

Missionary Prayer Bulletin



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NORTH AMERICA

◆ Jamaica

Little London—*Richard Craig & Randy Gunnings*

The congregation in Little London, Jamaica, is very grateful to the Lord for His abundant blessings in the lives of His elect and regenerated people.

COVID-19 is still creating havoc in the lives of many. They know many people who have died and others who are very ill due to the virus. Richard says the government doesn't seem to know what to do. There is a large percentage of Jamaican people who still do not believe that COVID-19 is real. However, despite the uncertainties caused by the virus, the people in the congregation are thankful to the Lord that they are able to exercise their Christian liberty of worship, especially on the Lord's Day.

Please pray that the Lord will save souls for His kingdom according to His will. Visitors are coming to the church services, but they have not professed faith in Christ. Please pray that the Lord will save mightily for His name's sake.

◆ Dominican Republic

Los Frailes—*Ramón & Wendy Sosa*

Ramón Sosa thanks God for the opportunity to travel to Mexico and spend a week with the brothers from the churches in Mexico City (Pastor Jason Boyle) and Córdoba, Veracruz (Pastor Lalo Peña). Ramón also had the opportunity to participate in a prayer retreat with other pastors and their families. He is sorry that on this occasion his wife, Wendy, and their twin daughters were unable to travel with him because the Mexican consulate in the Dominican Republic did not open in time.

While Ramón was in Mexico, brother José Miguel was in charge of preaching the Word in the church in Los Frailes.

Please continue to pray for a revival in Los Frailes, for the Lord to provide more men for the work of the ministry, and for the church's application for constitution in the FPCNA.

◆ Mexico

Mexico City—*Jason & Danielle Boyle*

Jason Boyle reports that January 31 to February 4 was their first week of prayer in Mexico for the six pastors who are working together in Latin America. The pastors and their families came to Mexico City on the Friday and Saturday beforehand for fellowship and to be present in the church services on Sunday in the Mexico City church. In the afternoon service each pastor gave a brief report, history, and prayer requests for his church. This time of reports was particularly helpful for the church people to see and hear from those for whom they have been praying. The church provided a wonderful meal for all the visiting families.

On Monday morning all the pastors and their families headed to a large, rented house ninety minutes outside of Mexico City where they spent the week in prayer. Each morning the men had times of preaching and prayer and meetings. The women also had a brief time of prayer in the mornings. In the afternoon the men continued with their meetings for another couple hours. The days finished with family games, dinner, and evening devotions. Jason says they rejoiced to see so many small children among the families. The meetings that the men had were for talking together and working through the practical steps for the future. One evening each man gave testimony to how the Lord had worked things (in a way that only He can) for each man to be drawn to and brought to the FPC denomination. Ramón Sosa was able to come from the Dominican Republic, though his wife and twin daughters were not able to get their visas to enter Mexico. The Boyles hope that next year the whole Sosa family will be able to come and also receive the blessing of fellowship. All families went home with hearts uplifted and ready for more minis-

try. After the week of prayer Ramón traveled with Lalo Peña and was able to minister in the Coram Deo church of Córdoba, Veracruz.

Jason says they have been battling sickness in their house and in the church. But even with Sunday numbers wildly fluctuating due to COVID and other illnesses, they have had two new families start to attend regularly, and a handful of other visitors have come one or more times.

On January 1, the church celebrated its ten-year anniversary. On Sunday, February, 13 they had a deacon election. A family in the church is expecting a baby in May. They are excited to see the church grow in this way. In January there was a youth fellowship activity, and lately in the Wednesday evening prayer meetings there has been a special burden to pray for the young people.

On Tuesday, February 15, the Boyles went to court with hopes that Jonathan's adoption would finally be finalized. However, because the birth mother was extremely nervous and the judge didn't feel he could be certain that she fully understood what she was doing, he postponed the adoption until April 22. At that time a psychologist is to be present to help the judge determine that she understands what she is doing. The Boyles do believe that everything should come out fine in the end, but for now, they must continue to wait. Jonathan will not be able to travel outside the country until his adoption is completed, so the Boyles' plans for their long-awaited deputation and furlough are on hold as well. Jason says, "We long to present the work and to rest. We look to the Lord for His guidance and goodness."

