



NEWSLETTER

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It is hard to believe the Christmas season is already upon us! We trust you had a blessed Thanksgiving time of remembering how wonderful God has been. It is fitting to follow thanksgiving with celebrating the first coming of Jesus to the world. I can only imagine the anticipation and excitement of those who longed for the Messiah to come...and He came! The Christmas story reminds us that God fulfills His promises according to His will, "when the fulness of the time" is come (Galatians 4:4). There are many things we look for God to do, but for sure, we know Jesus is coming again! Until then, we appreciate your prayers for missionaries as they share the gospel with those who may not be aware of His first coming and are not prepared for His second coming.

Mark and Dana McCutchen will be returning to Brazil on January 2nd. Please continue to pray for Dana as she has struggled with multiple health issues. Mark and Dana desire to be healthy as they continue serving the people and impacting the ministry in Brazil.

Please pray for the missionaries and people of the Dominican Republic. A few days before Thanksgiving, a tropical storm came through and caused much more flooding than anticipated. Everyone is safe, but they are assessing the damage. Please pray for minimal damage and for complete restoration soon.

Health updates:

After suffering a recent stroke, missionary Betty Hall went home to be with the Lord on October 30th. Betty had been making progress in a rehabilitation hospital following a severe head injury, but after suffering the stroke, she was unable to swallow, and her health declined quickly. Betty served as a WBFA Missionary to Mexico for over 46 years. She was an active soul-winner and absolutely loved the people God called her to reach. She will be remembered and missed by so many she impacted over the years. She did not have any immediate family survivors, except for a few cousins. Please pray for her cousin, Connie, who stepped up in recent months to assist in Betty's care.

Please pray for Terry and Gloria McClure as Gloria's Dad went home to be with the Lord. Bro. Terry and Gloria serve in Saipan and were unable to return to the U.S. to be with Gloria's family. It is always difficult for missionaries in situations like this being so far away. Please pray for Gloria and her family in the days ahead.

Arza Brown and Ernie Brown's sister, Peggy, went home to be with the Lord just six months after their brother, Bill, went home to be with the Lord. Arza and Ruth Brown are still dealing with the recovery efforts in Maui and were unable to return to be with their family. Please pray for these families in the days ahead.

Bill Horton recently underwent hernia surgery. The surgery was successful, and he is recovering well.

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, Sandy Janky, Marjorie Malanowski, Mark & Dana McCutchen, Linda Raley, David Ross, Don Rowland, Gayle Sparks, Marty & Jessie Starling, and Barbara Wimm.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support for missionaries. Be assured that fruit abounds to your account. We pray you have a blessed Christmas season!

Joey Bacon

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