

Missionary Prayer Bulletin



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NORTH AMERICA

◆ Jamaica

Little London—Richard & Renay Craig

The Little London congregation is resting and hoping in the great assurance and promises of our Lord that He will continue to abide faithful to His people. Rev. Richard Craig says they have certainly seen the hand of the Lord at work in many ways in answer to prayer.

In March 2025 they are expecting a visit from Rev. Derrick Bowman and Rev. Logan Elder along with Mr. Bowman's son Nolan. The church people are looking forward to meeting them and to enjoying great Christian fellowship in God's presence.

Please continue to pray for the ministry of the Word in Jamaica that the Lord will truly sanctify and set His people apart for His purpose and for His glory.

◆ Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo—Ramón & Wendy Sosa

Rev. Ramón Sosa reports that from January 31 to February 7 the Palabra de Vida Free Presbyterian Church hosted the Latin American Free Presbyterian Ministers' Week of Prayer. The pastors of their sister churches in Mexico—Rev. Jason Boyle, Rev. Jorge Eduardo Peña, Mr. Jair Aguilar, and Mr. Wenceslao Vergara—joined Mr. Sosa and Mr. Rubén Ramírez in the Dominican Republic for a week of praying, planning, and working on shaping what will eventually be a Latin American presbytery. The pastors were able to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood as sister churches.

Also during this week, the Latin American Presbytery Commission met with them online on two occasions: the first to interview the pastors who are requesting to come under the care of the presbytery and the other to analyze the finances of the church.

Please pray for the Word of Life Educational Center (CEPVI). Requests for new children to enter preschool and daycare have increased, but they have very limited space. Pray also for the church since they sometimes run out of room in their church building for some of the Sunday meetings. Pray for Ramón as he studies and preaches and also as he advises those who need help with spiritual and emotional matters. Pray for Ruben as he continues his internship and for his wife, Cinthya, as she helps in the preschool. Finally, please pray for Brother Emilio Ozuna (82), who was hospitalized for a week due to hypoglycemia. Unfortunately, he has had to start on dialysis. Pray that the Lord will provide the necessary resources to cover the costs of the treatment and that He will take care of Emilio and protect him.

◆ Mexico

Mexico City—Jason & Danielle Boyle

Since returning from part one of their deputation in the United States, the Boyles have jumped right back into their full workload.

The first week of February was the Latin American Week of Prayer in the Dominican Republic. Lalo, Jason, Wences, and Jair were able to travel to the DR for the week to visit Ramón and Rubén, their families, and the church in Los Frailes, Santo Domingo. They had blessed times of prayer and preaching and were able to advance well through the Presbyterian business including meeting with the Latin American Commission online, advancing plans for a Spanish FPC hymnal, and preparing for family camp. Family camp will be at the beginning of May and will bring together families from all of the Latin American sister churches.

At the Boyles' church in Mexico City Jason is continuing with their series in the Psalms. As he has been preaching on the Psalms he is also making progress putting together a Spanish Psalter. He is about halfway through collecting Psalms for the work. Some of them are already

translated into Spanish and put to music; others he is translating himself and sometimes also writes the music himself. Jason is taking a break from extra studies now but will soon start up some more studies with the focus on training more men. Danielle and the boys are right back into homeschooling. She spoke at their women's breakfast on February 8th.

In January Jason was invited to preach at a church in Puebla that wants to join a Presbyterian denomination. This past week that church suffered violence from a criminal group of drug dealers. The group threw punches at some men of the church, threw stones at their vehicles, and vandalized the church. The pastor's vehicle had its windshield and side mirror broken. Please pray that the church will stand in its community as a shining light for God's glory.

Please pray that God would continue to bless the Mexico City church and its ministries, the preaching of God's Word every Sunday, the evangelism efforts, and the Bible studies.

Córdoba—Lalo & Liz Peña

Rev. Lalo Peña thanks God that the congregation in Córdoba remains firm in its zeal to share the gospel with family and friends.

