

# Missionary Prayer Bulletin



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## NORTH AMERICA

### ◆ Jamaica

#### Little London—Richard Craig & Randy Gunnings

Richard Craig is grateful to the presbytery for inviting him to the Ministers' Week of Prayer in Trinity, Alabama, in May. He also thanks the presbytery for receiving him under care as he begins his seminary studies. He requests prayer "that the Lord will show me His way for my life."

Please pray that the Lord will provide a new church bus for the work in Jamaica. The one they have has been broken down for weeks.

### ◆ Dominican Republic

#### Los Frailes—Ramón & Wendy Sosa

In July the church in Los Frailes had a conference on the theme of the authority of the Scriptures. The men in the theology classes Ramón teaches also attended the conference. Pray for the Lord's blessing on the theology classes as Ramón seeks to help men who have charismatic backgrounds.

Ramón needs the Lord's leading in regards to his work situation. He is looking into becoming an Uber driver but would need the Lord to provide him with a vehicle in order for that to happen. Please also pray for improved health for Ramón.

Continue to pray that the Sosa family would be a testimony in the neighborhood and that the Lord would especially be with their twin teenage daughters in this time of the physical and emotional growth.

Pray for the new families that have come to the church and are interested in becoming members. Pray for the congregation, that the Word would continue to be faithfully preached, that the Lord would grant repentance to unbelievers, and that He would strengthen the Christians in the congregation and increase their burden for missions. Finally, please pray for the Lord's blessing on the

church's preschool program, that it would be a good means of outreach in the community.

### ◆ Mexico

#### Mexico City—Jason & Danielle Boyle

After a busy month in July, the Boyles were looking forward to a less hectic August. They were very encouraged throughout the VBS held July 30 to August 3. Even though they had fewer children than other years, they saw it as a blessing in disguise because they were able to connect with more children on a personal level. Please pray for cousins Valentina, Mario, Omar, Romina, and Ximena. The Boyles have no contact with them throughout the year, but the children have been coming to VBS for six years now and have a great time and a great attitude. The Boyles say, "We have created a sweet bond with these kids. We are praying that this year they would come to Sunday school and have more contact with the church."

The Bible study at the hacienda in San Felipe del Progreso (two hours away) is growing steadily. The attendees are excited and appreciative. They have come to the doctrines of grace, but have no church with sound doctrine to attend. Some continue attending their churches but come to the study for their "meat." Others don't go to any church. There is a great need to plant a church in that area. Jason and Danielle are praying that God would use this group as a core group to start a new church in the years to come.

As of January 2019 the Boyles likely will not be able to drive their van any Fridays or Saturdays, as per Mexico City laws regarding vehicles that are at least fifteen years old. Because of that they are not sure what will happen to the study mentioned above, as they wouldn't be able to drive on Saturdays. Please pray with them for the Lord's guidance.

Jason, Danielle, and Caleb will be visiting Córdoba for a few days at the end of August. In September a new monthly Bible study is to start up in the home of some of the members

who live in the north of the city (five members and several attendees live in the north of the city which is one and a half to two hours away from the church). They attend faithfully on Sundays but find it difficult to come mid-week. One aim in having this Bible study is to provide more fellowship and Bible teaching, while the other aim is to have a way to reach out to the community there. The Boyles are praying that this monthly study would turn into a weekly study and that one day the Lord would place the burden on a man to pastor a church there.

A man who works at a motel the Boyles stayed at in the small town of Tlapujahua, Michoacán, regularly listens along with his mother to Jason's sermons. Jason has explained the gospel to him and he has since professed salvation. He has requested that they send someone out to have some informal meetings. He lives about four hours away from the Boyles, who are already traveling once a month to visit different churches. Pray that God would provide the right man.

In the month of July Jason was very happy to witness the marriage of a couple in the church who had been living together for many years. He rejoiced in their obedience to the Lord and hopes that soon they will be baptized. Please pray for Juan Josué and Cinthya, a young couple who are planning to move to Mexico City by the end of the year to help out in the ministry. The Lord has given them a burden to serve Him in city ministry.