Córdoba—*Lalo & Liz Peña*

COVID-Omicron cases have appeared recently among the families in the church in Córdoba. However, so far they have been able to have their normal Sunday services.

The Peña family came down with Omicron, but most of them are doing well at this point. Please pray for Lalo's mother, Celina, who is 85 years old. She was infected three

weeks ago and continues to have some mild symptoms, especially a lot of fatigue. She is often a great encouragement and blessing among the church family during the services because of her enthusiasm and her love for the Lord.

Sister Lety Colina, her husband, Julio, and their son Eliam suffered a car accident that could have been fatal. Thank God, Julio and Eliam did not suffer any injuries, but Sister Lety suffered a slight concussion and neck problems, leaving her with general malaise and anxiety. Pray for her about this and for her husband, Julio, who is not a believer.

Lalo thanks the Lord that his responsibility at the drinking water agency in the city of Córdoba has ended. He is grateful for God's care and protection during his tenure and for His providence and faithful support during that time. Lalo says, "I was recently required to address some observations about my administration, which I hope to address shortly and come out well. I ask for your prayers in this regard."

For now, Lalo says they are getting along with the income from the accounting services that he has always provided and they thank God for that blessing. They are trusting God to meet their needs as a family.

Lalo just finished his class on Reformed Worship and is about to begin the study of the *Book of Church Order* which will complete the entire curriculum that the presbytery required of him. He trusts, with the blessing of God, to finally be able to graduate as a minister of the denomination during the Ministers' Week of Prayer to be held in May of this year, in Greenville, South Carolina. Lalo plans to attend with his family. Please pray about it.

Liz is doing well. Please continue to pray Lalo and Liz to be sanctified through this time. Pray for their children: Uriel, who recently turned fourteen; Gadiel; Pamela and her husband, Abdiel; Lalo, Jr., and his wife, Carolina, and their children Camila (7), Lalito III (2) and Nataly (1). As you know, Abdiel and Lalo, Jr., began a business in Córdoba. Please keep praying for them. This is not the best time to invest, but they trust in the Lord.

Finally, pray that the Lord will give Lalo the help he needs in the rest of his responsibilities, especially the preaching of the Word and taking care of the church.

EUROPE

◆ Spain

Madrid—*John & Noranna Hanna*

John and Noranna Hanna wish to thank all who sent cards and letters at Christmas. They are always encouraged to hear from those who pray for them. John says they are now beginning to recover from the disruptions of COVID-19. God's people are feeling more and more confident and are returning to the Sabbath services. Practically all the regular meetings are up and running. The children are back to Sabbath school. They completed their annual exams, in which they all excelled. A monthly regional young people's meeting is being held. Close to one hundred youth gathered in one meeting and there is a strong desire for these meetings to continue.

The Alcorcón church holds its annual congregational meeting in February. Reports will be given on all the different ministries as well as a financial report and this year's budget. It is planned in the will of the Lord to have an election of deacons. They hope to acquire two more deacons.

John continues to work at the building. Practically all has been completed on the ground floor. There is still quite a lot to be done in the basement, but finances don't allow for more at present. Nevertheless, sufficient work has been completed so they are able to use it, especially the Sabbath school rooms.

John says they are also thankful to the Lord for the progress in the work in Toledo. They get up to forty attending at the Sabbath morning service, with fewer in the evening service. Their Friday night Bible study and prayer time is usually well attended.

Finally, the Hannas give thanks to God for those who have stood faithfully with them down through the years and encourage everyone to continue with them in prayer.