They continue to pray for the future visit of a lady who attended the charismatic congregation of which Lalo was previously the pastor. After marrying a Jehovah's Witness man, who is now deceased and with whom she had a son, she realized the inconsistencies of the JW heresy and its hypocrisy and decided to leave. Her brother, who is a congregant of the Christian Church El Redentor (the FP church in Mexico City), has been encouraging her to attend Coram Deo FP Church. Please pray that the Lord will bring her to the church and that she will stay to the blessing of her soul.

A month ago, a man who had suffered from spiritual oppression due to occult practices in his past joined the church. The man, Emigdio Cruz, was recently diagnosed with a tumor in his abdomen, but tests have ruled out cancer.

The church thanks God for this answer to prayer and that Emigdio continues to attend church faithfully.

The Peñas are thankful that Pamela, Abdiel, and little Luciana are now attending the local church after formalizing their departure from their previous church.

Finally, Lalo thanks God for the blessing of having been able to attend the Week of Prayer and planning meetings of the Hispanic American churches that was held in Los Frailes, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in the facilities of the Free Presbyterian Church Palabra de Vida. He says it was a great blessing for all who attended. During his stay, Lalo had the enormous blessing and privilege of preaching in a Particular Confessional Baptist Church (Reformed Baptist) that maintains close relations of friendship with Rev. Ramón Sosa. Please pray for the churches in Hispanic America.

AFRICA

◆ Liberia

Monrovia—

An update from the FPCNA Mission Board dated February 10, 2025:

“Dear brethren,
“Thank you for your faithful support of the work in Liberia. Your prayers and practical giving are much appreciated. We also give our thanks to Rev. Derrick Bowman and his family for their recent eight-week visit to give practical and spiritual help in the work.

“The recent changes in ministry leadership have meant an adjustment of oversight in the Paynesville congregation, the residence compound, and the radio ministry. The Mission Board has appointed an overseeing session of three members of the Mission Board: Rev. Derrick Bowman, Rev. Armen Thomassian, and Rev. Logan Elder. These men are working closely with the church and specifically with Pastor Moses Dahn, the appointed minister, and Mr. Nathan Barco, the appointed deacon. Pastor Dahn and Mr. Barco have been part of the work since 2006 when Dr. Mark Allison first went to Liberia. Nathan was saved at that time under Mark’s ministry.

“Rev. Bowman was encouraged to see the renewed interest of the congregation in the ministry in both practical and spiritual ways. The bookstore, and NGO headquarters, has been revitalized and Pastor Dahn is now helping in that work and using the premises as a place to study. The need for Bibles and good

literature, made available to the community, is a vital part of the work.

“Our Mission Board is working closely with the Ulster Mission Board and LTBS on restarting the radio station. A high-speed internet connection is soon to be installed at the compound which will allow the station to be operated remotely along with local help.

“In God’s work often there are times of upset and circumstances that cause disruption. But we trust in a sovereign Lord who does all things well. We encourage every congregation to pray earnestly for blessing and increase in the Paynesville church and especially that Pastor Dahn and Mr. Barco will be endued with power and wisdom from God to press forward in the extension of Christ’s kingdom.

“In Christ,
“Larry Saunders
“Chair
“FPCNA Mission Board”

◆ Uganda

Nsaalu—Noreen McAfee

Miss Noreen McAfee says the staff and students of Emmanuel Christian Academy enjoyed their break and are now back for the new academic year. She thanks God for every child, young person, and staff member in the school this year. Please pray for all the school programs but especially those times set aside for the teaching of God’s Word. She says they long to see souls saved and those who have professed faith growing in grace.

Noreen also thanks God for helping the seventh grade pupils though their examinations. They all passed very well and achieved the school’s highest average score to date. Now they are waiting to hear how the senior candidates performed. She asks us to pray for all of these young people as they move on to the next stage of education or training, particularly those who will go to other institutions and apprenticeships. She hopes that God’s Word will bear fruit in their lives and that they will be a witness to others.

Noreen also requests prayer for Mr. Augustine, the school social worker, who is recovering from a stroke. She says there has been a tremendous improvement in his condition which is a real answer to prayer. They are looking to the Lord to restore him completely and also to speak to his soul.

