

# Missionary Prayer Bulletin



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## NORTH AMERICA

### ◆ Mexico

#### **Mexico City—Jason & Danielle Boyle**

The Boyles praise the Lord that in the last few months three new families have started attending the services, two of them from their neighborhood. They handed out invitations door to door for the Easter service and are praying that people would come as a result.

Please pray that God would bless their study through the book of John. Pray also for spiritual growth of the believers in the church, especially the struggling single moms (there are many of them in the church). Finally, please pray that God would raise up leaders for the church.

There are three or four campers who hope to go to the FPC youth camp in July, provided the necessary funds are in place. Pray that God would provide what is needed so that these young people can enjoy the kind of fellowship and teaching experienced at camp, something that is very rare in Mexico.

Jason and Danielle are happy to report that the women's conference on April 12 went very well. Between the two churches involved they had about 75 ladies attend. The testimony that was given was very moving. The two teaching sessions were based on Titus 2 and laid the foundation that these women need to have in order to grow. The Boyles say, "The Lord worked in many hearts and a good number of ladies are growing because of it. Please pray for us. After a weekend with so much blessing, it is certain that the devil will begin to attack in other areas. We have already begun to feel it personally. Pray that God would guard us all from those darts of the enemy."

## EUROPE

### ◆ Ireland

#### **Colin & Olive Maxwell**

The gospel mission in County Donegal for which Colin did some outreach ended without any outward signs of conversions. He says, however, that it was good to see many of the converts from the previous mission gathered in along with some unsaved folk. Colin is currently working on his own in County Monaghan and also with the wider FPC outreach in the Irish Republic every two months under the "Consider Christ" campaign.

On the home front, Olive's mother is still seriously ill because of a brain tumor. The family is anxious to nurse her at home, which brings its own pressures. The prayers of God's people are greatly appreciated at this time.

### ◆ Spain

#### **Cortijos Nuevos—Joy Gillespie**

Joy says that the people in her village of Cortijos Nuevos are busy making preparations for their Easter parade. This year they have been practicing through the town with a new drum band. Joy says it can be rather eerie to listen to. She is praying that it will rain so that they won't be able to bring out any of their idols.

In April the ladies who attend the ladies' weekly Bible study made out invitations for some people in Cortijos Nuevos to try to encourage them to come to the studies. Seven people were specially invited, as over the past months either Conce or Joy had had the privilege to speak with them concerning the gospel. One came and brought her friend. It was a real encouragement for Conce to see them come into her home to hear the gospel.

Please keep praying for the village of Cortijos Nuevos. The people have no interest in the things of the gospel. A good day at the book table in Cortijos Nuevos is being able to give out two tracts. There is such an apathy in the people and disinterest concerning their eternal destiny. Pray that God will deliver them from the power of darkness and translate them into the kingdom of His dear Son.

Please continue to remember the English classes with the school teachers. Pray for friendships to be made and for more opportunities to share the gospel. After Easter Joy will have only four classes left. Pray that God will show her how to make them count for His glory.

#### **Madrid—John & Noranna Hanna**

The Hannas express gratitude to the Lord for all who faithfully pray for them and the Lord's work in Spain. They especially thank those who prayed against the Euro Vegas project scheduled to be built in Alcorcón. These plans have now fallen through. To God be the glory!

After much waiting the new church hall was finally opened to the glory of God on Saturday, February 15. A group of three ministers, two elders, and five others travelled from Ulster to join the Lord's people in Alcorcón on that happy occasion. A good group also travelled up from Cortijos Nuevos. John says it was a very blessed weekend. The church benefited from the ministry of God's Word from the visiting preachers.

Please continue to pray for a small group of men in the Alcorcón church who are preparing themselves to serve as lay preachers. Pray also that the Lord will raise up others for the gospel ministry in Spain.

Please continue to pray for the unsaved attending the services, especially Antonia, Patricia, Mari Carmen, Carlos, Alberto, and Jaime. Jaime showed much

interest at first, but recently he has been missing some of the services. It would seem that the influence of his wife is taking effect. Pray that the devil's hold on all these people will be broken and they will be liberated from their sin through Christ.

John and Noranna have been blessed with another healthy grandson, David. Their grandsons are a source of much joy to them. They thank all who prayed for Vicky. The Lord wonderfully answered prayer as she had less than two hours of labour before the baby was born. John asks for prayer for all the children in the congregation and for their parents that they will be blessed with much wisdom and discernment in the upbringing of their children.

Continue to pray for the work in the North where Jordi Ruiz continues to labor for the Lord. The authorities in Bilbao have notified them that they will have to relocate. Pray that they will be led of the Lord to an appropriate building.

In closing the Hannas encourage everyone to continue uplifting them and the Lord's work in general in Spain before the throne of grace.

