

Missionary Prayer Bulletin



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NORTH AMERICA

◆ Mexico

Mexico City—Jason & Danielle Boyle

The Boyles report that their vacation Bible school in July went very well with lots of helpers from church. A total of fifty different children came throughout the week. Much spiritual seed was planted and gospels of John were sent into many homes. The Boyles made new contacts with neighbors. God is giving them a greater presence in their neighborhood.

On July 13 a man and his wife professed salvation in Christ. Please pray for fruit and growth as Jason does a new believers' study with them.

Rev. Myron Mooney and Rev. Reggie Kimbro will be visiting at the end of September. Pray for a blessed trip and safety. They will be visiting the Boyles' congregation (Iglesia Cristiana El Redentor) as well as three other congregations in the state of Veracruz, five hours away, that are seeking to join the FP denomination. The men will also be visiting a property that may be purchased for the church. Pray for wisdom.

Please pray for a man named Sergio who has been attending the church for about six months with his family. When he reads the Bible and other books Jason has given him, he gets angry and puts them down. He desperately needs saving faith so the Holy Spirit can give him understanding. Please pray for God's touch upon his life and family.

God is giving Jason and Danielle more opportunities to start new studies and meet with people. Pray that they would have wisdom to know how to use all the hours in the day efficiently for His glory. Please pray also for elders to be raised up in the church.

EUROPE

◆ Ireland

Colin & Olive Maxwell

Colin Maxwell has been at Athlone in the Republic of Ireland doing some outreach work for a couple of days prior to the Consider Christ outreach meeting on Monday, August 11. He was planning to move on to the Roman Catholic shrine at Knock afterwards where he has had some excellent chats with pilgrims in recent visits, including two young RC priests, one of whom was from New York. Colin says street preaching in Dublin has also been going well. He greatly appreciates everyone's prayers.

◆ Spain

Alcorcón—John & Noranna Hanna

John and Noranna enjoyed twelve days of vacation travelling through Portugal. They are grateful to the Lord for this needed rest and are glad to be back into the work again.

Continue to pray for the group of men in the Alcorcón church who are preparing to serve as lay preachers. Pray also that God will raise up others for the gospel ministry in Spain. They continue to request prayer for the unsaved attending the services, especially Antonia and Carlos and his friend Miriam. Pray also for Alberto. They all have been faithfully attending the services. Alberto's 15-year-old son Ruben was in Ulster for a month and stayed with a Christian family and attended church with them. This was his first direct contact with the gospel. On his first Sabbath back home he attended the morning service in Alcorcón. Pray for Ruben and for his brother and mother, that they will accompany Alberto to the services.

The church in Alcorcón is praying for another elder to be added to their session.

As is customary, the session has made a recommendation to the congregation, but the final choice will be with the church members. The election will probably be in the fall.

The Hannas report with sadness that Dr. Jordi Ruiz has decided to leave the Christian Presbyterian Church. He now holds to exclusive psalmody without the use of instruments and has applied to the synod of the Free Church of Scotland Continuing. John says, "He leaves us on very good terms and the whole procedure of his termination was conducted in a spirit of love and respect. We pray that the Lord will richly bless Jordi in his future ministry."

Finally, please pray for the annual family camp planned for the last week of August. This year is special as they celebrate twenty-five years. In closing the Hannas encourage everyone to continue uplifting them and the Lord's work in general in Spain before the throne of grace.

Cortijos Nuevos—Joy Gillespie

Please pray for a number of Joy's contacts. Andres and Pepe will always talk with her concerning the gospel, and they enjoy reading the literature. Pray that God will open their hearts to the truths of His Word. Both would say they are saved but seem scared to come to church. Remember also their families; some members are totally against any contact with Joy.

Remember also the young people from Armagh FPC who will be visiting August 16–23. Pray that they will have a great time but also that God will work in their hearts to give their all to the Master. Pray also for the people whom Joy has invited to come to church that Sunday.

Family camp will be held in Antequera August 25–30. Joy has responsibility for the children's programs in the mornings. Pray for all the last-minute preparations.

