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Floyd says Great Commission
must guide SBC restructuring

By Art Toalston

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The Great Commission "will navigate our every decision" in implementing the Southern Baptist Convention's sharpened structure for the 21st century.

Ronnie W. Floyd, SBC Executive Committee chairman, pointed to the Great Commission prior to the 80-member committee's Sept. 18 unanimous approval of an "implementation task force" to carry out a sweeping restructuring approved by the SBC during its June sesquicentennial in Atlanta.

The restructuring faces a required second bylaw vote during the 1996 SBC annual meeting, then it "will be carried out all the way," said Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark.

The "Covenant for a New Century," drafted by a seven-member Program and Structure Study Committee that included Floyd, will be enacted by the end of the 1997 SBC annual meeting "in fairness, but also in boldness," he said during the first of two days of Executive Committee sessions in Nashville, Tenn.

"It is the Great Commission that should steer, direct and guide this denomination to taking the gospel to the world," Floyd noted. "This is the only basis for existence that we have as a denomination."

The 10-member implementation task force will consist of four members of the Executive Committee and six at-large members.

Named as its chairman: Robert Reccord, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., and a member of the Executive Committee.

Other task force members named from the Executive Committee are T.C. Pinckney, a retired Air Force general from Alexandria, Va.; John O. Yarbrough, senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Perry, Ga., and president of the Georgia Baptist Convention; and Joe H. Reynolds, a Houston attorney.

At-large members of the task force will be Ted Warren, of Nashville, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Baptist Sunday School Board; C.B. "Bill" Hogue, retired executive director-treasurer, California Southern Baptist Convention, Fresno, who made a motion during the 1993 SBC annual meeting that prompted the Executive Committee's restructuring study; Rudy A. Hernandez, of Grand Prairie, Texas, president of the Southern Baptist Hispanic Ministers' Conference; Sarah Maddox, of Nashville, a homemaker, conference speaker and women's ministry consultant; Michael Hamlet, pastor, North Spartanburg (S.C.) First Baptist Church; and Don Wills, a Dallas businessman.

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The task force will "analyze, study, and take actions necessary ... to facilitate the orderly and timely transitions" stemming from SBC adoption of the study committee recommendations, according to the Executive Committee action.

The transitions include:

- reducing the number of SBC entities from 19 to 12, eliminating the Historical, Stewardship and Education commissions and assigning much of their work to other entities.

- creating a new North American Mission Board, encompassing the work of the current Home Mission Board, Radio and Television Commission and Brotherhood Commission.

The SBC approved the restructuring by a 9,590-to-5,357 ballot vote during the first day of its June 20-22 sessions in Atlanta.

The implementation task force will have six areas of responsibility:

- Legal issues "necessary for timely implementation," such as the dissolution or revision of various entities' charters.

- Financial issues, such as cost analysis for relocating functions, including various personnel, of the RTVC, in Fort Worth, Texas, and Brotherhood Commission, in Memphis, Tenn., to the North American Mission Board, to be based in Atlanta.

- Physical assets, with the task force to "develop and propose for consideration by elected trustees a transition plan for the physical assets, including land, buildings, furnishings, and fixtures" of the SBC entities being discontinued.

- Financial assets, entailing task force recommendations to trustees for handling discontinued entities' operating capital, endowment funds, investments and accounts receivable and payable.

- Personnel issues, with the task force to recommend "a compensation plan for employees with long tenure whose positions are discontinued;" a plan "for paying insurance premiums for retirees of entities being discontinued;" and "career transition support for employees whose jobs are being terminated."

- Ministry assignments, with the task force to monitor the "implementation of ministry assignments according to the Covenant for a New Century" and review any needed changes in ministry assignment wording or responsibilities not clearly assigned in the study committee report.

According to the Executive Committee action, the Executive Committee will "instruct (the task force) regarding any specific actions it deems appropriate" and receive task force reports during the committee's regular February, June and September meetings. The Executive Committee, in turn, will present implementation progress reports at the SBC's annual meetings.

