

Missionary Prayer Bulletin



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NORTH AMERICA

◆ Jamaica

Little London

Mr. Richard Craig reported that a young man named Mickie, who recently tried to kill himself, has now confessed faith in Christ. Rev. Paul Fitzsimons had given Mickie a Bible around the time of Brian Morris's death in July 2012. Mickie's life had been in turmoil, and he felt the best thing would be to end it all. But the Lord had a different plan, and Mickie started attending the services and reading the Scripture and was brought to trust in Christ. Please pray that Mickie will grow in grace and become a bright testimony for the Saviour.

Continue to pray for Richard Craig, Andrae Lyons, and Randy Gunnings as they preach the Word and endeavor to minister to the needs of the congregation. The bookstore, managed by Mr. Gunnings, was recently repainted to freshen its appearance. It continues to be a witness in the community through the sale and distribution of books and tracts.

◆ Mexico

Mexico City—Jason & Danielle Boyle

Jason and Danielle request prayer for the vacation Bible school they plan for July 8–11. This will be their first VBS and it will require a good bit of work and training.

Two young people and a mother are going to the FPC Youth Camp in Pennsylvania this summer. Pray it will be a blessed time for them and a source of much encouragement in their spiritual walk. One of the boys is not a Christian and has had limited exposure to the gospel, so please pray for a work of God in his heart. Also, pray for the financial needs of those going and that this would be something the Mexican youth will be able to participate in for years to come.

The church has a baptismal service coming up, probably sometime in May, with seven

people to be baptized. It should be an encouraging time for all. Please continue to pray for the salvation of Rafael, David, Santiago, Leticia, Mari, Rodolfo, Raulito, Grisel, Yaham, Armando, Marco, and Yun.

Jason and Danielle will be at the Week of Prayer in Greenville in May. They are looking forward to a time of fellowship and spiritual refreshment.

EUROPE

◆ Ireland

Colin & Olive Maxwell

Colin, as usual, is grateful for the ongoing prayers and support of God's people everywhere. Life has been busy and he is thankful that the bad snows on the east coasts of Northern Ireland did not affect his work on the west side of the province. Usually his winter's work is spent either in the Irish border counties of Monaghan or (as this year) Cavan. In recent weeks, he has spent time on some of the border villages on the northern side of the Fermanagh/Cavan border. He has had some good conversations, especially one with a wheelchair-bound humanist lady. Single copies of Mark's gospel have been passed on to those happy to receive them. Colin is currently working on a good tract for the door-to-door work that will soon be ready for the printers.

◆ Spain

Cortijos Nuevos—Joy Gillespie

For the past four months Joy has been on deputation in Ulster, where she spoke at eighty meetings. Even though they had some very cold and snowy weather, only one meeting had to be rearranged. Joy says, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." I thank Him for traveling mercies and for His guiding and leading hand at all times." Please pray for her farewell service in Armagh FPC on April 25, that those unsaved family and friends who have been invited will attend even though it's a midweek meeting. Pray for God's hand

to be upon the meeting as Rev. John Greer brings the Word.

Please pray for Joy's parents. This has been a trying time for them with her father's sickness. The family thanks God for healing Mr. Gillespie of his cancer. Joy's parents hope to travel to Spain for a week's holiday with her. Pray that Mr. Gillespie's health will continue to improve and that they will be able to enjoy a nice time together. Finally, pray that as Joy takes her leave from them the Lord will give the needed grace and strength to all.

Madrid—John & Noranna Hanna

Rev. John Hanna sent his report from a very cold Ulster, where he has had the privilege of ministering God's Word at the Soul Winners' Convention in Newtownabby. He says he and Noranna enjoyed their time of fellowship with the Lord's people and trust that the Word preached will reap a harvest in hearts.

The Hannas are most grateful to all who stand with them in prayer. The Lord has been answering prayer. A young woman, Ana, has been saved in Barciencia, where four of the young church families live and where for quite some time they have been holding a weekly Friday evening prayer time. Some unsaved persons have attended recently, including Ana. Rev. Angel Alvarez is looking after that work and he says Ana is like a sponge, absorbing the Word. Susana is also showing much interest. Pray that other contacts will become more interested and come to Christ. The session of Alcorcón is seeking the Lord's guidance concerning how to commence a church plant there.

In the work in Bilbao in the north souls have been saved. Some have been baptized, and others are being prepared for membership. About 25 people attend. Dr. Jordi Ruiz is pastoring that work as well as the work in Miranda de Ebro. They meet on the Sabbath morning in Miranda and in Bilbao in the evening. Pray that the Lord would send someone to help Jordi.

