

Missionary Prayer Bulletin



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NORTH AMERICA

◆ Jamaica

Little London—Richard & Renay Craig

The church in Little London held its VBS in July with the help of the FPCNA mission team. Rev. Richard Craig says they were all greatly blessed by the activities and programs that were presented to the boys and girls. Three of the young people who came to the VBS are now regularly attending the church services. Please keep them ever before the Lord in prayer.

The hearts of the church people rejoiced to see an elderly man named Travor come to visit at a recent Lord's Day evening service. Travor has communicated with Randy Gunnings in the past about the things of God and of eternity. Travor explained that his heart was moved to visit the church on Sunday night. He went to add that he was even more encouraged when he heard the subject of the sovereignty of God. Please uphold Travor before the Lord in prayer.

◆ Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo—Ramón & Wendy Sosa

Rev. Ramón Sosa thanks the Lord that on Sunday, October 6, they celebrated their first baptism since they became a Free Presbyterian church. A young woman was baptized in obedience to the sacrament instituted by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to baptize all those who believe. Eight visitors attended this service. Please pray that the Lord will continue to add to His church those who are to be saved.

Ramón has been very busy lately and will be going of out town October 14–19. Please pray that he will be able to get all of his work accomplished and that the Lord will bless his trip. He continues doing the work of evangelism, giving counseling, and motivating the brethren to grow spiritually.

Ramón was not able to go to the doctor's appointment to help with his back because some inconveniences arose, but he continues taking medication and has felt better. Please continue to pray for good health for him and his family.

Please pray that the Lord will continue to give Ramón wisdom to correctly teach the Word of God as a pastor, that the Holy Spirit will work in the lives of those who attend church and who connect through the internet, and that this word that they receive will not remain in their minds only, but will be taken to the heart, to the emotions, and to their souls.

Finally, please pray for the final process of granting temporary residence for Rubén and his wife, Cinthya, so that they can get to Santo Domingo and Rubén can begin his year of internship.

◆ Mexico

Mexico City—Jason & Danielle Boyle

The Boyles thank the Lord for continuing to sustain their family and the church in Mexico City. The three ruling elders have been a great help as they have begun in earnest their work of shepherding the flock. Please pray for them and their families as they adjust to their life of ministry, that the Lord would strengthen and protect them and give them grace.

The first week of September Rev. Jason Boyle and Rev. Lalo Peña flew to Guatemala to meet with three people who have expressed an interest in a mission work of the FPCNA being formed in their city. Alexander is the young man who is most interested along with his girlfriend. Jason and Lalo enjoyed fellowship with him and encouraged him to continue on. He is very interested in the FPCNA, as he aligns with our beliefs and distinctives, and is seeking the Lord regarding whether he is called to the ministry.

The Boyles were able to take a short family vacation the second week of September and afterwards to visit the mission church

in Tehuacán. They enjoyed the time to rest together as a family.

Please pray for Rubén and Cinthya, as they prepare to go to the Dominican Republic for Rubén's internship. The process has been complicated and stressful for them. They trust that Rubén will be able to begin his internship soon so that Ramón Sosa will have the opportunity to teach him and help him in the practical areas of the ministry.

Please continue to pray for the Boyle family. The boys are growing rapidly, and Jason and Danielle are seeking to give them a well-rounded education in both English and Spanish, as well as opportunities to be in two different homeschool communities. Pray most of all for their salvation and that Jason and Danielle would have wisdom and grace as parents to raise them for Him.

The Boyles fly to the U.S. on November 5 for deputation meetings in five to six churches and then for a long-awaited time with Jason's family around Christmas. Pray for safety as they travel, for the people to receive well the report they will be giving on the work in Mexico, and for hearts to be open to provide for the property that the church wishes to buy. Their current building is a source of constant difficulties and need for repairs, and while they trust that it is what the Lord has for them right now, they do look forward to having a place of their own in the future.