The Sunday school ministry continues in the three locations: Emmanuel, Kyambala II, and Bukulula. She asks us to pray for both the teachers and the little ones and even for new additions this year. The Emmanuel Church conducted a VBS in Kyambala II Village

during the holiday and had 160 children in attendance. She prays that God’s Word would speak on in their hearts, and she says it would be lovely to see all of them at the local Sunday school.

Finally, Noreen says that the lady missionaries hope to commence a quarterly ladies’ meeting at the Emmanuel Church this month. She says they need wisdom in planning for these meetings which they hope will be both a means of outreach and evangelism as well as an encouragement to the ladies of the church.

Nsaalu—David & Rachel McAuley

The McAuleys are settling in more and more at Emmanuel. They were able to have a quiet but very enjoyable Christmas, and things are now back in full swing in terms of school and ministry.

Their two older children, Eloise (5) and Arthur (4), have now started attending Emmanuel Christian Academy. David and Rachel are thankful that Eloise and Arthur are enjoying their new environment, but please pray that they will continue to settle in and make good friends along the way.

During the last week of January, they were able to have a five-day holiday Bible club in one of the local villages. It was a very enjoyable time, and the McAuleys thank the Lord for many children who were in attendance and heard the Word of God. Please pray for the children. The church holds a Sunday school in that area every week. Pray that the children will continue to come and that many will be saved.

Please also pray for the series of lessons David has been recording. They have been given permission to pass these recordings on to the prisons where they minister. At present the ministers visit three prisons, and all the prisons are very eager for the prisoners to have something to listen to while the ministers are not there in person. The lessons are intended to build the prisoners up by teaching them a very simplified version of theology. The response thus far has been very positive. Pray that this will continue.

David says, “Thank you once again for taking an interest in what is happening here in Uganda. We value your prayers, and we trust that God will bless you, as you play your part in the work here. Hebrews 6:10.”

◆ Kenya

Kitali—Glenn & Emma Hamilton

The Hamiltons enjoyed their first Christmas together in Kenya. As you might expect, it was quite different from a Northern Irish

ASIA

◆ Nepal

Kathmandu—Joy Gillespie

The work in Nepal has continued to grow in the past months with a new house meeting starting in the surrounding hills of Kathmandu. This has encouraged the church in Gattaghar, as one of its members is leading the work. It has reminded them of the need to reach out to the surrounding area.

Please keep praying for the English institute as it constantly needs new students. At Christmas time they had a party at the institute and invited the past students. A number of them came and Joy says they had a lovely time singing Christmas carols and sharing about the true meaning of Christ. They also gave out gospel Christmas tracts to each one who came, so it was a wonderful means of evangelism. Over 35 tracts were given out. Continue to pray for this endeavor that God will use the word to save souls.

Ram, a contact from the institute, visited the church last Christmas and at conference time. He came again this year at Christmas. Ram has moved away from the area, but he came back just to attend church at Christmas. He thanked Joy for telling him about Christ. Please pray that he will read the Bible he has and also that he will attend church where he now lives. Pray that as he reads the Word, God will continue to lead in his life.

In January Joy travelled into the interior for a ladies' conference and a Sunday school teacher program. People walked from the three neighboring churches to attend and around forty ladies came. It was a great two days, a time to renew fellowship with some of the ladies who had completed the ladies' Bible course over the years. The Lord willing, there will be another conference next week and again in March for ladies' day. Pray that these plans will come to flourishing and that God will keep Joy safe as she travels into the interior. The roads are in poor condition since the flooding last September did so much damage. Repairs are being carried out, so travel is slow. Joy will be travelling only about one hundred miles, but it could take up to eight hours because of the road conditions. Pray for these meetings that God's name will be lifted up and the ladies encouraged.

Joy appreciates your prayer support. She says, "This morning in church I was reminded of the saying, 'Much prayer, much blessing; little prayer, little blessing.' Pastor Rai was speaking on 1 Thessalonians 5:17: 'Pray

without ceasing.' The land of Nepal and I need your prayers. Please continue this year and pray daily for the work here that God's Word will continue to bring forth fruit."

