

Missionary Prayer Bulletin

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NORTH AMERICA

◆ Jamaica

Little London—Richard & Renay Craig

The congregation in Little London is thankful to the Lord for His many blessings and tender mercies. Several members have testified that despite the obstacles and challenges of life, they are learning and growing as the gospel is preached week by week. Rev. Richard Craig asks for prayer that the Lord will grant him great power from on high to be steadfast and unmovable when it comes to the God's Word.

Richard greatly enjoyed the time spent with the other ministers and elders at the Ministers' Week of Prayer in Toronto in May. He says it was very educational and beneficial to his spiritual growth. He trusts that the Lord will answer the prayers that were offered up to Him that week. It was also a great joy for him to share fellowship for the first time with some men from the Ulster presbytery.

Due to ill health and infirmities, two of brethren in the congregation went to be with the Lord in the last few months. One of them had an especially outstanding testimony in the community. Both are missed. Also, due to poor health, one of their faithful members, Sister Jeanette, cannot fellowship with them as she would desire to. Please remember her in your prayers.

◆ Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo—Ramón & Wendy Sosa

Rev. Ramón Sosa reports that the congregation of Iglesia Presbiteriana Libre Palabra de Vida in Santo Domingo Este continues to gather faithfully, with steady attendance and ongoing ministry through preaching on the Lord's Day, Sunday school studies in the Westminster Confession, discipleship meetings, and midweek prayer services.

A major concern at present is the health of his wife, Wendy, who has been facing

a difficult medical trial. She was diagnosed with ocular toxoplasmosis, but the antibiotics prescribed caused a severe allergic reaction, leading specialists to halt all related medications; she has continued to experience mild but visible allergic episodes and required a week of medical leave from her public school teaching responsibilities. This crisis began while Ramón was away at the Ministers' Week of Prayer in Toronto, and since returning he has been accompanying her to appointments and monitoring her care. Her eyeglasses also broke shortly before a scheduled June 8 ophthalmology followup, complicating matters further.

The family is experiencing significant financial strain because their insurance coverage for medications has already reached its annual RD\$12,000 (about \$206 USD) limit, leaving all remaining medical and pharmaceutical costs to be paid out of pocket for the rest of the year.

The preschool and childcare ministry the couple cofounded (CEPVI), remains stable but is affected by several families falling behind on tuition payments, creating operational challenges.

Ramón requests prayer for Wendy's full recovery, provision for medical expenses, wisdom for upcoming medical consultations, strength for ongoing ministry responsibilities, guidance in CEPVI's financial needs, and spiritual preservation for their daughters, Esmirna and Rachel. They give thanks for stable congregational attendance, uninterrupted preaching, God's sustaining grace during this difficult season, and the encouragement received during the Week of Prayer.

◆ Mexico

Mexico City—Jason & Danielle Boyle

Redeemer FPC in Mexico City is rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord in recent weeks. In addition to the two young people baptized in April, there was an infant baptism in May and another adult baptism. Another man is expected to be baptized in June. The church has received four new members and expects

more during this year. Please pray that the Lord will continue to save His people and add them to the church.

The church also rejoices in Pablo's licensing during the Week of Prayer in Toronto. Please pray that the Lord will guide him and his wife, Celia, to their future place of ministry. Please continue to pray for leading for Rubén and Cinthya as well and for strength for Magdiel and Mariana while Magdiel continues taking seminary classes and begins to teach in the church.

Please pray for the salvation of the children and young people and that the Lord will bless young couples with children. Pray also for two men who are without work and looking for jobs that will not require them to work on Sundays and for two other families that are starting their own businesses.

Córdoba—Lalo & Liz Peña

Rev. Lalo Peña thanks the Lord that attendance remains strong in the church in Córdoba. He recently enjoyed the opportunity to preach at a family conference at Gethsemane Baptist Church, a Calvinist-oriented congregation in the city of Fortín (a suburb near Córdoba). He preached on Psalm 127 and says the brothers and sisters were greatly blessed by the Word of God.

The Córdoba church has restarted its Saturday Bible classes for children. They are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism in preparation for their summer Bible school, to which they plan to invite children from the neighborhood.

Lalo's son Uriel Peña, who is eighteen, will be part of the missionary team that will visit the Dominican Republic under the direction of Rev. Derrick Bowman in August of this year. Pray with Lalo and Uriel that if God is calling the young man to preach, the Lord will confirm that on this trip. Pray that the Lord will use him to bless others, give smooth travels, and provide the financial means to cover his trip.