Córdoba—Lalo & Liz Peña

Rev. Lalo Peña thanks God for the opportunity to be present at the FPCNA's Ministers' Week of Prayer and Presbytery Meeting that is taking place October 7–11 in Cloverdale, British Columbia. On the Sabbath Day beforehand, he had the honor of preaching at Cloverdale FPC. He says it was a wonderful experience to be able to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ during the celebration of the church's fortieth anniversary.

Rev. Logan Elder was supposed to preach on Monday night of the Week of Prayer, but because of the threat of Hurricane Milton to

Florida he had to return home. Rev. Andrew Fitton asked Lalo to preach in Logan's place. Lalo especially appreciated the opportunity because the occasion marked the tenth anniversary of his being received under care of the presbytery. Please pray that the Week of Prayer will be of personal encouragement to Lalo.

Lalo thanks God that the legal documentation required to take the donated van into Mexico is finally ready. Please pray that they will have sufficient funds to make the trip from Mexico to the U.S. to pick up the van and then to take it back to Mexico. Pray also that the Lord will give safety. Lalo says, "We hope that in the goodness of our God it will be a blessing in the ministry." The van contains some equipment which should eventually be useful to sister churches in Mexico.

Keep on praying for the young men that are interested in getting involved in ministry in Mexico and Guatemala. Pray also that God will grant greater evangelistic zeal among those in the congregation in Córdoba towards their own family and friends and that God will grant an abundant harvest.

EUROPE

◆ Spain

Madrid—John & Noranna Hanna

The Hannas express their sincere thanks to all who pray for them and the works in the provinces of Madrid and Toledo. God continues to answer prayer.

In Alcorcón Pastor Angel has completed a discipleship course with two women. They have ready met the church session and, God willing, will be received into membership this month. Angel is presently doing a study with one of the young men who recently professed faith in Christ. There are still some who, while attending faithfully, haven't publicly professed faith in Christ. Pray the Lord will touch hearts through the weekly ministry of the gospel.

Although the Toledo work is still without a full-time minister, Rev. John Hanna is there as the interim moderator. He is much encouraged as he preaches and visits among the people. He has a Bible study with a small group of Ukrainian women, speaking through an interpreter. One of the ladies is not yet saved. Each Lord's Day they have a good variety of preachers, and the Lord has been using the ministry of His Word to give encouragement. Jonathan Hanna, an elder from Alcorcón, does the Friday evening Bible study and prayer

time. They are presently studying the Westminster Confession of Faith. Please pray for the Lord's guidance as they look for God's man to carry on the ministry in Toledo.

The church in Aranjuez also is gradually increasing under the Lord's blessing. For some time Raphael, the minister, has kept busy doing discipleship classes with some believers who wish to become members of the church. Five have been examined by the provisional session and received into membership. Last Lord's Day thirty people stayed to eat together after the morning service. This month the church will celebrate its first year in the present building, and John has been asked to preach on that occasion. A special drive is being made this month to bring in family members and friends to hear the preaching of the gospel.

Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on these works and pray particularly that sinners will come in and hear the gospel and be saved.

◆ Czech Republic

Liberec—Milos & Martina Solc

Rev. Milos Solc says that the work in the Czech Republic has always been about taking a stand against sin in the church and sin in society, a stand for the religion of the "old paths" (Jeremiah 6:16), a holiness of life by a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He says, "We pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen us in this witness, in these times of spiritual darkness."

First of all, the Solces praise the Lord for the salvation in the past months of their son's colleague from work. Their eldest son, Milos, witnessed to her over a year ago. She started to read the Lord's Word, came to the Solces' home, and started coming to church. By His grace, the Lord brought Theresa to Himself and has helped her to take a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ in her family and among her friends. It is the Solces' further joy that in September Milos and Theresa were engaged to be married. Pray for the Lord to bless this marriage and make it for a special testimony both in the church and in that depraved society.

