

May Update on April 2018 Missionary Letters



Jim & Lydia Johnson – Brazil Gospel Fellowship

The Castanhao dam, which provides water for a lot of the region is now 8.5% full! Praise the Lord for the rains that have brought it up from 1.5% since December. And though the rain is a blessing, it also brings about mold, mud and a lot of holes in the road. While the holes are an inconvenience, we rejoice in the rains that provoked them. Pray for the family of the Marcio, a deacon at Limoeiro Bible Church. His identity was mistaken and he was shot, leaving a 23 year old widow and a 3 mos old child. Also pray for the church, as they are feeling the shock of losing a member in this tragic way. And join us in prayer for Raimundo, as he was discouraged with the work in Alto Santo. He is also wrestling with doubts concerning whether he should continue ministry. He is requesting a sabbatical to step away and reflect. Pray for the church as they find a pastor to fill that hole when Raimundo leaves in July. Continue to pray for guidance in our ministry. Plans for Maicom have changed and we are seeking to know what ministry will best fit him. Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support! It is greatly appreciated!

Chelsea Zahn – Student Mobilization, Missouri

I am a junior at the University of Missouri and have attended your church a few times since accepting Christ. I have been invited to go to Kaleo as a member of LIT, leader in training team. Kaleo is a 9 week summer project to help students develop their faith, leadership abilities and many more character qualities. As a member of the LIT team, I will have the chance to attend extra trainings each week that will help me develop leadership skills. I have the opportunity to attend 4 trainings/week, lead Bible studies and attend multiple conferences throughout the summer. What can you do to support me in this journey? As a part of the summer, to pay for housing, meals, training and other expenses, I need to raise \$2,350. I would love if you would be willing to financially support me in this amazing experience. If the Lord lays on your heart to support me, please go to the website. If you would like to send a check, please send to the address below. When writing the check, please make it out to Student Mobilization and DO NOT put my name anywhere on the check. If you could send a note with the check that has my name and information on it, that will tell accounting where to apply it. If you cannot financially support this trip, please be in prayer for safety and for growth and learning during the training. You can email me with any questions at cez2p7@mail.missouri.edu or phone 847-226-7183. Thank you so much! Website <http://sm.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/chelseazahn1>

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Caleb & Courtney Smith – Beautiful Feet Ministry, Cambodia

Thank you for those who got to share time with us while we were in the US! We weren't back in Cambodia but a few days before learning there was about to be a big celebration in our neighborhood

for the Cambodian New Year, on of the biggest holidays of the year. It is known as a “Bun Phum”, a tradition where neighbors come together to seek blessing for the new year and celebrate their community together. It lasted 11 hours! We also joined our neighbors in visiting one of the Buddhist pagodas to observe some of their traditions. It was really special, leading to some great conversations about spirituality and religion. We are super excited to be back in Cambodia and working alongside Children in Families. If you haven’t already, visit the Christian in families website and learn a bit more about the great work this locally-run organization is doing!

John & Annette Wickline - Baptist Ministries Worldwide, Australia

Sydney has had a long, hot, dry summer. Australia is a spiritually dry land and the soil is hardened by the many years of dryness. Sydney’s population has grown by more than a million in the 25 years since we’ve been here. The New South Wales government projected that the area where we live will grow by another million within the next 10 years. So it’s not as though we need to go looking for somewhere to plant the Gospel seed, the soil is being delivered to us! But we desperately need more workers, people who will consecrate their lives to serving the Savior and making Him known to generations of people from all over the world who know nothing of Him. Most recently we have helped with a new church-plant in a largely Muslim neighborhood. It has been exciting as a few Christians from Arabic backgrounds have joined this little church and have been a witness to the people who attend the mosque located next door to where they are meeting. Please pray for the safety of the young pastor and his family and for the people who worship with them. Nearly a year ago Annette and I revisited Vietnam and stayed at a hotel where we met three young Christian men. One of them has stayed in regular contact and shared with us the joyous news that his young brother and a cousin had recently accepted Christ. Annette and I are traveling back to Vietnam next month for another visit, hoping to help this little congregation. This is still a communist country and just a few months ago a pastor and several of his companions were “detained” for distributing Bibles. Pray that the Lord will direct our steps and help us to water the seed there. We thank you for the many years of support!

Candy Preston – The Evangelical Alliance Million (TEAM), USA

I will be on a retreat to the Philippines April 6-18, taking a few days of vacation at the end of the retreat. Please pray for the events of this retreat as we take over 35 Americans with us representing different churches. Pray for safe travel and good bonding for each of the frontline workers and western partners coming to the CCPA partnership gathering. May there be good unity and no rivalry. May they be open to learning from each other. Pray for the Philippine Congress as they vote this month on a Basic Law that would strengthen Sharia Law in autonomous regions. The passage of this law could have a major consequence on ministry teams living in those areas and their gospel sowing. Pray for the many MAW people who are displaced by the Malawi city crisis. May they receive the Gospel and respond!

Nathan & Jenna Fuller – Navigators, Missouri

Please pray for Jacob, a fresh face to Nav Night. Pray that he will continue to be open to the Lord and take advantage of opportunities to grow in his relationship with Jesus. Continue to pray for Lillie as well as a new girl named Amber, that they continue to learn more about Jesus as they meet together weekly. Each year students from across the Midwest gather in Jacksonville FL to spend two months investing in their relationship with Jesus. This year they will help staff the program. Please pray for Matthew, Lillie and Jacob as well as others as they prepare for JAX. Ask God to give them courage and confidence as they go through the application process and for God to use this summer to give them the vision and skills to love Christ and make disciples for the rest of their lives. Also pray for them as they host their first Joshua Team at Mizzou in the Investigative Bible Discussions. They have challenged nine students to invite a few friends to explore the Bible through IBD. Pray for boldness as they initiate with those around them and that God would use these discussions to bring new worshipers into His kingdom. Thank you for standing with us!

Boaz & Ruth Glad – Avant Ministries, Spain

On January 22 we were shocked by the news that Ruth has breast cancer. We couldn't wait to fly to the USA to seek treatment and since our arrival six weeks ago, Ruth has gone through several tests and biopsies. Thank God that the biopsy that she did on March 5th did not show any cancer in her chest lymph nodes! She may however have something called sarcoidosis. Her doctor decided to start the chemotherapy right away and her first round was that same day. She is scheduled one session every two weeks for however many sessions it takes. Please pray for a complete cure! Please also pray for the ministry of Malaga Media Center as each of our coworkers is doing their best to touch the lives of the Muslims in Morocco and North Africa through the use of media. Two staff from Media Impact International in Cairo came and spent two days training our team on how to use social media in the ministry. Please pray for us as this is going to be a really big change from satellite television. Also pray for our staff that attended the North Africa Partnership Conference, that we can all learn from each other. Pray for Ayub who has left Islam and is interested in Christianity. For Hamid who is a Moroccan atheist but wants to read the Bible. Aissa who is 31 years old and wants to know Jesus. Mustapha who was a Muslim but wants to be a Christian and asks for leadership in reading and understanding the Bible. Pray that many will come to Christ as they hear the good news! Thank you for being our partners!

Tim & Lynn Anderson – Colombia S.A.

We are grateful for your prayers and support! You are in our prayers too, regarding a great ministry for the Lord!