The task force can receive counsel from the Program and Structure Study Committee in interpreting the Covenant for a New Century and assistance from any other Southern Baptists, professional groups or individual specialists in implementing the restructuring, according to the Executive Committee action.

The task force is scheduled to begin its work Sept. 20 in a meeting with Executive Committee officers and Morris H. Chapman, Executive Committee president, in Nashville.

Floyd, in his comments to the Executive Committee, noted 31.5 percent of the world's population, or nearly 1.7 billion people, "have absolutely no access to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Citing "the lostness of our world and the desperate need for revival in the American church," Floyd said: "It is time for us to stop playing games with ourselves. It is time for turf-guarding to end in this denomination. It is time for pride to be replaced with humility, prayer and fasting."

Floyd said "there is no group in this denomination that can influence this denomination to fulfill the Great Commission more than the Executive Committee. ... (T)here is no group in this denomination that should have a greater burden for God to bring spiritual awakening to all evangelical churches in America than our group. Prayer and fasting should be spiritual disciplines in each of our lives."

Said Floyd: "W must be selfless, having only one agenda, his agenda, the taking of the gospel to th world. ... It should humble each of us that we have the privilege of serving in one of the m st strategic times" in the SBC's 150-year history.

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The text of the Executive Committee action creating the implementation task force is posted in SBCNet News Room.

Henry looks at race relations,
women's roles, SBC-state ties

By Art Toalston

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Take a look in the mirror, Southern Baptists, to see "how we look -- and how we can look," said Jim Henry, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Racial reconciliation, women's involvement in the SBC and relations between the SBC and state Baptist conventions were key issues in Henry's look in the mirror in addressing the SBC Executive Committee Sept. 18 in Nashville, Tenn.

Overall, the SBC's "DNA -- denominational numbering apparatus" evidences God's blessings, said Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., now in his second term as SBC president.

So far this year, for example, "We are sending record numbers to the mission fi ld;" giving to SBC national and international missions causes seems headed to new records, both through the Cooperative Program and the SBC's key missions offerings; and baptisms also seem on an upswing, Henry said.

"Atlanta was good," he said, referring to the SBC sesquicentennial meeting. "We came away from our 150th anniversary with gratitude for the past and some momentum toward the future.

"The response to the Program and Structure Study Committee has been basically positive," Henry continued. "Once we decisively voted, it seemed to have a settling effect upon our people.

"Granted, there is uncertainty about how it will play out, but the peopl are trusting our leadership to do the best thing for the kingdom of God and be fair with those who will be most profoundly affected," Henry said, referring to the SBC-wide restructuring plan to reduce the number of agencies from 19 to 12 and create a new North American Mission Board from the current Home Mission Board, Radio and Television Commission and Brotherhood Commission.

"The transition committee has an awesome task," Henry said of the 10-member task force appointed earlier in the meeting by the Executive Committee. "It is one thing to draw a diagram on the chalkboard; it is another to run the play on the field. I believe the 'fans' are with us to this point, and we must do all that we can to not disappoint them, and carry out the intent of this proposal."

Turning to the SBC's racial reconciliation resolution adopted last June, Henry said "the way in which our people dealt with this spoke volumes to a skeptical world. ... To be sure, there are detractors ... but we, as a body, rose to a higher standard -- and that has not been lost on anyone who is objective in their observations. ... (T)o a world on life support in race relations, it was a br ath of fresh air and underscored the fact that the love of Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to the insecurities, fears and prejudices of the human heart."

The 18-paragraph resolution, in part, stated: "... we apologize to all African-Americans for condoning and/or perpetuating individual and systemic racism in our lifetime; and we genuinely repent of racism of which we have been guilty, whether consciously or unconsciously." It also noted: "... we lament and repudiate historic acts of evil such as slavery from which we continu to reap a bitter harv st."

Now, Henry said, "Our words must take on flesh."

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He said he will meet with Morris H. Chapman, Executive Committee president, and Ronnie W. Floyd, an Arkansas pastor and committee chairman, "to explore the proper channels within our denominational framework to put dollars, programs and opportunities to work in behalf of minorities," noting, however, it will not be done in any quota-like manner.

