

January Update on December 2018 Missionary Letters



Nathan & Jen Fuller- The Navigators

We have been privileged to experiment with different ways to engage non—believers in spiritual discussions on campus this year. McKenna, a senior, came to know Christ after acknowledging her biggest fear is weakness. A staff member told her that in Christ we don't have to fear weakness because Christ Himself becomes our strength. What an awesome foundation that gives us believers. Will you partner with us in reaching out to others like McKenna, so that they can trample fear and weakness with the strength of Christ? Please prayerfully consider making a special year-end gift of \$100, \$200 or even \$500. Or if your not yet part of our monthly financial team, would you consider joining us in the range of \$50-\$150 per month—or as the Lord leads and enables. Thank you for considering this request. Online giving is easy at navstaff.org/give/23346943. We couldn't be in this rewarding, disciple-making ministry without your support.

Craig & Shirley Colbert - International Friends InterFACE

Pray for us to clearly communicate the significance of Jesus to the international students, scholars and their families that we meet daily. We hope you realize that your gift to the ministry is a gift that is changing the world one life at a time. God is at work in drawing internationals to Christ. We got the chance to see the harvest of seeds sown a year ago with a couple from Mongolia. I presented them with tapes in their own language telling them about Jesus. They left Columbia but two weeks ago we got an email from them. They were led to Christ by some Ukrainian Christians in Chicago and now he is graduating from a Bible college and starting a church plant in Seattle Washington. They were attending a pastor's training event in Kansas City and were coming to Columbia to reconnect. It touched my heart to see that he was still carrying around the VHS I gave him along with his first English Bible he was given. I am so grateful to God that He did not forget this couple, but like the hound of heaven pursued them until they gave their hearts to Christ. We feel so honored to have had even a small part in what God has done in their lives. As we grow older, the realization that God's Word will never return void is a wonderful comfort as we look back

on 33 years of international student ministry. Join us in praying for the success of this couple's church plant in Washington. They want to focus their ministry on the thousands of Mongolian people there and also reach out to the other nations in this large metro area. Generations of international students, scholars and their families lives are being changed for eternity. Will you help our ministry to continue with a generous year-end gift? You can mail a check to InterFACE Ministries, PO Box 450816, Atlanta GA 31145 and designate for the "Colberts". Over 35% of our yearly ministry budget comes in during the month of December. Please join us in praying for generous gifts that fuel the ministry year-long.

Vic & Gwen Flaming – International Training Partners, Singapore, Asia

This year we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary with a trip back to Chicago. We focused on our Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills Online training and coaching. This has been an ongoing responsibility of promoting, enrolling, informing, facilitating and working with other facilitators to see this very powerful process go forward. We said goodbye to Gwen's mom after a lengthy stay at the Heritage Care Center in Fairbury. I spent the first half of the year heading a task force, which looked at how Coaching Mission International could best, move forward with their coach-training program. We continued to coach missionaries all around the work, walking alongside them as they sought to be the people God has created them to be and do the things He has created them to do. Looking ahead at 2019, we believe that we will continue to be very involved in ministry through training, coaching, mentoring and pastoral care. We are currently planning our first trip overseas which will happen in late January in Thailand and possibly Nepal. There are other possibilities for engagement in Asia later in the year and we pray that we will have clear direction in each of these possibilities. Thank you so much for partnering with us. We pray that you will have a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with God's peace!

Paul & Vicky Craine – Child Evangelism Fellowship

Last month we reported that more than 2,000 soldiers and trainees have professed faith in Christ. According to the Chaplains, that number has grown to over 3500 since March of this year! Pray for God to work in the hearts of the children we are ministering to. Pray for the vital need for committee members for our local Chapter. Praise to God for all He is doing, has done and for your faithful partnership through prayer and giving! Praise for God's abundant blessings!

Jim & Lydia Johnson – Brazil Gospel Fellowship

Their November newsletter didn't reach us in time to put out in the updates. They listed many things they are thankful for, one of which is ministering in varied locations, which means lots of traveling. They thank God for travel mercies time and time again. Traveling between two churches in the Jaguaribe River Valley plus the campground, Bible Institute and research in the neighboring state. Merry Christmas from Brazil. Thank you so much for your prayers! Please let us know how we can pray for you. We currently are living half of our week in the town of Alto Santo and the other half in Morada Nova. Raimundo left the Alto Santo pastorate and Favio assumed his place as a half-prepared seminary novice. The Limoeiro church highlight was the 20th anniversary and visit from co-worker Bill Graf. The Limoeiro church requests prayer as three key men in the leadership are no longer there, due

to death, and job transfers. Our move to the neighboring state is still in the process and we are praying for the Lord to raise up another couple to go with us. Pray for all the churches to have a renewed fervor to reach the lost. We wish you a merry Christmas and a God blessed New Year. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Todd & Julie Hendry – Avant Ministries Brazil

It has been on our hearts for over a year to start plans on a more permanent church location. One of the churches decided to contribute a large gift of land. The footprint of the new construction is small and conservative but should give the church years of service and a chance to grow. We plan on heading back to the states and traveling through April, visiting our sponsoring churches. Please pray for Todd in his leadership, courage and integrity. Pray for Julie in gentleness, wisdom and patience. Pray for the kids safety, Spiritual growth and discernment. Pray for the church in fellowship, brotherly love, outreach and discipleship. Pray for Obede and his family working in Croata. For our continued safe travels and plans while also homeschooling. Prayer for raising support for future building projects and for the church body in Croata to stay unified and strong.

