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NEWSLETTER

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“No Worries” – this is a phrase my wife and I heard often on our recent trip to Australia. In most cases, the phrase is used to express “you’re welcome” after someone has thanked you for doing something. But in our brief observation of the culture, it seemed that the people there indeed have “no worries” – no real concerns, including their eternal destiny. Whereas the Christian should have “no worries” because of our faith in Christ (Philippians 4:6), many people have “no worries” because of their faith in self. As we pray for missionaries to minister to the spiritual needs of the lost, may we also pray for the lost to become aware of their spiritual need.

We recently had the privilege of visiting the Robert Dawson family, the Jamie Brown family, and Kenneth Chapman in Australia. It was a very insightful trip. Not only did we see the sights of the beautiful country, but also spent quality time with the missionaries and learned the unique challenges they face in reaching the lost with the gospel in Australia. Please pray for our missionaries all over the world, as each field has its unique challenges. And if you have the opportunity, go visit a missionary on the field. It will be a blessing to them as well as you.

Health updates:

Missionaries Alan and Kathy Hart recently rejoiced over their new grandbaby that was born in Missouri during the month of April. The Harts will be returning to the U.S. in June to follow up on some health issues. Please pray that they will receive good results and will have no recurring issues.

Arza Brown recently had another screw in his ankle (from a previous surgery) that broke. The doctor says that the healing process will be very slow. Please pray for Bro. Arza as he continues to heal.

Charles Bowen was recently admitted to the hospital after a fall due to a chemical imbalance. Please pray that things will be regulated and that Bro. Bowen will have no more falls in the future.

Dottie McClure has developed some bleeding ulcers in her stomach. Please pray that she will recover soon as she continues her furlough.

Retired missionary Dot Foster was recently admitted to the hospital with pneumonia. She is now at home recovering. Please pray that Mrs. Dot will continue to improve and feel better soon.

Kenneth Chapman recently came to the U.S. to check on his Mom who has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for Bro. Chapman and the family during this trying time.

Jeanie Higgins was recently admitted to the hospital after falling and breaking a rib. She has also had some pain in the center of her chest. Please pray that Jeanie will have a complete healing and recovery.

Joy Guenther’s father, Roy Maple, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ohio, was recently found to have had a stroke with bleeding in the brain. Bro. Maple served for many years on our WBF Mission Committee, and he is a blessing to many missionaries. Please pray as they continue to run tests that Pastor Maple might have a complete and speedy recovery. Also pray for Joy as it is difficult being so far away in New Zealand during this time.

Dave Schembera is scheduled to undergo another surgery May 17th. Please pray that the surgery will go well and that Bro. Dave will have a complete recovery.

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.

WBFA missionaries appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement! Thanks for all you do!

Joey Bacon

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