

# WBFI NEWSLETTER

## November 2017

What a meeting! We had a blessed WBF meeting at Southpoint Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida! Pastor Collins and the faithful folks there labored fervently to make it a special time of fellowship and encouragement for all in attendance. The music, the meals, and ALL the hospitality were fantastic. God met with us through the worship and the preaching of God's word. We appreciate all who participated to make this such a special time together. We also appreciate those who contributed to the WBFMA special offering. Our goal was \$60,000, and we received over \$35,000 at the meeting. Praise the Lord! Please pray with us as we trust God to provide the remainder of what we need to supplement operating expenses at the mission office.

After 39 years of missionary service, Larry and Barbara Koehn are retiring as missionaries in Chile. Bro. and Mrs. Koehn served faithfully as church planting missionaries in Colombia as well as Chile. The churches in those areas are now under national leadership, and God continues to bless each work. Please pray for Bro. and Mrs. Koehn as they seek God's direction for the days ahead. They will be serving the Lord in new capacities. The mission office will continue to channel funds for the Koehns as many churches and individuals may want to continue sending support in honor of their faithfulness over the years.

Jake and Hali Woodfin will begin full-time deputation soon to raise funds for church planting in San Francisco, California. Please pray for Bro. and Mrs. Woodfin that they might raise sufficient support soon as it will be very expensive to live in the San Francisco area in preparation for planting a churches there.

During our Mission Committee Meeting in October, we met with and approved a new missionary through STEP (Short Term Evangelism Program). Elisabeth Perdue will be raising funds to be a missionary assistant in the Dominican Republic for a one year term. Please pray for Elisabeth as she raises necessary funds for her term of service on the mission field.

We are blessed to have several deputation missionaries currently raising support: Josh, Rachel, & Blace Easlon, Caleb Fielding, Joshua & Amanda McClure, Elisabeth Perdue, C.D., Chloe, Felicity, & Ophelia Smith, and Jake & Hali Woodfin. It is often difficult for these new missionary families to schedule sufficient appointments and to raise necessary funds quickly. Please pray for these families as they minister on deputation, that they might be a blessing to the churches, and that many churches would take them on for support so they can get to their field of ministry.

### ***Health updates:***

Alton Smith has been hospitalized twice while recovering from a recent surgery on his neck. He has had blood clots as well as pneumonia. Please pray for Bro. Alton that he might have a complete recovery very soon.

Charles Bowen had recent surgery for a bulging disk and is at home recovering. Please continue to pray for Bro. Bowen that he might have a complete and speedy recovery.

Dave Schembera developed an infection from a recent surgery. He will be on antibiotics for a while as he continues his recovery. Please pray for Bro. Dave to have a complete recovery soon.

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.

We hope each one of you have a Happy Thanksgiving season as we celebrate the goodness and mercy of God toward us. Thanks for all you do for the Lord and for His servants!

Joey Bacon

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