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## Fifty Years Later - What a Surprise!

Two years ago, Josh Edwards called me and said he felt God was calling him and his wife, Angela, to be church planters in Australia. We met with them and began the process of missionary mentoring. After spending a year in meetings and in communication with them, Angela mentioned her grandfather's dad, Ben Power. I was shocked! Ben Power was my pastor at Zion MBC, Winfield, Alabama, when I was in elementary school. I asked, "Who is your grandfather?" She said, "Oh yeah, I was supposed to tell you hello from him. His name is Roger Power." I couldn't believe it! I had worked with this girl for a year and she had never told me that she was the granddaughter of my best friend during my elementary school years! Roger and I almost lived together back in those days. I was devastated when his dad, our pastor, resigned and the family returned to Arkansas. I had not seen Roger in the years since.

In October, I saw my old friend for the first time in over 50 years when he came to the MTM Seminar in Little Rock to pick up Josh and Angela's kids. I got to see him again in June when we picked the Edwards up to travel together to the ABA meeting. Fifty years is a long time! But neither of us have aged a bit!



**Being mentors to young missionaries is one of the most enjoyable parts of our ministry!**



## World Missions Focus at the ABA

**The World Missions Focus at the ABA** this year was great! We had just over 250 in attendance and our speakers did a marvelous job. I want to thank **Joe Morell** and **Flatwoods MBC**, and **Darvie Fenison** and **East Somerset BC** for co-hosting the meeting. These two churches helped us tremendously by covering travel expenses for the speakers. Besides their provision, a generous offering of over \$1,000 was received during the meeting and was split among the speakers. We look forward to hosting this focus on missions again next year in Daytona Beach.



Luke Carney, our Worship Pastor at Faith, North Little Rock, and Leah Ureche, a member of our worship team, lead in worship during The World Missions Focus and in the messenger meeting. They did a great job and we at Faith are very proud of them! They will both be with us to lead worship and put on the VBS at the International Missionary Retreat!



## Cross-Cultural Women

Each year at the ABA, Brenda hosts a luncheon for women in cross-cultural ministry. As you can see, the luncheon was well attended again this year. Special thanks to Brother Edgar Sutton for making these arrangements for Brenda and for Gautier BC, Mississippi, whose offering to Brenda paid for the meals.

***If you are planning on giving to the 2016 International Missionary Retreat, final offerings are needed by August 15. Please help!***