

WBFJ NEWSLETTER

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I was reminded recently of the words to the chorus of a song written by Fanny J. Crosby entitled "Victory Through Grace": "Not to the strong is the battle, not to the swift is the race, yet to the true and the faithful vict'ry is promised through grace." I know there are countless servants of the Lord laboring diligently in the harvest fields today, and they are completely dependent upon God's grace for victory. In the midst of heartache, opposition, sickness, difficulty, and sometimes just pure exhaustion, God's grace is always sufficient (II Cor. 12:9), and His strength is made perfect in our weakness. We can praise God today for the victories in the lives of His servants!

The Rose family will be heading back to Spain soon. Bro. Bill has been helping their home church here in the U.S. while they have been without a pastor, and Jordan has been finishing up his senior year of high school. Their sending church has now called a new pastor, Jordan has graduated, and they are making plans to return to the work in Spain very soon. Their work there is going well, and they are anxious to return. Please pray for the Rose family as they make preparations and decisions for housing as well as schooling for Joshua, Josiah, and John Paul.

Retired missionary Elaine Hawkins has written a book entitled "Cariua – Strangers in the Amazon." This is a journal of her and Bro. Joe's forty-plus years of ministry in Brazil. Bro. and Mrs. Hawkins had a very fruitful ministry that continues to this day through faithful men who are "able to teach others also." This book will be a blessing to read! If you would like more information, you may go to www.joeandelainehawkins.com. The cost for the book is \$10, including postage. You can contact Mrs. Elaine at lilahawkins@gmail.com to order a copy.

Norman Higgins and Jeannie Hutton had to postpone their wedding due to a recent fall that Jeannie had. She underwent a hip replacement and is recovering well. Please pray that Jeannie will have a complete and speedy recovery.

Clayton, Jodi, Conner, and Eva Watkins, along with their dog Kentucky, departed for Costa Rica on June 20th. Please pray for a safe journey and that their belongings would arrive safely and promptly as well. Also pray that the remainder of their needs would be supplied as they get settled on the field and begin learning the language and culture.

Lanny and Judy Wood are coming home for a brief furlough in July. Bro. Lanny has completed his 39 radiation treatments, and things are looking good. However, he will need another 8 infusions in the next few months. Please pray that God might grant Bro. Lanny a complete healing. Also pray that he and Mrs. Judy would enjoy some rest and blessed time with family as they travel and report to churches while they are home.

Health updates:

Mark and Dana McCutchen had to delay their trip back to Brazil because of Bro. Mark having kidney stones. Please pray that Bro. Mark will not have any further issues.

Amy Sullivan continues her treatment for cancer. Thus far, the protocol has stabilized and minimized the active cancer. However, she still has a large mass and will be having major surgery July 5th. Please pray for a successful surgery and a complete healing for Amy.

Arza Brown will be having foot surgery towards the end of July. He has been in much pain. Please pray that the pain will be minimal until he is able to have the surgery.

The following individuals in our missionary family need your prayers for ongoing health needs: Joan Adcock, Monnie Bacon, Charles & Juanita Bowen, Dale Brown, Monoka Brown, Phil & Mary Gagnon, Debi Harris, Ronda Hastings, Betty Hawkins, Norman Higgins, Mary Horton, Sandy Janky, Dana & Mark McCutchen, Brenda Morrow, Gayle Sparks, Jessie Starling, Amy Sullivan, Bonnie Winters, and Lanny Wood.

Please pray for us as we prepare for Missionary Training Days in July and Mission Camp in August! It is a blessing to serve, and we appreciate your prayers!

Joey Bacon

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