Please pray for some evangelistic Sunday afternoon services coming up (one service in August and three in September). Pray that new people will come and be saved as a result of these services.

The Boyles continue to wait for Caleb's adoption process to be completed. They recently found out that the judge's office and the Public Ministry office were all on holiday for three weeks! Pray that things will continue to go forward. Danielle reports that Caleb is now one year old, has six words under his belt, and is almost walking.

**Orizaba—Marcus & Jennifer Reyes**

The Reyeses are thankful to the Lord for His goodness during their weeks of vacation Bible school. They were able to reach out into the community to serve young children and their families. Please pray for the unsaved that attended, that the Lord will yet work in their hearts and save their souls.

Last week the Reyes family traveled to the southern tip of Mexico in the state of Chiapas to minister to a small group of believers with great need to be fed the Living Word. Marcus said he received an invitation to visit them through mutual friends. The Reyeses will then travel to Tabasco where Marcus will preach to a group who heard about his church through the Reformed bookstore Marcus uses. In both places Marcus is speaking on the topic of the consecrated home. He is preaching nine messages in each place over a two-week period to finish off their summer schedule.

**Cordoba, Veracruz—Lalo & Liz Peña**

Lalo reports that his church just finished its vacation Bible school. He says it was a blessing to be able to minister to ten children. Please pray that the Lord will work in their hearts.

Three weeks ago the church suffered the loss of a new sister in the faith. She began to come to the church about three months ago and was very excited about the gospel and the fellowship with the saints. Sadly, she was the victim of assault and was fatally wounded. Please pray for her two daughters, Dulce (16) and Gaby (10). Lalo says, "Please pray for our country, our city, the brethren, and Dulce and Gaby, and the effective preaching of the gospel and discipleship. Please pray for the local church, my family, and my job."

**EUROPE**

◆ **Spain**

**Beas de Segura—Lyle & Heather Boyd**

Lyle is grateful for prayer for the work in Southeastern Spain. Please pray for the unsaved who attended a baptismal service on August 11. Rafa, who was baptized, gave his testimony to the saving power of Christ. Pray for his sister and family who heard the gospel preached for the first time. They need to recognize the difference between dead religiosity and the power of a risen Saviour. Pray that the Lord would open these blinded eyes to the truth of God's Word.

Continue to pray for the book table ministry that Lyle has in Cortijos Nuevos, where

the church is, and in Beas de Segura, where he lives. Many folk come to the area for the summer holidays and he gets quite a few opportunities to talk to them. Pray that the seed sown will eventually spring forth as new life in Christ.

Please pray for the family camp that is to be held August 20–25. It will be full to capacity again this year, so it will be a busy time. Please pray that the Lord would bless His people once again and speak to the unsaved.

**Madrid—John & Noranna Hanna**

The Hannas are presently on vacation in Northern Ireland. However, there is one important piece of information they would like to report. They have received confirmation from the bank approving the church's loan for the purchase of the new church building. On August 5 the church membership voted by more than a two-thirds majority to sell their present buildings and buy the new one. Please pray that the Lord will give wisdom and direction concerning all the legal and technical requirements.

**ASIA**

◆ **South Korea**

**Seoul—Seongkyu & Sooyoun Lee**

By God's grace, the Korean Free Presbyterian Church in South Korea is now four years old. Seongkyu Lee says his desire from the start was to establish a biblical church, one that used gospel-centered and biblical music instead of Contemporary Christian Music (CCM). Because most of the Korean churches use CCM in their services, this has become very difficult (it wasn't like this thirty years ago). Seongkyu says they have been amazed to see God send them a brother, Mr. Choi, who has also been searching for a biblical service and lifestyle.

Mr. Choi was uncomfortable with the way the music in Korean churches was becoming more and more secular and searched for a church that didn't have contemporary music. He discovered that the Free Presbyterian church was located near his home and, after listening to sermons from the church for several weeks, he decided to visit.

