



**Helping You Fulfill
The Great Commission**

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*"For of him, and through him,
and to him, are all things:
to whom be glory for ever. Amen"*
Romans 11:36

Are you wondering, "What is the
SMART ministry about?"

Visit biomissions.org/smart to
learn more about this training ministry.

We are pleased to share the
following recommendation which Dr.
Charles Keen has given to **SMART**:

"I have looked over a new ministry
called **SMART** which is designed to get
attrition under control among our
missionaries. I am told that up to fifty
percent of first term missionaries do
not return to the field for a second
term. Some of this high dropout rate
comes from cross-culture challenges
and unplanned family pressures.
Because of Baptist International
Outreach's field experience, I do not
know of any group more qualified to
address the attrition problem in the
mission's arm of the church.

I am sure God gave both the
insight to see the need and the
courage to bring it to our attention
with solutions. I am also pleased that
SMART's efforts will be made available
to other fundamental ministries."

TERRY & BARBARA CHILDERS

*"Building Durable Missionaries
So They Keep on Going"*

March 2020

Dear Praying Friends:

We thank the Lord for giving us a good start to 2020. We already see many good service opportunities which He has set before us for this year and we are seeking His leading so we can redeem the time and make it profitable for His purposes.

In January Barbara and I enjoyed a special blessing as we attended the commissioning service for missionaries being sent to Ethiopia. The service was a reminder of what was done in Acts chapter 13 as the church at Antioch laid hands on Barnabas and Saul and sent them away. Commissioning services bring back special memories in our own life. In 1987 my wife and I knelt before the church in which we had grown up and they too laid their hands on us and commissioned us, and then sent us away to the place of God's calling.

In the past few weeks we had the opportunity to serve five missionaries at two **SMART** classes. The subjects covered were Travel Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Basic Vehicle Stewardship and Leadership Development. Their positive feedback about the helpfulness of the classes was encouraging to us. Later this year we hope to introduce a new class dealing with Cross-Cultural Adjustments. Please pray that the Lord will guide in the development of this new class. We also ask you to pray about an invitation I received from two missionaries in Nigeria who want me to come and teach our classes on Personal Protection Matters and Leadership Development. An essential part of this prayer request is that the Lord will provide \$2500 for travel expenses to make the trip. Anyone who would like to help with this special project can send their donation to BIO and designate it for Childers' Nigeria trip.

It is amazing to see how the Lord has blessed our walk of faith over the years; He has been faithful to provide our every need. When I write a prayer letter like this it seems that I have a greater awareness of how He has used so many different people—like you—as the channel through which He has provided for our needs. Thank you for giving to the Lord and thank you for your prayers and support of our ministry!

Serving because of His great faithfulness,

The Childers

Terry and Barbara Childers