Beas de Segura—Lyle & Heather Boyd
Lyle reports that he, his wife, Heather, and Heidi, the little girl who stays with them from time to time, had a very enjoyable and blessed time in the camp in Sevilla with a group of young people from the Sandown Road congregation in Northern Ireland. Please pray that the Word spoken would resonate in their hearts and that they would follow the Lord more closely and be useful in His service. Lyle also has been very encouraged during the summer months with good attendance in the services, especially at the midweek Bible study where a few who do not usually go on Sunday have gathered in.

Please pray for a lady named Angeles who has come on three occasions to the meetings. Remember also the many unconverted who attended a baptismal service in July. Over sixty people gathered and heard a gospel message.

Lyle will be going on deputation for the month of September and requests prayer for the meetings, not only in Cortijos Nuevos during his absence, but also in Ulster.

◆ Czech Republic

Liberec—Milos & Martina Solc

At the end of June, due to the generosity of the Toronto church, Milos was able to attend the FPC congress in Northern Ireland with his son Milos and daughter Abigail. He says, “The Lord gave us a blessed time and we were able to renew fellowship with many from our home church in Toronto, as well as many others from our various churches. I was able to bring back a report to the people in the Czech Republic, who were very encouraged by the fact that there is a family of God in these distant lands that keeps the work of God here in their prayers. I was also able to bring a number of messages in the Czech language from what was preached at the congress for the edification of the Lord’s people.”

On the first Sunday after the congress, the Lord brought a young woman named Barbora to the evening service. The Solces have known her for several years, having met her at the athletics track where Milos and Abigail train. After the service, Barbora indicated a desire to get saved. She went to the Solces’ home with them where they had the joy of leading her to the Lord. After many years of ministering to her this is a great encouragement.

Barbora will be going into her third year of medical studies. Please pray for her as she has many challenges ahead.

At the beginning of August the Solces were also encouraged by the visit of Dr. Ruth Slade, for many years the principal of Whitefield Christian Schools in Toronto, and her cousin, Mrs. Shirley Brandon. They had a good time of fellowship and the ladies shared their personal testimonies during the mid-week meeting to the encouragement of God’s people there.

Please continue to pray for the salvation of Mr. Radek Linhart, the husband of Jana. The Lord gave this family a second little boy born at the end of May. Mrs. Linhart attends all the services and brings both boys with her, but her husband rarely comes. Pray for her as she also faces some attacks from her own parents because of her stand for the Lord and His work.

ASIA

◆ Nepal

Kathmandu—Wesley & Carol Graham

Rev. Wesley Graham reports that during the past month Paul Thapa has been in contact with some of the LTBS radio evangelists and has sent in thrilling news of the Lord’s work among people in remote places in Nepal.

Radio evangelist Timothy was telling him about conversions through programs broadcast in the midwest of Nepal, where three families have been saved. This place is very remote, two days’ walk from Hetauda, the nearest town. Timothy is staying there for another two months teaching the new converts and having fellowship with them. Please pray for Timothy as he is ministering in the village and also pray for these new believers.

Another radio evangelist, Rim, has also reported news of people being saved, some of whom are college students. Now he is helping them to grow in Christ. Please remember Rim in your prayers and the Christian college students, that they will be strong in the faith.

Paul Thapa is now in the district called Gulmi and says he is much encouraged to see the people who have been converted recently through the radio broadcasts. He writes, “I thank God that He has done wonderful things in bringing them into His kingdom. I rejoice when I see these young people who will be the pillars of the church in the future.”

Paul had a meeting in the midwest and was delighted with the response. After the meeting the people had a lot of questions, and God gave him the knowledge and wisdom to answer them. There were about 65 people from different locations. Best of all, four of them gave their lives to Christ after the preaching of the gospel. It is wonderful that this means of communication through the radio is able to reach into areas which have never before been touched with the gospel of Christ.

