



## Pray for the Sick & Hospitalized

- ◇ **John & Martha Schreur** - under Hospice care.
- ◇ Roger & Lois Munson's foster daughter, **Alice Lauderdale**, has been diagnosed with cysts in her brain. Pray for wisdom and also her spiritual condition.
- ◇ Robie Carnes' mother, **Iola Hooper**, recovering from surgery. The tumor was found to be cancerous. Treatment is yet to be determined.
- ◇ **Lon Gerow** has a terminal brain tumor and is now under Hospice care. Please pray for his wife and the family.
- ◇ **Scotie Haffner** - foot surgery Monday, January 25
- ◇ **Wendell Westcomb** - hip replacement February 2
- ◇ **Ken Goodenough** - surgery on February 11
- ◇ Carma Huitt's **Aunt Louise** has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ◇ **Miriam DeVaney's sister, Ruth Fields**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ◇ **Please pray for the following people with ongoing health issues: Helen Sabin, Virginia Miller, Kerry Duncan, Ana Campbell, tt, Ken & Nina Mannes, John & Martha Schreur, Dr. Bower, Gary Marcy & Reva Williams, Julie Bennett, Duane & Joyce Hampton, Greg Cowan, Joel Miller, Francis & Janie Conner, Paul & Leola Johnson, Hal Pape.**

## Pray for Other Needs

- ◇ **Laurel Barrett** passed away Sunday morning. Funeral Thursday, 1/21, at 11:00 at Calvary Bible, lunch at Berean following graveside service.
- ◇ Continue in prayer for **Larry Scharp & family** as they adjust.
- ◇ The **Beachey family and Joe Austin** – missions trip to Costa Rica January 24 – February 7.
- ◇ **Janelle Myers** - in Costa Rica teaching.
- ◇ Pray for the salvation of Carma Huitt's cousin, **Becky**.
- ◇ People looking for work: **Therese Schwartz, Lynne Potter, Valentina Velkov, Todd Schwartzkopf** (Ron & Betty Teesdale's son-in-law), **Bobby Hicks** (Gary & Kathy Pross' son-in-law)

## Praise

- ◇ Praise the Lord for a wonderful Sanctity of Life Sunday last week and the opportunity to support the pro-life work of Baptists for Life through the Baby Bottle Boomerang.

## Featured Events

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| Jan | 20    | Quarterly Business Meeting           |
|     | 24    | Resolved & Renew                     |
|     | 26    | Joyful Mom                           |
|     | 29-30 | Jr. High Snow Camp                   |
|     | 31    | Sarah Damick's Commissioning Service |
|     |       | Pizza with the Pastors               |
|     |       | Resolved & Renew                     |
| Feb | 1     | HeartLIFE Leaders Meeting            |
|     | 6     | Berean AWANA Grand Prix              |
|     | 9     | Joyful Mom                           |

## **Gil and Denise Thomas - USA**

I am sitting in a room at Doane Rest in Baguio City, North Luzon, Philippines. With the bamboo seedlings and trees outside my window on one side, poinsettias and other flowers growing wild outside the window on the other side, and missionary kids playing football in between, I couldn't ask for a better setting. Denise and I finished training 13 ABWE missionaries at their annual conference this week. Over the next five and a half weeks, we will conduct 6 more seminars for Filipino pastors and leaders on 5 islands. Please be praying that God will use us and the other missionaries who are team teaching with us for the first time in an effort to train Filipinos all around the islands who will train others to make disciples in biblical worldview-relevant ways. We are humbled to be able to report that we have participated in training over 300 people in Good Soil to date. Praise the Lord with us for this opportunity and ask that we will be able to help hundreds more be more effective disciple-makers in 2010. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We are eager to report on our time here in the Philippines. Look for what God is doing in our next letter.

## **Bibles International**

Thank you for keeping us going in our drive toward completing the translation and distribution of Scriptures! These days, almost every two to three months a translation is completed. This month, the Waalii Bible has been shipped from one of our printers in Asia to its ethnic group in Ghana, Africa. In fact, had it not been for a problem with the printer, these Bibles would have already arrived in Ghana, and I would have been spending the greater part of this month in Africa both for the dedication of the Waalii Bible and for other activities related to Bible translation in other African countries. Now we are looking forward to February for the dedication ceremony. I certainly will let you know how it goes! We also praise God for the generosity of his people who have remained faithful through the numerous years of producing the translation of these Scriptures. Some like to give toward a project as it enters its stage of completion. Others begin with a project early and support it through the whole process. Of the last category were those who generously gave toward the Creole Old Testament project at our annual Harvest Dinner. Because of their generosity, we will have funds to manage that project for the next 3 years - out of an estimation of a 10-year span for completion. We thank you for being one of those who counts the Word of God important enough to be produced in every language through a conservative philosophy of Bible translation. May our gracious Lord richly bless you in return! P. Hantz Bernard

**Featured Missionary  
Steve & Sue Mayo - Australia**

As we look ahead to 2010, we are eager to get rolling. Sue is returning to Edu-mission, the ESL ministry she co-founded eight years ago. She is busy getting ready for the students who will begin classes in February. Our church plant has started the year strong - averaging more than 60 people in its morning service. On February 21, our church will celebrate its 10th anniversary. We are anticipating a full house for a special service, luncheon and a concert. We are also hearing from prospective students wanting to begin studying at either the Sydney Institute for Biblical Studies or the new seminary that we hope will begin operating in 2010. This year brings change to our family also. Our 20-year-old son is moving interstate next week to study at Flinders University, and our youngest daughter will turn 18 a few weeks later. Meanwhile, our oldest daughter is entering her fourth year of university. The "nest" is starting to empty. Thank you for standing with us by your effectual prayers and generous support.

**Prayer Points:**

- Edu-mission (ESL evangelism) classes resuming in February
- Approval of our application to register and accredit a new seminary
- Our son, Sean, settling in Adelaide, South Australia (800 miles away from home)
- Salvation of Clyde - the husband of one of our members who is dying of emphysema.

**Dick and Betty Sterkenburg - Retired from Brazil**

Druggies, drunkards and derelicts block the exit from the building of our Regular Baptist Seminary of Sao Paula, Brazil. This is the place where we ministered for 39 years of our lives before retirement. Now students have to make their way through and around such people. Girls no longer are willing to navigate such a scene. The police scatter the people when called but between times it's open season. Then, two years ago the Seminary made a difficult decision to move from what had been its home for over 50 years, the center of town. God opened up an excellent location about three soccer fields from a subway station. The trains are clean, safe and monitored at all times. So a brief walk and the student is in class from any one of the three subway lines serving the city of Sao Paulo. The shell is complete, elevators are installed and there is a drive to enter the new funds. Funds are needed for the final push. The Seminary has started a campaign among graduates and churches across Brazil for the purchasing of one square meter at the rate of \$60 US dollars each. Betty and I are pledging ten square meters. We hope that others who have known of our ministry and the continued place the seminary has in our hearts, that you might consider a square meter or multiples thereof. Our graduates, who have not already preceded us to heaven, are serving the Lord across the land of Brazil.