◆ Czech Republic

Liberec—*Milos & Martina Solc*

Around the Christmas holidays, the Solces had various opportunities to minister to people in their community and in their circle. The ministry in the local school continues and the Solces were very glad to have the principal over to their house for a visit. The Lord has given them favor in his eyes, and they are very thankful for that. He, the teachers, and the school children continue to be in their prayers. There are many obstacles in the lives of people in the Czech Republic that hinder

their surrendering to the Lord—the product of the utter godlessness and atheism of the culture for at least the last seventy years. Milos says, "Despite all the opposition, the Lord has strengthened us in raising up a witness in this land against all sin and ungodliness, and we have known much of His blessing."

The Solces were glad to have the mother of little Laura with them for one service, as well as a young man, Hugo, that Timothy has witnessed to over the years. He came to the services several times. They also continue to be in prayer for the husband of Jana; he has started attending the Sabbath evening services. Please pray the Lord will help these people overcome everything that would stand in their way in coming to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please also pray for little Hanna, who made a profession of faith in the fall. She comes from a troubled home and needs much encouragement in fighting the good fight of faith.

AFRICA

◆ Liberia

Monrovia—*Joanne Greer*

Joanne Greer is in Northern Ireland staying at her parents' home near Ballymena and traveling to different Free Presbyterian churches three or four nights a week for deputation meetings. She says that it is good to renew fellowship with many of the believers who have been praying for her during her last term and to bring them up to date on recent developments in the work in Liberia. She has also continued working on preparations for the Christian school pilot project while in Ulster and was really encouraged to hear that two shipments of school materials from the USA, which had been delayed for about six months due to a global shortage of shipping containers, have arrived safely in Liberia.

Joanne asks us to continue to pray for the children's work in Liberia during her absence and for those who are looking after it. She is due to finish meetings in mid-March and then head back to Liberia in early April. She offers her thanks to all those in the North American churches who have been praying for her throughout 2021 and wishes them the Lord's blessing in the New Year.

◆ Uganda

Nsaalu—*Noreen McAfee*

Noreen McAfee thanks us for continuing to remember the work of God in Uganda in prayer. She says that schools reopened for

Brethren, pray for us.
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all classes on January 10 as expected and it is lovely to have the staff and children back on site. They have 448 pupils this year, and they are praying that the Lord would bless each one physically, academically, and above all, spiritually.

Mr. Glenn Hamilton (a student at the Whitefield College of the Bible), his father, Mr. Alastair Hamilton, and Rev. David McMillan were all able to visit the mission station in January, and Noreen says she is grateful for all their encouragement and support.

Mr. Glenn Hamilton preached at the Emmanuel services during the month of January, Mr. David McAuley (another WCB student) took up the ministry in February, and Rev. Ray Carscadden (Coragarry FPC) is expected in March.

Noreen says it has been a joy to have visitors back on site and preachers in the pulpit, and the church family continues to pray for a man to take up the work fulltime. She says three ladies and one gentleman have professed faith in recent weeks. Pray that these would be genuine conversions and that the individuals would grow in grace.

Noreen also asks us to remember the electrical team who are expected on site March 5–18 to complete the installation of the mains power to the school. She says they need the Lord's help as they travel and as they work on site.

Noreen is preparing to travel to Northern Ireland at the end of March for furlough and deputation meetings and requests prayer for all her preparations and for the smooth running of the school during her absence. The Fosters are in Northern Ireland at present but are expected back in Uganda at the end of April.

◆ Kenya

Kitale—Malcolm & Alison Patterson

The Pattersons are thankful to the Lord for continuing to undertake for them in the Lord's work in Kenya. In the run up to Christmas, in addition to the normal routine, Alison was invited to speak at two special VBS meetings which were well attended, and Malcolm was able to preach at the Christmas morning service in Shimo La Tewa.

After that Malcolm and Alison both went down with what they thought were colds, and Malcolm was not able to preach. Malcolm's father took suddenly very ill in Northern Ireland, was hospitalized on December 29 and passed away on January 1. In order to fly home, Malcolm and Alison had to have PCR tests, which turned out to be positive.

As a result, they were not able to travel home for the funeral. They were able to watch the funeral on a video call, which went some way to help them feel connected with the rest of the family at that sad time. They are very grateful for the prayers of God's people for them in bereavement and in illness. They are thankful to say they made a good recovery though it did seem to take a while to regain full strength.

