You may also begin to pray about making a visit to participate in this mission in the future.

I hope to complete a video about this mission and the well drilling equipment very soon and as always, I am available to come to your church and/or organization to share this mission with you. We have raised approximately \$15,000 with money on hand and spoken commitments. Thank you all for your support and may God bless each of you.

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**Office Closed**  
**Monday, September 7**

**Scheduled meetings at  
the Association Office:**

**Prayer Team**  
Wednesday, August 5  
9:30 A.M.

**Newsletter Folding**  
Wednesday, August 26  
9 A.M.

September 13-20  
Season of Prayer for State  
Missions, Missions  
Education and Kingdom  
ADVANCE in  
South Carolina and  
Janie Chapman Offering

## 2020 Christmas Backpacks

Share the gift of *love* and the *gospel*  
with a child in need this *Christmas*.

**Due to EBA by October 7**  
**GOAL: 50**

Completed backpacks should be packed and labeled following the directions provided.

### Items to include in all backpacks:

**3 WINTER ACCESSORIES**-such as hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks

**3 SMALL POP TOP CANS OF FOOD**-such as Vienna sausage, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, fruit

**3 OTHER SMALL FOOD ITEMS**-such as wrapped hard candy, fruit snacks, breakfast bars, gum (no chocolate, no peanut products)

### Also include for Younger Children (3-10)

**HYGEINE ITEMS**-Place the following in Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, washcloth

**3 FUN ITEMS**-such as fleece blankets, stuffed animals, doll, hair accessories, cars, crayons and coloring books, craft sets, puzzles, flash cards, card games like Old Maid or Go Fish

### Also include for Older Children (11-17)

**HYGEINE ITEMS**-Place the following items in a Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, washcloth, deodorant

**3 FUN ITEMS**-such as make-up, jewelry, fleece blankets, balls, thermos, flashlights, craft sets drawing items, markers, colored pencils, adult coloring books, Sudoku, Word Finds, hunting magazines, card games like UNO

**Tie two 10" ribbons securely** to the backpack to indicate both gender and age of recipient:

Ribbon 1: Blue for boy; Pink for girl  
Ribbon 2: Purple for ages 3-5; Yellow for ages 6-8; Green for ages 9-10; Red for ages 11-13; White for ages 15-17

Please prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love.

A ministry project of Edgefield Baptist Association WMU. If you need more information or have questions, please contact Susan Keck at 803-637-3906 or 803-480-1852.

## Special Days August

### Birthdays

01 Lance Thomas.....Republican  
02 Jerry Garvin..... Gilgal  
08 Rob Cohen.....Red Hill  
11 Robert Patton..... Modoc  
12 Eric Bruton.....Big Stevens Creek  
23 Janet Myers.....Big Stevens Creek  
26 Trish Huffman....Mountain Creek  
28 Richard Nichols.....Providence  
30 Tonya Thomas.....Republican

### Wedding Anniversaries

04 Tim & Gloria Shull.....EBA  
08 Skip & Janet Myers.....Big Stevens  
Creek  
10 Paul & Bobbi Noe.....Sweetwater  
13 Rob & Ann Cohen.....Red Hill  
13 Jon & Tammy Nichols ... Republican  
13 Jackie & Domer Ridings.....EBA  
15 David & Beth Lyda.....Little Stevens  
Creek  
29 Richard & Cindy Nichols. Providence

### Pastoral Anniversaries

Larry Ford.....Ebenezer  
August 19, 2007

## Church News/Events

**Berea:** The church called Rev. Charles Bodie as Interim Pastor on July 19. He and his wife, Joye, live in Ward. Revival services are August 24-26 at 7 P.M.

