



July 7, 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 her co-workers during 3 weeks of camp. Pray for strength and energy.
- 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 for senior pastor next week.

Pastor Steve Nichols

Dear Church Family,

“And the Lord, who is the Spirit, makes us more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.” 2 Cor. 3:18

We are so thankful that God is conforming the lives of our children to reflect His glory. Both Daniel and his fiancée, Lacey (Fraser), have recently taken giant steps in becoming more like Christ. They have seen God working in their lives in new and exciting ways. As parents this blesses us so much. This process has caused them to take a step back as they consider the requirements of the covenant marriage relationship.

Since they both understand the seriousness of the covenant relationship, they feel that God would have them postpone their wedding date until there can be a complete peace about making these vows before God and entering into a lifelong relationship. Daniel and Lacey are very thankful for your prayers and support through this crucial time in both of their lives.

Grateful to Christ the Good Shepherd,
Pastor Steve & Becky Nichols and Howie & Sharon Fraser

Pastor Jon McGinnis

- Please pray for our family as Joni and I are at Candidate Class and the kids are all in Illinois with family.

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 beginning next week. Pray that my clients will continue to seek God and make wise decisions.

PRAY FOR OUR SEARCH FOR AN ASSISTANT PASTOR:

- Wisdom for the Team and the Deacons as they prepare for a face-to-face interview next week
- Wisdom for the man (and his wife) coming in for the face-to-face interview
- 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 July and August

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.

Mike & Diane Eleveld - Prefield South. & Central America

Mike is in Australia. He is speaking at a Bible Conference in Sydney, hosted by ABWE missionaries. He is very excited to get back in the pulpit as well as catching up with some dear friends and supporters. Things are going well. He has been with both the Mayos and the Eggerts. Mike has had a sudden migraine both times he has preached. This also happened at Camp Barakel and it was determined to be the log fire near the speaker's pulpit. If people could **pray** that he doesn't get headaches when he preaches, that would be great. He is preaching on "The Fear of God", which can be somewhat controversial to those who see only the Lord's all-loving attributes and none other, so please pray that the messages are well received as well as well delivered.

Diane is busy making arrangements for a team from a supporting church to go to Costa Rica with us to meet local pastors who need help. Bethel Baptist is interested in starting a partnership with one of these struggling churches I have mentioned before. What is new since the last newsletter is that we have been given names of pastors who want to meet us not only in Costa Rica, but also the neighboring countries of Panama and Nicaragua, so we will be staying in Central America to try to meet these men.

One ministry of ours is to host traveling Latin American pastors/ missionaries as they travel to the US seeking support and partnerships. We were recently blessed to host Sorin Crivceag, a missionary Church Planter in Romania. Sorin's dedication to the Lord and the Great Commission was a huge inspiration to us, and we came away from that visit knowing this is just the first in a long line of blessings we will have by hosting such Godly people in our home.

We are still at only 65% of our support, but we are very excited and thankful that one of our supporting churches has just raised our monthly support by \$200! It is a wonderful show of faith for us.

Prayer Requests

- 1) Mike's safety in his travels
- 2) Mike battling migraines
- 3) Our survey trip to Costa Rica with Bethel Baptist Church
- 4) Our expenses for the added time in Central America
- 5) Our house selling...still not sold!
- 6) Our support level to increase. We are desperate to get at our ministry full time.

**Featured Missionary
William & Sue Spoelhof - Brazil**

If God doesn't give us what we ask for, we can be sure that He has something far better.

Praise:

- √ Filipe and Mateus accepted Christ as Savior this past month. Pray for these young men, and the men discipling them, in their early steps of faith.

Pray with us:

- √ Wisdom for the church Building & Design Committee as they plan for construction.
- √ New leaders for the teen program.



Jerry & Kathy Davis - Togo (Short Term)

We are currently in the rainy season. Thursday it rained all night long with temps getting to 68 degrees in the morning. That calls for winter jackets by the moto taxi drivers. It is a sight to see them with down-filled jackets riding their motos with passengers behind with large packages with everything from charcoal to fire wood.

There has been some unrest on the hospital compound due to several (2 or 3) persons very bitter about not getting a 50% raise. Apparently, this bitterness has caused more unrest with many other employees. So, all of the career missionaries here received an unsigned letter with threats of physical harm to them and their families. This has caused alarm with the missionaries, but they are taking it in stride, i.e., not taking retaliatory measures. This is a wait and see situation. **Please pray** that Satan will be bound and eyes will be opened.

The Togo government raised gas prices by over 15% and did not allow the taxi drivers and moto taxi drivers to raise their prices. This caused some road blocks by the taxi drivers. Apparently, the government relented after negotiations and reduced the price increase and allowed the taxis to raise their fees slightly to help offset the price increase. Another crisis averted!

When Kathy and I were here several years ago, the purpose of the trip was to install new accounting software but due to many problems, that did not come to complete fruition. Well, that is now on again, and I have ordered a new software program from the USA and it will be brought to us via a doctor who is coming on July 12. There will be three months available to train the office staff. I have talked with each one and they are very willing to learn the new software. **Pray** for their ability to learn and my ability to instruct.

Kathy has completed her big task of privacy curtains and window curtains in the new OB wing. That was a huge task, but because of her abilities, she has been given many more such tasks, as well as her spending time in the pharmacy counting and packaging pills. Many pills!

Kathy and I have had the honor and privilege to have career and short-term missionaries in for dinner and conversation. The love for the Lord in each person is so very evident. The Lord puts everyone here for a reason and a season. Other mission fields as well. Perhaps the Lord is nudging you to serve Him somewhere too!