Please continue to pray for the Lord's work in Alcorcón (Madrid). Pray for the

unsaved who attend. Antonia continues to attend faithfully, and her husband, Angel, has also come on two occasions although he has always been very antagonistic to the gospel. God's people have been encouraged particularly because the Lord is answering prayer bringing in people for whom they have prayed for many years. Carlos, whose mother is a member of the church, has returned. It is more than fifteen years since he stopped attending. He comes every Sabbath morning and is showing concern for his soul. Another young man has begun to attend after more than 25 years. His mother is also a member. Pray that the Lord will transform these people so that their testimony will be a means of reaching other unsaved members of their families.

◆ **Czech Republic**

Liberec—Milos & Martina Solc

Milos sends this report: "We have had a rough couple of months in the mission church. I don't know how many people realize that my father was a leading figure among the Czech Baptists for a very long time, both as minister and as president, and that though he has retired, he is still in many ways involved. This denomination is greatly compromised, yet my father believes that he and the local Baptist church can still have a positive reforming influence. This of course is not the case, as the denomination and its leadership is filled with liberals and modernists, and even the local church has many serious issues of its own (it is the church that Martin and David came out of [the two young men that have joined the Free Presbyterian work]).

"Where the story gets more complicated is that my father would on some sort of regular basis visit our work and over that time he had developed some friendships with the people there. Though I had given ample warning to the people that attend our work of the dangers of a closer relationship with my parents, they did not heed the warning. Ultimately, things came to a head and a couple of the ladies skipped our service to attend a service during which my father was preaching in the aforementioned Baptist church. I reproved them for that, which they did not appreciate, and as a result they left the mission along with those who were close to them.

"We had been praying at the beginning of this year that the Lord would remove any hindrances amongst us, in order that the work might go forward as He would wish. But we could have scarcely imagined what the Lord had in store. Though it was a difficult test, the Lord has helped us to leave it with Him

and press on in the work. This event certainly exposed that the heart of these people was not really with us in this separated witness. How sad! Many follow the Lord for loaves, but labour not for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life. O, that we would all just seek after the Lord and obey Him, no matter what the cost!

"What added to some of the trials also was a letter that came from the elders of the Baptist church, in which they had many things against us. Upon their request, I answered this letter with a very long letter of my own, detailing the many areas of compromise and disobedience of the Scriptures that were rampant amongst them. We have yet to receive a reply.

"Some of the battles and confrontations we face with our own family and former brethren may come as a surprise to many, but we arrived here in the Czech Republic knowing full well that this was one of our chief duties when the Lord sent us here, and that it would be something we would have to face. The Lord called us with a word from Ezekiel 3, giving clear direction that He was sending us to our own people, the house of Israel, making us to be watchmen and those who 'give them warning' from Him, and that they would not hear, for they are an 'impudent and hard-hearted' people. And yet, if we would 'warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned.' Even this the Lord is fulfilling in bringing brothers David and Martin to an obedient walk after Him. May the Lord find us faithful.

"On a happier note, we have cast the net out again and have had a number of new people in our home to give witness to them. Pray especially for a young medical doctor by the name of Jane, who is very open to the gospel, and for her family.

"We (brothers David, Martin, and I) also had the opportunity, upon the invitation of Rev. Kevin McLeod, to visit and minister in the Rasharkin FPC over the Easter weekend. It was a great encouragement to have some fellowship with the Lord's people in Ulster. It was also the first time brother Martin Hysek was able to get to Northern Ireland. We are all very thankful to the Lord for the love and kindness of His people and for their prayers."

ASIA

◆ **India**

Visak—Ravi & Neeta Pasupuleti

Ravi requests prayer for the following people who were given the gospel: 1) Sanyas Rao,

who has had trouble with alcohol for the last twenty years. He professed Christ recently, but is struggling with alcohol. Pray that the Spirit of God may fill him. 2) A family with a six-year-old daughter, Niharika, who has cancer. Please pray that the Lord will heal her and that her family will come to the Lord. 3) Nasser, who was "dead against Christ," but who now believes that Jesus is truly God. He is coming to church now and needs to grow in faith. Ravi also asks us to pray that his own faith will grow that he may see the Lord work in him "to will and to do of his good pleasure."

◆ **Nepal**

Kathmandu—Wesley & Carol Graham

Since the Grahams returned to Nepal in the middle of March Mr. Graham has been teaching the distinctives of the Free Presbyterian Church to the students as well as to some men who have already gone through the training. The class is in response to the recent decision of the church in Nepal to become a Free Presbyterian church.

Rev. John Greer, the moderator of presbytery, and Rev. Ian Harris, chairman of the mission board, will be in Nepal in April to speak with the leaders of the Nepal church about becoming Free Presbyterians. Dr. Alan Cairns will also take part in the church's annual conference. He will be speaking on the Ten Commandments. Please pray for the discussions and for the conference.