Please continue to pray for the family mentioned previously that is struggling with alcoholism and for the three boys in this home. They have been attending the services since May, but the fallout from sin continues. Pray that the Lord would rescue the boys from this desperate situation. They are between the ages of 8 and 13.

In June, the church was thankful for the visit of Rev. Seongkyu Lee and his wife from

Seoul, Korea. They had blessed fellowship and were able to hear the testimonies of both Seongkyu and Sooyoun. In July, the church had its outreach children's day camp with a number of new children from the community. Pray for the Lord to bless the gospel seed that was sown.

In September, they once again started their Sabbath school where this year, after a number of years, the adult Bible class is starting a study of the Shorter Catechism. They have also begun their little Christian day school which now includes seven children, two of whom have come to them by way of the summer day camp ministry. Please pray for the salvation of these children, that the Lord would save them while they are young so that they might be spared the consequences of sins committed later on in life. Our Lord is mighty to save!

AFRICA

◆ Liberia

Monrovia—Joanne Greer

Free Presbyterian Christian Academy started its new school year on September 9, with seven students, two of whom are new this year. One is the older sister of two current students, and the other is a five-year-old from another church family. The new students are settling in well, although much of what they are being asked to do is completely new to them, for example, learning to read, comprehend, and think rather than simply copy notes off a board and then memorize them. Joanne Greer says they are all glad to be back in school and are thankful for the Lord's provision for another year. They are also thankful that officials from the Ministry of Education have given permission to start the process to obtain an operational permit. Joanne is still the only teacher, with one of the mothers acting as support staff, so she really appreciates prayer for wisdom and strength for each day.

Joanne continues to meet with several young women from the church one Sunday afternoon a month for a time of Bible study. They are currently studying the biblical pattern for marriage and the family, since sadly, the prevailing perspective in Liberian schools and communities on a woman's role is from a feminist worldview. Please pray that all of these young ladies will be truly converted and that they would have teachable hearts regarding the Lord's will for their lives.

◆ Uganda

Nsaalu—*Noreen McAfee*

Noreen thanks us for our continued prayers for the work of God at Emmanuel.

Since this is the final school term of the year, everybody's attention is on the end-of-year assessments, especially the national examinations for the Senior Four and Primary Seven students, scheduled to commence on October 14 and November 6 respectively. Noreen asks us to remember these children and young people as they sit the various papers and to pray that they would do well to the glory of God.

As always, she is mindful that another cohort of learners will soon move on from Emmanuel Christian School, so she asks us to pray for the remaining opportunities to present the gospel to them. She longs that the unconverted would turn to Christ and that the saved would grow up into Him in all things.

She praises God that all the new staff babies are doing well and that Madam Irene has safely delivered a baby boy, Emmason.

Noreen says that the missionaries and wider Emmanuel family were absolutely delighted to welcome the McAuley family to Uganda on October 2 after many months of preparation. She thanks God for their safe arrival and prays for them as they settle into a new home, get used to a new country, culture, and language, and engage in the work. She trusts that they will see many souls won for the Master.

Thankfully, the McAuleys' house was ready for their arrival, although there are a few extra plumbing jobs to be done. To facilitate this, a small work team will be visiting from Northern Ireland at the end of this month to complete work on two houses.

Looking ahead, Noreen requests prayer as they make plans for the next pastors' conference, which is expected to take place late November or early December. She says it is an important opportunity to have a wider impact on the work of God in Uganda.

◆ Kenya

Kitali—*Glenn & Emma Hamilton*

The Hamilton family are pleased to report that they have safely arrived in Kenya! It was a predictably chaotic month in the run-up to the move, but with the help of family and friends, as well as the Lord's sovereign leading, everything fell into place when it needed to.

Both the ordination and sending-forth services were a blessing, not only because of what was said and done at each, but also

because of how many attended those meetings to support the Hamilton family.

They successfully got moved out of their house after many visits to charity shops and attempts to find storage space for the rest at their parents' houses! The family set off for Kenya early in the morning of September 23 and arrived in Nairobi late that night.

