



God has blessed the deputation of Tyler Yates, IBFI Missionary to Yucatan. He has been well received by churches and pastors. His support has steadily increased. Please pray for Bro. Yates, and prayerfully consider having a part in his ministry through financial and prayer support.

*John Peeples,  
IBFI Mission Director, Psalm 16:11*

## TYLER YATES MISSIONARY TO THE YUCATAN PENNINSULA

Dear Pastor and Church,

These last few months have been great, since I had the privilege of meeting many new people. During the beginning of January, I arrived from my trip to Mexico. It was a very exciting. I know that in this last trip, God really began to knit my heart with Mexico. I did not want to leave, but I must do what I need to in order to get there. During this time of deputation, I have learned a lot. I have seen God open doors in ways I never thought possible.



During January, I visited with a church that I had already been to and have fellowship with some great folks. I also was able to be at a new church and meet new friends in the faith. In one of the missions' conferences, the church donated a sound system that I will use in Mexico.

February was a busy month. I was in a couple missions conferences and also had the privilege of meeting new pastors and friends. One Pastor in particular had been a missionary for many years. He had already retired, but one of the church plants was in desperate need of a pastor; so, he went back to help. Him and his wife were a huge blessing to me. They knew what it was like starting churches.

March was also a busy month. I had two missions' conferences, both in which the other missionaries were friends of mine. I also went to Pensacola, Florida to be with a few churches there. I got to swing by PCC and visit one of my friends who is a member of my church in Fort Worth, Texas.

Some churches ask me how I am doing on support. As of June, I am about 75% of the way to full support needed. My desire is to be in Mexico officially by April or May of 2024. I have now started to raise money to buy a truck in Mexico. I am looking to get something that blends in with the rest of the crowd, and something that won't break down on me while I drive around. Going from village to village can prove quite difficult on a little car due to the horrible roads, that is why I think it would be best to buy a small 4x4 truck.



With the decision of building a new building for the IBFI, my mission agency has changed it's address to a P.O. Box. Anything that is sent must now be sent to the new address: **IBFI Mission Agency, PO Box 151259, Fort Worth, TX 76108.**

I would like to briefly tell you of a man we met. This man was not able to walk or move his arms due to some kind of nerve damage. They tried many times to get a wheelchair through the Mexican government, but never received anything; so, we took him a wheelchair and a New Testament. He was so overwhelmed with joy that he began crying like a child. Wait till he learns of the gift God has for him. I pray I can go back and spend some more time witnessing to him.

I got to meet a young man in Chunhuhub. Pastor Rovira has been working on visiting him at his house. This young man, Alex, is about 16 years old. In the beginning of the year, he was driving a motorcycle while intoxicated and wrecked. His life was immediately changed. Part of his brain has died, and he is wheelchair bound. The left side of his body does not function properly. We are not sure how much he will be able to advance, but he can respond and understand a lot. He has trouble remembering things. While we were there, we presented the Gospel. Alex responded to us that he had put his trust in Christ. Please pray as we continue working with the family.



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### 39th IBFI Annual Fall Fellowship Meeting Tuesday Morning-Thursday NOON • Oct. 10-12, 2023

*"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3*

**IBFI & NBBS are Still on Track Training and Promoting Preachers & Their Wives!**

<b>TUESDAY</b> 9 AM - NOON	<b>Pastor Barry Bedwell</b> Faith Baptist Church Canton, Michigan	<b>Bro. Daniel Barker</b> Senior at Norris Bible Baptist Seminary	<b>Dr. David Gibbs, Jr.</b> Christian Law Association	<b>Evang. Jonathan J. Stewart</b> NBBS President Victory BC, W'ford, TX
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9 AM - NOON	<b>Pastor David Grice</b> Lighthouse Baptist Ch. Grand Prairie, TX	<b>PRESIDENT'S HOUR</b> <b>Pastor Eric Crawford</b> Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, TX	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> NBBS Update Special Offering Business Session	<b>Jared Blair</b> Missionary - Norway <b>Dr. Raymond W. Barber</b> IBFI President Emeritus
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9 AM - NOON	<b>Pastor Charles Pugh</b> First Baptist Church of Cottdonale, TX	<b>Pastor Raymond Castro</b> Hickory Creek Baptist Church, Denton, TX	<b>Pastor Mark Brown</b> Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, GA	<b>\$40,000 OFFERING GOAL</b>

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(Rt. 35 & Smithville Rd.)

**Special Note! Revival Services Start at Cornerstone Baptist Temple, Dayton, OH - Sunday 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM and Continues Monday Night at 6:30 on into the 3-Day IBFI Meeting Tuesday Morning through Thursday NOON!**

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## YOU'RE INVITED!

*Bro. Jerry Siler*

We're extending a warm invitation to come to Dayton, Ohio October 10-12, 2023. We will have the welcome mat out, and food on the table! Please bring your families, church staff, church members, and even your mother-in-law! Let's work together to keep the IBFI/NBBS Gospel train running strong. Remember, the Gospel is only good news if it arrives on time. Looking forward to seeing you in October!

### HOTELS:

Tru Hotel by Hilton  
3813 Colonel Glenn Highway  
Fairborn, OH 45324

Courtyard by Marriott  
2777 Fairfield Commons  
Beavercreek, OH 45431



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW

#### TO ATTEND IBFI FALL FELLOWSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday - Thursday, October 10-12, 2023**  
Cornerstone Baptist Temple  
Dayton, Ohio  
Host Pastor - Jerry Siler

**METROPLEX AREA IBFI MEETINGS**  
**November 16, 2023**  
Central Baptist Church  
Chico, TX  
Host Pastor: Fred Ferren

**December 14, 2023**  
Worth Baptist Church  
Fort Worth, TX  
Host Pastor: Tyler Gillit

#### OPENING DAY RALLY FOR NORRIS BIBLE BAPTIST SEMINARY

**January 16, 2024**  
Student Orientation begins at 8:00am.

The Opening Day Rally will begin at 9:30am. A lunch will be provided afterwards.