Mr. Choi makes his living as a game developer, but after realizing that his job was not one that would please God, he is undergoing a lot of internal conflict and worries. Also, because his wife was raised in a typical contemporary church, she doesn't understand or

accept his conflict. Right now he is attending the Free Presbyterian church with his two children but without his wife. The church is aware that his coming is a huge blessing but also a challenge. It is clear that God is working in his soul, but he is facing a very big spiritual battle and decision. If he decides to quit his job as a game developer, he will also have to face financial problems.

Seongkyu is meeting with him regularly offering counseling, and the whole church is praying for his family to be reunited by the grace of God. Please pray for Mr. Choi and his family.

The church had a three-day family retreat in August. They studied Hebrews together and had time to listen to the Word of God. Seongkyu preached about the people of faith in Hebrews 11, and they studied Jesus Christ's salvation and the message found in Hebrews for Christians undergoing spiritual challenges and depression. Many people, including friends and family of the congregation who do not attend the church, came to this retreat, and the church people were able to have fellowship and share the gospel with them.

In August, they are going to begin a study about baptism for the church's young people. Pray that the sixteen-week course will bring the young people to personally have assurance about the gospel so that they will be ready to publically profess Jesus as their Lord and Saviour by being baptized.

**AFRICA**

◆ **Liberia**

**Monrovia—Joanne Greer**

Joanne Greer is currently on deputation in North America. She thoroughly enjoyed helping out at the youth camp in Pennsylvania and attending the FPC International Congress held in the Malvern, Pennsylvania, church. She will be travelling to various churches in North America through the month of August and then heading over to Northern Ireland in early September to start meetings there on September 25. She would appreciate your prayers for safe and smooth travels and for God's blessing on the meetings.

Please keep Nathan Barco and Abraham Kotee in prayer as they carry on with the children's work back in Liberia, and pray for Rev. Maurice Baxter and his wife, Chrismar, as they travel to Liberia in early September to help there for three months.

**Monrovia—David DiCanio**

Rev. David DiCanio is a little busier while Joanne Greer is on deputation since he now both shuts off and turns on the radio station (the station runs from 4:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week). A positive response to the station continues to come in, especially from weekly visitors to the church. One of the most frequent comments the team hears is that Free Presbyterian Radio is the only conservative station left in Liberia.

The Mission Board approved the purchase of an \$800 splitter for the station antenna. The original splitter, which was used, does not actually fit the cable that runs to the transmitter. Mr. DiCanio said that the new piece will allow the station to boost its signal from 1100 watts to the maximum 1400 watts, which should improve the signal.

Mr. DiCanio is thankful to the Lord that the mission was able to sell the Toyota Rav 4. The mission currently has about \$13,000 toward a new vehicle, which will cost \$40,000. Mr. DiCanio is driving Joanne Greer's Land Cruiser while she is away.

Mr. DiCanio is also busy keeping up with government paperwork which continues to increase as the government gets more "organized."

**◆ Uganda****Nsaalu—Noreen McAfee**

Noreen thanks God for answers to prayer in what has been a very busy second term at Emmanuel Christian School. The Millers have settled in well, are busy with the weekly schedule of church meetings, and are making good progress with their language study.

Mr. Andy Foster has finished the new apartment and travelled to the Netherlands for his wedding on August 17. He is expected to return to Emmanuel with his new bride, Hannah, mid-September. Pray for them both, but especially for Hannah as she joins Andy on the mission field.

Mr. Douglas Kyaligamba and his children are proving the Lord's help and grace, but Douglas has been battling with some health problems which have seen him admitted to the hospital several times in recent weeks. Noreen says he needs the Lord's touch upon him. Please pray for the medical consultants who are managing his case.

The officials of the FPC Ulster Mission Board were able to visit in July and attend to various legal and business matters as well as to participate in the various meetings at Emmanuel. Noreen says they were a great

encouragement to the missionaries, staff, and students, and she asks us to pray that the Lord would give them wisdom as they continue to lead and plan for the work in Uganda.

