

# WBF I NEWSLETTER

## March 2017

“O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.” (Psalm 116:16). What a blessing it is to be HIS servant – to be freed from sin and become a servant of righteousness. I hope this letter finds you enjoying your service for the Lord wherever He has stationed you in this life.

Missionaries Alan & Kathy Hart were overwhelmed at the donations that “flooded” in following the flooding in Motumbo. They received sufficient funds to meet the needs and are very grateful for all who prayed and for those who sent funds. Please continue to pray for the people of Motumbo as they rebuild their houses and plant new crops.

Robert, Jennifer, and Bethany Dawson are working tirelessly in preparation for the new work to be launched in Nambour, Queensland, Australia on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that they will have a good attendance on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and that the Lord might build a great church in that area!

Missionaries David and Diane Cato, as well as missionaries David and Florence McDonald will be arriving in the U.S. soon for furlough. Please pray for these missionaries as they schedule appointments, that they might raise the extra support needed as well as have some rest while they are home.

Retired Missionary Charlene Neill went home to be with her Lord and Savior in February following a lengthy illness with Parkinson’s disease. She is now free from pain and will no doubt receive great rewards for her faithful labor in the Lord. Thank you for those who prayed for her and were a blessing to her through the years.

After 30 years of faithful service as World Baptist Fellowship Missionaries, Dick and Tonya Burdine have resigned as WBF missionaries and will be serving on the pastoral staff of their local church here in the U.S. Various circumstances have brought them to this decision, the greatest of which involves ministering to their family. They will continue to pray for and support WBF Missionaries, and we know God will use them in a mighty way as they minister in Ohio. Please pray for the Burdines during this transitional time. We love them and they are special servants of the Lord!

### **Health updates:**

Mark McCutchen had a heart catheterization to evaluate the blockage he still has around his heart. The artery that was 70% blocked is now only 50% blocked, so the medication (because of prayer) is certainly working. They will continue to treat the blockage with medication and therapy.

Mission Committee member Guy Morrow is recovering well from a quadruple bypass surgery. Please continue to pray that he will have a speedy recovery with no other issues.

Mrs. Linda Raley will be undergoing a hip replacement on March 13<sup>th</sup>. She has been having much pain for a while now, and they are hoping this will take care of things for her. Please pray that the surgery will go well and that Mrs. Raley will feel much better soon.

Mrs. Carole Ross is searching for a place to stay while Bro. Dave Ross continues his recovery in Singapore. She has been staying in the hospital most of the time since last Summer. Please pray that Mrs. Ross will find a decent place to stay while Bro. Ross continues to recover.

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

As we rejoice over new churches being planted, and existing churches moving forward, please remember to pray for God’s servants as the devil attacks. It was Martin Luther who said, “For where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel.” Pray that God’s people would be vigilant, and that we might trust the Lord for the victory. Praise God we know, “greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)! Keep on keeping on!

Joey Bacon

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