◆ South Korea

Seoul—Seongkyu & Sooyoun Lee

Rev. Seongkyu Lee says the Free Presbyterian Church in Korea has begun the new year by the grace of God. However, Korean society is going through a period of great turmoil and trials. Recently, the nation's president unexpectedly declared martial law, but it was quickly lifted by a resolution of the National Assembly. This event shocked the entire nation, and the resulting confusion continues to this day. Public opinion is deeply divided, and ideological conflicts have reached an extreme level. In the midst of this, the FP church in Korea is earnestly praying for God's help. Please pray that the turmoil in Korean society will come to an end soon and that political stability will be restored.

Despite these challenges, the church people have rejoiced in the baptism of three young believers. Lee Hak-jin, Lee Sung-hyuk, and Lee Su-jin grew up hearing God's Word from a young age, and at last, they have confessed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and received baptism. Seongkyu says the church family was deeply moved to witness their young people making such a confession of faith and receiving baptism. It was a precious time of giving thanks for God's grace and love. They continue to pray and strive for more young people to come to church and find salvation. To this end, the youth are studying Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones' Bible doctrine teachings every other week. Please pray for a spiritual revival among the young people.

The church family is also praying for those who have visited the church for the first time. A young woman who has been through a divorce and is now living with her son has come to the church. She attends worship irregularly and is struggling with spiritual commitment. Please pray that she may come to understand the true gospel and receive salvation.

Another young man, a friend of one of the church members, has also been attending worship sporadically. He went to church as a child but never experienced true spiritual awakening, and thus, he eventually stopped attending. Please pray that through the church's evangelistic ministry, the gospel will be proclaimed with power and souls will be born again.

Christmas. December is the first month of Kenyan dry season, so Christmas dinner was eaten outside with t-shirts and sunglasses on!

Emma's mother and sister spent the holidays in Kenya, so it was exciting for Holly, George, and Isabella to see family again for the first time since arriving in Kenya. It was also a good opportunity to take them around all of the Glory Bible Church congregations to meet the people and take in the local culture.

During December the Hamiltons visited Nairobi to allow Glenn and Emma to progress their immigration paperwork. They are thankful to the Lord that this stage was navigated successfully.

In the same month, Glory Bible Church had the first wedding in the history of the denomination. Pastor Victor from Ortum married Jereseline from Rwanda. Pastor Andrew officiated the ceremony, after which Glenn brought the sermon. It was a historic day for GBC and interesting for the Hamiltons to observe some of the different Kenyan wedding traditions.

Preparations are now underway for the arrival of a small work team from Northern Ireland on March 1. The team aims to complete the refurbishment work on the missionary compound. A lot of effort and finance has been committed to this project, for which the Hamiltons are incredibly thankful.

Language study has progressed since the beginning of the year, and Glenn and Emma have a strong desire to reach some level of competency in Swahili before 2025 finishes. Holly and George are also now starting to read Swahili books in homeschool and are finding it much easier than their parents!

Please pray 1) for the Lord to continue to strengthen the various GBC congregations during 2025; 2) for Victor and Jereseline as they begin married life together in Ortum; 3) for the work team arriving in March to complete the final parts of the refurbishment project on the compound; 4) for Glenn as he oversees the affairs of the mission and advises GBC church leaders; 5) for Emma as she continues balancing homeschool with all the other responsibilities around the house; and 6) for Holly, George, and Isabella that they will continue to enjoy life in Kenya and make friends as they start to learn the Swahili language.

Brethren, pray for us.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:25

AUSTRALIA

Perth, Western Australia—*Philip & Cherith Gardiner*

Rev. Philip Gardiner requests prayer for new families to join the work in Perth. He says their children's work has become very small so it would be wonderful to have families with children begin to attend.

Please pray for a new venture. In early March the church will have a stall at an agricultural show over three and a half hours' drive from the church. The outreach will be over Friday and Saturday. Pray that the Lord will give them openings to speak to people.

The Gardiners appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people in Greenville and the other North American churches.

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

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