



July 14, 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. Praise for a good week of camp last week. Pray for camp this week and next. Pray for strength and energy.
- Pray for Caleb as he ministers with the worship team for 3 weeks of conferences at BBC.
- Pray for Josh and Michelle and Ella.
- Pray for my Dad’s continued recovery. He is still battling some issues.
- Pray for Immanuel. They are bringing in a candidate tomorrow through Sunday.

Pastor Steve Nichols

- Thanks for your prayers as I prepare to preach this Sunday morning.
- Thanks for your prayers as God continues His good work in the lives of Daniel and Lacey.
- Also, pray for Cynthia as she works this summer and is prayerfully considering an internship ministry opportunity for next summer.

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

- Charlene and I are at ABWE for candidate class interviews and board meeting.
- Continue to pray for our Interim ministry at Porter Baptist Church.

Amy Brown

- On sabbatical - learning and refreshment for ministry among us.

PRAY FOR OUR SEARCH FOR AN ASSISTANT PASTOR:

- Wisdom and discernment for the Search Team and their spouses as they talk with a candidate and his wife Thursday night.
- Wisdom and discernment for the deacons and their wives as they talk with a candidate and his wife Friday night.
- Wisdom and discernment for the candidate and his wife as they look at things here at Berean.
- Safety in travel for the candidate and his wife.
- 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.

Sarah Damick - The Gambia

It's a deadly disease! There has been a deadly disease going around among the missionaries here. It's a disease that kills computers. Two have bit the dust and mine got sick and was out for more than a month. It came back to me and it was still sick. Being the great healer that I am (okay not really) I was able to restore it to a previous version and it is now running again. I was a little skeptical that it would continue to work properly, but it has for about a week now. God is good!

We have also had a big problem with refrigeration - as in all of the butane refrigerators at one time or another has died and been fixed again. Replacing them is almost next to impossible as you cannot find gas refrigerators in country any longer. We have been praying that God would somehow open a door so that we could get some new ones. Well, God has opened that door through a grocery store that ships from America. We are scrambling to get the refrigerators on the next container that ships from the East Coast in two weeks time. Again, God is good!

Another answer to prayer has come in the form of a person. Michelle Lippy home schools all six of her children in addition to being wife and mother. This leaves little time to do language study which is needed for ministry here. Michelle already has ministry among the ladies that work here on the compound, but she feels hindered in truly sharing God's Word as she does not have the vocabulary to relay spiritual truths. We have all been praying for a short term school teacher for this fall through next spring when they go home on furlough. God has honored Michelle's desire for ministry and is sending us Bethany Caldwell. Not only is He sending her, but has raised her support in such short fashion that she is expected to be here by the end of this month. Praise God!

For me specifically, He has granted an increase in understanding of the language. While I am nowhere close to believing that I have an understanding of the language, it does seem to be starting to imbed itself in my brain. This comes after much repetition and time spent out in the village listening and doing my absolute best to talk and respond appropriately. I don't always like going out, but I do most days for three hours each afternoon.

Rainy season has started. But the true rains have yet to come. The rains bring a relief from the heat down to about 80 degrees for about a day. The temperatures and the humidity climb with each successive day and you truly pray that the rains will come again for some relief. Truthfully though, despite it being uncomfortable, this time has been profitable for the community here as the grounds have been planted and the rains have been plentiful enough to make things grow.

Prayer Requests/Praises

- Pray that this will be a good rainy season and profitable for the community as it struggles with the ever increasing costs of sugar and rice.
- Pray that God will lay the clinic ministry on people's hearts as there is a financial need of over \$13,000 this year to provide medications and to run the clinic.
- Pray for continued perseverance as I struggle with language and try to learn more each week. It has been very difficult for me to catch on to things past greeting people.
- Continue to pray for our teammates still raising support. Each longs to be on the field.

Larry & Pat Groat - Spanish Ministries - USA

Thank you, our supporting churches and personal supporters, for your faithfulness and prayers. Transition towards our retirement from BMM seems to be on track. We have meeting dates set up with all but two of our churches. The presentation will be ready for our first official meeting July 25th in Lapeer, MI. Nearly every Sunday is scheduled through November. We have relinquished our responsibilities with the Iglesia Bautista Biblica to those in the congregation. The church was organized June 13th, so now functions with its officers and deacons. Paul and Barb Joles continue to lead the people. We will do outreach ministry this summer and fall to help the work grow and mature. The people stay in touch with us through facebook and personal contacts. We would appreciate your prayers as we travel to Ohio for the BMM conference. We will receive our 40 year pins at the conference. God has been and is faithful. Our desire is to continue to be faithful to Him and serve the LORD in these "retirement years".