

WBFI NEWSLETTER

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Spring is in the air – literally. Here in the DFW area, you can see the pollen on the surface of vehicles and parking lots, and allergies are flaring up! Although this season brings unpleasant sickness, we also get to enjoy the beauty of God's creation in bloom. This is a reminder to me that although different seasons of the Christian's life brings challenges, we also get to see the beauty of God's work bloom in time (Ecclesiastes 3:11; I Peter 5:10). I hope this letter finds you enjoying some of God's beauty in the midst of difficulty.

Robert, Jennifer, and Bethany Dawson had a great first service in the new church plant in Australia! In their second service (March 12), they had three first-time visitors. Please continue to pray for souls to be saved and lives to be changed in this new work.

One of the first-time visitors who attended the services at the Dawson's new work in Australia was saved through the ministry of former missionaries to New Zealand, Shelby and Stella Mayo. On Friday morning, March 17, 2017, Mrs. Stella Mayo went home to be with the Lord and was reunited with Shelby Mayo who passed on to heaven several years earlier. Mrs. Stella's health had declined in recent years, and we rejoice that she is now free from pain and being rewarded in heaven. Bro. and Mrs. Mayo served as missionaries for 42 years. Only eternity will reveal the countless lives they have impacted all over the world. Please pray for the family during this time.

Missionaries Kyron, Antonia, and Stacy Horton were robbed at gunpoint recently in Brazil. The thieves took their cell phones, along with Antonia's purse which contained \$700 and her documents. Though the thieves attempted to steal the vehicle, they did not know how to drive an automatic transmission, left it in drive and fled the scene. The car sustained some damage, but the Hortons are thankful that the car was not stolen. The Hortons arrived safely in Palmas. Please pray for the Hortons that God might grant them safety and that He would bless the new work there.

Congratulations to Andrew and Evangeline McClure and their families on the birth of their new baby boy! Jonathan David McClure arrived safely on March 13th after 17 hours of labor and a C-section. Mom and baby are doing just fine. Thank you for your prayers on their behalf!

Health updates:

Mrs. Linda Raley is recovering well from hip replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for her as she will be undergoing therapy. Please also pray for Bro. Raley as he cares for her, that he might also remain healthy and regain the strength in his legs.

Due to some heart issues, Missionary Alton Smith had to undergo a heart catheterization in Brazil recently. We praise the Lord that the test showed no significant blockage. They should be able to treat things with medication.

Missionary Ernie Brown underwent more heart tests in March, and they have begun administering a new medication for him to help keep his heart in the right rhythm. Please pray that the medication will take care of those issues.

Retired missionaries Lonnie and JoAnn King need your continued prayers as they recover from their car accident. Bro. Lonnie is especially having a difficult time recovering. I know they would appreciate your prayers.

Missionary Betty Hawkins will be having surgery April 10th in the DFW area to repair an area on her spine. They will go through her neck to access that area. Please pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery.

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, Dana & Mark McCutchen, Brenda Morrow, Gayle Sparks, Jessie Starling, Amy Sullivan, and Bonnie Winters.

A.W. Tozer, in a sermon on prayer and faith, wrote, "The man of faith can walk at ease, protected by his simple confidence in God. God loves to be trusted, and He puts all heaven at the disposal of the trusting soul." As the songwriter wrote, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus!" Keep on trusting!

Joey Bacon

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