

Pray for the Sick & Hospitalized

- ◇ **John & Martha Schreur** - in hospice care in Texas.
- ◇ Retired missionary **Norm Barnard** remains hospitalized.
- ◇ **Joni Frick's mother** has serious health problems. Pray for strength and wisdom for Bob & Joni as they care for her in their home. PTL she was able to be out and about on Sunday!
- ◇ Roger & Lois Munson's foster daughter, **Alice Lauderdale**, has been diagnosed with cysts in her brain. Pray for wisdom and also her spiritual condition.
- ◇ Sue VerMeulen's father, **Mitchell VanKruiningen**, is in hospice care. Please pray for his salvation.
- ◇ **Scotie Haffner** - recovering from foot surgery. PTL - he finally got his stitches out on Monday!
- ◇ **Ken Goodenough** - recovering at home.
- ◇ **Abu Rehan**, an acquaintance of Doug & Carma Huitt, has a serious ecoli infection and is in need of the Savior. Pray for the ABWE missionaries who will minister to him in India.
- ◇ **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, Julie Bennett, Duane & Joyce Hampton, Greg Cowan, Joel Miller, Francis & Janie Conner, Paul & Leola Johnson, Hal Pape, Ruth Fields.**

Pray for Other Needs

- ◇ **Bonnie Jenkins** passed away Monday evening. Visitation at Langland's on 9th Street, Monday 2-4, and 6-8 PM. Memorial Service at Berean, Tuesday at 11 AM.
- ◇ **Darl & Shirley Brown's** cousin's funeral is tomorrow. Pray for unsaved family members.
- ◇ Pray for **Sarah Damick** as she adjusts to life and ministry in The Gambia.
- ◇ **Mike & Diane Eleveld** need to sell their home or find new renters.
- ◇ **Janelle Myers** - in Costa Rica studying abroad.
- ◇ Pray for the salvation of Carma Huitt's cousin, **Becky**.
- ◇ People looking for work: **Therese Schwartz, Lynne Potter, Valentina Velkov, Bobby Hicks** (Gary & Kathy Pross' son-in-law)
- ◇ **Wyoma Schuyler's** home is on the market again. Pray that it sells!

Praise

- ◇ **Individuals and Families** who recently joined us!
- ◇ **All God** has entrusted to us as His managers!

Featured Events

Feb	19-20	Sr. High Snow Camp
	21	College Lunch w/ Foundations Class
	23	Joyful Mom
	28	Sign up for Camp Read-A-Lot
Mar	1	HeartLIFE Leaders Meeting
	5	Alternatives Annual Auction
	9	Joyful Mom
	12-13	Ladies Retreat @ Miracle Camp

Larry & Pat Groat, BBM Grand Rapids

With Larry approaching 71 and Pat not too far behind, the thoughts of some kind of retirement have become a frequent topic of conversation in our home. We are in communication with BMM as to how all of this plays out with the Mission.

-The Iglesia Bautista Biblica (Hispanic Baptist Bible Church) is growing and the people are taking much more responsibility in the areas of finances and activities. In April 2009 the congregation moved from City View Church to the new location at 436 Leonard St. N.W. At that time Paul Joles became the pastor of the congregation and Larry moved to associate pastor, working closely with the youth and doing outreach and follow up ministry.

-We would appreciate your prayers, as this is a major decision, and we want to know and do God's will.

Ryan and Gretchen Rought, ABWE, Costa Rica

We wanted to thank you all for your continued prayers and steadfast support through this challenging season for our family. Gretchen is doing remarkably well. Although she still has much healing and recovery ahead of her, we are thankful for the strength, mobility and energy that God is allowing her to enjoy. We look forward to serving the King of kings in this next chapter of our life story. Before closing, allow us to share just a snippet of what the Lord has brought into our ministry calendar for the coming months:

- February 19-25 Ryan and TACTICA partner survey Nicaragua for future outreach
- March-April Re-connect with TACTICA friends, disciples and Bible Studies
- May-host Team TACTICA for tactical training and Gospel outreach.

How to Support Your Missionaries

Missionaries need intercessors more than admirers. They need prayers more than donors. They live and work in the enemy's territory and become the special object of Satan's attack. Support your missionaries by *praying for them*. Pray for their...

Protection from Satanic attack
Enablement in life and ministry
Flexibility in relationships
Attitude of servanthood
Compatibility with fellow workers
Heart of love for all men
Boldness in preaching
Fruitfulness in service
Filling with the Holy Spirit
Understanding of culture
Discipline in devotional life
Proficiency in use of language
Patience with others
Safety in travel
Courage in danger
Health in soul and body
Support adequate for needs
Wisdom to maintain finances
Family home life
Children at school

"Strive together with me in your prayers to God for me" --Rom. 15:30

Featured Missionary Norm & Louise Barnard

Norm Barnard had a cardiac procedure on Feb. 3. Since then he has had several complications. Here is an excerpt from Louise's latest letter:

Our bodies are such intricate things, so interconnected. Aggressive methods were absolutely necessary in order to keep Norm's heart beating, but the intervention has touched off a cascade of other difficulties. Like the bacteria that migrated from his gut and don't belong in his lungs, insistent little bugs who like their new home very much. And the blood clots in his leg caused by repeated catheterizations (3 in 11 days).

These were treated by another kind of catheterization that slid a tube up into the veins of his thigh. For 24 hours it shot out medicine and ultra-sound waves that broke up the worst of the clots and allowed his blood to flow again. The pain is relieved, the swelling is reduced somewhat and he now has feeling all the way down to the toes. The doctors predicted that the remaining clots would gradually clear with blood thinners.

Unfortunately, it turns out that Norm's body reacts to heparin. His blood platelet level dropped sharply, requiring more medicine, 2 units of intravenous blood, and a switch to a second choice in blood thinners.

Meanwhile, all the dye used in these multiple catheterizations has damaged Norm's kidneys. Although their output is gradually increasing, they are still not effectively filtering the blood. Toxins are building up that will require dialysis if the kidneys don't return to normal function soon. The kidney failure has, in turn, exacerbated the build-up of fluid in the right lung and created difficulty in breathing.

Tomorrow they will insert a sort of clot catcher so that the blood clots from the leg won't migrate into his lungs. This, of course, requires another kind of catheter to place the clot catcher into the aorta leading to the lungs. I sighed internally and didn't ask about more dye.

The conflicting needs would be amusing if they weren't so vital. Like, the leg should be propped up, preferably higher than the chest, weighed against the fact that breathing is easier if one is sitting up. Or the knowledge that getting up and moving around would help the heart & lung function, while the leg prevents much movement. Or the absolutely essential oxygen supply that dries out the nose + the blood thinner = continuous slow bleeding that clogs up the nose and impedes breathing.

Norm is one sick puppy. For the first time today it occurred to us that there is a third path between the Lord taking Norm home and the Lord restoring him to health and service. I'm reminded today of the words sung at our wedding nearly 43 years ago:

The path that we have trod has brought us nearer God, though oft it led through waters deep,

Though not the way we'd choose, in our way we might lose the joy that yet for us awaits.

Not what we wish to do, nor where we wish to go, for who are we, that we should choose our way?

The Lord will choose for us, 'tis better far we know, so let him bid us go or stay.