

Youth Pastor Search

- **Pastoral Search Task Team:** Pray for the members of our search team. John Crandle, Corey Couk, Pete Garrison, Kevin Kahila, Kendall King, Ray Lord, Julie Perrine, Larry Scharp, Diane Taylor, Bill VerMeulen, Cheryl VerMeulen, Pastor Steve, and Pastor Bill.
- Pray for unity and wisdom for the **task team** as they begin to look at written responses to questions asked of potential candidates. Pray for God to direct in this whole process and bring us the man He has for us. Pray for God to be preparing the heart of that man and his family.

Pray for the Sick & Hospitalized

- **Angie Foster** will have a heart cath tomorrow.
- **JoLynn Palmer** had shoulder surgery on Tuesday.
- **Earl Christensen** - severe depression, appt. at U of M Hospital on May 13th.
- Darl Brown's brother, **Dale**, serious heart issues, unsaved.
- **Elmer & Janet Reisner's son, Dan** having surgery on May 24 to remove a tumor on his kidney.
- **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, Duane & Joyce Hampton, Greg Cowan, Joel Miller, Francis & Janie Conner, Paul & Leola Johnson, Hal Pape, Ruth Fields, Alice Lauderdale.**

Pray for Other Needs

- **Ron & Betty Teesdale** going to Costa Rica on a missions trip May 15-22.
- **Jerry & Kathy Davis** leaving May 15 as short term missionaries to Togo for five months, returning October 16.
- **Mike & Diane Eleveld** need to sell their home or find new renters.
- **Valentina Velkov** is waiting to hear about her mom's green card application.
- Pray for salvation: Carma Huitt's cousin, **Becky**; Sue VerMeulen's father, **Mitchell VanKruiningen**.
- People looking for work: **Lynne Potter, Valentina Velkov, Bobby Hicks** (Gary & Kathy Pross' son-in-law)

Praise

- **Birth of Pastor Bill and Peggy's** granddaughter Ella.
- Great **AWANA Awards Night**.

Featured Events

MAY 9	Blood Pressure Screening PM Communion Baby Dedication
11	Last Joyful Mom
12	Children's Summer Musical Rehearsal Begins
15	Children's Ministry Conference
18	Deacon Chair/Staff Meeting
19	Young @ Heart Luncheon Children's Summer Musical Rehearsal
22	LifeRUN 5K for Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center
24	HCA Golf Outing and Pig Roast

Bill & Sue Spoelhof - Brazil

Praise:

- The new Life Baptist Community Church family retreat over Labor Day weekend, April 30 - May 2, was excellent. With the theme "Do It With All Your Heart," there were great Bible studies, relaxing free time and plenty of food and fellowship.
- Sunday evening, May 2, after the retreat, was the annual church business meeting - after taking in eleven new members, the church voted on buying land, electing our first deacons, and adding two new missionaries to help support (one a member of our church).

Pray with us:

- Wisdom in counseling couples with marital problems
- Leaders for the teen program.

Jon & Joni McGinnis - Costa Rica Pre-field

Please Pray...

- That our calendar will fill up with visits.
- That our vehicle that will last the many miles of travel ahead.
- For the sale of our house.

Rick & Carol Ferrari - Ukraine (Pastor Sasha)

We want to share some of the recent outreaches of Gospel Life Baptist Church (our primary ministry). Valentine's Day Outreach: This outreach attracts youth, students, and young adults (mostly single). The theme was understanding what is genuine love. We had 71 attending including 15 visitors. March 8th International Women's Day: Many visitors for this annual outreach event. Easter Sunday: Approximately 400 attending. Seven responded at the invitation. One member came up to ask forgiveness for his pride and divisive spirit. It was a cause of real rejoicing. **Pray for the Evangelistic Bike Excursion** during our holidays of May 8-10. Each participant must invite an **unchurched** friend. Pray as we prepare our youth for one-on-one evangelism with their friends. Our Gospel Life School of Church Ministry is a key element of our training program. During 2009 we offered 9 courses at the first and second levels with an average of 14 students per class. Puppet Ministry: We began a puppet ministry. We needed a potential tool for sending a missionary team and for evangelism among our high-rise apartment buildings, and we want this to be a resource tool we can use in other areas for church planting. **Pray for the Outreach Trip in the Villages** planned for this summer. New Tool for Evangelism and Discipleship: Stay tuned for news about the Russian version launch of ***The Story of Hope*** (evangelism) and ***The Way to Joy*** (discipleship) on September 7-9 at Gospel Life. We are expecting approximately 50 pastors and missionaries to participate. This is a tool that several of our missionaries in Ukraine have already been using, explaining the plan of salvation using the stories of both the Old and New Testaments. Ten thousand copies of ***The Way to Joy*** have been printed. Our team's task is to finalize the translation of ***The Story of Hope*** and print 10,000 copies by August 1st. **Please pray with us for this project that the Lord will provide the funds and that we would finish the translation on time.** We believe this tool will be a great encouragement to churches in evangelism and discipleship.

**Featured Missionary
Ron & Ann Washer - Africa**

Eighteen months ago many missionaries wondered how the economic downturn would affect their support. Some did face some shortages yet continued to trust God to meet those ongoing support needs. I have been especially amazed at the way God has continued to send in support for our ministry. We are now only lacking \$670 monthly to complete our ministry and travel needs! The Halls are likewise rejoicing in the monthly support that God has sent in through many of you. They are so close to leaving and have August as their target date for leaving for France for French language studies. The Halls are going to be involved in the construction and development of the new hospital in northern Togo. The present hospital in southern Togo is now 25 years old and extremely effective in seeing people come to Christ while meeting most of their medical needs. To keep the hospital at its optimum, the expansion of the laboratory is essential. Your help to expand the laboratory will result in lives being saved and many coming to Christ.

Wendell Kempton Medical and Ministry Center: We are glad to report that gifts and commitments continue to come in for the project, but we have not yet reached the \$4.5 million level we hoped would lead us into the public phase. This is primarily because one major donor reported that due to changed circumstances, he would be unable to follow through with \$590,000 of the amount he had hoped to give to the project. We believe God has other plans for this amount, so pray with us that we can launch the full public phase soon. In preparation for this phase of the campaign, the Media and Public Relations Committee has worked to create a variety of media pieces. These strategic pieces will be available to assist our missionaries and staff as they work with churches and individuals interested in becoming involved in the project. We would like to see churches begin to pray for the project and the people involved. Imagine the fulfillment of praying for new believers by name and hearing their incredible testimonies. We hope that people will hear and answer God's call to serve in Mango, Togo, both as laborers and as full-time medical and support staff. The anticipation of what God will do with this ministry and this team brings great joy to me, as it does to you. It is a privilege to serve with you to promote such a wonderful Great Commission ministry!

Asia Biblical Theological Seminary

We want to acknowledge the gift you have given to Asia Biblical Theological Seminary **in memory of Dr. Norman Barnard**. We praise God for his life and ministry not only to each of us on the team personally but also to all of the ABTS world. Many have been touched by his life and ministry. He will be sorely missed. We look forward to the day when we will see him again. We want to assure you that your gift will be used for the work of the ministry here in Asia. There are several areas on which we are presently working.

- India has been asking for years for us to come and help them. We are looking at this to see if it will become a new teaching site.
- New opportunities are opening up to go into China and assist the churches there.
- And both ABWE and CU have been urging us to promote ABTS so that this quality ministry will be used to strengthen more and more churches throughout Asia. You are a part of these ministries because you have given. What fruit is born will be yours also.

Thank you from all of us at ABTS. God has used you to meet needs.
Dr. Bob and Esther Rapa for all of ABTS