

# Louisiana Fellowship Update

7-12-10 by Kyle Kelley, Associate Coordinator Louisiana Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

## One year later –

I have very few memories of that morning after the FBC Shreveport bus rocked, lurched and rolled over. It was one year ago today. None of us could anticipate the struggles, the questions, the layers of complications and how our lives would change forever.

Instinctively I turned to the book of Lamentations and entered the suffering of an ancient faith community. When I read from my hospital bed, "From on high He sent fire into my bones," (Lam. 1:13) it seemed pretty much on target.

Those sixteen bones of mine have mended. The grieving and healing of our community continues. We have tried to encourage each other as we walk through this and have been held up by the prayers of so many of you.

Sharing this journey and often leading the way with courageous transparency are my friends John and Jinny Henson. I thank God for their tenacious, honest faith in a God who sustains and works for good.

The Hensons reflect on this tragedy with these words: God is present... Grief is pervasive...Control is irrelevant...Tragedy is redeemable...Read more: <http://www.cbfla.org/jinhenson.html>



## The Maggie Lee Henson Scholarship fund for Women in Ministry

continues to grow. It will be specifically designated for a female church planter. You can learn more about the scholarship and donate at:<http://www.cbfla.org/maggie.html>

# Bags of Hope ~ Date Change

Bags of Hope Celebration Day in Lake Providence has been moved to Saturday August 7. Deadline for pickup or delivery of school supplies is July 31. Get details at [www.cbfla.org](http://www.cbfla.org) on how you can participate in being the presence of Christ and support the work of our missionary Stephanie Vance in this outreach.



## Meet Greg Bell of Lake Providence

Greg is the recipient of the Louisiana Fellowship's Scholarship to Arkansas Baptist College. Greg has participated in both of the Lake Providence spring football clinics the Louisiana Fellowship has sponsored in partnership with Dr. Fitz Hill, President of Arkansas Baptist College.

Greg hopes to play football at ABC, major in business and one day return to Lake Providence as a young entrepreneur to help his community grow. He received outstanding recommendations from his coach, school staff and community leaders.

Arkansas Baptist College is developing an outstanding program and provides invaluable Christian mentoring and practical skills for disadvantaged kids seeking to better their life. We are thankful for this partnership. God is blessing



Thomasina Bell, Greg Bell, Greg Bell Sr.

ABC and changing not only the lives of young men and women but a whole inner city neighborhood.

When I visited the ABC campus recently after a couple of years, I found the renaissance dramatic. The school is bursting at the seams with new students, new construction, and a palpable excitement.

Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola recently praised ABC for its positive effect on the community. A nearby car wash had 35 criminal incidents in 2006.

After being purchased by ABC and renamed Auto Baptism, it had one incident last year.

Stodola also said ABC probably



**Auto Baptism**

is not only the fastest growing college in Arkansas but probably the fastest-growing business in Little Rock."This truly is transformational," he said. "It truly is God-directed."

Read more of their story at:<http://arkansasbaptist.edu/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/Spring-2010-Vanguard.pdf>



**Glen & Clista Adkins & the Gandhi School Ensemble** are in the US. The tour stopped at FBC Shreveport last Wednesday night. They packed out the fellowship hall requiring extra chairs. Their Roma music was stunning and their story of overcoming incredible obstacles compelling. Read more at: [www.iamroma.com](http://www.iamroma.com).

**Romany Missionary Mary van Rheenen tells of her recent Moldolva trip** and work with the folks at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Vulcanesti. It is an amazing work that our field personnel carry out. You can read Mary's July news at:<http://www.cbfla.org/Holmes-VanRhn%20updates.html> . Please consider a summer gift to the offering of Global missions at [www.thefellowship.info](http://www.thefellowship.info).

### **Love and Romance from John Daugherty**

Former CBF-LA Coordinator John Daugherty has a wonderful story of redemption, love and romance that has grown out of his homeless ministry at Fort Myers Baptist Church in Florida. Read about it at: <http://www.cbfla.org/daughtr-romnc.html>.