



Missions Hotline

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Free Methodist World Missions is committed to serve Free Methodists as together we make disciples among the peoples of the world. The Free Methodist Church has ministry in 82 world areas.

Africa

Malawi: Join in prayer for the month-long module beginning today, June 9, at the Great Commission Bible School in Lilongwe. All the visiting teachers have arrived, and students are eager to learn. Current principal Ryan Willson reports the chapel theme is "sacrificial leadership;" courses include English or the book of Hebrews, wisdom literature, and pastoral care. Students will also be involved with weekend evangelism activities around the city and with campus work projects. This is the first time students have gathered together since the death of former principal Ryan Bartlett in a vehicle accident six months ago. A memorial service is being planned for the Fri., June 12, chapel. This date would have also been Ryan's birthday. Pray for all aspects of this module which ends July 3. Pray each instructor is clear in communicating their course work. Pray that an English teacher can be found for the September module so these pastor-students can have a more complete education experience.

Kenya: Praise God for the lives changed at the FMC Central District Youth Camp, held April 30 to May 3. The theme was "Cost of Discipleship." Africa Area Director Mike Reynen taught one session and filled in for the Sunday morning speaker who was unable to come. A number of the youth testified that they were challenged to count the cost and be disciples.

Asia

Taiwan: A goal of the Chung Lun FMC is to build a healthy church through building healthy families. Ask God to work through the studies presented at the Wednesday evening prayer services that cover topics such as forgiveness and communication. Pray the Holy Spirit works in people's lives.

Thailand: The verdict in the court case involving a property dispute at Grace International School in Chaing Mai was scheduled to be handed down Wed., June 3. Don and Kathy Williams reported: "As our attorney predicted, the judge postponed the verdict until July 21, citing the complexity of the case. He 'guaranteed' that the verdict would be ready on that date. Thank you for your prayers. We now have an extra seven weeks to bring this before the Father!"

Missions Family

Josef and Lynette Sykora (Slovakia) announce the birth of their son, Luke Augustine, born on Mon., June 8. He was 8 and a half pounds, 20 and 1/2 inches long, with dark hair. Both Luke and mom are doing well. Pray for Josef, Lynette and big brother Simon's adjustments.

Health: Pray as Betsy Crawford (Mexico) recovers from surgery. Betsy explains: "A couple of weeks ago Guy removed a suspicious mole on my leg and sent it for analysis. The tests came back that it was a melanoma cancer. (When) we went to the surgeon, he said that it is good that we had it taken care of when we did, and that the prognosis is very good for a full recovery." Betsy underwent surgery last week and will have to be off her feet for a few weeks. Betsy continues: "Tests came back negative for any more cancer, so that was great! We praise God for His presence and His daily blessings in our lives and trust that even in this circumstance He will work His will in our lives. Thank you, our friends and family, for your constant love and concern, and your prayers for us and our ministry."

International Child Care Ministries: This month Vivian Hyndman, who has served with passion and dedication for 26 years as International Child Care Ministries-Canada Director, will retire. Vivian's capable and joyful ministry has been a tremendous blessing around the world. International Director Linda Adams and the Free Methodist Church in Canada are pleased to announce the employment of Paula Moriarity as the new Canada Director. The Canadian ICCM office operates in 14 countries of the world with approximately 2,500 children sponsored. Through education, meals and medical care, children in need are given an opportunity for a better life. For more click on "Ministry News" at: www.childcareministries.org

Day of Fasting and Prayer: Executive Director Dr. Art Brown encourages you to join missions organizations who are spending one day a month in prayer and fasting. The third Wednesday of each month has been suggested, making Wed., June 17, the next proposed day to fast and pray as a proactive response to the challenging financial environment. Consider encouraging your church to participate in this focused time of prayer.

Europe

Bulgaria: Pray for preparations being made for the Love Bulgaria training event to be held July 13 to 18. At this event students learn not only that they should share their faith, but also how to share it. In addition to motivational and practical teaching, youth will be given opportunities to evangelize. Al and Diane Mellinger write: "This is not an outreach conference. We want believers to come to learn more about what their role is in God's plan. This not a 'feel good few days away at a Christian festival' event. It is designed to give the believer valuable tools to use the other 51 weeks a year for Christ." Pray for event details including arranging transportation for 200-plus people, lodging, food and the event schedule. Pray for God's direction for the teachers as they prepare their lessons. Pray for leaders to be found for large group sessions, workshops and small group times. Pray the bilingual worship team and translators are able to communicate and lead effectively. Pray the band and sound equipment can be secured to accommodate a group this size. Pray for prepared hearts as conference participants conduct

evangelism in villages and work with a local church to reach their neighborhoods during the conference.

Latin America

Pray that Area Director of Latin American Ministries Delia Nüesch-Olver has a clear focus on God's vision, great effectiveness and fruitfulness for the kingdom of God, and good health as she travels throughout South and Central America from her home base in Seattle, WA.

Chile: Ricardo and Beth Gomez write: "Our rainy season normally begins in late April and reaches its peak during the month of June; however, it has only rained twice in 2009. Santiago and the surrounding area count on the fall/winter rains and the snow melt runoff in the spring to provide for the water needs throughout the year. If we don't get the rain and snow now, we are almost guaranteed a drought next summer. Therefore, we find ourselves praying for rain regularly." Ricardo and Beth also request prayer for God to rain down blessings on their theological and pastoral training ministries that reach throughout Latin America.

Mobilization

The Middle East needs individuals who have a deep commitment to Jesus and His global cause, who are native English speakers and who can teach their language both formally and informally. This is a great way to bless Arabic-speaking people and develop relationships where you can share the love of Jesus in word and deed. Interested? E-mail ExploreMissions@gmail.com to let us know.

VISA Ministries

VISA Teams: The Portage FMC, MI, is sending a team to Haiti June 15 to 25. They will be involved in medical work and conduct a vacation Bible school. Bob Slates is the team leader.

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Current Newsletters

Check the FMWM Web site for recent newsletters from the following missionaries:

Gary & Jann Allen, Mexico

Ricardo & Beth Gomez, Latin America

Tim & Lily Kinkead, Taiwan

Al & Diane Mellinger, Bulgaria

Don & Kathy Williams, Thailand