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Dr. René and Freda Freret

From the President's Desk

Dear Fellow Helpers in the Lord,

It always gives me great pleasure to report to you on the progress of the BEAMS ministry. Freda and I are excited about being on the road. We thank you for your prayers and support.

On Sunday, January 5, I visited Bible Baptist Church in Eldorado, Arkansas, with Dr. J.D. Weido. For many years, Dr. Weido has invited me to come on the first Sunday of the year to preach and update the church on the BEAMS Bible ministry.

Dr. Weido is doing a great work in Eldorado. He is a dear friend and supporter of the BEAMS ministry. The church supports over 65 missionaries, has an active bus ministry, visitation program, and Christian school. Dr. Weido is a wonderful missions conference speaker. I highly recommend him. You can contact him at 1-870-665-9577.

Sunday afternoon, I travelled to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where I attended services at Warrenton Independent Baptist Church with Pastor Marvin Curtis. I was given the opportunity to speak on BEAMS and present the need to mail Bibles.

On Sunday, January 12, Freda and I visited Christchurch Baptist Fellowship in Houston, Texas, with Dr. Johnny Pope. We always enjoy visiting with Bro. Johnny and Sis. Barbara and their church. Our relationship with the Pope Family goes back many years. Dr. Pope's Mom and Dad were like family to us. Dr. Pope's Dad founded the BEAMS Bible ministry.

In 1972, I was Pastor of Forest Hills Baptist Church in Benton, Arkansas. Bro. Johnny came and preached a revival for us. It was one of the greatest revivals I have ever seen or been involved with. Bro. Pope preached from Sunday to Tuesday with no results. After services Tuesday night, Bro. Pope told me to go on home and he would come later. I said, "What are you going to do?" He said he was going to pray. I said, "Can I stay and pray with you?" He said, "Yes." Freda took our children home and Bro. Pope and I started praying. He prayed at the end of one seat, then I would pray. We prayed all over the auditorium. When we finished praying and walked out of the building, the sun was coming up. We had prayed all night.

On Wednesday night, the Lord moved in. By Sunday, 156 people had made a profession of faith. On Sunday night, 58 people were baptized. When we had that revival, I did not know that God would bring us together with his Dad's ministry. My wife and I love Johnny and Barbara. It is an honor to serve the Lord together.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the Freret family, for our staff at the home office, and for our BEAMS missionaries.

Sincerely,

René J. Freret