One of the radio evangelists from the east, Tek Bahadur, recently reported that there has been a great change in a village through the radio work. Five families have been saved as the result of the *Let the Bible Speak* radio ministry. There are fifteen members, all from a Hindu background. A fellowship has been commenced in that village. Another radio evangelist, Prakesh Tamang, has seen some young Buddhists converted in an area about six hours from Kathmandu. Again, these are follow-up contacts from the radio broadcasts. Please continue to pray for the radio work of *Let the Bible Speak* in Nepal.

AFRICA

◆ **Liberia**

Monrovia—David DiCanio

While Joanne Greer was in Northern Ireland for a few weeks, Mr. DiCanio had the use of her car, which made his work significantly easier. His labors are still focused on the construction project at Dwazon. He says, "The security wall has had some delay be-

cause the oceanview foundation was not laid properly. The engineer has been absent from the job and has left his boys to do the work without him. I've been able to catch most of the mistakes, although generally they have done a very good job.

"House one is a breath away from completion. We lay base boards today [April 15], and I will hang a few pictures and nick-knacks that I brought back with me from the States. Three of the bedrooms still need beds, but we did purchase the curtains, bedspreads, and sheets. They are all coming by barrel from America. We are also awaiting the kitchen from Ulster, though we are uncertain if anyone here can do a proper installation. I was told that the countertop seam is to be invisible when joined; however, when I went to see the kitchen in the house of the owner of the installation company here, he had silicon smeared all over the top of the joint and left to dry. I raised that issue with him, but he said the job had not been done well, but they can do better. I then said, 'Well, if you as the owner of the company did your kitchen this way, what will my kitchen look like?' I've found at times in Liberia the best way is to be brutally blunt!

"The mission board decided to build a small, temporary apartment for Joanne Greer until the second house is completed. The apartment is needed anyway for our groundskeepers, who are now living in the warehouse. We decided to build the apartment with an extra strong foundation so that we can add an additional apartment on top if we needed to in the future. We also decided to build a slightly larger septic tank to accommodate as many as eight apartments, as that is the amount of apartments that will fit in that section of the compound. These additional apartments may never be built, but it is wise in my opinion to build slightly stronger and larger for minimal expense for possible future expansion.

"The Paynesville congregation seems to be gradually increasing in attendance. This past Sunday we had about fifty attendees. The weekly LTBS radio broadcast is still airing on two stations, and we've heard reports that people are enjoying it. The funding for the broadcast is only for one year, and that date is soon approaching. I'm praying that the Paynesville church committee will consider the \$50 USD per month to continue the program. They have enough money to do it if the people tithe. We just recently increased the pastor's salary from \$85 per month to \$120. We were trying to do \$150, but we could not afford it. Though we greatly appreciate the help for the radio and other things, please pray that we can cut off foreign funds to help the

Liberians see that they do not need foreign 'sponsorship' to run their church.

"The local government TV station has been airing some of the DVDs that our bookstore carries. The last DVD was rejected, however, because it was 'too political.' The film was 'indoctrination.' It is a documentary by a Scottish fellow who travelled the USA to look at the public school system. His film shows little children being taught in the classroom that homosexual marriage is acceptable. The folk at the station felt that this would cause trouble in the country because the battle over homosexual marriage is being waged here in Liberia just recently.

"I'm no longer involved with the details of the bookstore ministry as Martin, our manager, has taken on more duties. We are still bringing in enough money to pay the bills, and have been able to make several orders in the last six months. Reading glasses have become very popular and we've now started to order larger quantities from the US and ship them UPS. The postage is extremely expensive, but it is quick, and we've found that we can cover the cost in sales so far. My goal is to get Martin up to a monthly salary of \$500 USD. He is currently making \$325. Pray that we can expand the shop. Not only is it a great ministry, but it is providing jobs for four of our church people.

"I've been impressed lately with the great need for the people here to be taught to read and write. I don't believe we will have a strong church in Liberia until this issue is dealt with. In developing countries, history shows that reading lessons were a big part of missionary endeavors. Joanne is doing a good work in this area, but she cannot do it all."

Monrovia—Joanne Greer

Joanne returned to Liberia April 11 after spending three weeks in Northern Ireland. She enjoyed her time at home and is thankful for answered prayer for safe travelling. She says the meetings at the Easter Convention at Martyrs' Memorial went well. She is staying in a guesthouse in Monrovia for a few weeks until the apartment at Dwazone is ready. Joanne is looking forward to getting settled in there so that she can get back to a full workload again.

◆ Kenya

Kapenguria—Margaret Russell

Margaret writes of the great relief experienced in Kenya when they finally had the inauguration of their fourth president. She says it was a very tense month with the election, delay in announcing of results, a high court appeal,

and the real possibility of a runoff between the two main parties. But it didn't come to that, and Kenyans in it all remained patient and peaceful, for which the missionaries are very thankful. However, a cloud overshadows it all as the new president and his deputy still have a case to answer at the International Criminal Court. Margaret thanks us sincerely for our prayers and asks us to continue to remember the nation at this time.

