

Personal Testimony of Dr. Mike Norris Franklin Road Baptist Church

“I first met Dr. Charles Keen in 1990 while pastoring in Ripley, West Virginia. The Lord led me to Murfreesboro, Tennessee where I became pastor of Franklin Road Baptist Church in January, 2000. During breakfast one morning Dr. Keen shared with me the statistics concerning the unreached part of our world and the unreached people groups. He then challenged me with the question, “Do you think the Great Commission is do-able?”



This caused me to re-evaluate the Great Commission. I came to the conclusion that it is “do-able” if we simply carry it out as God commanded. An entirely new dimension was added to my mission philosophy which impacted me in three significant ways.

First, my view of our church’s global ministry was transformed. We are now purposely targeting the uttermost in our mission effort. Our mission giving has increased to over \$500,000.00 annually and has been adjusted in order to give a greater percentage toward the unreached in the uttermost.

Second, my view of our church’s local ministry was changed. We now view all of our members as potential world-changers and seek to develop in their hearts a worldview and a sense of responsibility in reaching the unreached.

Third, God burdened our church to become directly involved in getting the Word of God to the world. In 2006 the Lord gave us a 36 inch web press and we constructed a 6000 square foot building in which to operate it. It will be used to print Scriptures for those who have never had a copy of God’s Word in their own language.”

Dr. Mike Norris is the pastor of Franklin Road Baptist Church which has grown under his leadership to an average attendance of 1500. He serves as Vice President of the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools and is on the Cooperative Board of the Sword of the Lord. The church is presently in a \$3 million building expansion program. FirstBible International is now a ministry of Franklin Road Baptist Church.