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To President Edwards, Convention Officers, Trustees, Delegates and etc.:

The Mid-Winter Board meeting of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Foreign Mission Board which convened January 9th-13th, 2017 in Birmingham, Alabama was attended by Pastor J. Y. Williams, Jr., General Secretary of the CMBSC of Arkansas Foreign Mission Board.

There were many topics discussed during the meeting (please see agenda); however, this report will basically focus upon the newly organized Regional Areas that were developed by the National Foreign Mission Board; and the fundraising strategies that will be utilized to support our Foreign Mission stations and their special projects.

- **National Baptist Regions** (What are National Baptist Regions)?

National Baptist Regions are State Conventions (Associations and local churches) within specific regional areas (i.e. north region, south region, east and west regions). These Regional Areas are assigned specific states (Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and etc.) that work collectively to accomplish National Baptist Foreign Mission programs and objectives. Each state that is in a National Baptist Region must have at least one active State Convention (CMBSC and etc.). All National Baptist Regions have been assigned specific Foreign Missional Regions for which they are responsible for the budgeted amount to support that Missional Region.

- **Missional Regions** (What are Missional Regions)?

Missional Regions are areas in the world where the NBC USA, Inc., does mission work (South Africa, West Africa, Central Africa and etc.); these regions are comprised of at least one or two mission sites (Malawi, Lesotho and etc.).

The CMBSC of Arkansas, Inc. has been assigned to the Southwest Region along with the states of Texas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama. We are responsible for the Missional Region of Central Africa and our Mission Site is The Providence Industrial Mission (PIM) in Chilembwe, Malawi, Rev. Macford K. Chipuliko, supervisor. The PIM is the largest mission station owned and operated by the NBC, USA, Inc. Located on the PIM mission station are S. Willie Layton Hospital, The New Jerusalem Baptist Church, a Primary and Secondary School, Theological School and a (70 acre) farm where corn and other foods are grown.

Malawi's annual budget for 2017 is \$89,610.00 which will be allocated for its operational expenses and special projects (please see projected budget attachment). These budgeted expenses are to be funded by the Southwest Region and the CMBSC, Inc. is responsible for a portion of the budgeted amount.

In an effort to reach our financial responsibility, we must take a more consistent approach to meeting our budget. Therefore, we are asking Pastors, Churches, District Associations, CMBSC members and friends to do the following things:

- **Make monthly contributions to the CMBSC Foreign Mission Board as led by the Holy Spirit.**
 - **Suggested Amounts:**
 - Pastors: \$25.00 or more
 - Churches: \$50.00 or more
 - District Associations \$75.00 or more
 - CMBSC Members & Friends: \$15.00 or more
- **Bring a liberal donation for Foreign Mission to each of the CMBSC sessions.**
- **Ask Pastors to receive donations for Foreign Missions each 5th Sunday and mail it to CMBSC of Arkansas, Inc., P. O. Box 34130, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.**

We applaud our Executive Secretary, Rev. Terrence D. Griffith, for his Spirit-led vision to develop and implement ways of financially supporting the work of NBC, USA, Inc. Foreign Missions throughout the world. His commitment to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) of Christ to evangelize the world is a clarion call for all of God's people to become more committed to the work of Foreign Missions.

We sincerely thank President Edwards and our convention for your loyal support in the past and pray that you will continue to help us fulfill this mandate from God to evangelize the world. If we are faithful and consistent in our giving, I truly believe that the Lord will bless both the giver and that which is given to His glory. The Bible says that God gives seeds to the sower, multiplies the seeds they have sown and increase their fruits of righteousness so that they will have all sufficiency in all things to continue to do His good works. Our little becomes much when placed in the Master's hands.

For the cause of Christ,

**Frederick S. Anthony, Chairman
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