

## March Update on February 2018 Missionary Letters



### **Jessilyn Ochs - Student Mobilization**

SMC in Oklahoma City Jan 2-5 gathered almost 4,000 college students together to learn what it looks like to make faith a priority in college and to let God have complete control. Please pray that God would continue to use SMC to impact students and draw them to the Savior as they go back to their campuses. As the new semester begins, pray that God would go before Jessilyn & prepare hearts to be changed & also for students to be interested in learning about Christ. Pray that Jessilyn would operate out of an intimate walk with Jesus & that the Word would give her energy in the semester ahead.

### **Andy & Sasha Peck - Albuquerque, NM**

As you may know, Sasha was diagnosed with stage 3A breast cancer in Aug. 2017. Praise God she finished her last round of chemo the beginning of December! God has remained incredibly faithful to us. On Jan. 3 she went in for a double mastectomy. Feb. thru March she will have 6 weeks of Mon.-Fri. radiation. She will also continue Herceptin infusions thru Sept. & by the end of Oct. she will have reconstructive surgery. They are prayerful/hopeful that everything will go well and your prayers are appreciated as you bring her to mind. Starting April 2017, Andy became the chaplain for the 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing (SOW). He received a 2 year extension on his Active Duty orders, allowing them to stay in ABQ and in the Air Force until Jan. 2020. Praise God for His provision. Andy is also being installed as the service pastor for the Kirkland Protestant Worship Service increasing his preaching ministry from once/month to now 3-4x/mos. Please pray for the Peck's in their new season of ministry. And continued prayers for Sasha's sister Nydia and son Gaige to be safe, healthy and where the Lord wants them to be. Also for a better relationship between Sasha and Nydia.

### **Rev. George & Vera Dapaah - IPM, Solid Rock Baptist Missions Ghana West Africa**

In early March, they will travel to Liberia to speak at a conference alongside Rev. Edwin

Gbor. Please pray for safety in traveling & God's blessing upon their time together. They are preparing to launch a deaf ministry at Solid Rock Baptist Church of Tema. About 6 of their members have been taking sign language classes. Pray for success in this ministry. Three of their pastors have been given motorbikes to help them reach more people geographically. They still have several pastors in rural areas who have no means of transportation at all. If the Lord would lead you to help provide a pastor with a motorbike, please send your contribution to IPM designated for "Dapaah Motorbike Project". The cost is around \$1,500 each. Praise God in providing the church means to purchase a used tractor. Unfortunately they have yet to be able to purchase the accessories to go with it such as a trailer, plow and slasher. Please continue praying with them for God to provide the needed funds to put their tractor to good use. From Jan. 8-12 they received a dozen graduate students into their M.Min/D.Min Program. During their time together they introduced students to Research Methodology and dealt with Current Theological issues. They were very encouraged with the success of the program. On Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, ten believers were baptized from the central region and seven from the Ahodwo church on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.—Praise God! Thank you for the Christmas gift, which enabled them to replace their refrigerator. They are so grateful to the Lord for you! Please pray for the couples rally scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Also please keep their ongoing projects in prayer such as the pavilion for the new church in Asawinso, urgent need to upgrade their Christian school's kitchen to local code (\$10,000) as well as land and pavilion for the Ahodwo church by April. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting and praying for them!

**Paul & Anna Williamson – Wycliffe Bible Translators, West Asia**

Praise God for providing, through many of you, in taking care of the tax bill. They were overwhelmed at how God provided so that they have what is needed to hurdle the crisis. Snow arrived a few weeks ago! They bundled up and enjoyed the fluffy stuff for a few weeks, building snowmen and snow forts. And they even had a few snowball fights and did some sledding. Please pray for the \*Igbala brothers who have experienced a direct threat on their lives. Clem & Derek were able to flee to a nearby country for a while, but Barry could not obtain a visa to go with them. He spent months moving from one place to another to avoid being detected, only rarely seeing his family for fear he would endanger them. Clem & Derek made their way back, as they felt a strong sense to be with their brother. All three are trying to restructure their lives to keep alive and keep living for the Lord. Please pray for them as they set up a business to help provide income and work part-time on translating the Bible in \*Igbala. \*pseudonym

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

Arrived back in Brazil and are completely thawed out. Upon arriving they found the mess the thieves left which was bigger than what they expected. But there was less stolen than what they had imagined. Their daughter and son-in-law arrived to help them set up a home security system. Continue to pray with them in this time of transition, specifically

for wisdom in how to best support the work in Alto Santo and involve others in the lives of Maicom and Fabio. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

**Eloise Robitschek – Retired missionary**

Thank you for your prayers and help. Her son Andrew and wife Mary are active in prison ministry & their local church in NC. Their daughter Judy and her husband Jay and son Jason are in PA. Their middle son Caleb is still in London working for Hilti Tools. Their oldest son Eli is scheduled to be married in Jly to Qianhui from Singapore. Their son David and sons AJ, Tyler and Nate live in WI. Son Lee and wife Sheryl along with Sons Joshua and John live in NC. They are still grieving the loss of their eldest son James a year ago. Eloise praises God that she can get around in her high speed 4-wheeled walker and still has her eye-sight and hearing. Thank you for your friendship!!

**Dr. & Mrs. P.S. Cherian – IPM, South India Baptist Bible College & Seminary**

The college choir was able to present the gospel in two churches and a Hindu school. They also performed the cantata in two malls in the city of Coimbatore. Praise God for these opportunities to share the gospel! Professor Jayan & his team went to Kerala for a week where they shared the gospel on the streets. Another ministry team went to Nepal where they showed a Nepali Christian movie, after which they presented the gospel message. The church in Gujarat is growing, they now have 3 families attending and many children coming to Sunday school. The church in Chhattisgarh had over 300 attend their Christmas program! From Jan. 17-21<sup>st</sup> they held their 18<sup>th</sup> evangelistic crusade having over 7k people attend the five-day meeting. Many young people dedicated their lives and 341 souls rusted in the Lord for salvation. Please pray for them to grow spiritually. Highlights of 2017: 2,969 people trusted in the Lord for salvation; 65 believers became baptized; 8157 children attended VBS and youth camps; 449 students enrolled in studies at the Academy; 417 students enrolled in the Bible College and Seminary. Special prayer requests: Central Board of Secondary Education School in getting the Local Planning Authorities approval to construct a building as per their specifications. The building is close to 25,000 sq ft and they plan on constructing the first half over the next 12 months. The first phase with all the related permissions will cost \$203,025. Please pray for this need. If the Lord directs you to give towards the construction, please make your check payable to IPM and designate it for “CBSE school of India”. The next important event on the calendar is the Pastors Conference which is held Feb. 27-March 1<sup>st</sup>. Lord willing 135 students will be graduating shortly after March 10<sup>th</sup>. Pray for these graduates to seek and follow the Lord’s direction in serving Him. Thank you again for your prayer and sacrificial support for the various ministries of training men to serve the Lord, supporting pastors and helping the Home of Hope children. They are eternally grateful!