

Missionary Prayer Bulletin



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NORTH AMERICA

◆ Mexico

Mexico City—*Jason & Danielle Boyle*

The Boyles report that the Lord answered prayer for their baptismal service. Ten people were baptized, with many of their friends and family in attendance. Sixty-five people were there for the worship service, including many returning and first-time visitors, and nearly all stayed for food and fellowship afterwards. Jason and Danielle say it was a very encouraging time for the church and a great testimony to the unbelievers.

Please pray for the upcoming vacation Bible school July 8–11. Pray for many kids to come, for new contacts to be made, for the salvation of souls, and for good cooperation from the people in the church. It will take a good amount of effort and prayer to get new children to come; only three children regularly attend the Sunday school.

The recent youth sports day event went well. Some 85 young people turned out representing five different churches. They had good weather, a good time of fellowship, and a good word from the Bible. Jason says, "It was an excellent time for young people to get to know other Christians and for us to meet unbelievers." They are tentatively planning another event for the end of the summer.

Please pray for great wisdom for Jason as he counsels two couples with marital problems. Pray also for spiritual growth in the people in the church, especially that they would be consistent in reading the Bible and in attending the services, including Sunday school and the prayer meetings. These people specifically need prayer: Melicet, Silvia, Raul, Eva, Yureni, Claudia, Juan Carlos, Mari, and

Rodolfo. Pray that these people will be saved: Rafael, Yadira, David, Santiago, Daniel, Leticia, Fabiola, Raul, Gricel, Yaham, Yun, and Marco. Continue to pray for the married couples' class, the young men's class, the chapel message to young people at the Christian school, and one-on-one studies Jason has on theology and the basics of the gospel. Finally, please pray for good health and well being for Jason and Danielle. They have many demands on their time and energy and need much grace and strength from the Lord.

EUROPE

◆ Ireland

Colin & Olive Maxwell

Colin Maxwell has started into his summer work, which means going farther afield for a few days at a time (he sent in his report via email while he was on a bus with Wifi in Dublin). On the same day, he preached three times in the open air with an mp3 recording of a man reading chapters from the Bible. He finds that the recording attracts some interest.

A new feature of the work supports Consider Christ, an evangelistic campaign of the FPC of Ulster. A couple of days ahead of time, Colin goes to the town where the next Consider Christ hotel meeting will be held and encourages people to attend the meeting. As ever, Colin appreciates your prayers and continued support.

◆ Spain

Cortijos Nuevos—Joy Gillespie

Joy would like to thank you for your prayers for her while she has been at home on furlough these past months. The Lord was good and gave her health and strength to complete all that needed to be done. She enjoyed her time visiting the churches and

getting caught up on all the news; however, it is good to be back in Spain and to see all the folks again. On her first Sunday back she saw a contact of hers, Andres, passing the church, so she invited him to come in and join them in the service. It was wonderful to see him following in the Bible and he said afterwards that he enjoyed the service. Andres has been accepting tracts from Joy for many years now. Pray that God will open his eyes to the truth of His Word.

Also continue to remember the children of the church members as they prepare to recite their questions from the catechism in church at the end of June. The children have continued to work hard in Joy's absence. Two of the children take their Bible verses and questions to their unsaved grandparents to go over them with them. Their mother said that by the end of the week the grandmother has also memorized the verses and catechism whether she wanted to or not! Pray that as this woman hears the Word God will open her eyes to the truth. Pray also that she will come to see the children take part in the church service.

Continue to pray for Cristobal. He is coming regularly to the midweek meetings. In the market he spoke and encouraged some of his friends to accept the literature offered quoting John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Pray that if he has accepted Christ that he will also see the need to leave the Roman Catholic Church. At present he still attends their Sunday morning service.

Pray for Joy as she settles back into the routine in Spain. Pray for Joy's health at this time when the pollen is bad. Pray that God will keep her allergies at bay.

Pray also for the four Spanish young people who will be travelling to Ulster in July and August to practice their English. Pray that God will use the week in

a Christian family environment to show them their need of Christ.

Joy says, "Thank you for remembering us before the throne of grace. Please continue to pray that God will show the people in this area their need of a Saviour."

Beas de Segura—Lyle & Heather Boyd

Lyle thanks us once again for holding the ropes in prayer. He is very conscious of the need of God's help, since he has been experiencing the attacks of the devil. The family from Beas de Segura who started coming last October has attended all the meetings very faithfully. That included the father, the two daughters, and from time to time, the son. The family has had very serious problems that only the Lord can turn around. A little over a week ago Ramon, the father, had a heated discussion with his daughter, Talía. A neighbor heard them and reported it to the police. Ramon now finds himself in jail in Jaén awaiting the court case on June 18. Please pray that the Lord would work in all of their hearts and that His name would be glorified.