## ◆ Czech Republic

### **Liberec—Milos & Martina Solc**

Milos says they have had a number of e-mails in the last couple of months from different parts of the country from people that have come across the Free Presbyterian mission in Liberec through the Internet. The e-mails have been both positive and negative. On the positive side there are people that appreciate what the work stands for and are blessed by the messages on SermonAudio.com and some of the written articles. Pray that in the Lord's time the Solces would see some direct fruit from the Internet ministry.

The Solces enjoyed another visit from Daniel and Alayna Overly the weekend of April 13. Daniel brought a message with a gospel emphasis on the Lord's Day. Milos used the opportunity to invite some of the people they been ministering to, including a number of students and one of his colleagues from the university. The Solces were praying that the Lord would speak to them when they heard from another saved man. Milos says the testimony of every additional believer adds weight to the Word of God that they have been sharing with these lost souls, which in most cases have not met any

other believers than the Solces. Please pray for the salvation of these souls.

Milos recently had the occasion to speak to a young woman, a student of his, whose parents are Russellites (Jehovah's Witnesses). She has turned her back on anything to do with the Bible, thinking that she knows all it has to offer. Milos had an excellent opportunity to witness to her. Pray for this young woman, Anna Jiraskova.

## ASIA

## ◆ Nepal

### **Kathmandu—Wesley & Carol Graham**

Wesley and Carol Graham arrived back in Nepal in the past couple of weeks. Their work in the college now involves the teaching of the distinctives of the Free Presbyterian Church. The main part of the lecturing is being carried out by five of the Nepali brethren. The Grahams are thankful the Lord has raised up able young men to carry out this vital task.

On their way back to Nepal they stopped in Delhi, India, where there are a number of churches connected to the Free Presbyterian Church of Nepal. These churches are mainly composed of Nepali people who have gone to India to find work. Presently, there are about nine fellowships of varying sizes, and Mr. Graham says it is encouraging to see their desire to spread the Word of God. Please pray that these people will grow in grace and that other churches will be formed. The pastors in these works need to be trained, and plans are being made to enable this to be carried out.

The brethren in Nepal are looking forward to the annual conference beginning on Easter Monday, when Rev. Alan Cairns will be arriving to preach for five days on the fruit of the Spirit. He will be preaching about eighteen times at different meetings over a period of eight days. Please pray for him.

The second presbytery meeting of the Free Presbyterian Church of Nepal will be held at the end of the conference week. The Lord's wisdom is needed as the future of the church is planned. Please pray for those involved in this work.

One other matter of prayer concerns a young man, Isaac, and a young woman, Sarita. They have a great burden to become doctors and take the gospel as medi-

cal missionaries. To fulfil this ambition will require the Lord to open certain doors for them in the next eighteen months or so. Pray that the way might be cleared for them. God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

## AFRICA

## ◆ Liberia

### **Monrovia—David DiCano**

Rev. David DiCano reports that the construction project in Dwazone came to a complete halt during the entire month of March because a bank wire transfer never arrived. The local bank changed its intermediary bank and the mission work, along with several other American nationals, did not receive its funds until one month after they were sent. Once they got the funds and began construction they were faced with a second delay. Typical to the environment of a developing country, several containers of steel rods were held up at the port and they were unable to finish the roof on house two (where Joanne Greer will be moving). As Mr. DiCano was writing this report on April 11, they were still waiting for the rods.

For the past month Mr. DiCano has been mainly working on entering into the computer the financial data related to the construction project and keeping up with other secretarial duties (i.e., filing taxes for the missionaries, the national workers, and construction contractors who work on the property). Pastor Dahn has been taking the preaching duties in the Paynesville church while Mr. DiCano attends to the finances particularly.

The missionaries have been attempting to help Rev. Richard Wesley (a local conservative Baptist minister) acquire both music and sermon content for his 300-watt FM radio station in Sinkor. The station has been off the air because of his finances and because of a lack of consistent electricity in Monrovia. Mr. DiCano is hoping to air a one-hour LTBS sermon program every night and hopes to soon see Mr. Wesley be able to connect his 1000-watt transmitter and possibly raise his tower to 200 feet to extend his signal.

Most have probably read about the ebola virus that has arrived in West Africa, particularly in Guinea and Liberia. Mr. DiCano says, "We are certainly watching it closely and are taking precautions. For

the past few weeks the church people in Paynesville have been asked by me not to shake hands. Some have suggested that they need not take precautions as the Lord will protect them, but we have reminded those people that God requires us to preserve life, as required in the sixth commandment. It was very timely that Dr. Cairns was addressing the sixth commandment in his 1996–1997 series on the law, which we are airing in Liberia on the Christian station ELWA and the nationwide government station ELBC.”