Also, Henry said, he and Gary Frost, an African American pastor from Ohio now in a second term as SBC second vice president, will meet with leaders of African American Baptist denominations "for dialogue, to be sure we maintain fellowship and find possible ways to cooperate in reaching our nation for Christ."

Concerning women's involvement in the SBC, Henry announced he will name at least one woman to chair one of the four SBC committees he names in his role as convention president and add other women as participants in the 1996 annual meeting in New Orleans.

Such steps, Henry said, "can embrace the kingdom of God without violating Scripture and recognize more decisively the 'Proverbs 31 women' the Lord is raising up in our denomination."

Said Henry: "We are blessed with millions of godly women who have no agenda but to honor Jesus Christ. They are talented and intelligent. Many have penetrated the glass ceiling in our secular marketplaces. They are major contributors in finances, service and ministry in our local churches. ... Christ has not placed this resource in our midst for decorations."

Voicing "growing concern" over a lowering of regard by some in the SBC and some in state conventions for each other's sphere of work, Henry noted, "Each view, if narrowly held to, has one ultimate result: We will end up with neither.

"The truth of the matter is we need each other," Henry said. "We must avoid this independent spirit. We must appreciate each other at all levels. We cannot prosper if we neglect our good traditions. Nor must we hold on to programs and structures that need to be re-evaluated and perhaps restructured -- but it should always be in the spirit of progress together. Not, 'I will bypass the state and send my money, prayers, etc. to the foreign missionaries and the seminaries,' nor, 'We need most of it here in our state, so we will keep it here.' It is both/and. We are family. It is not an 'I win, you lose' proposition. It is a 'win-win' or 'lose-lose' for all of us.

"We've got to talk together," Henry said. "We've got to build trust in our mutual commitment.

"We are at a golden door of opportunity. We dare not fritter away this moment on the whims of those who are, for whatever reasons, seeking to build fiefdoms outside the castle of oneness. We must cherish our uniqueness as individuals, but treasure the vitality of a spiritual Camelot that provides security for all of us inside her walls, as well as the strength to vanquish the menace of the evils that march across the landscape outside our walls."

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Baptists open 'second front'
in wake of Hurricane Marilyn

By Steve Barber

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)--Southern Baptists have opened a "second front" in their efforts to minister in the hurricane-ravaged Caribbean region.

An Airbus A-300 jetliner chartered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was scheduled to leave Atlanta Sept. 18 en route to St. Thomas and St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, hit by Hurricane Marilyn Sept. 16, leaving at least nine people dead and many others were reported missing.

The FEMA plane is carrying two airlift kitchens and volunteers to operate them for the next two weeks, plus an American Red Cross advance team. The kitchens, one readied by Texas Baptist Men and the other by the Alabama Baptist Convention's Brotherhood department, will provide support at American Red Cross shelters. Each unit is capable of providing up to 10,000 meals per day.

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The units will be staffed by nine Alabama volunteers and six Texas volunteers. Rusty Griffin, assistant vice president of program services for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, is serving as on-site coordinator for the effort.

The Brotherhood Commission coordinates initial and multi-state disaster responses on behalf of Southern Baptists from its Memphis, Tenn., headquarters, while the Home Mission Board is responsible for long-term recovery efforts. Units for feeding and child care are owned by the Brotherhood departments of state Baptist conventions and by local associations and churches.

Those who wish to make donations for disaster relief may send contributions to the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104, or to the Home Mission Board, 4200 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30202. Designate the gift for hurricane relief.

The Brotherhood Commission continues to seek volunteers to serve on construction crews starting Sept. 30 in Antigua and St. Maarten, hit by Hurricane Luis in early September. This effort is under the banner of Southern Baptist World Relief and in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Prospective volunteers should call 1-800-280-1891 for more information.

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David Reid contributed to this story.

Baptists aid hurricane survivors,
need volunteers, relief funds By Mary E. Speidel

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ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (BP)--Southern Baptists are aiding survivors of one of the worst series of hurricanes to lash the Caribbean this century.

