



AsYouGo Affiliate Candidates at Exploratory Conference in Atlanta. Front row: Sarah Ballew, Nancy James, Ann Skipper, Fran Graham. Back row: Larry Ballew, Steve James, Nick Skipper and Mike Graham.

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CBF Begins New AsYouGo Program

For the first time, CBF will be commissioning Affiliates in the new AsYouGo program during the 2005 General Assembly in Grapevine, Texas June 30 and July 1. The AsYouGo program takes the place of the Envoy program.

The AsYouGo program will give missions workers with other sources of funding the opportunity to affiliate with CBF Global Missions. Affiliates will be asked to raise funds for their own ministry. Affiliates will be supported by encourager churches, friends, family and other interested individuals.

Four couples are pioneering the new AsYouGo program: Larry and Sarah Ballew, Nancy and Steve James, Fran and Mike Graham and Nick and Ann Skipper. The Ballews are working in Macau, China. The James' will be performing medical missions to the people of Haiti. The Grahams, Slavic Ministries Coordinators in Asheville, NC partner with the Slavic Resource Center, churches and other agencies that seek to provide a holistic approach to empower the immigrants/refugees and to aid their integration into the Asheville community from former USSR countries. Nick and Ann Skipper will be working with Partners in Hope—CBF's 20 year commitment to work in the 20 poorest counties in America.



Worship at Second Baptist Church, Liberty, Missouri



Ann and Nick Skipper with Dr. Stephen Graham, Senior Pastor of Second Baptist Church

During our recent visit to Missouri, we were blessed to attend the Sunday morning worship service at Second Baptist Church, Liberty, Missouri. We were blessed by their orchestra, the preaching of Dr. Graham and their friendliness. We look forward to working with them in our new position with Partners in Hope.

Partners in Hope

As Affiliates in the AsYouGo program, we will be working as Volunteer Advisors with Partners in Hope CBF's Rural Poverty Initiative. Partners in Hope (PIH) is a 20 year commitment by CBF to work in the 20 poorest counties in America. These counties have been divided into five regions: Appalachia (Kentucky: Owsley and McCreary counties), Black Belt (Alabama: Perry County), High Plains (South Dakota: Buffalo, Shannon, Todd and Ziebach counties), Mississippi River Delta (Arkansas: Lee and Phillip counties; Louisiana: East Carroll and Tensas parishes; Mississippi: Holmes, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower and Washington counties) and Rio Grande Valley (Texas: Dimmit, Hidalgo, Maverick, Presidio, Starr, Willacy and Zavala counties).

The objective of Partners in Hope is to work along with community organizations and leaders to transform these impoverished communities by developing community assets and leadership and by ministering to the needs of the community with a holistic and Christ-centered approach. Our task as Volunteer Advisors is to encourage volunteers to take part in the work of PIH and to train and prepare them to work effectively in each of these five regions.

For more information about Partners in Hope, go to www.ruralpoverty.net or contact Tom Prevost, national coordinator for Partners in Hope (tprevost@thefellowship.info), phone (662-871-2444), P.O. 415, Belden, MS 38826.

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PIH Supports Owsley County Action Team

We were honored to be present when Rhonda Abbott, Associate Coordinator for Missions with the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship presented a check for \$4,000 from Partners In Hope to Molly Turner, Director of the the Owsley County Action Team (OCAT).

Owsley County, Kentucky has been identified as one of the 20 poorest counties in the United States. Booneville is the county seat of Owsley County and home of the Owsley County Action Place, a community center which is the home base of the OCAT. The Owsley County Action Team began in 1992 when a group of citizens interested in the quality of life and the economic future of Owsley County began meeting with the guidance provided by the Red Bird Ranger District, USDA Forest Service.

Partners in Hope is committed to helping communities like Owsley County improve their own communities.



Rhonda Abbott (right), Associate Coordinator for Missions with the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship presents a check for \$4,000 from Partners in Hope to Molly Turner (left), Director of the Owsley County Action Team.

Kentucky Baptists Engaged in Missions



What do you do with an abandoned motel? If you're First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, you purchase it and turn it

into a ministry center. The Emma Quire Ministry Center in Booneville, Kentucky was established to minister to the needs of poor in Owsley County, Kentucky.

The center contains rooms that can house mission teams that come to work in the area. Each room contains four bunk beds. The rooms are beautifully decorated by different members of FBC Frankfort. One room is decorated in a nautical theme while another resembles a hunting lodge. There is still one room looking for a decorator. Interested?

The Emma Quire Ministry Center is still being renovated so that it can house a food pantry and a thrift store. Partners in Hope is a key supporter in this ministry.

Summer Missions Intern

Jennifer McClung will be serving as summer missions intern in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship. Jennifer is a seminary student at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University



Jennifer McClung, summer intern; Rhonda Abbott, KBF; Nick & Ann Skipper CBF

in Atlanta, Georgia. She will be working primarily in the Nada, Kentucky area.

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Partners in Hope High Plains

To learn about the Partners in Hope High Plains ministry in South Dakota, we visited the CBF Missouri office in Liberty, Missouri. There we had the pleasure of meeting with Harold Phillips, Coordinator of CBF Missouri, Jeff Langford, Associate Coordinator and Chris Thompson, PIH High Plains Facilitator.

The CBF Missouri office is the closest CBF state organization to South Dakota where four of the 20 poorest counties in America are located. Chris led the meeting as he shared with us the work that is currently going on amongst the Lakota people in Buffalo, Shannon, Todd and Ziebach counties.

Grocery stores at least 40 miles away, no hospital, no jobs or self sufficient economy—these are just some of the problems that the Lakota people are faced with on a daily basis. PIH High Plains seeks ways to make the Lakota self



Chris Thompson, PIH High Plains Facilitator; Harold Phillips, Coordinator-CBF Missouri, Jeff Langford, Associate Coordinator-CBF Missouri; Ann and Nick Skipper, CBF

sufficient while being sensitive to the Native American culture. To learn more, contact the CBF Missouri office at 816.415.0009, info@cbfmo.org or go to www.cbfmo.org.

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We Need You!



Nick & Ann Skipper

In order for us to do the work that God has called us to do with Partners in Hope we need your prayer support and your financial support. We ask you to partner with us as we serve in Partners in Hope.

Please designate your contribution for Nick & Ann Skipper's ministry and send it to:

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