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Exhilarating? Liberating? A tad foolish?



## Off the High Dive - The Risky Issue

It brings to mind Grady Nutt's old paraphrase: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you strange." Where is your holy discontent, the divine itch that pushes you in new directions?

Here are a few for us:

**Haiti:** Reid leaves again for Haiti on Saturday with Daniel Vestal and other CBF leaders. Reid has a passion for helping the helpers, those who deal with emotional trauma of disaster. He also will be renewing ties with the Haitian Baptists and partners doing amazing work. I have watched about a dozen times this [brief video](#) explaining the innovative "rubble houses" we are building (1000 of them) with our partners and I still get a lump in my throat. It's good stuff. [See it!](#)

**Springboard:** We have a diver in midair who has been launched into a ministry in one of the poorest places in America - Stephanie Vance in Lake Providence. We are inaugurating the Springboard Together for Hope Advisory Group to support and shepherd this work. Stephanie is poised to help us take the work to new levels after a year on the ground getting to know the heart and needs of the people.

Stephanie envisions this group participating in the story, telling the story, and ensuring the future of this story that God is blessing us to be a part of: "Much as the springboard lifts a diver into the air after contact, this committee would provide a safe space to talk about ideas and opportunities and would create a new way of getting the word out about the work of CBF-LA through Together for Hope in NE Louisiana."



Lake Providence Work Days:  
Mar 19, 26 Apr 2

The most immediate need is for individuals and groups to sign up for one of our mission house **workdays in Lake Providence set for 3 Saturdays: March 19, March 26 or April 2.** We need YOU! We need painters, light construction workers, yard workers, and sweepers and cleaners. We also have a needs list for things like comfy arm chairs, lamps, a dishwasher, tools, etc. Contact us to let us know how you can serve.

### **More risky business:**

"Intersecting God-given passion with the world's great need: The Call" is the working title of our [Spring Conference May 6-7](#). We want to give expression to the places of holy discontent, the cutting edge of our experiences; the fire in the belly urges to move out where the Spirit leads. So give us your input. We know there will be story-telling, laughter and opportunities for hands on mission events. Church for the Highlands in Shreveport, our new church start which is all out about reaching a hurting community will be the location, so mark these dates: May 6-7. Rob Nash, CBF national Missions Coordinator will be with us for the journey that weekend.



Bill Leonard - Forum Speaker

**Bill Leonard** has agreed to be our speaker at the [Stagg-Tolbert Forum for Biblical Studies on October 15 at University Baptist in Baton Rouge](#). A thoughtful, humorous, and popular scholar of church history, he will have a word of inspiration and enlightenment for us. There is no better chronicler of the story. Mark your calendar October 15 now.

**Keith Holmes is off to Hamelin not for the Pied Piper, but Paul.** Mary van Rheenen tells the [story](#).

**Want to help CBF-LA?** Forward this email to a friend and ask them to click on join the mailing list in the email so they too can become part of this story.

May God bless you with joy in every risky move you make! Kyle

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