EUROPE

◆ Spain

Madrid—*John & Noranna Hanna*

Rev. John Hanna says that the last number of weeks have been busy. To meet the need to train men called of God and equipped by Him for the ministry in Spain, the Communion of the Reformed Churches of Spain, of which the three churches of the Iglesia Cristiana Presbiteriana are members, have requested and obtained the assistance of the Latin-American Reformed Seminary in Madrid. A meeting was held on Friday, May 15, in the church in Alcorcón, followed by classes on Saturday, and Monday through Wednesday. On Thursday there were special conferences at which three of the seminary professors preached. Over three hundred attended the conferences and an average of fifteen attended the classes. There are sixteen students enrolled for this semester. Each class will last for eight weeks with online sessions and some sessions in the church in Alcorcón. Please pray for this venture and that God will raise up faithful men to serve Him in Spain.

The work in Toledo continues to progress slowly. John has completed a Bible study in the gospel with three young people who have been attending faithfully. One of them has requested membership in the church, so John continues his study with the same three on the Westminster Confession of Faith. Please continue to pray for Carlos from Palma de Majorca. He was married recently; he and his new wife are committed to come to Toledo to live at the beginning of next year. Until then, they will come once a month, and Carlos will preach at the Sabbath services.

The work in Alcorcón continues to receive visitors. Recently three local councillors attended the morning service. The church plans to hold a conference this month on the subject of gifts and ministry. Pray that the Lord's blessing will rest on the preacher, a Brazilian Reformed and presbyterian minister working in a town near Madrid. Also, in collaboration with a team coming from Northern Ireland, a children's camp called Coaching for Christ has been organized. The plan is to coach children for a soccer tournament at a local sports ground and to use the opportunity to preach the gospel to them clearly and simply.

The work in Aranjuez is encouraging. Four more believers recently came into membership after completing their discipleship course on the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Please continue to pray for the minister, Raphael. Pray too that the Lord will raise up men to serve in the different offices of the church.

The Hannas thank God for His great faithfulness to them supplying their every need and for all who pray for them in the Lord's work.

AFRICA

◆ Liberia

Monrovia—

Rev. Derrick Bowman made a visit to Liberia at the end of April into the beginning of May. Rev. Glenn Hamilton, an FPCU missionary in Kenya, accompanied Derrick. Glenn preached a great message on the first Sunday morning from Haggai 2 on the theme of "Going Forward." His message was well received and was an encouragement to the congregation. The two men held workshop sessions each evening at which they taught on topics such as Presbyterian church government, the Christian family, baptism, Christian liberty, and dealing with legalism.

The ministry of the bookstore continues to go well. More customers come each month to buy Bibles and other good literature. It is one of the only places in the area to purchase Bibles, theology books, commentaries, and communion supplies. Pray that the Lord would continue to grow this ministry.

Derrick was able to monitor the new radio transmitter that was installed back in February. Listeners from almost fifty miles away report that they can hear the broadcast loud and clear. Mr. Philip Irwin from LTBS in Ulster continues to do excellent work organizing the programming. Pray that the Lord would bring in more visitors to the church as they listen to the good preaching on the radio.

The Lord has answered prayer for several health problems in the congregation. Mr. Thomas Hodges, the oldest man in the congregation at the age of ninety, had to go to the hospital for some tests. During Derrick's visit he was in good spirits and doing well. Others battle common ailments such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and general aches and pains. The church has some benevolence funds, so when there is an emergency situation in church, Pastor Moses and Deacon Barco are able to help.

After Derrick's recent visit, he put together a video presentation to introduce people to the ministry in Liberia. If you watch the video, you will be able to see some of the people and hear testimonies of how the Lord has used the church to help them in their walk with Him.

You can watch the video by scanning the QR code on the back page or by going to this link: <https://youtu.be/ZKVRm12mdDo>.

◆ Uganda

Nsaalu—*Noreen McAfee*

Noreen McAfee says that they continue to know much of the Lord's grace and goodness at Emmanuel Christian school. Most students and staff had a nice break in May, while the examination students and their teachers persevered for some extra lessons.

The lighter schedule gave time for Noreen to focus on some administrative tasks: uploading of coursework scores, registration of candidates for the national examinations, preparations for the annual visit of the auditors and applying for her work permit. Noreen thanks the Lord for His help in all these matters and asks us to pray that her work permit renewal will be approved soon.

May also saw the arrival of a third vehicle for the missionary team and Noreen says that they are extremely thankful to the Lord and all who contributed funds for it. Please pray for journeying mercies on Uganda's roads and that having an additional vehicle will help them reach new areas with the gospel.

