

Bronson James to leave home office, focuses on CGI field ministry

By Darren M. Cary

TYLER, Texas—Around the first of February, the church's new headquarters building will have a vacant office. Bronson James, after much time and careful consideration, announced that he will be moving back home to Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. James began working in the Tyler office in August of 1988. Now, 13 years later, his desire is to serve as pastor of CGI's Detroit congregation.

It's an opportunity, he said, to work with and develop a congregation. He wants to maximize service to the brethren and develop local church leadership.

“It's difficult to do that when you have home office responsibilities,” Mr. James said. “The opportunity to be proactive with a field church is something I always wanted to do. Now is the time to see it to fruition.”

Detroit has been “home” to Mr. James since age 10. He lived there until he moved to Pasadena, California, to attend Ambassador College. Then, after his Ambassador years, he returned home to Detroit until his move to Tyler.

Even though he is looking forward to serving as the Detroit pastor, Mr. James will still miss his job and his coworkers at the home office.

“We have quite a team of servants of God here. While we're on the same team, we'll be fighting in different trenches,” he said.

He will likewise be missed.

“We're sure going to miss him around here,” said Vance Stinson, “but the needs in the field are demanding and Bronson's talent and skills will certainly be put to good use in Detroit and other areas.

“His absence will increase our workload, but we are supportive of Bronson's move and

believe he will be able to carry out his ministry in a most effective way.â€•

In Detroit, Mr. James plans to work as a substitute teacher and to sing professionally. He hopes to work with the Detroit Symphony, too.

Mr. James said he will continue on occasion to do some television programs in Tyler, but without the responsibilities of producing them.

He will remain active on CGIâ€™s Board of Directors and Ministerial Council. He has been on the Council since it was formed 22 years ago in December of 1979.

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â€™The Fantastic Tenâ€™™

Bronson Jamesâ€™™ New York visit yields ten baptisms

By Wanda Melendez

NEW YORK CITY, New Yorkâ€™”Who said something good does not grow in the South Bronx of New York City?

â€”The angels were getting ready for a fantastic day. The date was August 3, 2001. Mr. Bronson James came down from Texas to check out the seed that was growing in New York.

â€”As Mr. James spoke to the group, he said, â€œMy, my, what a

young group we have here. Twenty-five young men, women, and children. We are blessed. •

Benjamin Melendez has spent one year and a half teaching them about the Word of God. He is a counselor and a "big brother" to them.

The next day was the big day" it was August 4, 2001. As we Christians know, Satan always tries to discourage us by putting obstacles along the path.

For example, the mother of two brothers that were going to be baptized fell suddenly in a coma. One of the brothers came crying to Benjamin. He said, "Now we will put God to the test. He answers prayers." • The request was made to Mr. Bronson James about this woman that had fallen in a coma. A prayer was said, and after services we went to our destination. (The mother came out of the coma the very next day!)

The good news this day was that 10 young people were baptized. The youngest is 14 and the oldest is 32. We call them the "Fantastic Ten." • Here are the names:

Rachel Melendez, age 14; Natalia Melendez, age 16; Damian Torres, age 17; Luis Santiago, age 19; Wil De Los Santo, age 19; Lisa Harry, age 21; Augustine Torres, age 21; Joey Torres, age 26; Jason Keaton, age 29; Jesus Fernandez, age 32.

We request from all our brothers and sisters in the Lord to pray for us and to add more to God's kingdom.

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