Rev. Ibrahim Kiarie, the newly appointed pastor with GBC came to visit the works in Kitale, in early January. He and Pastor Andrew did evangelism and visited a school in Bikeke distributing the *Behold My Servant* books to the staff there. Mr. Kiarie preached in both Bikeke and Shimo la Tewa during those two weeks. Presently he is doing evangelism with the view of establishing a work near Juja on the outskirts of Nairobi.

Once the Pattersons were free to circulate again, they travelled to Kakamega so that Malcolm could preach there and in Nyaporo. The Glory Bible Church motto text for this year is 2 Peter 3:18: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." Alison and Malcolm undertook some training of the ECD (nursery school) teachers in Nyaporo encouraging them to teach the Kenyan ECD curriculum from a biblical perspective. This training was well received by the staff and the administrator and will be continued over the coming months. In Kakamega some time was spent in the Beulah Christian Literature bookshop working on both accounts and training staff on book display. Alison visited the Sunday school held at the apartments training them to sing new hymns and choruses both in English and Swahili. The numbers at that Sunday school are increasing and new teaching staff will be needed. Pray that more people will be thrust forth into that work.

The Pattersons then returned to the Kitale side so that Malcolm could preach at the three churches in Trans Nzoia and West Pokot: Bikeke, Shimo la Tewa, and Tantana. The Sunday school and teens numbers had dropped over Christmas in Bikeke but now the numbers are increasing. The drop was probably due to the school holidays and COVID. The teens' class, which only started at Christmas in Tantana, has increased to fifteen pupils. Some teens have gone back to boarding school. Do pray for them as they are away from home and church during this term. Do pray for the whole Kenyan school system which is squeezing a year's work into just a few months in order to catch up due to

school being closed during the early part of the pandemic.

A shipment of books and literature from Northern Ireland is expected towards the end of February. They are hoping that this container will have literature in Swahili as well as English as their supplies of free literature at present are very low.

Please continue to pray for the pastors (Andrew, Patrice, and Emmanuel); the bookshop staff and ministry in Kakamega and Kitale; the preparation of the LTBS programs going out on Lubao FM and Imani Radio; for Rev Kiarie as he visits the Kakamega area in February; the lay preachers (Benson in Nyaporo and Stephen and Jared in Shimo la Tewa); for those who are undertaking pastors' training with the mission board; the Sunday school and teens' teachers; the ECD (nursery school) staff in Nyaporo; for all who hear God's Word that they will receive Christ and live for Him.

Kapenguria—Margaret Russell

Margaret Russell is looking forward to returning to Kenya for six weeks during March and April. Her visit is to coincide with the annual Sunday school examinations and prizegiving. Due to the pandemic these programs have been on hold, and it is hoped that they will be started up again and give encouragement and motivation to Sunday school teachers and children. Margaret values prayer for her travel and stay in Kenya that God will grant good health and safety. She also asks us to pray that God will bless this ministry among the children and that He will be pleased to save many children and raise up others who can join in this teaching ministry. The harvest still is plenteous and laborers few. Pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers in the harvest fields in Kenya.

AUSTRALIA

Perth, Western Australia—Philip & Cherith Gardiner

The Gardiners would like to express their gratitude to all who pray for them. They are very conscious of their need for the Lord's mighty intervention.

Please pray for the ongoing church meetings that they would see the Lord move among them in salvation and in building up of believers

Please pray for a local alcoholic, Bradley, who has attended some services and has been visited in his home. Pray for his deliverance from addiction and most especially for the need of his soul

The children's work and teens' group has recommenced for the year (their academic year goes from February through December). Pray for a work in young hearts. The Gardiners are praying in particular for a work among the teens and for new contacts for that meeting.

Continue to pray for the English and Bible class in the public housing unit. A lady recently showed spiritual concern after months of exhibiting disinterest in the spiritual aspect of the meeting. Pray for a work of grace in her heart.

*Grant unto thy servants, that with
all boldness they may speak thy
word. ACTS 4:29*

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