

## American Baptist International Ministries All-Staff Gathering July 12-18, 2014 at Green Lake Conference Center



What an amazing opportunity! All American Baptist missionaries from nations around the world came to Green Lake, WI to celebrate 200 years of Baptist missions, to seek God together with IM Staff for strategies and vision for the next decade and beyond, and to be renewed and empowered for the years ahead.

Clayton and Cheri Ford were greatly honored to be the All-Staff Gathering Prayer Team for the missionaries all week, and there were many very meaningful prayer opportunities. In getting to know and pray with so many amazing missionaries, serving with excellence in some very difficult fields, we couldn't escape the sense that we were surrounded by servants of Christ who carry an air of true greatness. What a joy and privilege!

Pictured above is HSRM Chair, Dr. Clayton Ford addressing all the IM Missionaries and Home Staff: *"We (Holy Spirit Renewal Ministries and International Ministries) belong together in partnership! Acts 1:8 tells us that the Holy Spirit empowers us to be His witnesses all over the world!"* HSRM was very excited to give away over 100 gift packets to all of our missionary families and many of the home staff as well. Each packet contained a copy of Clayton Ford's book (***Called to High Adventure: A Fresh Look at the Holy Spirit and the Spirit-Filled Life***); the new 32-page Study Guide companion for the book; a Flash-Drive containing all 42 keynote messages and workshops from our 2014 Holy Spirit Conference, which took place the month before, also at Green Lake; and a newly updated HSRM brochure.

Much thanks to **Eugene and Joy Purdy**, who stayed in their RV at Green Lake all week for this gathering, and also the World Missions Conference that followed. Their ideas, sacrifices, hard work, and commitment to Christ-centered and Spirit-led ministry helped in every way to make our HSRM ministry and gifts to the missionaries amazingly fruitful and much appreciated. Thank you, Eugene and Joy – you are just AWESOME!