



July 28, 2010

# Prayer Prompter

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

Mark 11:17

## **Pastor Bill Abernathy**

- Praise the Lord that Immanuel now has a senior pastor.
- Praise the Lord for the good weeks of camp Kristie and her co-workers had in Romania. Pray for rest and recovery of strength before more camps in August.
- Pray for Caleb as he ministers with the worship team for the Teen Leadership Conferenc at BBC this week.
- Pray for Josh and Michelle and Ella.
- Pray for my Dad’s continued recovery. He is still battling some issues.

## **Pastor Steve Nichols**

- Pray for Jessica VanDyke and her team with the Kids Choir ministry as they prepare for their presentation in August.
- Pray for Erin Crown and her team with Wee Kids Choir as they prepare for their presentation in August.
- Pray for our on going men's Wednesday evening Bible study. Praise the Lord for the great sharing and fellowship around God's Word with our men.

## **Pastor Jon McGinnis**

- Praise the Lord for the decisions made at Action Day Camp this past week.  
    . (2 decisions to accept Christ).
- Please Pray for Joni and me. This coming month, we will be wrapping up ministry here at Berean, as well as scheduling church visits for September-December.

## **Pastor Will Davis**

- Speaking Sunday, Aug. 1 at South Baptist Church in Flint where we did an Interim during 2008. Their new pastor begins that day.
- Continue to pray for our Interim ministry at Porter Baptist Church.

## **Amy Brown**

- On sabbatical - learning and refreshment for ministry among us.
- Pray that clients will continue to seek God and make wise decisions.

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

- Praise the Lord that we have a candidate coming August 11-15.
- Pray for wisdom for this man and his wife and for us as we pursue God’s will in this situation.
- Pray for safety as he travels to us.
- Pray for good interaction over those days that will clearly show us all God’s will.
- Our youth leaders and CE workers as they carry a heavier load during this time.
- Pastor Jon’s transition.

**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)**

During our time away, there has been much time for reading. I cannot count the number of books we have read over the past weeks, but one that stands out to me is by R.C. Sproul called "The Holiness of God". I am on my third reading since being here. The impact has been great on me and I encourage anyone to get this book and read and reread. You will never regret it if you desire to be closer to God and to try and understand His holiness and presence in our lives.

The hospital compound has electrical power either through "Togoelectric" or by a huge generator on the compound. The compound has both 110 and 220 power. The "Togoelectricity" goes off almost every day for several hours. On Thursday it was off for 24 hours, so the generator took over. It is not quiet! The cost of diesel fuel is close to \$1.25 per litre. Per liter!. Four liters per imperial gallon which is \$5.00 per gallon or well over \$4.00 per US gallon. Gasoline is no less expensive.

Thursday was God's testing Jerry day. With the stand alone computer I have been testing the new Quickbooks program and spending many hours listing all of the accounts receivables by name, over 600 (remember unpronounceable) I needed to plug my computer into an "uninterruptible power supply" but did not remember my computer has been running on 110 and plugged into 220. Guess what happened. Oh, you guessed it! I blew out the power supply on the computer. In my wild imagination, I assumed I had lost all the information I had entered. However, God was gracious to me and allowed Harry Ward, a missionary, who is a computer wiz, to replace the power supply and lo and behold, all of my data was intact! My frowns turns to smiles and praise to His name!

Kathy is still counting pills in the pharmacy. One would think they would run out of pills, but they don't. The clinic and hospital prescribe so many pills, that the hospital has its own pharmacy. The pharmacy is one of the largest sources of revenue for the hospital. But the drugs are expensive to purchase and many Togolese cannot afford to buy them so the hospital has its own "benevolent" fund, just the same as Berean.

### **Jon & Joni McGinnis-TACTICA**

Please Pray:

1. For our family, as we finish up at Berean Baptist Church on August 31st
2. For opportunities to share the Gospel.
3. For our pre-field adventure as we schedule churches and tell others about what God is doing through T.A.C.T.I.C.A. in Central America.

**Featured Missionary**  
**Louise Barnard, Retired**

It's decided – I will be going to Manila in October to help guide a group of students into effective teaching ministries to adults. Many, many thanks to those of you who have written to encourage me in this. Please don't stop praying. I'm reading and studying like crazy and I'm about a third of the way through the material. We were able to arrange baby-sitting for my grandkids 2 days a week, which is a real answer to prayer. Am I excited? Yeah. Apprehensive? Yes, that, too.

Excitement about ministry opportunities God might have for me have been fizzing through my mind the last couple of weeks. I feel a little bit like someone who is deciding what I want to do when I grow up! I don't know what God has in store for my future, but this one thing I know: the God who was sovereign when Norm and I walked together, is still sovereign today. One of the things I appreciated most about Norm was his absolute confidence in the sovereignty of God. When we came to those times in the ministry when it felt like the whole thing was crumbling around us, when I was crying, "Lord, what are you doing?", Norm was sitting back in his calm, level way and saying, "I don't need to understand what God is doing. I only need to respond in obedience to his word, and I will let God take care of the consequences." I'm at that point in my life again. This time, Norm isn't here to help me pick up the pieces, but God is, and I can't wait to see what he's going to do next.

The Chiang Mai team writes that the political turmoil in Thailand has now calmed down. Unfortunately, we needed to cancel a couple of classes during that time. Also, we did not receive permission to continue with classes in Australia. The new government regulations are quite restrictive. Those students who are near graduation will make plans to complete their degree by traveling to another site. This is especially disappointing because the classes there have been so fruitful – both in terms of individual student response and in facilitating networking among the pastors in the area. Nevertheless, the Lord knows the plans for us and for them, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:12).

Today was the last day of the ABWE Missionary Enrichment conference at Messiah College in Grantham, PA. What a joy and a comfort it has been to spend these days with people who have loved us and serve with us for so many years. I'm refreshed and encouraged and ready to hit the books again. I'm also visiting with some of my children as I pass through Virginia. Then the first week of August, several of them are coming to build a garage for me. I'm truly blessed.

**Bill & Sue Spoelhof, Brazil**

Thank you for your prayers for Sue during her recent surgery. The operation went longer than expected because the one hernia was much larger than expected. Before her surgery the doctor prayed with her that he would be guided through the whole process, and God answered.

The night following the surgery was kind of tough because of "after effects" of the anesthesia. But by Sunday, the doctor was pleased with her progress, and she was released to go home.

Once again we were so grateful for our church family here who surrounded us with their love through messages, phone calls, visits and prayers.

Continue to pray with us that this time of recovery will go smoothly.

Thank you again for you prayers,  
Bill and Sue

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in the God of my salvation." Habakkuk 3:18