

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 evaluate written responses to questions asked of potential candidates and prepare to begin phone interviews. 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 church he will be leaving.

Pray for the Sick & Hospitalized

- Pray for discernment for **Roger Munson** as he chooses the right treatment and doctor for his prostate cancer.
- **Carrie Rowlands** having medical issues dealing with carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Earl Christensen** - severe depression.
- 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

- Alice Smith's brother, **Lester Emmons**, passed away Monday evening. **Wally's brother-in-law** passed away last week. Please remember the Smiths in prayer.
- **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**
- **Matt Wagner** has a lead on a job. Please pray for God's will to be done.
- **Tim Corstange** has an interview on Friday.
- People looking for work: **Lynne Potter, Valentina Velkov, Bobby Hicks** (Gary & Kathy Pross' son-in-law)

Praise

- Salvation of **Kami Beachey!!!**

Featured Events

MAY	22	LifeRUN 5K for Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center
	24	HCA Golf Outing and Pig Roast
	31	Office Closed for Memorial Day
JUNE	2	NO Wednesday Night Meetings
	8	Kimberly Rowland's bridal shower
	9	NO Wednesday Night Meetings
	12	LifeWALK for Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center Jr. High to Craig's Cruisers
	13	Honor Graduates Blood Pressure Screening

Ron & Ann Washer - ABWE Admin. for Africa

Two weeks ago we had the opportunity to attend a banquet in Toronto, Ontario for over 100 Christian Chinese medical professionals who are catching the vision of sending not only their resources, but also themselves to serve in medical missions in Africa. It was a thrill to see the presentation for the new Mango hospital which is currently being built in Northern Togo. We are excited to hear of the buildings that are now going up, missionaries preparing themselves to serve by learning the Anufo language and relationships being built with the local Togolese. **Will you please pray specifically that water would be found on the hospital property?** The well diggers have drilled 240 meters, but have not yet found water. Ron left May 12 for a visit to the language school our missionaries attend in France. He will then travel on to The Gambia to participate in a Spiritual Life Retreat for the missionary team. Following that, he heads to Ghana to work with our team there. He will also meet with our team in Togo while attending the 25th anniversary of the ABWE hospital in southern Togo. And to finish out the month, he will be taking two couples to survey Benin for future ministry. **Please be in prayer for safety as he travels and to be an encouragement to our missionaries.** Part of the time that Ron is away, Ann will fly to Las Vegas to visit our daughter Melissa and her three children. Their daddy, Tom, was deployed with the Air Force to Iraq on May 13 for six months. **Will you please pray for the many adjustments that they will be making as a family and for safety for Tom?** We so appreciate the way you faithfully support our ministry through your prayers and finances. You are such a blessing and encouragement to us.

Bob & Lois Walsh - Brazil

God is working in the hearts of people in spite of various difficulties that we have encountered. God is faithful, and He sends blessings to encourage our hearts along the way.

Discouragement: Last year we bid farewell to three families that moved away. Three other families have stopped coming to church due to unresolved sin.

Encouragement: Bob was asked to speak during the association meetings held the end of January. His job was to challenge the Brazilians to start more churches. Several Brazilian pastors are working together to plant new churches. We are also encouraged that six people have made decisions for salvation since January. Five parents and a grandmother of our AWANA kids attended our Easter morning service. Door-to-door visitation is going well. Several of our church neighbors have allowed us to come in and some have asked that we come back for more visits. We trust that these contacts will continue to be fruitful in the future. Three Baptist families that have moved to Indaiatuba have visited our church. Please pray that each of these families will join our church.

Prayer Requests: Pray for the following to make decisions to trust Christ: Welson, Willian, Wallace, Rose, Junior, Adelaide, Claudio, Celia, Zelia, Iraci, and Douglas. Pray that our church will grow more faithful through each trial.

Featured Missionary
Kristie Abernathy - Romania

God's Work in the Past

I began traveling in March when I had the opportunity to travel with some teammates from northern Romania and the Ukraine. Together we held Sunday school teacher training sessions in three different cities in Romania. My job on this trip was to share a brief devotional at the beginning of each session. I saw how important this teacher training is! The teachers were hungry for new ideas and were so appreciative of whatever we showed them. The traveling continued in April. ABWE's Romania North and South teams met in the mountains for a week of training. While the grown-ups were sitting in sessions all day, I did a program with nine MKs and we had a BLAST! We solved a mystery together, studied the life of Paul, and learned about the difference Christ SHOULD make in our lives. I was so glad to be able to help my teammates in this way. My last bit of traveling in April was to the Republic of Moldova where I had the awesome responsibility of teaching Sunday school teachers about using visual aides. I had 15-20 students, and although I felt completely inadequate, the Lord was very good and I was able to say what I wanted to say and communicate clearly even through a translator. Thank you SO MUCH for your prayers! My travels did NOT, unfortunately, include a trip to Seattle where my brother and sister-in-law welcomed sweet little Ella Rae Abernathy to the world on May 3rd. It has been hard to know that I won't see her for two years, but God's grace is sufficient for today and I trust it will be for tomorrow as well.

God's Work in the Present

Probably because of Ella's birth, I've been hit with homesickness in the last couple of weeks. I don't miss the States in particular and I can live without the stuff, but I do miss people and relationships that are easy and comfortable. **Please pray** that God will fill these holes. I am looking forward to a visit from a dear friend next week and love that God knew this is when I would need it! Much of my time these days is taken up with preparation for camp! In just over a month we will begin our first week of camp and there is still MUCH to do. I am currently helping with registration, working on a manual for the counselors, preparing to lead the counselor support team once camp begins and working on ideas for the children's camp. This month will FLY! Language continues to be a struggle. I have added two extra hours of lessons each week because I want so badly to be able to talk! My language teacher thinks I'm a model student and is pleased with my progress. She senses my frustration, though, and continues to remind me "step by step". Please keep praying about this. I know I AM making progress, but it is slow. I am also continuing to teach an English Sunday School class on Sunday nights. I usually have between nine and fifteen students who range in age from four to eleven! Most are MKs.

God's Work in the Future

Right now, my focus is on camp - one week in June, three weeks in July and two weeks in August. Please be praying in advance for the kids, counselors, speakers and staff for each of these weeks. I will also have a roommate for a couple of months this summer! Tara Payne will be in Bucharest for June-August and she will be living with me. Tara has been to Bucharest before and is looking forward to renewing relationships while here. I am looking forward to getting to know her.

Closing Thoughts

If you ask my teammates, they will tell you that Bucharest isn't an easy place to live. I'm just beginning to get a taste of that. It has been especially clear over the last few weeks that our enemy is very active here and is doing what he can to thwart God's plan. I still struggle some days with WHY the Lord has brought me here. But I can honestly say *"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked"* (Ps. 84:10). We are blessed to be able to serve our God, wherever He places us.