



# Out of My Mind...

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## FROM THE FIELD...

One of the members of an MBC church has been given a very interesting ministry by the Lord. He has been hired by a company that is sending him to China for three years as their traveling representative! Of course, he is planning on using this job to be an ambassador for Christ, contacting and encouraging Christians wherever he meets them. As an older couple, he and his wife gave up the comforts of home to take on this challenge. Please pray for their safety and effectiveness in this amazing opportunity.

## For Your Consideration...

One of the significant ways to show a pastor the church's appreciation for his ministry is to offer him a sabbatical for refreshment and professional advancement. The arrangement would look like this:

- 1) The pastor accrues 1.5 days for every 30 days of ministry (18 days a year; 90 days in 5 years);
- 2) During the same 5 year period, the church sets aside \$100 a month to cover expenses for the pastor's replacement while he is gone;
- 3) The pastor is released to go on sabbatical for 3 months with full benefits, understanding that he will use it for professional development, that he will not seek another position during this time and that he will return for ministry in the church for at least one year upon completing his sabbatical.

Pastors should research potential grants that would finance travel or education expenses they might incur during the sabbatical. The MBC can help with possible locations for spending a portion of the 90 days and any additional information that may be requested.

MBC churches that have not already done so should consider making a sabbatical a part of their pastor's compensation package.

## On the Mend

**Becky Little:**

recovering from jaw surgery

**Barbara Wheeler:**

on going health issues

Mentoring Leaders

by Carson Pue

Clemente

by Richard Maraniss

An Unstoppable Force

by Erwin McManus

## In My Briefcase

## Out In Cyberspace

[www.gtbe.org](http://www.gtbe.org)

Judeo-Christian history, thought & values for public school students

## SURROUNDED IN LOVE: The Badar Family

Selah: "Small churches...can serve, nurture and rescue people in ways that only small church intimacy can provide. Big churches have large capacity for innovation and setting trends and they can provide specialized ministries for special audiences. But there is an advantage to smallness."

David Neff