

BIVOCATIONAL PASTORS AND FAMILIES RETREAT A SUCCESS

editorial opinion content

By Tar Henderson

CLOUDCROFT (BNM) - It is always exciting to see God at work. He was definitely at work at this year's Bivocational Pastors and Family Retreat at Sivells Baptist Camp and Retreat Center. A total of 40 people gathered on that beautiful mountain on Aug. 2-4. Attendees praised the Lord, learned from God's Word and experienced a time of rest and a time to make some new friends with other pastors and their families from across the state.

The first evening attendees enjoyed a message from Mark Clifton, senior director of replanting and revitalization of the North American

Mission Board. Clifton connected well with the pastors as he shared some of his testimony of being a bivocational pastor. Clifton encouraged the group by pointing out ways the Lord worked in his life during some challenging times, as well as some exciting times in ministry. Friday evening was topped

off with a dessert fellowship as people had the opportunity to get to know one another better.

On Saturday morning, Clifton concluded his two-part message by reminding the pastors of the Lord's faithfulness to accomplish His

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Sivells Baptist Camp and the Baptist Convention of New Mexico hosted 40 bivocational pastors and their wives for the convention's Bivocational Pastors and Family Retreat. The event included worship, preaching, fellowship, fun and the El Paso Cowboy Gospel Band (above).

MORIARTY CHURCH CONTINUES UGANDA MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

By Daniel Porter

MORIARTY (BNM) - A three-member team from The People Church (First Baptist Church), Moriarty, recently returned from a two-week Uganda mission trip. The church's pastor, Johnny Spicer, led the June 20-July 4 trip. Jeannette Maxwell, a People Church member, and Rachel Nichols, a member of First Baptist Church, Aztec, rounded out the team.

The Moriarty and Aztec churches have a long-standing partnership with Deogratius Bamanya, a

Ugandan pastor. He pastors God's Way Church in Namayumba and oversees Heritage School and Heritage School Next. The two schools are in Namayumba and Wakiso, respectively. Bamanya, his wife (Irene), and a housemother care for approximately 25 orphans and the Bamanya's children.

Spicer said previous trips focused on evangelistic efforts. During this trip, the team worked primarily with the two schools. The team delivered crates of school supplies and helped plan construction projects. The

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Reaching Children at the state's edge

Near New Mexico's far northwest corner, a church from Edgewood and one from New Jersey found a place to join forces in Vacation Bible School ministry. They helped a church plant by donating materials and working. Three children were saved.



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Hope and Tragedy at the El Paso shooting

Southern Baptists have responded many times to tragedies, including mass shootings. Those experiences prepared chaplains and others for shootings in Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas. Churches and DR volunteers immediately responded to victims and first responders.



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