A very small number of Ebola cases have been registered in Uganda's border areas, reportedly linked to individuals coming in from the Democratic Republic of Congo, where there is an outbreak. The Ministry of Health has put strict measures in place to contain the disease, and Noreen asks us to pray that these will be successful.

The staff and students are now back for the second term of the school year. Noreen says the highlight this term will definitely be the much-anticipated visit June 23 to July 7 of the VBS team from Northern Ireland. Please pray for all the preparations for their trip, for smooth travel, and for a real move of God as they come to work among the students.

Outside of school, Noreen asks us to continue to pray for the Sunday school at Lyna, Lukaya. She says it is a joy to see their enthusiasm each week, and she prays that God would open their hearts to receive His truth.

The next ladies' meeting at Emmanuel is scheduled for Saturday, June 6. Remember Noreen as she leads and brings the missionary report on Australia, and Mrs. Rachel McAuley as she speaks. They desire to see a good number gathered in from the local community, even those who do not usually come to the services at Emmanuel.

Nsaalu—David & Rachel McAuley

Rev. Dave McAuley and his family are thankful for the continued prayerful support of those who take an interest in all the aspects of work in Uganda. In their last update, he asked prayer for a Bible study which had started in a town called Lukaya. He gives thanks to God for answered prayer and a steady group of men and woman who attend the studies, including an encouraging number of young adults. Please pray for these individuals, that they would grow in their love of the truth of God's Word.

Besides the normal routine of meetings and outreaches, this year has included a lot of practical labor as well. Dave has made some new sports equipment for the students at Emmanuel Christian School and is very much looking forward to a mission team from Ulster coming out in August to help with the erection of a new playpark. Please pray for that team and the preparations that need to be completed before their arrival.

Before that team arrives, the missionaries in Uganda are hoping another group will be able to come to conduct VBS at the end of June. This is a team organized by the Mission Board and headed by Rev. Glenn Wilkinson. They are very much looking forward to their fellowship as they hope to stay on site. Pray that the trip will have a positive impact on the team members and also on those they come to reach.

Last week the McAuley children, Eloise (7) and Arthur (6), returned for their new term (May–August). Dave and Rachel thank God that they continue to do well in Uganda. Please pray especially for Eloise and Arthur to be saved.

Emmanuel FPC has its quarterly ladies' meeting on June 6. Pray for Rachel and Noreen McAfee as they arrange that meeting. Rachel especially asks for prayer as she speaks to the ladies.

◆ Kenya**Kitale—Glenn & Emma Hamilton**

The Hamiltons have enjoyed a season of tangible progress in their work with Glory Bible Church in Kenya. They were pleased to have Rev. John Greer and Rev. Garth Wilson from the FPC Ulster visiting for a long weekend in May to take part in two important services. The first was the ordination of two ruling elders elected in the Shimo La Tewa congregation, Stephen Macharia and Isaac Kariuki. The second meeting was to constitute the church in Ortum, which is now the fourth constituted congregation under Glory Bible Church in Kenya.

The two elders in Shimo La Tewa were the first to be ordained since Glory Bible Church came into existence, so it was a day of great excitement for the entire denomination. Glenn took the men through a two-day training course ahead of their ordination and spent another two days training the deacons who were also elected to serve in Shimo La Tewa.

Attention now turns to the Kakamega Agricultural Show Outreach June 10–13, which will require a lot of preparation along with manpower from the local GBC churches in that area to cover the four days.

Glenn will also take up a teaching post at Faith College of the Bible in Eldoret beginning in June, adding to the list of new experiences which, he says, seem to come thick and fast on the mission field.

Isabella Hamilton celebrated her third birthday in May, which means she has now lived the majority of her life in Kenya. Thankfully the Lord has kept her safe and healthy during that time, along with her siblings Holly and George.

Please pray 1) for the new elders and deacons in GBC Shimo La Tewa; 2) for the newly constituted congregation, GBC Ortum; 3) for outreach at Kakamega Agricultural Show in June; and 4) for Glenn in his new responsibility teaching at the Bible College.

ASIA**◆ Nepal****Kathmandu—Joy Gillespie**

Joy Gillespie says Nepal is watching its new prime minister to see the changes he makes in the country. In his first one hundred days he has removed officials that take bribes. He is ordering those who have been members of parliament for the past twenty years to reveal where they got their wealth. If they can't prove that it is from a legitimate source, he is confiscating it for the state. As you can imagine, there is a lot of discontent in the higher echelons of society. He has also been pulling down illegally built buildings, especially in areas prone to flood. As a result, five churches (not FP ones) have been removed. Thankfully, other types of religious persecution have not materialized. Joy appreciates all the prayers concerning this matter.