People on St. Maarten and Antigua, islands hit hardest by Hurricane Luis in early September, are receiving food, supplies, shelter and spiritual help through relief efforts sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission.

From Sept. 30 to mid-December, about 240 Southern Baptist volunteers are needed to rebuild homes and churches damaged by Luis' 140 mile-per-hour winds. A 12-member team will work simultaneously on each island for two-week stints.

But as the project gets under way, available Southern Baptist disaster funds are dangerously low and hunger relief funds are depleted, according to FMB officials. "The situation is beyond critical," said an FMB human needs official. "We have requests for more money than we have on hand."

So far, about \$214,000 has been approved for the St. Maarten/Antigua project and more money is needed, according to Ronald Wilson, who directs the board's work in the Caribbean. But he and other FMB area directors recently learned no additional funds will be released for new or ongoing hunger projects until balances improve. The FMB already has dipped into emergency reserves to pay for immediate relief in the Caribbean and other projects.

"We're moving forward on faith, knowing that this is what God wants us to do -- minister to these people who are hurting and need help," said Wilson of the hurricane relief project. "We're asking Southern Baptists to respond in a tremendous way."

To volunteer for the project contact Beth Huneycutt at the Brotherhood Commission, 1-800-280-1891. Financial contributions may be sent to the human needs department, Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230-0767, or the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

The first wave of Southern Baptist response started just hours after Luis hit as FMB missionaries worked with island Baptists to meet emergency needs. Then -- just a few days after the storm -- a team of Southern Baptist relief planners arrived on the island to assess needs and deliver about 3,500 pounds of food and relief supplies. They flew to the islands aboard a DC-3 aircraft chartered from Missionary Flights International (MFI) of West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Relief planners delivered that aid to FMB missionaries and Baptists on both islands, where it's being distributed through Baptist churches. They then flew to the French West Indian island of Guadeloupe -- which sustained only minor damage from Luis -- to pick up another 11,500 pounds of food, supplies and clothing for St. Maarten and Antigua. About 2,500 pounds of that was donated by Guadelupian Baptists; the rest by Southern Baptists.

"Our key was rapid response," said Wilson, a relief assessment team member. "We arrived within 72 hours of the storm and were able to support missionaries, meet church leaders and contact government officials about possibilities for ministry."

While the eastern Caribbean still reels from more destruction from Hurricane Marilyn in mid-September, more aid shipments are expected to arrive on St. Maarten and Antigua the week of Sept. 17. That includes 225 tarps to shelter to people who lost roofs, two water purification units and 40,000 pounds of food and supplies. FMB family ministry consultant Kenn Shirley also flew to the islands Sept. 18 to counsel survivors struggling to cope with losses.

"I can't say enough to thank Southern Baptists for their prayers and concern and for what they'll (do in future relief)," said FMB missionary Jerry Cowin, who moved to Antigua with his family just four days before Luis. Cowin and his wife, Karen, are from Imperial and House Springs, Mo., respectively.

The Cowins and Antiguan Baptists worked together to clean up a Christian sports center on the island, where food is being distributed and later construction volunteers will be housed. Many of those island Baptists' homes were devastated by the storm, which also caused major damage at two Antiguan Baptist churches -- Mt. Zion and Cedar Grove.

"I've lost almost everything, but my Christian spirit moves me to help others in greater need and (suffering) greater hurt than myself," said Antiguan Baptist Silos King during cleanup at a church. King's roof was blown off. He's living on his bed with plywood above it for shelter.

That same spirit of giving showed at St. Maarten International Baptist Church, started by FMB missionaries Tom and Patti Higginbotham from Walker, La. The church, which sustained only minor damage, is across from Simpson Bay Lagoon, where several hundred sailboats were devastated by Luis. Most of the church members are "cruisers" who live on their sailboats year-round.

Some lost everything in Luis. But after Southern Baptist relief planners brought in initial aid, church members got busy packaging food for some of St. Maarten's Haitian communities flattened by Luis. At the same time, "cruisers" expressed thanks for the help brought by Baptists. About 40 homeless boaters are staying temporarily at the church that also provides meals for cruisers.

