

March Update on February 2019 Missionary Letters



Caleb & Courtney Smith – Beautiful Feet Ministries – Cambodia

We are back in the swing of things in Cambodia. Phnom Penh with a baby is certainly a new challenge we're figuring out day by day, but we feel incredibly blessed and are loving this new adventure. I am back to work most days at Children in Families. You can check it out on Facebook where you can get more up-to-date happenings. Please pray for more opportunities to help keep children safe from institutionalization. Courtney is easing her way back into ministry, as well. She has started back up with seeing some of her therapy clients and we're switching off days on "baby-duty" to give each other time to pursue the opportunities God has given us here. She still has a big heart to see occupational therapy services across Cambodia become more widely available and accessible to families of all incomes and background. Pray with us that this path to more families getting the services they need becomes clear. Thank you for your love and support.

Craig & Shirley Colbert – International Friends InterFACE

In March we hope to have a Saturday morning seminar on how to share your faith with people who come from an honor/shame culture which is the largest group in the world. We'll also discuss guilt/law cultures such as our own and fear/power cultures as well. All these cultures are included in the Bible and we need to work at making it relevant to all cultures in the way Biblical truths are presented. If you're interested in this type of seminar send Craig a note at johncraigcolbert@aol.com Our goal for the year is to see 25 internationals come to know Christ as their Savior. We believe in prayer and want to ask you to pray specific. Also pray for international kids who come to KIDS Bible Clubs, that they come to faith. Pray for more internationals to attend weekly Bible discussions and come to church. Pray for the convicting influence of the Holy Spirit generally and specifically in their lives. Pray that each would have a caring friendship with a born-again Christian and for the Spirit to lead people to respond to the Good News. Consider joining us to pray any Sunday 5-6pm at the International Friends Center, suite 1900 of University Place Apts. (1205 University Ave.) For those who don't know, our website is defunct and we are switching to a Facebook site known as Colbert Ministry Supporters. We encourage you to join our group and receive weekly updates/prayer requests. Thank you so much for your love and support!

Jim & Lydia Johnson – Brazil Gospel Fellowship

Last month we asked you to join us in prayer for a couple in Alto Santo, Renato and Milena, who have been studying the Scriptures with us for several months and have indicated a trust in the Savior. They are very slow, however, to step outside the bounds of a home Bible study and participate in the local church. And also for the salvation of Josiberto and Roseilton. . These two men are listening to Scriptures, but have yet to trust in the Savior. Well- praise God for His declaration of faith! Last night Josiberto declared his faith in Christ and the couple, Renato and Milena visited our evening service. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for these new-born believers. Missionary James Fraser said, "I believe it will only be known on the Last Day how much has been accomplished in missionary work by the prayers of earnest believers at home" .We are in the final preparations for Maanaim's Carnaval retreat. 90 people have registered and we are anticipating a time of blessing as we reflect on Paul's message to the Thessalonians.

Join us in prayer for this ministry if you will. The process of turning the camp ministry over to the local board has been a bumpy ride and we need wisdom in how to proceed. Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

Rev. Ivan Alegria – Central Missionary Clearinghouse in Chile

My great mission is to reach young people with the gospel. In my country 5-6 people die by suicide each day, which is the highest suicide rate in Latin America. Of the countries that make up the OCDE, Chile ranks second in the growth of suicide, after South Korea, especially in the segment of adolescents and youth. For that reason my great desire is to reach young people with the gospel of Christ. We have made great efforts to reach their lives through sports, spiritual retreats and camps. Pray that the work of God in this place will never be quenched.

Adam & Anna Lancaster – Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission

Thank you all for allowing us to come and present and thank you for joining our team in prayer. We really enjoyed our time there and also appreciated everyone who came up and talked with us. Please pray that Gracie's documents to arrive. We are heading to Texas Feb. 8-14 to finalize her Brazilian birth certificate and passport. Pray everything goes smoothly. We have about a month left in the states. Mid-March we head out to North Carolina to say goodbye to family and drive down to Miami to fly out. We have a lot to do to tie things up before leaving. Pray for us as we adapt to Aracaju. And pray for the salvation of souls as we do the Lord's work. Three weeks after our arrival we receive a team from Frontier School of the Bible who will spend the summer with us. Three weeks does not give us much time to set up house in the new location—so please pray for a quick transition. We can't wait to see what wonderful things God has in store for these 3 students as they use their summer to experience mission in Brazil. We will also be doing a discipleship with them. They are raising support for this trip so if you would like to consider supporting one of them, please let us know. Over the past few months, God has provided many new supporters to join our team. We are now at 95% or higher and so grateful for your contributions. Thank you also for your prayers and investing in our lives in other ways. We thank God on every remembrance of you! Upcoming events to pray for: March 3, Missions Moment at NBC. March 13-14, Travel back to Charlotte. March 24th, Preach at GBC Charlotte.

Boaz & Ruth Glad – Avant Ministries, Spain

Greetings from Malaga, Spain. We are both are doing fine for which we thank our heavenly father and Savior Jesus. A short update on Malaga Media Center. In January we received 125 calls from contacts. Please pray for 11 who want to know Jesus as their only Savior. Pray for 23 year old Yassir in Morocco. He got our number through a satellite channel and wants to get in touch with Christians in his area. Also pray for Hanan from Yemen. She got our number from the internet and is looking to get out of Yemen, we think by means of finding a husband that is from another country. Pray for us to touch her heart with the Gospel so she will recognize that a relationship with Jesus is her first need. Pray for Ruth and myself as we minister to our own people (Muslims) and many thanks for your love and support.

Nathaniel Prather – The Navigators

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support. It is a great blessing to have friends and family who are willing to help me go on an overseas trip. God worked in many ways, both in the lives of my team members and the receiving staff. Because of this trip we were able to help the receiving staff in two ways. The first way was by legitimizing their tourism business. This was started to be able to move to and stay in South Asia. We helped them by being tourists and doing what tourists do. We went to different parts of the city, visited a few temples and tombs and two different forts. For me the most enjoyable part was when my team and I got to stay at the homes of the local people. We were able to experience life as lived by the local, ate dinner with them and saw different parts of their culture that we wouldn't have seen if we didn't stay with them. The other way we helped was by making new connections and building existing relationships with focus people. The hosts were focus people, and through out time spent with them we talked about our religion and Christianity. I pray that God would use the relationships that were formed with the families and staff to bring glory to His name. Please continue to pray for this team that is in South Asia. That they would be strengthened and encouraged to continue to labor for the kingdom of God.

