

Pray for the Sick & Hospitalized

- ◇ **Lydia Smothers** - recovering from a badly broken leg.
- ◇ **Carrie Rowlands** - health issues.
- ◇ **John & Martha Schreur** - hospice care in Texas.
- ◇ **Mike Sprinkle's brother, Andy**, as he recovers from back surgery today.
- ◇ **Shirlee Wilson** - recovering from a skin graft done on Monday. Pray for a good result.
- ◇ **Please pray for the following people with ongoing health issues: Helen Sabin, Virginia Miller, Ana Campbell, 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, Ruth Fields, Alice Lauderdale, Bob & Joni Frick.**

Pray for Other Needs

- ◇ **Ladies Retreat** this weekend.
- ◇ **Ralph Hermanson** has an invitation to share the gospel with a coworker this Sunday afternoon. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work.
- ◇ **Ross Martello** will be preaching at the Gospel Mission this Sunday PM.
- ◇ Delores Brierly's mother, **Ruth Mitchell**, passed away - funeral was Tuesday. Please pray for Bob & Delores as they deal with family issues & for comfort.
- ◇ Pray for **Sarah Damick** as she adjusts to life and ministry in The Gambia.
- ◇ **Mike & Diane Eleveld** need to sell their home or find new renters.
- ◇ **Janelle Myers** - in Costa Rica studying abroad.
- ◇ Sue VerMeulen's father, **Mitchell VanKruiningen**, in hospice care - pray for God to soften his heart that he may come to know the Savior.
- ◇ Pray for the salvation of Carma Huitt's cousin, **Becky**.
- ◇ People looking for work: **Lynne Potter, Valentina Velkov, Bobby Hicks** (Gary & Kathy Pross' son-in-law)

Praise

- ◇ **Several guests** Sunday AM!
- ◇ **Good offerings** on Sunday!

Featured Events

- Mar 12-13 Ladies Retreat @ Miracle Camp
- 14 Blood Pressure Screening
PM Communion
- 17 Young @ Heart Breakfast-Berean
- 21 College Lunch with Men's Class
Youth Night
- 23 Joyful Mom
- 28 Open House Reception for the Faths in Fruitport
Annual Business Meeting Part I
- 29 HeartLIFE Leaders Meeting

**SPRING FORWARD!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS
SATURDAY NIGHT
SET YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR
DON'T BE LATE FOR
CHURCH!!!**

Barry & Linda Jones - SE Asia

We just returned to Michigan last week after a great ministry trip to Myanmar, Cambodia and Thailand. In Myanmar (Burma) we taught at the Faith Baptist Theological Seminary in Yangon for two weeks. It was a real challenge and a blessing to teach our largest class ever at FBTS, 101 students. Our time in Phnom Penh, Cambodia was very interesting. I taught a seminar on the Book of Psalms for the missionaries serving in Cambodia during the day. In the evening I taught a course on Church History for the Bible students. Our final assignment was for me to speak and for Linda to sing at a couples retreat for Thai pastors and their wives in Bangkok, Thailand. We had the wonderful opportunity to minister to 25 Thai couples. Pray for us as we prepare for the rest of our 2010 schedule. We have plans to minister in Trinidad and Tobago, the Philippines, Myanmar, Nepal and India in the months ahead. We are praying that our Great God will provide the needed funds to continue our ministry of equipping leadership. May God bless you richly.

Ron & Ann Washer - ABWE Administrators for Africa Africa Projects:

-The ABWE missionaries in Richards Bay, South Africa are wanting to complete the 4-bed HIV/AIDS Hospice Care Center operated by Calvary Baptist Church. The goal is to provide care for those near death with AIDS in order to share the only hope these people have - the perfect healing that can only come through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your monthly or one-time gift will help the team run this spiritual "rescue shop," giving hope to many as they pass into eternity.

-Hospitality plays a big part for our missionaries working with Muslims. Becky Courliss serves in Mango, Togo, where the heat inside her small home is quite unbearable. She would like to invite her guests to visit and stay longer for discussions about God but the only place to do that with some comfort is on her front porch. However, the bugs are constantly biting and make sitting there a "real pain." She would like to enclose her front porch with screen and make it a safe and comfortable place for people to come and study the Bible with her. Will you help Becky with this simple need to provide an inviting place for people to come and study God's Word?