Dr. P.D. Cherian – International Partnership Ministries, Tamil Nadu India

Thank you for your prayers and support for the ministry. There are a lot of exciting things happening in the ministry, especially in planting new churches. An update on the state of Kerala, according to the government, there has not been a flood of this scale in the past 90 years. Many lives were lost and homes with valuables and memories. We were able to minister to them in the rescue centers providing prayer, support to those grieving and bread and water. Things to pray for, Pastor Naik from Orissa needs an auto rickshaw. The cost of the vehicle is \$4k. One of our graduates, Mr. Robin in Manipur has an orphanage with 120 orphans and he would like to buy two cows, which costs \$2k. Pastor Sasikant Suna in Orissa wants to purchase a piece of land for his church building. The cost is \$3k. Our Christian Academy has to complete a 5,000 sq. ft. hall for the morning assembly. The approximate cost for plastering, windows and doors, flooring, painting, 500 plastic chairs, a sound system, and teaching aids will cost about \$20k. Thank you for your prayers and generous giving for the various ministries of South India Baptist College.

Adam & Anna Lancaster – Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission

In our newsletter we decided to answer some questions that many ask us. Question: How do you figure out how much you need to be fully supported? Answer: Along with BGFm we estimate a budget based off salary, work funds, retirement, healthcare, overhead and travel costs. Then we create a monthly budget if it's needed and estimate what our ministry needs will be. BGFm then approves it and the fun begins. Question: Do they figure in extra for emergencies? Answer: Health emergencies are all covered under our health care. Any ministry related need can be added to our budget if we have funds in our general fund to apply them to. Question: How do you get paid? Answer: We receive monthly salary and "work funds". Work funds can be miles and things that are ministry related. We submit work fund receipts to the home office and then our salary/work funds are deposited in our American bank account on a monthly basis. From there, we electronically transfer funds to our Brazilian bank. Question: Do you tithe and support missions? Answer: We personally

“tithes” into three categories, church, misc. and missions. Our church giving normally went directly to the local church in Brazil. On furlough however, we have decided to set this amount aside for when we arrive in Aracaju and use our church giving for all the start up needs there. **We will be visiting Grace Bible Church on February 3rd and we look forward to seeing you all.** Thank you for your prayers and support. We are over 75% at reaching our support. Pray for long road trips to go smoothly for our little baby, prayers for Hosanna’s Aunt after the passing of Uncle Menno, and prayers for Gracie’s Brazilian documents to go through.

Marilyn Liddle - Short-term ministry UAE

I thank each of you for your faithful partnership through the years. Your prayers are much appreciated as I step out in faith on this trip to the UAE. Total expenses for this trip are \$3k and my remaining need currently stands at \$600. If you feel led to participate financially, support gifts can be made online at <https://team.org/givenow/us/details?v2did=157508> or send to TEAM, PO Box 1986 Grapevine, TX 76099. All gifts must be clearly marked with “Short term Ministry of Marilyn Liddle” in the check or online memo line. I would love to hear from you while I’m in the UAE, but please remember to contact me only through my secure email mrliddle@tapmail.org and write as though your letter could be read by those opposed to Christian workers in the country. Pray for this preparation time and for the Lord to shine brightly through me in every Word and action!

Jay & Rose Penner - Bible Impact Ministries, St. James, MO

This has been another eventful year. If you are not on our e-mail list for monthly updates, send us your request at jdp75@gmail.com and we will add you. My dad’s cancer came back in February and he came to live with us to get hospice care. He was with us for almost three weeks when the Lord decided it was time for him to go home to be with Him. We were so glad we were able to have him with us and enjoy those last few weeks. What a blessing! After dad passed away, I had a short visit in the hospital because of chest tightness. It was determined that my blood pressure was too high and I needed to get that under control with medication and change of diet. Rose’s dad is still living with us. He will be 94 in January and his health is failing. Pray for him as he has no hobbies and just feels like there is nothing left for him to do. At the end of October Rose went to the emergency room with pain in her abdomen. After some tests she was told she had cancer of the liver. We were able to get in with an oncologist quickly and he confirmed she had advanced liver cancer and that some lymph nodes were also enlarged. His recommendations were to get ready for chemo and start it ASAP. After praying about it and doing some research, she decided to try and fight it by changing her diet drastically, using Reliv products and drinking high alkaline water. She has been doing this for over a month now and we see some improvements already. We were very thankful that she was feeling well for the holidays. Even able to go with us to sing for the residents at the retirement home the day after Thanksgiving. As far as the update on the camp, Jay was working on remodeling the camp kitchen the beginning of the year. It was a big job but it was completed along with roofing a small cabin and putting a zip line in. In November the BIM board met and approved the expansion and renovation of the current game room/bath house. We will be adding room on both sides of the existing building. In

order to get the work done, we will be looking for volunteer help. Let us know if you have skills and time to help out! Last summer was busy as we started the activities with the Rodeo Bible Camp group renting our facilities again. They had 112 campers plus staff. The scholarship program grew, which helped the number of campers go up. With added campers using the scholarship, we anticipate the need of about \$10k more to cover all the funds needed. Please pray for God to provide for all of our needs. We appreciate your prayers and support!