"As I walked through the church, people came up to me and held my hand, with tears streaming down their faces, to say 'thank you for the food and water. Without you we wouldn't have made it through this,'" said Southern Baptist Ken Touchton, a photographer who accompanied the assessment team. "They're feeling Southern Baptists stepped in and filled a tremendous gap."

Meanwhile, "there's a very powerful movement (by Baptists) on both islands to prepare for the volunteers to come," said Mickey Caison, national disaster relief coordinator/director for the Brotherhood Commission.

Construction volunteers will repair churches and houses of missionaries and islanders, said Caison, an assessment team member. Assisting Caison from Brotherhood headquarters in Memphis is FMB missionary to Antigua John Hamilton, on furlough there. On-site project coordinator on St. Maarten is Mark Woodruff of Barlett, Tenn. An on-site coordinator for Antigua is still being sought.

The cost to participate in the volunteer rebuilding effort is \$885 for Antigua and \$925 for St. Maarten. Both prices -- based on departure from Miami -- don't include airport taxes, meals en route, transportation to Miami and suggested typhoid and tetanus shots or anti-malaria medication.

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**Prayer sustains missionaries
as hurricanes slam Caribbean** **By Mary E. Speidel**

COLE BAY, St. Maarten (BP)--When Hurricane Luis ripped off the roof above them, Tom and Patti Higginbotham felt the power of prayer.

The Higginbothams huddled in the kitchen of their two-story apartment while winds up to 140 miles per hour battered St. Maarten, the Caribbean island where they are Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board missionaries.

Their daughters -- Kimberly, 11, and Allison, 4 -- lay on the floor beside them, covered with pillows to shield them from flying debris.

"I'd hate to know what this would be like if people back home weren't praying for us," said Patti during the family's devotional that night.

But people back home -- in the couple's hometown of Walker, La. -- were praying. And so were plenty of others across the United States.

Before the missionaries lost phone service in the early September storm, "we had calls coming in from all over the U.S. -- family, friends, (Southern Baptist) volunteers who had worked down here, people saying they were praying for us," Patti recounted. "One lady said, 'We're going to pray for 24 hours; we're not going to stop.'"

Southern Baptists were praying, too, for missionaries and Caribbean Baptists on other islands in Luis' path.

At Hannibal-LaGrange (Baptist) College in Hannibal, Mo., a dorm full of students stayed up most of the night Sept. 4 praying with Jeremy Cowin for his parents, Jerry and Karen Cowin, FMB missionaries on Antigua.

The Cowins' other son, Timothy, also enlisted prayer teams at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., where he is a student.

"We really felt the power of prayer," Jerry Cowin told Baptist Press in a telephone interview during a break from cleaning up from Hurricane Marilyn, which lashed already devastated St. Maarten and Antigua Sept. 14-15.

The Cowins -- from Imperial and House Springs, Mo., respectively -- arrived with their daughter, Karrie, 17, on Antigua as new missionaries just four days before Luis hit Sept. 5. They are the only FMB career missionaries on the British island.

Despite threatening weather forecasts, the Cowins were in a hurry to get to Antigua. They wanted to arrive in time to help people expected to evacuate there from nearby Montserrat, where a volcano is predicted to erupt. That disaster hasn't happened yet, but 5,000 people fled the island for Antigua. Then came Luis, wrecking about 80 percent of the homes on Antigua and St. Maarten, both popular tourist spots.

"We pretty well knew we were moving into the path of Luis," Cowin said. "But we knew that was where the Lord wanted us to go. For some reason he wanted us here at that time."

The couple, formerly missionaries in Brazil, are beginning to see why. "We've met people it would have taken us months to have met otherwise," Cowin said. "This has undoubtedly jump-started our ministry."

"Nobody wants a hurricane -- and I don't think God would send one for a reason like this -- but there's a real plus to the Cowins going through this with the people," said Al Gary, FMB missionary to Guadeloupe, who came to Antigua and St. Maarten to offer support and help organize relief efforts.

