

WBFJ NEWSLETTER

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“Enjoy the journey.” We might have heard those words upon leaving for vacation or embarking on a unique, extraordinary trip. But there are few servants of the Lord who are encouraged to “enjoy the journey” upon surrendering to God’s calling upon their life. And yet it is a privilege to be servants of the Most High God. It is a thrill to follow Jesus. And it can be a joy to finish our course. Pastor Terry Collins and the good folks of Southpoint Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, will be encouraging us to “Enjoy the Journey” as they host the 2017 Fall Meeting. We hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the journey on which God has led you.

David & Diane Cato are having a change in their ministry due to some problems with the Brazilian government in Brazil. About a year and a half ago, while traveling through a Brazilian airport, two 9mm cartridges were found in their carry-on luggage underneath the lining. The Catos did not own a gun in Brazil, so they believe these were planted. Bro. David was taken to jail until money could be sent for bail. The trial is still pending and it could take years for things to be resolved (which is not unusual in Brazil). If convicted, Bro. David could spend 3-6 years in a Brazilian prison. After much prayer and counsel, the safest option seems to be for the Catos not to return to Brazil. God has opened a door for them to minister to the Navajo Indians in Grants, New Mexico, alongside missionaries Brad and Ronda Hastings. Please pray for the Catos as they make this transition. Also pray that the legal issue in Brazil might be resolved.

It has been an eventful few weeks with hurricanes in the Gulf and Atlantic, as well as earthquakes in Mexico. We are glad to report to you that our missionaries who were in those regions are all safe, and the churches we have heard from in those regions are safe as well. However, as you know, there has been extensive damage in many places and many lives perished. Please pray for the families of those affected as well as churches who are recovering and reaching out to their communities in the aftermath.

Health updates:

David Ross has been making some progress in his recovery recently. He was able to walk with a walker half way down a hallway. Also, the insurance company has said they will pay for Bro. David’s flight when it comes time to leave the hospital in Singapore, no matter what type of flight/level of care he needs for the transfer. Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for a complete recovery for Bro. Ross.

Monoka Brown underwent hip replacement in September and all went well. Please continue to pray for Mrs. Monoka that she might have a complete and speedy recovery.

Jacques Alexandre is having some possible recurring issues from prostate cancer he had back in 2008. He will also be undergoing a heart catheterization for possible blockage. Please pray that God might grant Bro. Alexandre a complete healing.

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 & Jeannie Higgins, Mary Horton, Gary & Sandy Janky, Dana & Mark McCutchen, Brenda Morrow, Gayle Sparks, Jessie Starling, Amy Sullivan, Bonnie Winters, and Lanny Wood.

Thanks for all you do!

Joey Bacon

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