

The Baptist Home Foundation

"Our Field is **Global**...
Because **Aging is Universal**."

NEWSLETTER

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What's Coming in 2018?

Did you know...

While the population of people 60 plus will increase from 231 million to 395 million between 2000 and 2050 in the global North, the older population in the global South will increase from **374 million to 1.6 billion** during the same period. (Global Aging: Emerging Challenges, Alexandra Crampton, Boston University, August 2009.)

The Baptist Home Foundation (TBH-F) is committed to providing support to our brothers and sisters around the world as they work to provide the best possible care to the aging in their midst. We are currently at work in nine countries across the globe.

Belarus

- The House of Mercy was invited recently to present its ministry to the disabled at a Ukrainian conference in Lutsk, Ukraine. This is the first out-of-country platform for them and shows their growing reputation as the only evangelical eldercare campus in this socialist country.

Cuba

- TBH-F is working on the model for actions with the retired ministers and widows of Cuban Baptist churches at their request as well as identifying national senior adult leadership.
- TBH-F has been given medical supplies for the

nursing home at Santiago in the Eastern Convention. Preparation is being made for transfer to them as opportunities arise.

El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua

- Plans continue for the largest Validation Therapy training TBH-F has done to date for leadership in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua in February 2018.

Guatemala

- The Eldercare Team of the Guatemalan Convention will be doing a strategic tour of their country in January, sharing about the work of elderly that is beginning. With a grant from TBH-F, they will be providing a luncheon meeting and inviting churches and individuals to join them in this ministry.

Moldova

- Follow-up requests have come that include partnering with SBU's Center for Global Connections to place students at the nursing home.
- The Moldova video showing the September work is found on our YouTube Channel, TheBaptistHome1.

Ukraine

- Grants from TBH-F are on their way to two ministries in Ukraine in January: 1) Good Samaritan House of Mercy at Kam'yanka, who are completing

their campus, and 2) Kyiv House of Mercy, a new work near the capital city.

China

- The Baptist Home Foundation Board approved \$26,200 in funding for the Wei Tang Church in Baishan City, China. It has been transferred and will be finding its way to the church field.

Upcoming Partnerships

India

- For the first time, we have had a conversation with a trusted partner in northeast India, home to 7,000 evangelical churches, hospitals and schools. For the past five years, the women of the churches have been praying for a "The Baptist Home." A leading Christian hospital has a geriatric ward composed of forgotten, homeless and destitute aging persons. Coaching and training are our next steps. As a side note, this hospital has an accompanying nursing school and a Christian liberal arts university is in the making.

We are excited about the work God is bringing to us. We covet your prayers as we work to meet the challenges that lay ahead.

There are four places to learn more about our Global Aging Missions work, 1) TBH-F Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TheBaptistHomeFoundation, 2) Every other month in the Word&Way, 3) Each quarter in The Baptist Home Newsletter and 4) On our website, www.thebaptisthome.org/foundation.

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