Candy Preston – The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM)

We are seeing many come to know Christ and it is encouraging. The pathway they go down in order to get there is sometimes devastating, but God's plan is so perfect. How can we question it? Christiane, a college student serving in our church plant and on the working team decided to leave a couple weeks before her internship. After completing this she would have her degree but for some reason she up and left. Around the same time Chris also left. He had come to Christ in a Bible study that Derrill and I led at his college. He helped lead worship at the church plant. He went to work for Manila and discovered that he loved the gay lifestyle. Many years later now, we have been reunited with them and can see how God is working. Christiane is a church secretary and both of her kids come to church. Chris has come back to Christ as well. His AIDS is currently in remission. We asked him once if he was praying that God would heal him. He replied, "No, if I hadn't gotten AIDS I never would have come to Christ and if I were healed, the temptation to go back might be too great". This is such a good reminder that God is always working and He knows the end of the story He is writing, even when we think it's already finished. II Cor 5:17-21

Jeff & Colene Long – KIDS International Ministries (KIM), Philippines Asia

Twenty-seven years of relationships with Filipinos and missionaries is hard to give up, but after much prayer I feel it is time to focus on being near my husband and working on our marriage. I'm thankful for the many years God allowed us to serve in the Philippines. And grateful to raise 5 kids in an environment that was challenging at times but so rewarding and good for them. I am very thankful that KIDS Internationals Ministries is doing so well and impacting so many lives yet today. Jeff continues to make a living here in Colorado. He has become a Broker for property management and is also ref during HS sports. In the Philippines KIDS is beginning to build the new high school building The land has been purchased adjacent to our first community center that we build in Cuatro. Please thank the Lord with me for this facility. The www.kidsim.org website is a good way to learn more about the great things God is doing. We appreciate the support you have given us in the past and covet your prayers for the future. If God allows me to make short trips to the PI to continue relationships, I would love to bring you all with me when I go. So if there is ever an interest, please let me know. Thank you again for all your love and support.

Marty & Bev Zide – Midwest Messianic Center, Chesterfield MO

Praise God for the good discussion with three Jewish people in recent days. And that I will be able to participate in some missions conferences as well as return to some churches where I have not been for a while. I praise Him for safety as I travel to many places. From Pastor Andy, praise that Lea and I found a new place to live that is right in the area where

the majority of Jewish people live. Praise for the opportunities that the Lord has given me to minister to so many Jewish people as well as in churches. Pray for the salvation of Holon and her cousin that I met at the mall. And that they would read the literature I gave them. Pray for more open doors to speak in churches and to minister to more unsaved people. Please continue to pray for that special couple that the Lord will send to the center to become a part of the staff in St. Louis. And pray for me as I speak almost every weekend for the next two months. The Lord has been very gracious in opening these doors for me.

Melissa Lowe, Executive Director Life Network of Central Missouri

For those of us who work in this ministry, we are fully aware that this situation will never change. Planned Parenthood will always continue to turn away women who plan to parent. However, on Oct 1st, God answered our prayers and Columbia's abortion clinic lost their license. But even with that, my work does not stop. It only increases. We have seen a large number of "Abortion Minded" women come into the clinic for pregnancy testing and ultrasounds, many of which already have an abortion appointment scheduled. But after seeing their baby on the ultrasound, they change their mind. In the first three quarters of 2018, My Life Clinic has seen 176 precious little lives protected from abortion. As we look to the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019, we are making one final ask of you the donor. To ensure that Life Network and its client program, My Life Clinic, are a presence for life in mid-Missouri, we are launching our Year-end Fundraising Campaign and we need your help to raise \$50,000. Your support works to ensure that nearly 95% of our young moms are choosing life. Women are finding a renewed sense of worth in God's eyes! There are two ways you can participate in this life-saving ministry. One is to donate a one-time gift. The deadline is Dec. 31st. Please go to www.comogives.com to donate now. Your second option is to set up monthly giving. Please know donations are tax-deductible and we are still offering Missouri Tax Credits for donations of \$100 or more when using our second option. 50% of your donation will be given back to you in a tax credit. Please call Life Network at 573-874-3561. Also, our 2019 Annual Fundraising Banquet is scheduled for April 4th. Please know that it is an honor and a privilege to partner with you to ensure that every child has the opportunity to live out their life and become what God intended them to be. I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider participating in our year-end campaign. Thank you for your prayers and support!