



June 30, 2010

# Prayer Prompter

"My house shall be called a house of  
prayer for all nations."

Mark 11:17

## **Pastor Bill Abernathy**

- Pray for Kristie and the team as they prepare for 3 weeks of camp beginning 7/5.
- Praise the Lord for four campers saved during the children's camp in Romania.
- Pray for Caleb working for a landscaping company in PA this summer.
- Pray for Josh and Michelle and Ella.
- Pray for my Dad's continued recovery. He is still battling some issues.
- Pray for Immanuel. They will be bringing in a candidate in mid-July.

## **Pastor Steve Nichols**

- Thanks for your prayers as our men's summer Bible study continues.
- Praise the Lord for our many musicians who prepare each week and encourage our hearts through God's wonderful gift of music.
- Remember our Kids and Wee Kids Summer choirs with Jessica VanDyke, Erin Crown and their teams preparing for August presentations.

## **Pastor Jon McGinnis**

- Please pray for our family as we have a very busy month or so with Teen Mission Trip, Candidate Class, and Action Day Camp.

## **Pastor Will Davis**

- Began a new Interim ministry at Porter Baptist Church on June 27.

## **Amy Brown**

- Pray for wisdom as I prepare for my sabbatical in July. Pray that my clients will continue to seek God and make wise decisions.

### **PRAY FOR OUR SEARCH FOR AN ASSISTANT PASTOR:**

- Praise the Lord for the unity, grace and good spirit among the Pastoral Search Task Team, and pray that it continues to mark all they do
  - Wisdom for the Team as they prepare for a face-to-face interview in a few weeks
  - Wisdom for the man (and his wife) coming in for the face-to-face interview
  - Kendall King and Pastor Bill as they lead the team
  - God to be preparing the man He has chosen for us
  - God to be preparing the wife and family of that man for the move to Berean
  - God to be preparing the church he will be leaving for a time of transition
  - God's timing to be clear to us and him in this whole process
  - Our youth leaders and CE workers as they carry a heavier load during this time
  - Pastor Jon's transition during these coming months
- **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.

**NOTE: The Prayer Prompter is a public document that may be accessed on the internet.**



### **Jerry & Kathy Davis - Togo Short-Term**

Another week has gone by and another week of special things happening in Tsiko, Togo. Thanks to everyone who prays for us. The hospital and clinic have been exceptionally busy the past several weeks, and no one knows the explanation.

The employee unrest (concerned about inflation and the amount of a recent pay raise) seems to have subsided. In Togo, there is no merit pay raise system. If you give a raise it has to be to all employees. Also, it is impossible to terminate an employee, so when you hire you have to make certain you want the person to work here for life.

Another recent development was the Togo government raised gasoline and diesel prices by around 15% (at the pump) and disallowed the taxi drivers to raise their prices. Well, this created mild riots and citizen road blockades in Lome, and the military was called out. Unfortunately, two people were shot and killed. The effects of the price raises can be very harmful to the people in Togo as they live on a day-to-day basis without the benefit of unemployment insurance or other financial safety nets.

Todd & Jennifer DeKryger and the four boys will be leaving for furlough in the next few days. We have enjoyed spending much time with them and being surrogate grandparents to William, Grant, Luke and Andrew. God has blessed them with a heart for the Lord and a voice to proclaim His message. We will miss them over the next few months.

Since this is the rainy season, the weather has been mild and many days are very cloudy and of course, rain mixed in. Temps get to around 85-90 during the day and low 70s at night, but the humidity is always high. High enough to start sweating even in the shade or inside if no breeze or fan is available. Think of the few days in Michigan when it is hot and very humid - that is the way it is every day here. Kathy takes multiple showers every day, but Jerry sits under a fan at the office. What a life he leads. We miss you all and pray for Berean daily.

### **Dan & Vicki Benton - Connecticut**

As the familiar hymn, Count Your Blessings, says: "count your many blessings - see what God has done". We have seen blessings of:

#### **Growth**

- Five baptized in April! Pray for Melissa, the unsaved wife of one of the men who was baptized.
- One member added by letter of transfer! Pray for her nephew, Cyrus', salvation.
- We continue to see new faces, some coming regularly!

#### **Graduates**

- Emily graduated from Bob Jones with a degree in Marketing! Pray as she is looking for a job.
- Jay graduated from Hartford Christian Academy! Pray as he is also looking for a job and getting ready for Liberty University in the fall.

#### **Grace**

- June 1, I conducted the funeral service for my son-in-law's grandfather. He had come to church occasionally and many at the funeral were unsaved. Pray that God will work in their lives.
- June 5, my mother, Evelyn Miller, went home to be with the Lord. Pray especially for my sister, Adelle, and nephew, Justin, as they are unsaved.

**Pray** specifically for Vicki and me during the week of July 5-10. We will be at Camp Northfield in MA for their Junior week. I will be speaking & Vicki will be sharing the daily Missionary story. May God use us for His glory!

**Featured Missionary  
Our Teen Mission Team**

**Mission Team  
June 28-July 5  
Costa Rica**

Jon & Joni McGinnis, Kevin & Lori Kahila, Mac Webb, Bethany Karakula, Michael Brittan, Jessica Garrison, Nathan Triemstra, Mallory Nordquist, Matt King, Rachel DeCamp, Jason King, Ashley Rawsthorne, Monica Lawrence and Carrie Rowlands

Please remember these people in prayer.

**Requests:**

- √ Pray for safety as we work at the police station in the village of Pejibaye (Pronounced: PAY - HEE - BAH – JAY)
- √ Please pray for team unity and a cooperative spirit.
- √ Pray the Gospel will be understood and people would respond.

**Jack & Marilyn Slough - Indiana**

A lot has happened in the past 3 months that I know you will be excited about.

- 1) Phase One of the Deacon Discipleship program finished up the end of May. Phase Two will begin in August. This is in preparation for electing deacons this fall.
- 2) Dave & Rosezell have formally announced their retirement the end of June. In the past 3 months, we have begun to increase in attendance.
- 3) The kitchen project is now complete. We also were able to fix the steeple area since the roof has been leaking whenever it rains.
- 4) On June 26th, as an outreach to our neighbors, we invited about 50 people over for a barbeque. Pray that we had a positive influence as we attempted to build bridges into our neighbors' lives.
- 5) I have begun a Bible study at a company called "Alliance Armament." Praise the Lord for this wonderful opportunity.
- 6) Immanuel Baptist Church, Traverse City, MI, donated 108 metal folding chairs to the church.
- 7) July 23-30 Orangeville Baptist Church from Plainwell, MI, will have a VBS program for us. Pray for the salvation of the kids and an opportunity to get into the homes to reach the parents.
- 8) PTL, my knee surgery & therapy was a great success. I am, by God's grace, pain free for the first time in years.
- 9) Several churches offered used hymnals to us...Thank you!

**Needs:**

- A team that could supply the materials & labor to redo our bathrooms.
- A team to supply the materials & labor to repaint the entry & fellowship rooms.
- A good used mini-bus or van for our Wednesday Youth Ministry.
- Gymnasium lights - at the present time, we are using recessed spot lights that are normally used in a home situation and they do not produce enough light. This is a half-court gym. We need help!

Thank you for your continued and faithful support. God is good! He is faithful, and only He gets the glory for it all!