**Edgefield First:** Praise and worship on August 9 at 6 P.M. outside at home of Rev. Travis Brian.

**Little Stevens Creek:** Revival services are August 10-12 with Rev. Trent Henson at 7:30 P.M.

**Parkville:** Revival services are August 10-12 with music at 6:45 P.M. and preaching by Rev. Tim Shull at 7 P.M.

**Republican:** Revival services are August 4-6 at 7 P.M. with Rev. Joe Youngblood.

## Financial Report May & June 2020

Church Contributions	MTD May	MTD June	YTD
Antioch	0.00	0.00	1564.09
Berea	150.00	75.00	525.00
Big Stevens Creek	300.00	600.00	2100.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Edgefield First	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Bethany	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gilgal	0.00	0.00	2000.00
Little Stevens Creek	0.00	1250.00	1250.00
Modoc	0.00	0.00	377.32
Mountain Creek	144.00	126.00	590.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00	200.00
Parksville	917.00	507.15	4301.97
Peace Haven	0.00	0.00	718.46
Plum Branch	0.00	743.96	2194.49
Providence	0.00	575.00	1725.00
Red Hill	0.00	0.00	2026.82
Red Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	2700.00
Rehoboth	0.00	0.00	961.00
Republican	0.00	6081.84	16110.61
Sweetwater	1923.91	827.54	3656.02
Various Donations	0.00	0.00	948.24
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3434.91</b>	<b>10786.49</b>	<b>43949.02</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6103.81</b>	<b>7839.58</b>	<b>40925.26</b>
<b>Designated Accounts</b>	<b>Balance May</b>	<b>Balance June</b>	
Block Party Trailer	187.09	187.09	
CCC	15075.54	15075.54	
Hispanic Missions	1616.43	1616.43	
Disaster Relief	8941.13	9021.13	
Men's Ministries	12318.69	12318.69	
WMU	3565.32	3565.32	
EBA Missions Offering	1488.62	1828.62	
<b>Investments</b>			
Money Market #1	13359.97	13360.27	
Money Market #2	10369.67	10369.90	
Baptist Foundation	13388.31	13398.53	

## “Swamps and Briar Patches” by Tim Shull

Steven Spielberg’s epic movie “Lincoln” is a fascinating study in leadership. In it a conversation occurs between Thaddeus Stevens (played by Tommy Lee Jones) and President Lincoln (portrayed by Daniel Day-Lewis). Stevens, a Republican, is exasperated, believing the president is moving too slowly in his effort to free the slaves and enshrine their rights in the U.S. Constitution. At one point, the congressman urges Lincoln to heed his “inner compass.” Lincoln’s response is full of homespun wisdom and leadership insight. “I used to do survey work,” he reminds Stevens. “A compass will point to true north from where you’re standing. But it’s got no advice about the swamps and the deserts and chasms that you’ll encounter along the way. If we’re heedless of obstacles and sink in the swamp, what’s the use of knowing true north?”

Pastors and church leaders today feel that kind of tension. We know and celebrate our Biblical true north: the importance of the church to glorify God, to lift our worship, praise and prayers to Him, to engage in fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism and missions. We set our mission statements and cast a vision of fulfilling Christ’s purposes for His church, seeking the true north set by God’s Word, the Bible. We know our strategic direction and purpose. But tactically, that is, how to traverse the obstacles, deserts, swamps, and briar patches along the way, we are less certain. It seems to me that ‘the big picture’ is always easier than ‘the nuts and bolts’. When medical and public health officials advise us about a contagion that could be carried in asymptomatic hosts and result in sickness and death of our most vulnerable saints, we must step carefully. We are moved with compassion to love one another and to prefer one another. *“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”* Philippians 2:4. We are also compelled 365 times in the Bible to not be afraid and not live in fear. We are exhorted to put our faith into action and completely rely on and trust in our Lord. We are encouraged to preach and teach the word in season and out of season. And as Christian Americans, we have a duty to our posterity to protect and preserve our constitution, specifically the 1st Amendment that says, “congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;” so we object to any level of government telling churches what they can or cannot do.

Pastors and church leaders must cast a clear strategic vision for their church, and, at the same time, they must tactically lead the church to compassionately and faithfully pass through the briar patch of difficulties that this pandemic has brought. Your pastor gets a multitude of advice from both extremes and throughout the middle. I again affirm our pastors and our churches for the hard decisions you have prayerfully taken according to your location, your facilities and your people. Some churches are online only, some are outside, some are inside, some are both or a combination. Some canceled Bible School, camps and retreats while some did not. Some did virtual VBS. Some have postponed homecoming, revival, and fall events, while other churches are still having them.

What hasn’t abated is our praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His providential protection and guidance, His all-sufficient, marvelous grace, and His unending merciful love for us. We are humbly grateful for His word that provides us not only Godly direction, but also the principles for getting through the swamps and briar patches along the way.

# Looking Ahead

Event	Date	Location
Disaster Relief Unit Leader Update	Aug 25	Lake Murray BC Lexington
EBA Executive Committee	Sept 22	EBA Office
EBA Fall Meeting	Oct 18	Little Stevens Creek BC
ONWARD One Day Worship Leader Conference	Nov 9	Trinity BC Cayce



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

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Remember to be faithful in giving to your local church during these unusual days.

## Feeding Body and Soul – Summer Migrant Ministry 2020

Each Sunday afternoon Pastor Cris Negrete visits a migrant camp with enough sandwiches and drinks for everyone at the camp. This gives him the opportunity to visit and share from God’s Word with those that wish to participate. His wife, Gabrielle, accompanies him when he visits the women’s camps and they have built good relationships with the workers.



Over 300 ministry health kits were delivered to the workers at 7 camps in May. However, due to the pandemic, changes needed to be made in the summer ministry. So instead of bringing them to a central location, Pastor Negrete felt it would be more effective to go to them. Our churches are providing the food and he is able to spend more time with the workers at each camp.