The Higginbothams' ordeal on St. Maarten, the island hardest hit by Luis, also had a positive side. "In some ways it was a godsend our roof was blown off and that we lost a lot of things," Patti said. "That gave us a point of identity (with people) and the right to minister because we suffered, too."

They already had a strong outreach among internationals on the 37-square-mile island. They started in their home the St. Maarten International Baptist Church, which now meets in at a yacht club on Simpson Bay Lagoon. Many church members are "cruisers," people living on sailboats.

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Though it's the largest protected body of water in the Caribbean, the lagoon took a beating during Luis. Several cruisers reportedly died in the storm. Several hundred sailboats were damaged, beached or sunk as some hastily anchored charter yachts broke loose and crashed through the lagoon.

In the midst of the storm, some cruisers contacted, from their boats, Tom Higginbotham on his 25-watt VHF radio in his home. He is net controller on the St. Maarten Radio Net, a service he started as an outreach to sailboaters.

Visibility was so low that many cruisers couldn't see broken-loose boats head d their way. The cruisers had trouble making radio contact with each other in the chaos, so Tom tried to help by relaying information from boat to boat. Twice he went out into the storm to help some cruisers, one a handicapped man who couldn't get off his sailboat.

But the Higginbothams lost radio contact with the boaters just as the roof blew off their apartment. "I had just radioed to some people that a mega-yacht was headed their way. The last thing I heard them say was, 'Here it is,'" Tom recounted.

"It was one of those times you just had to say, 'Lord, it's completely in your hands,' " said Patti.

In the wake of Luis' devastation, Southern Baptist relief efforts -- sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board and the Brotherhood Commission -- are under way on St. Maarten and Antigua. About 240 volunteers are needed to help with rebuilding for two-week stints Sept. 30 to mid-December. Financial contributions for the project also are needed.

And throughout the relief project, the prayers of people back home are needed just as much now as during night the Higginbothams rode out the storm on their kitchen floor. "We've seen the power of prayer already, but we need for people to keep on praying," she said.

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Prison terms, MasterLife
reach Colombian, Nigerian

By Ken Camp

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BIG SPRING, Texas (BP)--It's been a long pilgrimage for Rodrigo Correa, from the high-rolling lifestyle of an international businessman in Colombia to a bare cell and a Bible in the Big Spring (Texas) Federal Correctional Institution.

A few years ago, Correa was regional manager for an international sales company. But through alcohol abuse and illicit extramarital affairs, he fell into financial trouble.

Serving as interpreter for some business associates seemed like an easy way to make money. The fact that they were members of the drug cartel was incidental to him. But then an FBI sting operation in 1989 ended his second career.

Behind bars, where he has served four years of a 151-month term for conspiracy to sell drugs, Correa's life was transformed when he became a Christian. And through the witness of Don Dennis, an ex-convict turned Baptist preacher and prison MasterLife leader, he became a discipler of other Spanish-speaking inmates.

By sharing the testimony of his miraculously changed life, Correa has won two of his children, ages 30 and 27, and his ex-wife to faith in Jesus.

And when he is released, he wants to return to Colombia to share MasterLife principles there.

"I want to go from here to my country to preach the Word of God and to teach what I have learned from God," he said. "God has a purpose for me."

It's a dream that another prison MasterLife graduate, Emmanuel Ike Anakwue, is living.

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The Nigerian served time in federal prisons in Texarkana and Alexandria, La., for drug trafficking. While in the Texarkana facility, he became a Christian after hearing Dennis share his testimony, and he was disciplined by two prison MasterLife volunteers, Homer Wright and "Dutch" Scherer of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Texarkana.

In June, when Anakwue was released and returned to his homeland, he was met at the airport by Southern Baptist missionaries and leaders of a cooperating Nigerian Baptist church.

The church will provide "aftercare" to ease Anakwue's transition back into the free world. And the prison MasterLife graduate will lead evangelism and discipleship programs in Ibo, the dominant language of eastern Nigeria.

About 3,000 inmates in state and federal prisons across the country have completed MasterLife and other Lay Institute for Equipping Discipleship courses.

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