

November Update on October 2018 Missionary Letters



Caleb & Courtney Smith – Beautiful Feet Ministry, Cambodia

We made it to Thailand! Our busy season has winded down and now we're happily settling into our temporary "home" in Chiang Mai, Thailand while we anxiously await the birth of our baby girl. A recap of what has happened, Caleb's time with Australian students, teachers and future cross-cultural workers was great! Over the last month, the Rok Kern project at CIF hosted 4 groups totaling more than 50 people to teach them more about advocating for children to grow up in families instead of institutional care. Please pray that these workshops and conversations Caleb was a part of will lead to lasting action from foreign partners. We celebrated another round of Cambodian holidays with our neighborhood before heading out of the country and it was super fun! Over the past few months Courtney has been working 2 days a week at a private therapy clinic in Phnom Penh. It's been a joy to put her occupational therapy brain back on and provide a service that is nearly impossible to access in Cambodia. She has loved the change to work with children with autism and developmental delays. Her time in the clinic has only further proven her conviction that all children and their families can thrive when provided the proper support. A bid thank you to those who contributed to our ABLE project fundraiser at CIF. We are happy to say that we far exceeded the goal! Now that we are safely in Thailand, we have some free time over the next few weeks waiting for the baby to arrive. Drop us a line and let us know how you are doing!

Paul & Vicky Craine – Child Evangelism Fellowship, Ft Leonardwood MO

More than 2,000 soldiers and trainees at the U.S. Army base here have professed faith in Christ. We began tracking what has been called a "spiritual awakening" on the base in March and more than 200 professed faith during chapel services on March 11th and March 18th. By June 24th that number rose to 880 and has continued to rise throughout the summer, reaching 2,077 by Aug. 19th. It has been exciting to see God working in the hearts of so many soldiers here. We are blessed to be a part of the ministry team that God has brought. Please pray for God to keep the doors open to minister to the military children (elementary and teens) . Pray for a State Director for CEF of Missouri. Pray for four needed committee members for our local chapter and for CEF's global outreach. Pray for our spiritual, physical and financial needs! Praise God for all He is doing, has done and for your faithful partnership through prayer and giving! Praise for God's abundant blessings!

Marty & Bev Zide – Midwest Messianic Center

Please pray for me to have more opportunities to clearly share the gospel with some unsaved people and for Ariel to read the Hebrew/English New Testament that I gave him. Praise for open doors that the Lord is providing for me in Detroit. It's amazing that in a short time I have had many opportunities to minister. Praise for the salvation of the Russian/Jewish man after receiving a tract we had given him. This reminds me of the parable of the sower who sowed the seed. Much of the seed did not bear fruit, but some did. And so it is that as we faithfully sow seed among the Jewish people, some seed with bear fruit bringing Jewish people to faith in Jesus!

Craig and Shirley Colbert – International Friends InterFACE Ministry

October is the last month of the fiscal year for InterFACE Ministries and during the month of October we

have a \$2,500 matching gift opportunity for any new or upgraded giving that is recurring (monthly or quarterly). Pray that people will step forward and give to this ministry. If you would like to send a gift, send it to InterFACE Ministries, PO Box 450816, Atlanta, GA 31145 and designate it to the "Colberts in Missouri". Or you can drop me an email at johncraigcolvert@aol.com and we can set it up. Last year International Friends and Global Life Church were able to send 175 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes to children around the world. How many will we send this year? There are a number of ways you can be involved. Pray for internationals to catch a vision for giving and sharing with others, pray for broad participating in this project, pray for us to make the experience a personal one for many, pray for the children who will receive our boxes, pray for the massive distribution effort of Samaritan's Purse, pray that our boxes might help churches in other nations connect with people in their area. Items that are donated in the boxes are: small toys, crayons, school supplies, hats, scarves, clothes, toothbrushes for children in age groups of 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. Please, NO war toys, toothpaste, candy, food, medicine or liquids. You can also donate cash to pay for the shipping. \$9 for each box sending donations to Global Life Church, 1205 University Ave. Suite 1900, Columbia, MO 65201 or www.GlobalLifeChurch.com. Please join us at our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Packing Party on Sunday, November 4 from 4-6pm at the International Friends Center. We will have snacks, watch an evangelistic DVD, pack shoe boxes and then pray over all of them before shipping. Last year over 12 million boxes were distributed in 188 nations.

