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NEWSLETTER

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I Thessalonians 5:18 "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Even God's servants often struggle to either discern or simply accept God's will. But certain passages of scripture, such as I Thessalonians 5:18, give us specific aspects of God's will for our lives. It is God's will for us to give thanks in EVERYTHING. And as we approach the end of 2018, we are indeed thankful for EVERYTHING God has done in, through, and for us.

During the week of Thanksgiving, we found ourselves grieving as Bro. Dave Schembera was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday of the previous week. Bro. Dave and Betty Schembera served faithfully for many years as missionaries in Ecuador, and then at the WBF mission office where Bro. Dave served as Assistant Mission Director for 18 years and oversaw the WBF Bible Ministry. Bro. Dave will be missed by so many. He was a blessing to our mission family in so many ways and enjoyed serving those who serve in the regions beyond. Though we grieve, we are thankful for the wonderful reunion and reward Bro. Dave is enjoying in heaven today. Mrs. Betty still faithfully serves as secretary in the mission office and will appreciate your prayers in the days ahead.

Frank and Darla Brim have delayed their return to Brazil due to the declining health of Darla's mom, Bernice Crites. Mrs. Crites is battling cancer. Please be in prayer for the Brim family during this challenging time and that God would grant healing to Mrs. Crites.

On October 24th, Typhoon Yutu hit Saipan, causing much devastation. We thank the Lord that missionaries Andrew, Evangeline, and Jonathan McClure endured the storm unharmed. Much damage was done to the First Baptist Church and the Chinese Church as well as the apartment where they live. The apartment that had been prepared for Joshua and Amanda McClure was also damaged as well as the vehicle Joshua and Amanda had purchased to have when they arrive on the field. Please pray for Bro. Andrew as the cleanup begins and for Joshua and Amanda as they prepare to depart for the field. There will be many challenges ahead for these two families in the next couple of months. We have set up a "Saipan Relief Fund" at the mission office for those who would like to help financially. You may give by sending your donation to WBFMA or by giving online through the following link: <http://www.wbfi.net/saipan-relief-fund>.

Health updates:

Linda Raley underwent back surgery in November. She is recovering at home but still in much pain. Please pray that she will have a complete and speedy recovery and that the pain will subside soon. Bro. Tommy Raley will be undergoing a stress test and echocardiogram to check his heart, as he has been in AFib for several weeks. Please pray for those tests to produce good results.

Gary and Sandy Janky need your continued prayers as Mrs. Sandy awaits to have surgery. Bro. Gary has had continued health concerns during the month of November and they are running tests to determine the extent of the problems he has been having.

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

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, many of our missionaries will be far away from family and friends. Please pray for these missionary families as they spend this time with those to whom they minister on the field. We are thankful for the sacrifice these servants make to reach individuals in foreign lands with the gospel of Jesus Christ. And we appreciate those who faithfully pray for and financially support these special servants.

Thanks for all you do!

Joey Bacon

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