-Reaching the Xhosa people of South Africa who live in the townships around Cape Town is not an easy task. There are great obstacles to planting churches in the townships. Yet, God has raised up a group of believers who are studying God's Word with Wayne and Sue Royce. They are finalizing the purchase of land for the construction of a simple church building for this growing group of believers. They are already looking for a second site to start a second church in another area. Maybe you or your church would consider taking on the project of a second church for the Xhosa?

Baptists for Life

There has been a lot of news lately coming out of various states relating to increased attempts by pro-choice groups to push for regulating pregnancy care centers. These proposed restrictions could greatly hinder centers in carrying out their mission. Please join us in earnest prayer for PCCs, their staff members, and volunteers that they will be able to maintain the highest standards of excellence in the way they serve; that they'll always reflect honesty, integrity, and speak God's truth in love; that they'll be above reproach. Continue to pray for us as we promote church involvement through Baby Bottle Boomerang campaigns. Most importantly, please pray that in the midst of this campaign, God's Word will be proclaimed and lives will be saved.

Featured Missionary Sarah Damick - The Gambia

I have been here in The Gambia now for a month and am still adjusting to life in general. Some days it seems like I never left The Gambia, but other days I can't seem to remember even the simplest things and it is hard for me to remember I am thousands of miles away from home. Everything is new, but familiar at the same time. It is a very odd feeling to cope with. I have settled in somewhat and am praying for the day where I really feel that this is home and not just "a trip" on non-furlough years. Most days there is still the longing of being able to go home and talk with my family or to be spending Sunday with my Sunday School class and church family. But God is gracious and provides the comfort and sustenance I need for each day. He has provided a new family for me, including six children to play with when I am feeling a little childish myself. Language study has also started in full and is definitely stretching me. Some of you have asked what my day looks like. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, it's up early to exercise with the ladies starting at 7 am because it is the coolest time of the day. Devotions and breakfast are between eight and nine and somewhere in there my house worker shows up. My language helper comes at nine and we study and drill together until eleven. This is about the time it starts getting hot and so all of the windows and shades get closed and drawn. Between 11 am and 1 pm is a time of repetition of new language words and phrases I have learned and recorded. It is very boring to sit in a back room for two hours and just repeat things, but that is what it takes. At 1:00 it's break time and also time to get lunch together. As the temperatures continue to climb, all activity produces sweat and the hottest time of the day is between 1 - 4 pm. So a compound wide quiet time is in effect between 2-4 pm and the gates are closed unless we notify the guards that we are expecting guests. Around 3 pm is when I usually go out to start my village time which entails just walking onto people's compounds and trying to talk with them. Not only is this very intimidating for me, but I don't know how to say very much and get frustrated easily when people just ramble things off to me and I do not understand a word that they are saying. This also tends to make me not like village time so much and I am supposed to spend around three hours out each day. Right now, I do about two hours because I can't say very much and this tends to make visits shorter than if I know people and how to communicate. I get back to my house between 5-6 pm when the temperatures are starting to drop below 110. By 7 pm, it is usually below 100 and falls to about 80 most nights and sometimes into the 70's when we get a good cool breeze coming through. Due to different activities and needing to plan for the next day's language, I crash into bed around midnight or after. Tuesday nights are game night with the kids, Wednesday is prayer meeting, Thursday I meet with Rachel for Bible study and prayer, and Friday night is pizza and movie night with the whole compound. Sunday is of course the Lord's day and a day of rest before the week starts all over again. So that is what it looks like for both my daily and weekly schedule. Thank you for your continued prayers, notes and email. They are very precious to me. I look forward to sharing this great journey with you as you walk with me and pray for me throughout this first term.

Prayer Requests / Praises

- A definite praise that God provided for all of my needs and I am here in The Gambia.
- My language abilities will progress and that I will start to enjoy going out into the village more.
- Please pray earnestly that God would provide the financial support for those remaining in Pre-Field so that we might have them here quickly.
- Please pray that my container would arrive soon and safely. It is currently still in the US.