

# WBFI NEWSLETTER

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In his book, "Don't Waste Your Life," John Piper wrote, "Missions exists because worship doesn't." As we worship the Lord with freedom and liberty today, we are reminded that countless souls across the world do not know God, nor do they worship Him. That has been the driving force for many who have surrendered their life to be missionaries, and we pray that might continue to be a very real burden that would compel more individuals to surrender and take the gospel to the regions beyond. We ask that you pray for our missionaries on the field as well as those who have yet to answer the call.

Alan and Kathy Hart returned safely to the field of Mozambique. Bro. Alan was sick with the flu upon their arrival, but is recovering well. Kathy has also recovered well from the surgery she had before their return to the field. God was gracious to allow them to tend to those health needs while in the U.S. Please pray for the Hart's safety, good health, and ministry in Mozambique.

Lanny and Judy Wood have returned safely to the field of Brazil. They were also both sick upon their return, but are now recovering. Bro. Lanny received good reports concerning his cancer treatments and is almost cancer free. Please continue to pray for good health as Bro. and Mrs. Wood minister in Brazil.

Jerry and Bonnie Bitner have resigned from being WBF missionaries. They are taking time to resolve some family situations and are seeking the Lord's will for future ministry. Jack and Ute Hardy have also resigned from being WBF missionaries. Ute's parents are not in good health, and it has become necessary for Jack and Ute to remain in the states to care for Ute's parents. Bro. Jack will be seeking a position in ministry here in the U.S. Please pray for both families during this transitional season of ministry.

### **Health updates:**

Sarah DeWitt gave birth to twin boys on December 27<sup>th</sup> in Brazil. Aiden and Josiah are both healthy and growing well. Sarah is also recovering well. Please pray for Todd and Sarah DeWitt and their new baby boys!

Jeannie Higgins has been scheduled to have serious shoulder surgery. Her shoulder has not healed well, and the surgery has been delayed several times. Please pray for a successful surgery and a complete recovery.

Ute Hardy had surgery recently for a broken leg. Please pray for a complete and speedy recovery for Ute.

Arza Brown continues to have a difficult recovery from foot surgery. He is also experiencing an irregular heartbeat and is scheduled for an echo gram and will see his cardiologist. Please pray for a complete recovery and good test results for Bro. Arza.

Bill Horton is recovering from recent hernia surgery. He and Mary have been dealing with some other sickness recently and would appreciate your prayers.

Gayle Sparks had a heart catheterization which revealed the need for two stents. All went well, and she is recovering at home. Please pray that Miss Gayle would have a complete recovery and no recurring issues.

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.

In the last year, we have had several missionaries who have retired, resigned, or gone home to heaven. Please pray that more servants of the Lord might answer the call to be missionaries. And pray that our current missionaries would have sufficient support to do the work God has called them to do. If you have been supporting a missionary family who has recently resigned, we ask that you consider transferring that support to another missionary. Thank you for investing in missions!

Joey Bacon

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