

# Baptistries Around the World

Dr. Dale Underwood, Director

“Eliminating delays and excuses for not immersing taught believers wanting to obey”

## SECOND QUARTER REPORT: 2024

**Baptistries Around the World** is now 33 years old, having started in 1991. The desire of this quarterly publication is to keep you updated on progress, plans, developments, and needs moving forward. We want you to *know what we know* and share our excitement.

We are highlighting efforts of a “medical mission team” that just returned from southern Zambia in this issue. You will be able to view the photos and rejoice with the 367 souls baptized.

As of the end of this 2nd Quarter of 2024, we have placed 487 baptistries in 38 states, including 148 in 41 foreign countries. With an average of 37 baptisms per baptism annually, this adds up to 18,019 each year! *Wow!* You are helping make a significant difference in our war against evil. We are thrilled to imagine how many more will be added to the kingdom before the end of 2024. There will be at least 2000 baptized in our small corner of the world!

“Dear brethren,

I was so glad last month when I was finally baptized. I shouted for joy. I didn't think anything could compare to it but then, you came back, and I got to watch as eleven others out Jesus on in baptism. I know there is a lot of evil in this world, but God is alive and at work against it. There seems to be a revival going on.”

## Remembering Our Friend: Ron Goodman

Our dear brother, Ron Goodman, passed from this life victoriously at his home in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, on Friday, November 17, 2023. Our prayers continue for his wife, Becky, his children, Jason & Shantelle, and all his family.



Many years ago, Ron asked what he could do to help **Baptistries Around the World**. He had TPOM (Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry) to be concerned about, but we had supplied workers and multiple baptistries for his weekend seminars in federal prisons in many states. So, he wrote a powerful *letter of recommendation* for us (copy attached).

This is typical of the kind of man Ron was and shortly before his death, he was talking about starting a letter-writing ministry to lift the spirits of the incarcerated.

## RON GOODMAN'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

“At the beginning of my ministry in prisons almost 50 years ago, one of the main hurdles encountered was the difficulty in baptizing a man or woman after they had been taught and expressed their desire to follow Christ. Two things contributed to this.

“First, prison administrations generally were not favorable. I remember being told, ‘These people are not here for missing Sunday School and, if they are sincere, they can be baptized after they are released.’ In some cases, we had to wait until that happened!

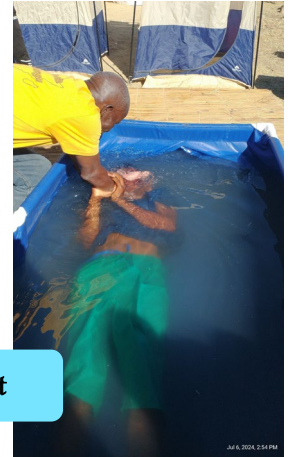
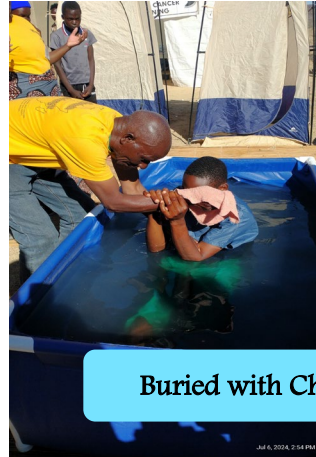
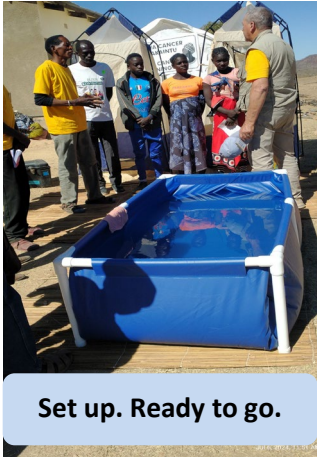
“The second reason was the lack of available baptistries. *I recall a time when there was only one baptism in the entire Texas prison system!* If a person was at a unit without a baptism, getting this done was a three-day process: (1) It took the first day to transport the inmate to the prison where a baptism was located, (2) The baptism itself would occur on the *second* day and, (3) the inmate would be transferred back to his or her original unit on the third day. I also used a Jacuzzi to baptize some, but it was awkward and messy.

“However, two things changed over the years. The first thing was that the attitude of the prison authorities changed for the better as they saw the benefit of men and women being baptized *before* going home. Secondly, baptistries started becoming available through **Baptistries Around the World** in 1991! This good work is a part of Kings Crossing Prison Ministries and under the oversight of the elders, Kings Crossing Church of Christ in Corpus Christi, Texas.

“I wholeheartedly recommend not only utilizing these great tools but also, financially supporting this great work. In doing so, an individual or congregation plays an important role in many being baptized. I'm thankful to have been a part of this program and to have received their help through the years.”

# NAMWIANGA MISSION

*Baptistries Around the World* learned of this need for a portable baptistry in southern Zambia from Frank and Becky Degollado a few months ago. This is the sixth baptistry provided to Zambia, but it is unusual for us to receive a report back as thorough as this. Several factors play important roles. Frank served as a faithful deacon at Kings Crossing Church of Christ prior to their retirement near Waco. Larry Stout is a member where they now worship knew of the love and commitment Larry had to this foreign mission connected with Zambia Medical Mission (ZMM). A group of dedicated medical personnel donate a few weeks each summer to helping the residents near Namwianga Mission in remote villages outside Kalomo, Zambia. Jerrie Sichimwa is the native missionary whose spiritual zeal and fervor is at the heart of most good endeavors you see pictured here.



With generous support of Christians, the brethren have learned to grow abundant crops on limited acreage to feed many in their villages, doing much with little. What a great example!



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