

Pray for the Sick & Hospitalized

- ◇ **Carrie Rowlands**, health issues.
- ◇ **John & Martha Schreur** - in hospice care in Texas.
- ◇ **Joni Frick's mother** has serious health problems. Pray for strength and wisdom for Bob & Joni as they care for her in their home.
- ◇ **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, Alice Lauderdale.**

Pray for Other Needs

- ◇ Delores Brierly's mother, **Ruth Mitchell**, has advanced dementia. Please pray for Bob & Delores as they deal with Delores' mother & other family issues, for strength & comfort during this difficult time.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Sue VerMeulen's father, **Mitchell VanKruiningen**, in hospice care - pray for God to soften his heart that he may come to know the Savior.
- ◇ Pray for the salvation of Carma Huitt's cousin, **Becky**.
- ◇ People looking for work: **Lynne Potter, Valentina Velkov, Bobby Hicks** (Gary & Kathy Pross' son-in-law)

Praise

- ◇ **Wyoma Schuyler's** home has sold!

ReCAST Church

We want to share the JOY we all had last Sunday as ReCAST Church had it's first baptism service! Over 100 people gathered on Sunday morning to watch 4 people publicly identify with Christ. Along with our son, Adam, 3 adults were baptized and gave powerful testimonies of Jesus working in their lives. When ReCAST Church started last April, all three of these individuals were being drawn to God in various ways, but none of them were going to church, none of them had even considered that Jesus could give them the joy and hope they were searching for. Because of the PRAYERS and SUPPORT of YOU at Berean Baptist Church, these three individuals and their families, came to check out ReCAST Church and learned about the mercy and grace of Jesus. Our hearts were full of JOY and ENCOURAGEMENT and we wanted to share it with you all - our parent church. Your sacrifices in starting ReCAST Church of Mattawan have NOT been in vain and we continue to be impressed as we watch God at work out here!! Please join us in praying as well for the MANY people (at least 20!) who attended the baptism service who do NOT YET acknowledge Jesus as Lord. The testimonies were clear and it is our prayer that God will use the words spoken on Sunday to draw some of these to Himself. To God be the Glory Great things HE is doing!
The Filceks (for Tim Austin, the Bunts, Konolds, Webbers, and Lloyds, too!)

Jon & Joni McGinnis - Costa Rica Prefield

McGinnis Mayhem... In the past, February has been one of the slowest months of the year. Yet, I think our days of slow months are over. When the time is slow, that is a perfect time to pick up the phone and call a church, write a letter, or work on our presentation. In the month of February, we did just that. We currently have 6 churches scheduled. We also have 7 churches that have brought our packet to the missions committee to see about scheduling us. That is a potential of 13 meetings. God is so good...even during this down economy! What does March hold for the McGinnises? Our ABWE Doctrinal Exam on March 2 and our very first mission presentations. On March 7 our family has been asked by Berrien Center Bible Church to share our passion and ministry at the conclusion of their missions conference. The next week, our family will be presenting at our home church of Berean Baptist Church. Please **be praying** for the many details we need to put together for the upcoming months. Life has been busy and will continue to be but God is good! He will be faithful to all of us as we follow His leading and submit to His plan for our lives.

Please **pray**...

1. That our calendar will fill up with visits.
2. For our vehicle, that it will last the many miles of travel ahead.

Bill & Sue Spoelhof - Brazil

Praise God with us:

- One of our teens, Larissa, accepted Christ as her Savior this past Saturday.

Pray with us:

- A special study on Purity for our teens during this month.
- God's clear direction for the building committee at church.
- New member's classes going on during March.
- Strength to keep on keeping on with the many difficulties of the ministry.

Steve & Sue Mayo - Australia

Pray for:

- Clyde-the unsaved husband of one of our church members. Clyde is declining rapidly from emphysema.
- Two conferences coming up: Exalt Music Conference-March 20, Simplicity Ladies Retreat-June 4-6
- Completion and acceptance of the Seminary Registration process.

Ryan & Gretchen Rought - Costa Rica

Praise God with us:

- Travel mercies back to Costa Rica.
- He found a new apartment for us.
- Ryan's great trip to Nicaragua.

Pray with us:

- For Raul & Silvia to continue to make progress on Bible Study, marriage, parenting and finances.
- For future ministry opportunities in Nicaragua.
- May - TACTICA ministry on the Pacific side of Costa Rica

Featured Missionary
Larry & Pat Groat - USA (Hispanic Ministries)

Greetings to each of our congregations. Larry's heart cath went very well Wednesday, Feb. 17. His cardiologist was quite certain there would be blockage somewhere. However, none was found. We do not know what is causing the chest pressure and discomfort during strenuous work like shoveling snow, carrying heavy objects up stairs. Pat's recent MRI of her head showed there was no return of the previous tumor. It has been almost 7 years since the last operation for the second tumor removal. What a relief. We both thank the Lord for His blessing and faithfulness. The family is doing well. Most difficult thing has been the death of the father of our oldest son-in-law, Charles Sommer. Bob was 75, a believer, recently diagnosed with brain cancer. Several of our churches have responded to our question about future support when we come to the place of retirement. Thank you!! Trust others will do the same soon. We are only planning at this point. We will let you know when we actually make the decision. So present, we continue our active status with Baptist Mid Missions. That active status in the Hispanic congregation and community takes up all the time we have to give and all the strength too. But, the encouragement is worth it. Two teen boys made spiritual decisions at Winter Camp in January. Another teen is attending church after his brother went on the retreat. The two new families are actively participating in the work, and one more new family is attending regularly. If word has not reached you, we discontinued our efforts to meet in the building Sunday nights at Fruit Ridge and Five Mile Rd. the end of December. The interest from the congregation was not there and the community response did not result either. We are having our S.S., am and pm services, as well as Wed evening prayer time at the 436 Leonard St NW location and seeing a good response.