The work for Christ in Nepal continues apace. New fellowships have been formed and souls converted to Christ. About a month ago a piece of land was acquired for a small mountain church. Joy visited there this week, and they already have the foundation built. They are ready to start the walls, and Rev.

Prakash and Paul Thapa have brought the window frames from Kathmandu. God willing, they will be able to finish the building in the next few weeks before the heavy monsoon rains begin. Joy says, "To God be the glory!"

Remember to pray for Rev. Jonathan Creane and his wife, Jayne, as they come to the end of their first two and a half months in Nepal. They will return to the UK in just a few days. They have covered around 3,000 kilometers (almost 1,900 miles) holding conferences and meetings across the country. It has been a time of great blessing for them as well as a time for some new experiences. The Lord willing, they will return in the fall for another two and a half months. Pray that while they are at home they will have time to rest and prepare for the next mission trip.

Joy has been busy holding ladies' conferences in the interior of the country which are always a great blessing. She has been speaking on head coverings and the position of women in the church. She says there are many Pentecostal churches in Nepal with women pastors, so it is important to teach the biblical position on these matters.

Joy's work among the youth and children also continues, and she says watching the youth grow and mature is a great blessing to her soul. She continues to hold the Sunday school teacher-training meetings and is always encouraged when she hears of new children's meetings starting.

They are producing new materials for the children's workers. With the approach of the monsoon season Joy will do less travelling, but this will give her time to focus on the translation and printing work. There is a need to consolidate the evangelistic work that is taking place through the translation of good materials for both the children's workers and the pastors. This work is vital for the building up of the new church workers.

Please pray urgently for new English students for the language institute. Joy says they have very few and this will cause problems for her visa renewal. Larger language facilities, who work with universities and employment agencies, are now providing language classes for free, and the mission's school really can't compete. Joy needs God to intervene, either bringing in students despite this situation or opening another avenue to teach and bring in revenue to the institute. Pray that God will reveal what He wants them to do.

Please continue to pray for all these activities. There are blessings but also difficulties as Joy labors fulltime in Nepal.

◆ South Korea

Seoul—*Seongkyu & Sooyoun Lee*

Rev. Seongkyu Lee reports that he enjoyed the privilege of attending the Ministers' Week of Prayer in Toronto in May again after two years. Praying together with the brethren was a very special blessing. He says, "When God's children come together and pray to our Father, it is a sweet and comforting time."

He also had the joy of fellowshiping with brethren from Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico. Several times he heard that members of the Toronto church are praying for those in the Korean church and this gave him great strength. He was also thankful for the opportunity to visit Faith FPC in Greenville and says he truly appreciates the encouragement and prayers of many believers.

The congregation in Korea is making efforts in evangelism every month. God has given them a heart for evangelism, and they are doing this work with joy. Going out into the streets to meet people and talk with them can be frightening at times, but it also brings joy.

Last month, while doing outreach in a park, they met an elderly man. When they gave him a tract, he said that he already knew about their church. He said he listens to their sermons online and receives grace through the Word. This was an unexpected encouragement. Seongkyu says, "Though we may not always see it, we are reminded that God uses our small efforts to help souls."

He is also thankful to see signs of recovery among some of the members. One sister had often been spiritually discouraged because of physical weakness, but she is recovering her health and is becoming more active in spiritual matters. She is expecting to return to work soon. This is an answer to prayer.

In June, Seongkyu plans to have personal meetings with the members to meet them, check their spiritual condition, and encourage them. Please pray that through these meetings, God will comfort and strengthen them and help them to grow more in Him.

AUSTRALIA

Perth, Western Australia—*Philip & Cherith Gardiner*

Rev. Philip Gardiner requests prayer for the winter VBS the church will hold during the July holidays. Pray that many children will come in and that it might be a means of add-

ing people to the church. Pray that the Lord will make other outreaches effective as well. They are thankful for a new lady who has been attending the outreach at the public housing unit. She is a Roman Catholic. Pray with them for her eyes to be opened.

Since 2019 the Australian churches have been working with a small number of Reformed congregations in the Philippines, developing relationships with them. Earlier this year, the Ulster Presbytery approved a plan to establish a Free Presbyterian mission in the Philippines. Philip gives thanks for continued progress there. The congregation in Davao City has been meeting in a backyard for the past two years but has now moved to a rental property. Also, some of the congregations recently held very successful VBS programs.

*Grant unto thy servants, that with
all boldness they may speak thy
word.*

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