



NEWSLETTER

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As we enter the fall season here in Texas, we look forward to temperatures finally dropping below 100 degrees during the day, hopefully! I am reminded that sometimes, seasons of intense heat last longer than we prefer, and the same holds true for seasons of adversity. However, just as the cool fall season eventually comes, so do the seasons of relief from trial and the blessing of rest. Thank you for praying for our missionaries as they go through these different seasons.

On August 9th, we received word from Arza and Ruth Brown that their neighborhood in Maui was being overcome by a wildfire. Within hours, we saw the news reports of the devastation in the historic town of Lahaina. The Browns, along with several other families in the church, lost their home and all their possessions. The church was also destroyed by the fire. Please pray for the Browns and the people of Lahaina as they recover from this incredible tragedy.

Caleb Fielding is getting married! Caleb has been talking to Deana Hewston, missionary to Scotland, for several months. He recently proposed to her, and they will be getting married soon. Deana will be joining Caleb to serve as a missionary in England. An added blessing is that Deana already has residency in the U.K., which means Caleb will be able to get a spousal visa to remain in the country. They have begun the paperwork for the spousal visa, but it is very expensive. Please pray for provision as they make wedding plans while going through the visa paperwork as well. We are excited for Caleb and Deana as they prepare to get married and serve the Lord together.

Health updates:

In our previous newsletter, we mentioned that retired missionary Jim Foster had to have stents put in his bile duct to relieve some blockage. He will now have to undergo a second procedure to remove the stents from the bile duct. In addition to that, he is having heart issues and needs to undergo a heart catheterization to put stents in his arteries to relieve some blockage found in his heart. Please pray for the doctors to have wisdom, for Bro. Jim to come through each procedure well and to have a full recovery.

Betty Hall is still in the hospital in Mexico but has been finally showing some physical responsiveness. She recently underwent surgery to have a metal plate installed in her skull from a previous surgery to remove a blood clot in her brain. The doctors are hoping that as she recovers, she can be moved to a medical facility in Texas to receive neurological therapy. Please continue to pray for Betty as she has a long road to recovery.

Arza Brown recently developed a bad cough and went to the clinic for treatment. While at the clinic, he fell and fractured his arm, the same arm on which he recently underwent a shoulder replacement. Please pray for the doctors to have wisdom as they assess what needs to be done. This is quite discouraging in addition to the wildfire devastation the Browns are dealing with. However, they maintain a sweet spirit and completely trust the Lord. Please pray for Bro. Arza to have a quick and complete recovery.

The following individuals in our missionary family need your prayers for ongoing health needs: Gary & Monnie Bacon, Dale Brown, Monoka Brown, Phil & Mary Gagnon, Ronda Hastings, Betty Hawkins, Norman & Jeanie Higgins, Mary Horton, Gary & Sandy Janky, Marjorie Malanowski, Mark & Dana McCutchen, Linda Raley, David Ross, Don Rowland, Gayle Sparks, Marty & Jessie Starling, and Barbara Wimm.

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

Joey Bacon

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