On August 2 in northeast Nepal a massive landslide blocked the Sukoshi river and killed almost two hundred people. The Free Presbyterian Church in Nepal along with other Christian groups hopes to be able to help in supplying blankets and food to alleviate the suffering of the people who survived. They plan to print Bible verses on the blankets as a useful method of communicating the gospel to those in need. Please pray for the believers of the church, that they may have opportunity to bear witness for Christ in that difficult situation.

AFRICA

◆ Liberia

Monrovia—David DiCanio

Rev. David DiCanio and Joanne Greer have had to leave Liberia temporarily because of the Ebola virus. They were thankful that they made it out on what turned out to be the last British Airways flight out of Liberia. Some friends of theirs in Liberia were able to get flights on other carriers when their British Airways flights were cancelled. Dave is staying in the United States for 21 days, and then will probably start doing some deputation speaking in North America. He hopes to return to Liberia before going to Ulster for February through April.

Mr. DiCanio says, “We really do appreciate your prayers for us and the people in Liberia. We are keeping in contact with them almost every day via Skype, phone, and texting. Please pray for stability in the country, as well as for the health of our people. So many clinics have closed that it is difficult for the people to get treatment even for common sicknesses like malaria.”

The missionaries’ leaving Liberia coincided with the commencement of the daily LTBS radio program on ELWA radio (the large Christian station that also

has the hospital that has been in the news because of Dr. Brantly and Nancy Writebol's illness). They are also increasing the program on ELBC, the nationwide government station, four days a week. Previously, both stations aired the program only on Sundays. Dave puts the programs together with a laptop, so he is able to continue that work while he is out of the country. He uploads the programs to Dropbox, and then the stations download them as needed. Dave says, "It is wonderful to have a voice in the country during this difficult time. We are really thankful to Let the Bible Speak in Ulster for sponsoring the programs for at least six months. Pray that the Lord will open the door for a larger radio voice in Liberia.

Monrovia—Joanne Greer

Vacation Bible school was held in Paynesville FPMC July 14–18. Joanne's parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Greer, were visiting at the time and Joanne was very grateful for her mother's teaching the VBS lesson each day on Ezra and Nehemiah. Joanne says, "We had about ninety kids in attendance, and the Lord gave us strength for the week in spite of a lack of helpers, heavy rain, and a leaking roof. On July 26th, we held the annual games day in honor of the Liberian Independence Day, and everyone enjoyed the games and food."

All other plans for the summer outreaches in Liberia had to be put on hold because of the worsening situation with the Ebola virus. The Mission Board decided on July 29 that the missionaries in Liberia should be removed for a few months. Joanne arrived safely back in Northern Ireland on August 6. She is grateful for everyone's prayers.

Continue to pray for the people in Liberia, especially for their health and safety during the Ebola outbreak. Pray also for God's work to continue during these months of crisis and for people to turn to the Lord in their fear and uncertainty. Two of the young men, Nathan Barco and Abraham Kotee, have been left in charge of the children's works in their respective churches (Paynesville and Balla Creek), and Joanne is keeping in close contact with them by Skype and email.

◆ **Kenya**

Kitale—Malcolm & Alison Patterson

After three weeks at home in Northern

Ireland to renew their visas, the Pattersons have settled back into Kitale. Registration for the FPC Mission has still not come through. When it does finally come through they will be able to apply for work permits. Continue to pray that these matters will go smoothly.

Their first duty on returning to Kenya was to give the Bible college exams, and now that the exams have been completed they are busy marking them. Preparation has also begun for the final college term for the two students enrolled this year. College recommences September 8, the Lord willing.

August 11–15 is the annual ladies' camp at which both Malcolm and Alison have been invited to speak. The theme this year is the Word of God. Malcolm is examining the translation and preservation of the Word of God, and Alison has to speak on marriage according to the Word of God. Pray that the ladies who attend will be refreshed spiritually and physically.

The Pattersons hope to travel to Uganda at the end of August and then return to Kenya for the start of the college term. Pray that this will be a useful visit in furthering the formalities for proposed work in Uganda.