During their four-day stay in Nairobi, Glenn's work permit was approved, which meant he could get the relevant paperwork completed, stamped, and collected before leaving the city to travel on to Kitale. The timing worked out perfectly and is a matter for which God is to be thanked.

On their first day in Kitale, the congregations of Glory Bible Church organized a welcome service for the Hamiltons attended by many from across the congregations in Western Kenya. The Kenyans went to great lengths to show their love and support for the Hamiltons as they begin their work for the Lord together.

Since that time, it's been important to take time to settle into things slowly. Glenn has been able to oversee in person the ongoing refurbishment work in the larger house on the missionary compound, which when complete, will become the Hamilton family home. Emma has re-started the homeschool routine and experimented with some of the new cooking ingredients she now has at her disposal!

Holly, George, and Isabella have adjusted well to the changes so far and are very happy in their new environment. They like to go gecko spotting in the garden and to climb the many trees around the compound.

After some more time is spent settling in, getting routines in place, and establishing themselves in the country, the Hamiltons will focus on Swahili practice, on visiting each of the congregations, and on planning for training and outreach activities alongside the members of GBC.

Please pray: 1) that the remaining paperwork will be completed in coming weeks to allow the family to be formally resident in Kenya and have access to all the necessary services; 2) that refurbishment work continues as scheduled allowing the Hamiltons to move into their long-term home soon; 3) that relationships continue to strengthen with local people generally, and with the members of Glory Bible Church; 4) that language learning will accelerate with practical experience in-country; 5) for Glenn as he begins to get involved in the affairs of Glory Bible Church leadership and in training of men for upcoming office-bearer elections; 6) for Emma as

she sets up new routines in a new home, all while working around the new Kenyan quirks—such as regular power cuts! 7) for Holly, George, and Isabella as they continue exploring Kenya, that in spite of language differences, they will quickly make new friends.

ASIA

◆ South Korea

Seoul—*Seongkyu & Sooyoun Lee*

The Free Presbyterian Church of Korea had its church retreat during the first week of October. During the retreat, Rev. Seongkyu Lee preached about important teachings from the book of Colossians. He says in these times when there are many false teachings and heresies, this message is very important for believers.

Pastor Lee is planning to visit the United States and Canada for the first time in ten years. This trip is part of the process of the work's becoming a constituted church. Please pray for God's guidance.

Baptism classes are being conducted for the young adults in the church. Please pray that the baptisms that follow will be based on true faith and spiritual rebirth.

Seongkyu requests prayer for a difficult situation in the church. A young woman who lost one of her arms in an accident when she was young is struggling emotionally and sometimes has conflicts with other members. She needs to be spiritually born again. Please pray that she may receive God's grace and experience true spiritual rebirth.

Finally, Seongkyu says that Korea had a very long and hot summer, but now they can feel the coolness of fall. He also hopes for refreshing news for their souls.

AUSTRALIA

Perth, Western Australia—*Philip & Cherith Gardiner*

In recent weeks the Perth congregation has been encouraged as an older Chinese couple who moved into the area have been attending services. Rev. Philip Gardiner has been seeking to teach this couple English and has been conducting Bible studies in the gospel of John with them. The congregation was thrilled when in the providence of the Lord Rev. James Chan of Singapore visited one of the services and was able to lead this couple to Christ in the Chinese language. Please do pray for their growth in grace. The congregation is

blessed to have two fluent Mandarin speakers among them who have been translating sermons and conversations with this couple.

Please pray for two homeless young men Philip has had contact with recently. Pray for a work of grace to be done in their hearts following the presentation of the gospel.

God willing on October 31 Philip will arrive in the Philippines to conduct meetings over a two-week period in several locations. The meetings will include ministry to pastors as well as congregations. Pray for safe travel, help with translation, and the Lord's blessing upon the preaching of the Word.

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

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