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NEWSLETTER

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Luke 2:17 "And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." That is the scene of the shepherds proclaiming the good news that Jesus was born. Many of us just recently heard or saw that scene rehearsed multiple times and in various ways during the Christmas season. And as we consider how exciting and overwhelming it must have been for them to proclaim the good news then, it is even more exciting and overwhelming for us to proclaim the good news today: that Jesus was born, lived, died, rose again, and is coming back soon! As we enter a new year, we are reminded that the Lord's longsuffering has afforded us a bit more time to see someone saved (II Peter 3:9). May we go with haste as the shepherds did (Luke 2:16), knowing that Jesus could return before we enter another new year.

In early December, we received word from Eric and Lynn Bass that Lynn had a miscarriage and their baby daughter (22 weeks) was stillborn. Please pray for this couple and their other children as they grieve in the days ahead. This can be even more difficult when it occurs on the mission field so far away from family. Eric and Lynn know that God will use this for His glory and to be a testimony to someone. Please pray for lives to be impacted in positive ways.

Frank and Darla Brim returned to Brazil at the end of November. Please pray for them as Darla's mom, who lives in Texas, is still ill and Darla is still having some issues with her eyes. Pray that God will give them comfort and strength as they continue the work in Brazil.

After 6 months, Corey and Lori Meier are getting much closer to purchasing the land for establishing a camp there in Brazil. This has been a long process, but God continues to faithfully provide. Please pray for the remaining funds to come in and for all the legal documentation to be completed.

Matt and Flor Patton are rejoicing that the First Baptist Church in Vista Catalina has reached their goal to purchase property for the church. Please be in prayer for the congregation as they begin the legal work as well as the negotiations to purchase the property. This is a great step forward for this congregation as they seek more room for those who are being reached with the gospel.

Health updates:

Arza Brown had reconstructive surgery in early December on his foot and ankle. This was the result of complications from a surgery in 2017. Bro. Arza has been suffering with severe pain and is hoping this will correct the issues he has had. Please be in prayer for Bro. Arza as this will be another lengthy recovery. Please pray for a complete and full recovery this time.

Sandy Janky has been unable to have surgery due to a respiratory infection. Bro. Gary Janky is also in need of further testing that has been delayed until January. Please pray for Gary and Sandy that they would receive the medical care they need and recover soon.

Retired missionary Dot Foster is beginning to show signs of improvement after being very ill for quite some time. Her lungs are very weak, but she seems to be feeling somewhat better. Please continue to pray for her full recovery.

Ronda Hastings' father went home to be with the Lord in December. He had been ill for quite some time. Please be in prayer for Mrs. Ronda and her mom and family in the days ahead.

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.

We appreciate your prayers for our mission family. We pray you have a very joyous and blessed New Year!

Thanks for all you do!

Joey Bacon

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