The usual weekly meetings continue: Sunday worship, the mid-week prayer meeting, and ladies' meetings. Malcolm and Alison have seen some encouragements since they returned. Please pray that more fruit will be seen in the lives of the believers there.

The Pattersons' younger son travelled to Kenya for a visit in August. He is spending part of his time working with Gillian Gillespie in Nyaporo during her week of meetings with the children there.

As they seek to serve the Lord in East Africa, Malcolm and Alison value your prayer support for their parents and two sons in Northern Ireland.

Kitale—Noreen McAfee

Noreen thanks God for help given during her time on furlough and deputation and for a safe trip back to Kenya. She says it has been a blessing to get back to the students and staff of the BCFC Christian Academy and to see how they are getting on.

The past month has been a busy time with examinations and other activities, but Noreen says they are thankful to the Lord for bringing them through to the end of term. The staff and students are

now having a little break and will report back August 25 for the final term and the countdown to the national examinations. Noreen asks us to pray not only for their academic progress but also for spiritual progress in their hearts and lives.

During the holidays, the annual BCFC Ladies' Conference will run from August 11–15. The theme is Psalm 119:105 and Noreen requests prayer for every lady who attends and for every individual who comes to teach. The BCFC young people are also planning a short mission trip to the Katigomor and Nyaparo areas and a joint youth rally. Again, Noreen emphasizes that they need the power of God to be upon them and requests that we pray much for His help.

On a personal note, Noreen says that she is praising God for answering prayer regarding the renewal of work permits for Gillian and herself. She prays that they may both be greatly used in the Lord's work in Kenya.

Nyaporo—Gillian Gillespie

The next three weeks will be busy ones for Gillian. August is a holiday month in Kenya, so the church plans special meetings for the many children and young people who will be home from boarding school. It is a good opportunity to get some teaching done among them. Pray that the children and young people will not be forced to attend extra classes in day or boarding schools making it impossible for them to attend the church's meetings.

Pray for the Lord's blessing on these meetings: a 5-Day Club and homiletics class in Nyaporo the second week of August, rallies for teens in various BCFC churches the third week of August, and young people's Bible week and Sunday school teachers' training in Nyaporo the fourth week of August. Please pray for dry weather. Gillian says the rains have started again and the mud roads into Nyaporo are "abysmal." Pray that the Lord will give her strength and power as she teaches and also that her voice will hold out. Pray for fruit following the proclamation of God's Word.

The Lord answered prayer for Gillian and Noreen; their work permits have been extended for another two years. Gillian says, "The Lord has given us the opportunity to continue proclaiming His good news here in Kenya. The Lord is truly good!"

Kapenguria—Kathy Walker

Kathy wishes to thank those who have been praying for the high school girl, Joan, who wrote her a letter in June expressing a desire to speak about some spiritual issues. Joan sought Kathy out before devotions recently. Kathy says it was a blessing to see how the Lord brought it all about, giving privacy for the conversation and help in choosing Scriptures to show her. Joan seems to understand now what it means to be saved and what Christ has done and is doing for her. Continue to pray that the Lord will enable her to grow and be a witness to those around her. Pray also that there will be more opportunities to speak with other young people about the Lord.

The “gate children” (those who come to Kathy’s gate to recite memory verses, usually on Thursdays) reached a record high of 150 children recently. Seemingly out of nowhere, the Lord sent two ladies to help with crowd control and encouragement of the children. Also, they heard the verse recited 150 times. Kathy went back to the house to replenish the cookie supply, and when she returned, the ladies had gone and she didn’t have an opportunity to thank them. The blessing was that they were not there to “get” something, but to give of themselves! A greater percentage of the children are now reciting the verses without help. Kathy says, “Pray for these little ones. Also this is rainy season, and it seems to rain just at the time they come. Pray that the Lord would give clear skies (as He did this past week) during these times.”

Pray for the women’s annual camp held August 11–15, that there would be a real stirring of hearts. The next choir rally is planned for September.

*Grant unto thy servants, that with all
boldness they may speak thy word.
ACTS 4:29*

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