The school staff and students are now looking forward to their August break having completed another term's work and examinations. Noreen says there has been much sickness this term with flu, colds, malaria, and measles doing the rounds in the local community. She thanks God that all have now recovered and asks us to continue to pray for the physical wellbeing of the students.

Spiritually, the Lord is continuing His work among them and two more students have professed faith in Christ. Noreen says it is a joy to see the Lord changing hearts and lives and she longs that every child and young person would be gathered in.

Next term the four Senior Four and fifteen Primary Seven students will sit for their national examinations. Noreen asks us to pray for the Lord's help for them and their teachers as they make their final preparations.

Noreen will be travelling to Ulster in late August and requests prayer for her deputation meetings which run from September to January 2019. She also asks us to remember her missionary colleagues and the national staff who will be looking after the school in her absence.

**◆ Kenya****Kapenguria—Margaret Russell**

Margaret is thankful to the Lord for the visit of a team from Ulster at the beginning of August. Rev. Ian Kenny and Rev. Maurice Baxter lead a team of ten to do some painting at the Academy, giving it a needed and welcome facelift in just a week's time. On the weekends they visited and preached in some of the local BCFC churches.

Margaret is also thankful for the return of Malcolm and Alison Patterson to the field. Their entry permit renewal has been submitted to the immigration office in Nairobi and Margaret values prayer that it would come through successfully and quickly.

On August 27 the Academy will open for the third and final term of the year. This is a very critical term as it will be concluded at the end of October with the Primary National Examination and throughout November with the Secondary National Examination. Margaret asks for earnest prayer for the preparation of examination candidates as their success is crucial to the future of the institution and also, of course, so important to the life of each student.

Margaret is preparing to retire from the management of the Academy at the end of this year. Please pray that she will be able to finalize and handover her responsibilities in an efficient manner and that God will undertake for the person who will take up the position as manager. Pray that the whole Board of Management will know much wisdom from the Lord as they direct the institution.

Pastor Andrew Cheptoo continues to assist the ministry of the gospel in Western Kenya. He has been doing evangelism and taking the prayer meeting and Bible study in the Nyaporo church and also in the bookshop in Kakamega. Margaret asks us to pray for him and for the work of the Lord in that area.

At the beginning of September a young couple from Ulster, David and Rachel McAuley, will be visiting the work in Kenya for three months. Margaret asks us to pray that God will undertake as they travel to and within Kenya and that they will be used of the Lord as they spend time among the missionaries and the churches in Kenya.

**Kitale—Malcolm & Alison Patterson**

The Pattersons are grateful for your prayers especially over the past two and a half years since Alison was diagnosed with colon cancer. The Lord has been good to them and they have now been able to return to Kenya, arriving safely in Nairobi on July 31. They stayed for a few days at a guest house in Nairobi with some things to do before moving up to Kitale. They were able to meet with Pastor Patrice, who has been helping with the ministry in the church at Nyaporo and his wife, Gladys.

Malcolm and Alison travelled up to Kitale on August 6 and were enthusiastically greeted by the workers on the compound and especially by the two German Shepherds, Ireland and Sooty! They are presently getting things sorted out and organized in the mission house, readjusting to life in Kenya, and meeting up with those they work with and have gotten to know.

The Pattersons say, "We would be greatly encouraged and helped if you are able to pray with us and for us; we cannot do God's work to God's glory without the continual prayerful support of God's people." Please pray particularly 1.) that people will earnestly pray for them each day; 2.) for their families in Northern Ireland, especially Alison's mother, Malcolm's mother and father, and their sons Philip and Timothy, and Timothy's wife, Sarah; 3.) that their work/entry permit will come through quickly so they can engage in public ministry; 4.) for the radio programs which

they produced when they were in Northern Ireland and which go out on Imani Radio and MMUST FM each week; and 5.) for settling back to life in Kenya, for good health, and for general safety, especially as they travel on the roads.

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

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