Boaz & Ruth Glad – Advant Ministries at Malaga Media Center, Spain

Ruth and I want to thank you for calling, writing, and praying during this time of Ruth's healing of breast cancer. We cherish your prayers, as we've seen God answer so many of them through the chemotherapy and surgery, and now for the course of radiation over the next seven to eight weeks. Please continue to pray with us that the radiation will have no bad side effects and that Lord willing, Ruth will be able to return to Spain sometime in November. I have recently returned and am busy preparing the 2019 Bible courses. Please pray that the Lord will provide wisdom for the directors and staff at MMC (Malaga Media Center) as they brainstorm Content ideas and determine the best way to engage viewers. They have almost completed "The Family" campaign, which will also wrap up on Facebook. We pray that for our next campaigns many will respond and many more people will contact us with spiritual questions. Please pray for Miriam who is Moroccan and very interested in the Christian life. She would like an Arabic Bible to speak with us over whatsapp free call phone. Her husband is not a believer but their 12-year-old daughter is and wants her mother to allow her to be baptized. Pray that God will work in the hearts of Miriam and her husband Rachid. Youssef is a 50-year-old Moroccan man who contacted us thinking that we were a website for friendships. We told him that there are no coincidences. He is open to hearing more about Christ and the differences between Islam and Christianity. Pray that he will open his heart and take Jesus as his Savior. Faris is a Moroccan living in Spain who has many specific questions about Christianity, the Bible, the Trinity, etc. Pray for wisdom as we answer his questions and that he will open his heart to Jesus! Pray for the Syrian Refugees. Over 80 Arabic Bibles were given out and many questions have been asked. Please pray for all who heard the Word to respond and pray that German churches will open the doors for the new believers in the Hannover area. Pray also that churches will send more teams to the refugee camps.

Jim & Lydia Johnson - Brazil Gospel Fellowship

The Pearl of the Valley Bible Institute has had very few students the last few semesters. Those studying the material are encouraged, but busy schedules and what-not has caused significant drop-out-rate. We request your prayers in knowing how to best proceed. Concerning evangelism, we set goals to share the Gospel message with those around us. Discussion revolved around what methodology needs to be changed for the present generation without changing the message. Most importantly we become accountable to each other to be active in sharing our faith. Pray as we all work to keep the balance of evangelism and discipleship, fellowship and outreach.

Rev George Dapaah – Solid Rock Baptist Missions, IPM Ghana West Africa

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us, supporting us, and encouraging us in so many ways as we serve the Lord here in Ghana. Your partnership with us in ministry is deeply appreciated. On March 3rd

we traveled to Liberia to help IPM missionaries Edwin and Esther Gbor with their annual women's conference. I had the opportunity to preach at great Commission Fundamental Baptist Church of Ganta. That afternoon we set off from Ganta to Toe Town where the conference was to take place. It was a six hour journey due to poor road conditions and we arrived about midnight. Women traveled from all over Liberia to attend the program. Some men accompanied their wives and helped with setting up a roofed tabernacle with big palm branches under which the two-day meetings were held. Vera spoke to the women during the day and I spoke in the evenings when men were also allowed to attend. Our time together was a blessing. We made it back home to Ghana on March 10th. Over the summer, we held a couples' rally, children's rally and a youth rally. We were pleased with the success of these rally's and are already looking forward to the next ones scheduled in 2019. Please pray for the SRBM Deaf Ministry as well as the radio ministry. Prayers also for our college library and administration building projects (\$55k still needed), our Christian school kitchen project (\$9500 still needed) and for the Lord to call more laborers. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support!

John Wickline – AFBC, Australia

After what seemed to have been a very long winter, the sure indicators of sprig have arrived in Sydney! In the past year, two pastors who ministered in our fellowship of independent churches have passed away, leaving huge gaps. Sydney continues to grow at an astonishing rate. New migrants are arriving daily from every place under heaven. Many of them know no or very little English and only rarely do they wander into the Lord's Day services of Aussie churches. We desperately need more workers, men who will give themselves to a season of cultivating and planting. Please join us in prayer for the Lord to send such men our way! Also pray for the drought we have had. The farmers in the plains district have not been doing well, many losing their farms and their homes. Many more are left in financial ruin. We covet your prayers during this season of little rain. Thank you once again for the part you have had in our lives over the years and in our ministry here. We are genuinely grateful for your support and for your prayers on our behalf. May the Lord bless you in whatever season you are experiencing now and in every season to come!

Joel Johnson – Student Mobilization, Columbia Missouri

We are about a month into the Fall Semester on campus and we are encouraged with the Spiritual hunger that exists among this generation of college students, despite the growing lack of exposure to faith in their lives. I hope the highlights in our annual report are an encouragement to you and I want you to know that I'm grateful for the encouragement you are to our staff, students and alumni. Please continue to pray for this upcoming year and for the staff and students who are seeking to serve and honor Christ.

Nelson & Rebeca Morales Family – ABWE-Gap, Mexico City

In our 52nd year of marriage, we face the circumstances of this stage of life: illnesses, medications and a careful diet (we can't eat so many tacos anymore ☺) Thanks to God, we are well and adjusting to these changes. God has blessed us with good doctors that help us keep things under control. Mexico is a difficult place due to various problems of insecurity and political changes. We always seek to be prudent, however, a few days ago thieves entered our house while we were visiting our daughter. Thank God that He protected us as well as our things as losses were minor. We have completed 26 years of ministry in this beautiful country. At this stage, God has allowed us to continue supporting the churches that we had the opportunity to plant and to continue serving in the areas of marriage and family counseling. With technology, we are blessed to be able to counsel through the internet. This year we were also blessed to help with conferences and counseling at the San Cristobal de las Casas Baptist church in Chiapas. It was great to visit with fellow believers in Nuevo San Miguel Mitontic, Chiapas, a group of Tzotzil indigenous people with whom we had the opportunity to work with 20 years ago. It was a tremendous blessing to share God's Word with them and see the progress in their community. Please pray for Mexico and the changes in government that will occur in December with a new President. That God will give wisdom to the new governing officials of this nation of over 120 million persons. We thank you for your financial support and prayers as we serve our Lord and Savior.