



**MISSION  
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# **NEWSLETTER**

## May 2019

The month of May is often associated with graduations across the country. Families celebrate the achievement of a student graduating from high school or an adult graduating from college. These are great accomplishments worthy of celebration. As people of God who desire to see the gospel propagated throughout the world, we also celebrate those individuals who graduate from Bible Institutes established alongside indigenous Baptist churches in various countries. Praise the Lord for those who are being trained to “teach others also” as they have been taught! As we pray over the names listed on the prayer calendar, let us remember to pray for the Bible Institutes in the countries listed. What a blessing to know that more laborers are being trained!

Tom and Patti Wheeler have returned to Wales after a very brief furlough. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue the work in what can often be a very challenging mission field.

C.D., Chloe, Felicity, Ophelia, and Isaiah Smith are scheduled to depart for Palau May 14<sup>th</sup>! We are so excited for this precious family as they have patiently and tirelessly ministered on deputation, all the while anticipating the day in which they would arrive on the mission field to which God has called them. Please continue to pray for them as they arrive on the field and begin to adjust to life on the island. Also pray that sufficient support will come through for set up costs, etc.

Kyron, Antonia, and Stacy Horton will be coming home this summer for furlough. Stacy will be enrolling in college and they will be reporting to churches. Please pray for Stacy as she gets acclimated to the U.S. culture once again. Also pray as they seek a school where the Lord can best equip her to continue serving Him.

Alan and Kathy Hart are continuing relief efforts in Mozambique in the aftermath of the cyclone. They had previously planned to come home in June for a brief furlough. Please pray for them as they seek the Lord's will concerning this plan. They both have ongoing health issues, and it would be beneficial for them to have some relief and tend to some health needs while in the U.S.

James, Melissa, and Jael Brown are scheduled to come home for furlough this summer after serving their first term on the mission field. Please pray for them as they schedule appointments to report to churches and as they arrange for Jael's schooling while in the U.S.

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

Bro. Tommy Raley was recently hospitalized due to weakness in his legs. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's and Guillain Barre Syndrome. The GBS was totally cleared with four days of treatment. They will deal with the symptoms of Parkinson's as time goes on. Bro. Raley was released from the hospital and has made great progress. He has been able to be back at church and is continuing rehab at home. Please continue to pray for a full recovery for Bro. Raley!

The following individuals in our missionary family need your prayers for ongoing health needs: Joan Adcock, Monnie Bacon, Juanita Bowen, Dale Brown, Monoka Brown, Dot Foster, 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, Bonnie Winters, and Lanny Wood.

Thank you for faithfully praying for missionaries! We appreciate all you do!

Joey Bacon

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