## ◆ Kenya

### **Kitale—Malcolm & Alison Patterson**

The Pattersons are glad to report that they have been able to renew their visa for a further three months in Kenya. Registration is almost finished, and as soon as it is they will be able to apply for their work permit.

The Bible college term and examinations are over, and both staff and students are enjoying a well-earned break. Please continue to pray for men to feel the call of God to prepare for the ministry. Pray for the ministers and pastors as they preach each week and shepherd the flocks that God has given them. The next term in the Bible college starts the beginning of May.

The youth ministries course is in the eighth week of a ten-week course. Two students have attended full time. Another two commenced the course but had to leave due to examination resits at school. The youth ministries course is mainly for young people who are waiting for final examination results and a place at university. Do remember to pray for the eight young people who graduated from this course last year. Some are in employment and some at university.

Outreach continues in the Bikeke area. Good conversations have been had and some of the Bible study booklets have been given out as well as gospel literature. Pray for an increase in numbers at the weekly Bible study and prayer meeting.

Malcolm has approached the local Christian radio station regarding a fifteen-minute slot on a weekly basis for a *Let the Bible Speak* program. There has been a favorable response. Please pray that all the details can be worked out.

The ladies' meetings continue on a bi-weekly and monthly basis. A request has been made for additional teaching in a workshop style once a month on

a Saturday, specifically for the leaders of the ladies' meetings and any others who would like to attend. Topics such as salvation, prayer, and witnessing have been suggested as starting points. The Pattersons rejoice that these ladies desire more teaching.

The third Bible study booklet has been written, and at present, Ebby, the lady who translates for Alison at meetings, is translating the booklet into Swahili.

The Pattersons had an interesting trip to Uganda last week with missionary colleagues and two members of the Mission Board. Do pray that if it is God's will for a further work that He would clearly guide.

Malcolm says, "It is good to remember the words of our Saviour in Matthew 28:19–20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

### **Nyaporo—Gillian Gillespie**

On February 14, the little work in Nyaporo was greatly saddened to learn of the death of one of its senior citizens. Joseph, who was 80, had been suffering from cancer. After hearing the gospel twice in the church in Nyaporo BCFC, he came to the Saviour. He had a real hunger and thirst for the things of God. Many at his funeral testified that he was always telling them of their need to be saved. Remember his family, most of whom are still unconverted.

In March another of the seniors, also 80, confessed in church that he had come to Christ four years ago through reading the text of scripture at the front of the church. He urged all that Sunday to repent and be converted. His testimony really encouraged Gillian. Pray for his wife and family. They are still outside of Christ.

Pray for those in the church who are still held captive by alcohol. Pray for the children and teens that they will be able to attend church each Sunday. Finally, pray for safety for Gillian as she travels on the mud roads during the rainy season.

### **Kapenguria—Margaret Russell**

Margaret writes that on April 13 they had their final special parents' meetings in thirteen of their churches, representing twenty of the BCFC Sunday schools. She is thankful to hear of visiting parents

under the sound of the gospel. They now start another year's program in the Sunday schools. Please pray for this ministry to the children, that in Sunday school they will seek and find the Saviour. In this new Sunday school year the BCFC plans to set up committees in the three main areas where the churches are to give closer supervision and assistance to the Sunday school ministry. Margaret asks us to pray very especially that those on the committees and particularly the chairmen will have a real burden for this ministry and give much-needed help and direction. Margaret also continues upgrading the Sunday school lessons and visual aids and is very thankful for the four artists who are presently assisting with this. Pray that God will bless all those who have a part in this ministry.

The academy is now on its first term holiday break of three weeks, resuming again on May 5. The first term as always has been very busy, but the Lord continues to give help and grace in the running of the academy. Margaret does not take for granted another three months of protection and health for the over six hundred students as they travel on the roads and board in the academy compound—another great answer to prayer. Please pray that God will continue to meet the many needs of such an institution: physical, academic, financial, and spiritual. The Word of God goes forth twice a day. Pray that it will fall on ground prepared of the Lord and that it will bring forth fruit that will remain.

Patrick continues with his medication for leukemia but at times is quite unstable and had a lot of muscle pain. Do continue to pray for him.

Kenya as a nation still needs much prayer. Security is a big concern as there have been some further isolated terrorist attacks in Nairobi and Mombasa. At this moment they are making a serious attempt to determine and repatriate those who are in the county illegally. The long rains have come but are light and erratic in some places while in other places there is flooding. Please pray that God will again be merciful as people have planted their farms and hope for a harvest. As they look over the countryside and see the seed sown germinate here and there, the missionaries lift their hearts to the Lord that the precious seed, which has been faithfully planted, will also germinate and bring forth fruit. Do pray to that end.

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