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***Trusting the Unseen Hand***

I heard the story of a man who went fishing on the Susquehanna River, near Harrisburg, PA., in the springtime. The water was raging, so rather than rowing, he tied his boat to a tree and let the rope out so the boat could get offshore. The line came untied from the tree and the boat was swept away, only to be broken into pieces on a rock. The man clinging to the wreckage of the boat began to cry out for help as he was being swept along. A passerby hearing the cries for help, saw his need and raced ahead to a small bridge to help. Lying down on the bridge, the rescuer hung his arm over the side and yelled "*grab my hand.*" The fisherman, both arms wrapped around the wreckage, did not know if he trusted the unseen rescuer enough to let go. Fortunately, he let go with one arm and clutched the rescuer's hand and was pulled to safety.

This story reminds me of one my favorite songs called the, "*Unseen Hand.*" The first verse is, "*There's an unseen hand to me, that leads the way I cannot see, While going through this weary land, Guided by the unseen hand....*" The chorus is, "*I'm trusting to the unseen hand, While going through this weary land, And some sweet day, I'll reach that strand, Still guided by the unseen hand.*"

That story and song also remind me of the many missionaries that serve around the world. They serve in areas most of us would be afraid to visit, but through your cooperative program, we are the unseen hand that help them. This past week, I traveled with several other DOM's and pastors to New York City to meet several church-plant pastors. The work they are doing there is amazing, and in a difficult situation. While you might have a population of 30,000 people within a ten-minute walk of your church, most are not interested in hearing the Word of God. These pastors seek to build relationships with the people in their neighborhoods to reach them for Christ.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention has put together a plan for us to be the "unseen hand" in helping these New York pastors. Church planters in New York City are seeking to show God's love in tangible ways to reach their neighbors through the "We Inspire NYC" teacher tote project. This initiative is designed to help church planters, who are engaged in four neighborhood schools, bless the teachers and administrators in tangible ways.

Each teacher's tote is projected to be approximately \$100 in value. These totes will be delivered and presented to the teachers before they return to school in the fall. I would like to encourage our Little River Church's to receive an offering between now and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Send you offering to the office labeled "*We Inspire NYC*".

Let's join hands and hearts to be the "unseen hands" for church-planters in New York City. To quote Bro. Danny Torres, (one of the church plant pastors in NYC)

*"People won't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."*  
– Pastor Danny Torres of Swerve Church in Queens, New York

In Christ Service,  
Bro. Bobby

**Mev Fredenburg Mission Offering Goal- \$15,000.00**

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# June

## Calendar of Events

- 5– Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11-14– SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- 18– Father’s Day
- 25-29– Camp Cadiz

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

### 2023 Bible Drill Participants!

#### Children



#### Youth & High School



**Congratulations!**

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## 2023 Camp Cadiz Info

<https://sites.google.com/trigg.kyschools.us/campcadiz/home>

### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	2,584.50	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	980.36	
Canton	830.33	250.00
Cerulean	572.00	
Crossroads	100.00	
Delmont	225.10	
Donaldson Creek	696.84	
East Cadiz	877.08	400.00
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	1,052.00	
Locust Grove	872.00	5,417.00
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	288.15	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	217.37	
Ponderosa	292.80	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	420.00	
South Union	235.50	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income	400.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,697.03</b>	<b>6,067.00</b>
		<b>17,764.03</b>
Interest NOW Acc.	2.85	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mev Fredenburg Fund		400.00
		<b>5,417.00</b>
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>11,699.88</b>	<b>6,067.00</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<b>\$17,766.88</b>
<b>Monthly expense</b>		<b>\$21,935.43</b>
<b>Regular Fund</b>		
Beginning Balance		<b>36,849.18</b>
Interest Received		<b>2.85</b>
Gifts		<b>11,737.93</b>
Trans– Contingency Fund		<b>(100.00)</b>
Trans– Van Replacement Fund		
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund		<b>(100.00)</b>
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund		
Expense Checks Written		<b>(11,708.56)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$36,681.40</b>
<b>Treasurer: Louise Fuller 5/25/23</b>		

Happy  
Birthday

Julie Colley  
Steve Hardy– 6/12