

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 in ICU and diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer - treatment 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** - at home recovering from foot surgery.
- ◇ **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

- ◇ Pray for the **Roughts** as they prepare for their return to Costa Rica.
- ◇ Continue in prayer for the **Barrett & Scharp families** during this time of adjustment.
- ◇ 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

- ◇ PTL for our **AWANA Club** where 40 leaders minister to 140 kids each Wednesday. Decisions for salvation are made during this important ministry while other clubbers receive assurance and are encouraged in their walk with the Lord.

Featured Events

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| Jan | 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 |
| | 13 | Kalamazoo Area AWANA Grand Prix |
| | 14 | PM Communion |

Mike & Diane Eleveld - Pre-field S. & Cent. America

We just learned that our renters in Michigan are being transferred to Tennessee. We need you to pray urgently:

- For the Pitts family to have a smooth transition to Tennessee.
- For new renters for the Eleveld's home in Mattawan within the next few weeks.

OR

- For God to provide a buyer for the property if that is His will.

We operate on a razor thin budget during Pre-field so we cannot afford the house without renters being present. God miraculously provided renters before...we believe He can and will do it again. Thanks for praying.

Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries

Thank you for your partnership in the care of children God has entrusted to us. Because you have shown compassion to our children, I am sure the loss of lives and devastation in Haiti may leave you speechless. Saturday night, I finally connected by phone with Pastor Herard in Haiti with whom I have had contact for about two years. His fellowship of churches has been asking for our help in the care of children. His family was safe. His house and church were destroyed. We have sent some funds to test if we can get help to him. We are aware that he has been networking with others in the care of orphaned children. The number of children needing care must have multiplied many times.

Praise & Prayer:

1. Please join us in prayer for couples to serve as houseparents.
2. **Praise:** safety of children arriving back after visiting with families for the holidays.
3. **Pray:** new children coming into care this month.
4. **Praise:** for the generosity of those who gave to make Christmas memories for the children.
5. **Pray:** (Liberia) Comfort for Pastor Sam Quinah, wife Annie and family in the death of their son.

Myanmar: Mr. Hosea, whom BCH supported and now is working for AZG clinic, graduated with a B.S. in nursing and in turn is supporting one orphan at Mercy Home. Another young man by the name of Hosea completed his dental training and now is looking for a job. He said he will support our Grace Child Care Ministry. This is the fruit of Baptist Children's Home ministry. We also have three Bible students right now from our Hope Home. They will be missionaries in the near future.

Continental Baptist Missions

What a thrill when something happens that causes us to laugh out loud, get a tear in our eye, and rejoice in the Lord - all at the same time! Here is a story from your Cleveland team of church planters who have just started a new church - *We rented a billboard to promote our new church. It is privately owned by a long-time Clevelander and has been used to spread messages of hate and racism. It is one of Cleveland's most viewed signs, as people read it just to see how bad it is. On the last day our sign was to be up, the owner died. A local talk show found out about his death and sent someone over to read the sign and report the final hateful message. He found this: 'Jesus loves the little children, all colors; black and white they are precious in His sight. Come study the Bible with us. City View Bible Fellowships* [Note: New CBM works start as fellowships before they are recognized & become Baptist churches.] *Needless to say, everyone around here finds it very strange that a man who devoted his life to hate and racism left a final sign that speaks of love, hope and peace. Thank you for your part in this and other CBM ministries.*

**Featured Missionary Agency
Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center**

We give thanks to God for his faithfulness to us through supporters like you. We appreciate your support in all of our ministry efforts and we want to keep you apprised of what we are prayerfully considering at this present time. The past year, we have been challenged with what direction we as a ministry should go using the resources with which we have been blessed. We have begun a process of evaluating how best to provide shelter and direction to the young pregnant women who come to us. Hannah's House continues to be a vitally important component of this ministry. We want to continue this outreach, but we also want to carefully consider what might be the most effective way to minister and mentor young women in a community inclusive way. The women who need us today typically are college students who are more independent and less involved in Hannah House than we would like to see. We are considering a pilot shepherding program that would match these young ladies with couples in our community. In this setting, the young ladies would be exposed to what a Godly family is like and through this would be supported in part by the shepherding family's church community and we pray that the members of the church will take these young ladies under their wing as the family of Christ. We pray that God will bless us with the knowledge and direction we need to make this important decision. Alternatives has many new opportunities to minister to the young women and men given the potential of our Sexually Transmitted Disease clinic and other ongoing ministry opportunities. I want to emphasize that, Lord willing, we will never end our promise of shelter and support to the young women in our community who need it. However, we must continually look for ways to improve our outreach in a way that will have greater involvement from the community, have the strongest impact on women and also be the most cost effective to the overall ministry. In Christ, David Bos

Norm & Louise Barnard, ABWE- Retired

Many of you have phoned or written to ask about Norm – sorry I haven't sent an update already. There was a bit of scheduling mix-up at the hospital. When we called after the first of the year to ask for the scheduled date, the earliest day they could give us is February 3. The doctor will insert all 3 stents on that day. If all goes well, Norm should be feeling better within a week. I'll try to do better about getting an update to you after that procedure.

Meanwhile, we're in waiting mode. Norm has good days and not so good days. For some reason his blood pressure is erratic, although he's never had trouble with either high or low blood pressure in the past. If that isn't solved by the stents we'll have to explore further to find what is causing this problem.

Thanks for your prayers, your concern, your questions. We really appreciate each of you.