

## August Update on July 2018 Missionary Letters



### **Boaz & Ruth Glad – Avant Ministries, Spain**

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us and our ministry at Malaga Media Center and for the national believers in North Africa. God is great and doing great things in the lives of the Muslims here. Thank you also for praying for local believers, especially the new ones who had to spend their first Ramadan as Christians with their Muslim families. Thank God Ramadan ended without any hassling or persecution from the authorities or from their families. Please continue to pray for Ruth and her upcoming surgery to remove the tumor. Pray for Boaz to find good material and resources for 2019 audio devotions and for Arabie staff as they lead the Facebook sessions and discussions. Pray for our national partners and leaders in North Africa as they meet new contacts, testify to them and integrate them into local home churches. Pray for Amal and her daughter to be granted their legal papers to live in Spain without fear of Amal's husband. Pray that Omar's brother, who continues to be a Muslim priest, will come to accept Christ. Pray for the boldness of Halima, Fatima and Soad and that others in their family will come to Christ through their testimony. Pray for safety of national leaders and Christian believers in North Africa who will be attending various Bible Camps, Bible Seminars and Leadership Training Classes during July and August. Pray that local authorities will not bother them. Thank you so much for praying for us and our ministry to the Muslims in North Africa.

### **Jim & Lydia Johnson – Brazil Gospel Fellowship**

The big news is that we were blessed to hold our granddaughter Grace Elizabeth, born June 5<sup>th</sup>. The same evening that Grace was born, Jim was able to share the Gospel with a man in Morada Nova named Luiz. He excitedly shared his faith with a friend the next day who told Luiz that the American pastor had shared a bunch of lies. Luiz is now really confused. Please pray that the Spirit of God use His Word so that Luiz can rejoice in the salvation God offers without others trying to pull him away. The second week of July we traveled to the south part of the state to get to know a potential candidate to

work in Alto Santo. Until they find someone, we are preparing a second living quarter in Alto Santo and they will live each week in two separate towns. Pray for a laborer for the harvest and for the adjustments of living in two places until they arrive. The last week of July Jim was busy with the regional pastor's conference. Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

**Caleb & Courtney Smith – Beautiful Feet Ministries, Cambodia**

The Smith's are expecting their first child, a girl, in November. Their plan is to fly to Thailand in October and stay at a missionary retreat center while doing birthing classes, meet with doctors, get paperwork done for her passport, etc. If you are interested in donating toward the cost of the delivery you can go to their website and allocate for this. Please pray for a smooth and safe delivery for the baby and for guidance and wisdom as the ABLE Project seeks ways to make it more sustainable long-term. Also for Caleb as he joins the process of hiring a Cambodia staff for communication department at CIF. The goal is to train up and hand over this department to local staff in the future, so that every department within CIF is managed by local leadership. Thank you for your prayers!

**Curtis & Lorraine Young – International Partnership Ministries, High Ridge MO, USA**

Thank you for your encouragement and gifts of support. It means so much to have faithful people standing with us in prayer. Last week was an unusual week, we were privileged to house two of our IPM staff who were traveling our way. It was great to catch up and have questions answered about our IPM staff and national missionaries. The need for more workers to the Deaf and financial support to make it happen is great, but God is providing. Special offerings have come in and the goal was met to provide for a project for Deaf children and young people in India. Curt has not had any recent falls due to the HD. We are thankful to live close to family and have a caring church family.

**Adam & Hosanna Lancaster – Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission, Kansas**

Baby Grace came along on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Praise God for many people who have helped out, especially Newton Bible Church in preparing meals. Hosanna is recovering well and we appreciate all your prayers as we learn this parenting thing. A few days after Grace was born we had the pleasure of having 21 Brazilians from Maceio come visit. They were in the states for a wedding and they all wanted to meet Grace. We sang and ate pizza and prayed. It was great seeing all of our friends. Please pray for our safety in travels as well as some small car problems we have been having. And continued prayer in helping to raise support. We appreciate all of you!

**John & Annette Wickline – Baptist Ministries Worldwide, Australia**

Our annual conference that has been going on for the past 20 years, which started out with 35 people in attendance has grown to about 450 each evening. It has been a blessing to see the growth. Annette also had a large number of ladies attend the women's retreat she organizes. Even though our church is small, we certainly have

been able to minister to a good number of people who are now contributing to the lives of churches elsewhere. The greatest highlight the past few months is that we were able to visit Vietnam for the second time. When we were last there we met three young men who identified themselves as Christians. I have kept in touch with them ever since and they came to get us on two motor scooters to take us to their Sunday morning service. Even though only a few spoke English, they greeted us with such warmth and enthusiasm. We were blessed to worship with them. I have learned that the house where they meet for service is filled with water several times a year when the rains come and the river floods. The average wage of those who have jobs is about \$7/day. They really did not have the wherewithal to fix their building to alleviate the flooding situation. But they had been praying. Upon our return to Sydney, I began to ask for money and we were able to raise a pretty good sum to send to them for repairs. The effect was a blessing both for them and us. We are thanking the Lord for His watch and care over us daily. Last Thursday Annette was in a car accident, totaling both vehicles, but thankfully no one was hurt. Apart from some minor bruising from the airbag, she was fine. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the part you have in our ministry. Without financial support, missionaries cannot survive and function. But prayer is the power that we need most of all! So please, continue to pray for us.