Please pray for another young family in Beas de Segura. Lyle enjoyed a long talk with them on a recent Sunday. They were going to come to church the following Sunday, but Jose, the father, who suffers from Crohn's disease, was ill and they didn't make it.

Apart from the difficulties, the church has been encouraged over the winter and spring months with good attendance at all the meetings. Lyle has had many opportunities to speak to folk about the gospel. Please continue to pray for Almudena, Amalia, Ana, and Cristobal.

The church was sorry to lose a dear old saint, Benita, who was called home in April. She had reached the grand old age of ninety. The Rev. John Hanna and Lyle had the opportunity to speak at the funeral when many gathered in to pay their last respects. Lyle also had the opportunity to preach at another burial when about fifty people gathered at the home.

◆ **Czech Republic**

Liberec—Milos & Martina Solc

The Solces have had a great encouragement in the last few weeks as the Lord saved a young woman to whom they have been witnessing over the last few months. She is a medical doctor and had been

searching for God and for fulfillment in her life for some years. The Lord providentially brought her together with the Solces at the athletics track where their oldest son trains and where Milos has had many opportunities to witness. Her name is Jane and she has a young family with a two-year-old boy. Please pray for the salvation of the whole household.

Milos says, "It is such a great miracle and work of grace that our Lord has wrought in this dear woman's life. To see her surrender her life to the Lord and call unto Him for salvation, and then to see the change, the light in her face, the joy, sins nailed to the cross and borne no more! We trust that she will truly prosper in the Lord. May the Lord use her for the extension of His kingdom. This all has been a great answer to our prayers this year and we give all the praise and glory due unto His Holy Name!"

The Solces are also looking forward to the visits of Dr. Larry Saunders and his wife, Jill, at the end of June and a group of young women from the Ulster churches in the middle of July. Both of these visits will be a great encouragement for them and special opportunities for ministry. Pray that the Lord would use even these times for the salvation of souls to whom they are ministering.

ASIA

◆ **Nepal**

Kathmandu—Wesley & Carol Graham

Mr. Graham reports that in the month of April a delegation from Ulster came to Nepal in response to a request from the Nepal Mission to become a Free Presbyterian church. Having investigated the matter, the Ulster presbytery at a recent meeting agreed to ordain a number of pastors of the Nepal Mission as ministers. Following this these ordained men will set up the presbytery of the Free Presbyterian Church of Nepal. This church will be an autonomous church running its own affairs, but it will have close fraternal links with the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster. The Rev. Wesley Graham will continue to be present in an advisory capacity to help in the organizing of the presbytery business as well as continuing his work of teaching the distinctives of Free Presbyterianism. Mr. Graham says, "This is an encouraging step forward

and we ask for the prayers of God's people as this whole process continues to develop. We look forward with anticipation to this new relationship between the two churches and trust that both will be strengthened as a result.

AFRICA

◆ **Liberia**

Monrovia—David DiCanio

Rev. David DiCanio is thankful to the Lord for a gift that came in to the mission board for the purchase of a vehicle for his use, a 4x4 double-cab pickup truck. The vehicle will enable the missionaries and pastors to travel into the interior to visit Rivercess, a trip they plan to make June 16.

The security wall is just about finished, and construction of the second house is just about to begin. Mr. DiCanio says, "We do appreciate the prayers of God's people for continued protection and wisdom for a very difficult construction project."

Monrovia—Joanne Greer

Joanne Greer is thankful to report that she is now living on the property in Dwazone. She says her little apartment is quite comfortable and efficient, and she is glad to be getting more settled.

The Liberian school year will end in a few weeks, and she will be saying goodbye to the children she has been teaching for this one year in the local Christian school. She has received permission from the principal to invite them to the after school Reading Club and Bible Club in the church in Paynesville. Please pray that some of them will attend and that she will be able to keep in contact with them.

Pray for the vacation Bible school in Paynesville, which they are planning again for this summer. Nathan Barco (one of the committee men in Paynesville) and Joanne will be running it. They are praying that others from the congregation will be moved to help. Pray also that doors will open in the other mission churches for VBS meetings to be held this summer. Pray especially that God will move the church people in those congregations to get involved and spearhead this kind of effort.

◆ Kenya

Kapenguria—Margaret Russell

Margaret is encouraged as she sees God continuing to keep His good hand upon His servants in Kenya. She is thankful for continued safety on the roads and for health and strength in the service of the Master. In April she wrote of heavy rains pounding the country resulting in loss of life and property. This has eased, but she does ask us to pray that God in His mercy would give a good harvest this year. There is much fear of disease destroying a large portion of the maize crop.