Heavy rains have been pounding most parts of the country during the past three weeks, and forecasts state that this will continue until June. Almost forty people have lost their lives and thousands have had to move from the flood risk areas. Sadly, many left too late and escaped with only their lives.

Margaret has really appreciated prayers for the special Sunday school programs which have been going on during March and April. All the examinations have been held, and they have just started their special parents' and prize-giving meetings. These will continue on April 21 and 28, with the final meeting in the Academy on May 19. The purpose of these special meetings is to reach out to the parents of the Sunday school children. Please pray that good and lasting contacts will be made and that many parents will be found under the sound of the gospel. Pray for God's blessing on the Sunday school teachers' conference planned for May 1–4. This is a special time when all the teachers come together for prayer and instruction as they begin another Sunday school year.

The BCFC Bible College has started short courses for their young people who have finished their secondary school education. Please pray for the youth who are attending these courses, that God would be pleased to call some of them into the ministry of the gospel. The fulltime pastoral course is scheduled to start in May, but again prayer is needed that God will send laborers to be trained for the work of God and to fill the vacant pulpits of the BCFC.

A 30th anniversary trip to Kenya is planned for October of this year. Thirty-eight people have signed up for the trip, and Margaret asks us to pray for the planning and coordination that is needed both on the Kenyan side and Ulster side. Above all, Margaret desires that they would experience the blessing and provision of the Lord during this special occasion and that in everything God's name would be glorified.

Kapenguria—Kathy Walker

Kathy reports that her travels around to the churches in North America have gone very

smoothly thanks to the expert assistance of Dana McAnally of the Toronto Free Presbyterian Church. The flights have been good, and the hospitality of those she has stayed with has been such that she felt more like family than guest. She says, "There are no people like the Lord's people!" She is about half-way through and enjoying a brief visit at home with her parents and family before beginning the second stage of the schedule.

The Lord has given much help in the meetings. It has been a blessing to fellowship once again with those who love and support the work of the Lord in Kenya. Kathy is looking forward to visiting in the remaining churches and especially to attending the Week of Prayer in May. Please pray for continued physical strength and safety for Kathy as she travels and especially that the Lord would continue to encourage her heart and give a fresh vision for the work He has called her to.

Kitale—Noreen McAfee

Noreen says that most of the staff and students at the Christian Academy are now enjoying a break after a busy first term. They have quite a number of new students this year and the classes are bulging. Please pray for all the children and young people as they sit under the sound of God's Word day by day. Two young girls recently professed faith in Christ, but the school staff continues to pray that the Lord would give them "much more." Please especially remember the boys at the school. In recent times most converts have been girls; pray that God would move among the male students as well.

May 19 will be the annual Sunday school prize-giving service for the Academy with parents and friends in attendance. Noreen requests prayer for the children as they take part and for Rev. Malcolm Patterson, who will bring the Word.

God was pleased to give good results in the 2012 examinations, and Noreen says we need to pray for this year's examination candidates as they prepare for their final papers in October and November. She also covets our prayers for the past pupils as they seek admission to higher education courses and move on to new spheres.

During the April break the BCFC young people will be involved in a farm project, a short mission trip to the area of Parsinda, and their April youth rally to be held on April 27 in Morchichi. Noreen asks us to remember all these activities and the BCFC youth in our prayers.

Nyaporo—Gillian Gillespie

Gillian asks prayer for the following meetings in Nyaporo Bible Christian Faith Church: a Five-Day Club for children April 22–26 (Pray for salvation among the little ones and for building up of those who profess faith in Christ) and the teens/youth week April 29–May 3. The meetings are to be held mid-morning, as it doesn't seem to rain in the mornings. Pray that the roads will be passable and that there will be no extra tuition classes in any of the schools during these weeks. Pray also that the parents will allow all the young people to attend all of the meetings. Gillian says, "We have a good bunch of young people who are willing to work for the Lord and who are desirous to learn God's Word."

On Saturday, March 23, twelve ladies from the BCFC Kitale congregations came for a ladies' rally in Nyaporo. A number of ladies came in from the community for the first time. The ladies from the Kitale congregations stayed over and then did some evangelism on the Sunday morning before the church service. On Sunday, the Rev. Paraiywa (Kitale BCFC) preached with much power on Luke 22:54: "And Peter followed afar off." It was a message that touched everyone's heart! Gillian says, "Our guests left after dinner and arrived back to Kitale safe and sound just before dark. Their fellowship was sweet!"

On a personal note, Gillian asks for prayer for her dad, who has just finished his treatment for cancer but who is still not saved.

Brethren, pray for us.
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