Do continue to remember Kenya as a nation. It has new leaders and a new constitution with a new system of devolved government which has many “teething problems.” In addition, there have been pockets of insecurity in the country. A recent newspaper headline read: “Ten million out of forty three million Kenyans unemployed, most of them youth.” Pray that the Lord will be merciful to Kenya and its people.

The Bible Christian Faith Church annual Sunday school conference went well. Most of the teachers attended. Margaret asks us to continue to pray for the Sunday school ministry among the boys and girls as it has entered another year with a new program of Bible lessons. Pray that this year children will be saved in Sunday school.

Margaret also thanks God for answered prayer for the BCFC Bible college. It has reopened with three full-time students. The youth ministries course will continue to August. Seven young people are now attending the course. Much prayer is still needed for this vital area of ministry. Pray that God will be pleased to raise up men to be trained who will fill the empty pulpits of BCFC. Margaret is also encouraged to see how God is blessing the ministry of Rev. Malcolm Patterson as he shares the burden of the teaching in the college. She asks us to continue to pray for Malcolm and his wife, Alison, as they have joined them in the work of the gospel in Kenya.

Plans for the 30th-anniversary celebrations are well under way. Thirty-nine visitors from Ulster will be in Kenya, in the will of the Lord, October 16–28. Please pray for the special services and programs being planned for that time.

Hudson becomes increasingly weaker as he continues his chemotherapy. Also, the mother of one of the Academy staff is

very ill in the terminal stages of cancer. Do pray for these dear folk, that God will undertake for them.

Margaret’s niece Amy has been on the waiting list for spinal surgery. It is hoped that the surgery will take place over the summer months. Do pray for God’s hand to be upon her during this delicate operation.

Margaret’s entry permit expires in August 2013. An application for its renewal has been submitted to Kenyan immigration. Please pray that the renewal will be granted without delays or complications.

Kapenguria—Kathy Walker

Kathy is returning to Kenya the second week in June. Please pray for travelling mercies—for safety and good connections, for suitcases to arrive, and for the ability to rest on the flights. Also, please remember her family as they will once again be separated by many miles. Kathy is thankful for time to visit with them and also with many of the Free Presbyterian congregations throughout North America. It has been a time of encouragement and blessing. Pray for the work she will be returning to, that the Lord would pour out His blessing and bring glory to His Name. She will have a busy few months leading up to another shorter time of deputation, this time in Northern Ireland, at the end of the year.

Kitale—Noreen McAfee

Noreen says we should thank God for answered prayer. Approximately 120 young people attended the Spring Rally and there was a good sense of the Lord’s presence as the Word was preached. Many have now returned to their respective places of learning and need the Lord to keep them in the midst of many temptations. Others are busy seeking courses and need the Lord to guide.

There was a record attendance at the Academy prize-giving service with many parents and friends found under the sound of God’s Word. Noreen asks us to pray that the message of the gospel would ring on in their ears and bring many to Christ.

Two young boys have professed faith in Christ this term, another answer to prayer. This has been a great encouragement, and Noreen asks that we continue to plead for souls in the Christian Academy. She has also been blessed to see four former students enroll in the Youth Ministries course at the BCFC Bible College.

The weather has been very changeable—first torrential rain, then a prolonged dry spell. As well as affecting the farming community, this seems to have led to increased sickness among the students. Noreen asks us to pray for their physical wellbeing as well as their academic and spiritual progress.

Mid-term exams commence this week and as always the students would value your prayers as they sit for internal and external assessments.

Nyaporo—Gillian Gillespie

Gillian is very grateful for your prayer for the special meetings held in April. She says the Lord really undertook and some of the youth of the church came to help in the meetings (a big step forward!). The Five-Day Club went well with 38 children attending each day. By the end of the week there were 84 on the register.

The youth week lasted only two days because of heavy rains that made the newly graded roads impassable. Ten young people attended for the two days and their attention to the Word was encouraging to see.

A new endeavor among the women has commenced. The ladies’ meetings are being held in different ladies’ homes each week and it is the responsibility of the host lady to invite her neighbors. On a recent Friday, four new ladies attended and have said they would like to attend church on the Lord’s Day too. Pray for the salvation of these new ladies and that the host lady each week will see the need to invite her neighbors in under the sound of God’s Word.

Please pray for the folk in Nyaporo BCFC, that they would have a desire to give themselves to God completely and a willingness to give of their tithes and offerings even in their poverty.

*Grant unto thy servants, that
with all boldness they may
speak thy word.*

ACTS 4:29

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