



Prayer Page

Sunday, March 7, 2010



Shared Value: Cover with Prayer
 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
 Colossians 4:2

Church Family and Ministries



- Sandy VanderMolen's** surgery went very well and she is recovering at home. The doctor repaired her ACL and was pleased to find no other damage. She has a follow-up appointment on March 16, after which she will be given a physical therapy regimen. Pray for continued healing.
- Dave Bolton** was offered and accepted a job with Verdant Graphics, after an extended period of unemployment. We praise God with him and his family! Please continue to keep others in this church who are unemployed in your prayers.
- Millie Lanser** has completed 18 weeks of therapy following open heart surgery and has just been prescribed another 18 weeks.
- She will be having further tests on a damaged heart valve in late March and asks for your prayers that meds will take care of the problem and that she will not need a second surgery.
- Ruth Kuipers** is now on a 24-hour time-release medication to prevent episodes of rapid heartbeat. She will have more tests with a heart monitor in a few weeks. Pray that this would solve the problems she's been having with breathlessness.
- Al Vander Molen, Sr.** continues his weekly trips to Ann Arbor, a requirement while he is on the experimental cancer drug. He has noticed a decrease in pain, for which he is thankful. Blood work at his appointment in three weeks will indicate the effectiveness of the meds. Pray for good news.
- Classis South Prayer Request from Roosevelt Park CRC:** "We would like prayer for our summer Children's Ministry plans, and fundraising for Christian Education support."

Missionaries

George and Sarah de Vuyst
 Church Planters with CRWM in Mukachevo, Ukraine

Excerpt from most recent prayer letter: "The Mukachevo congregation was able to purchase a small piece of property in the center of town with an old mud-brick building on the lot. Contractors have examined the building and say that with a new roof and reinforced foundation, the building can be converted into a worship hall and classrooms can be added in the attic. The church elders are considering how to best utilize the land and the building." *For more news regarding the deVuysts' ministry, see the prayer letter in your mailbox or at the Info Booth.*

World

Chile
 Earthquake Causes Devastation

An 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck central Chile two weekends ago, killing over 700 people and leaving thousands homeless. Waves surged against the coasts, flattening homes and flooding fishing villages. The earthquake is the country's harshest disaster in over 50 years. Pray for the government of Chile, particularly as it transitions to a new president on March 11 and responds to this disaster. Pray that looting may be kept at bay and aid may quickly reach those who need it.

SEBRING LEE'S LINES

February-March, 2010

"You are where you are because that is exactly where God put you."

Dr. Ray Pritchard emphasized this as he expounded on Jeremiah 29 each day of our Bible and Missionary Conference in January. The Babylonian Captivity was not a mistake but part of God's plan for the Israelites. God uses every circumstance in our life to bring about His "good!" We can TRUST Him with every detail of our lives!

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! Glenda commented that she had never dreamed that she would have an opportunity to share with a Buddhist here in Sebring as she related the following conversation with her Vietnamese English language student: "When we were served plates of eggs, bacon and sausage at a restaurant Karen said, 'I can't eat this! I promised Buddha that I would only eat rice and vegetables for the next year to try to help my deceased mother on her road to reaching heaven.' "I recognized this as the opportunity that I had been praying for and began a very simple gospel presentation beginning with creation, explaining sin (a new concept) and our need to be made right with God who loves us. I told her about Jesus' life, His death as our substitute and His resurrection (her eyes got really big!) and that by asking Him to forgive our sins we can be sure that when we die we will be with God in heaven forever. This was all totally new to her, and I'm sure she had never heard any of it before. She didn't understand, but it's a beginning point!" There are many Vietnamese here who work in nail salons. Glenda added that Tammy, another VN lady with whom Bev is working has recently accepted Christ as her Savior. Pray that Tammy will grow in her faith and that Karen will come to faith. **GOD IS WORKING!**

A SURPRISE BLESSING! Just as our Thursday night prayer meeting was coming to a close Funsho Afolayan, a Yoruba man from Nigeria came to the front and asked if he could speak. "I bless all you dear saints who left the comfort of your country and came to my country, and to my village to share the love of Jesus with us. Our lives have been eternally changed and I say 'THANK YOU!' Funsho became a believer as Betty taught Religious Knowledge in his high school and disciplined him. He has continued on with the Lord and is presently teaching at a university and is pastoring a church in New Hampshire. My heart thrilled as I listened to him! Seeing "changed lives" is what missions (we) are all about! **GOD IS FAITHFUL!**

ANOTHER BLESSING! January through March our village is abuzz with the sound of saws, hammers, laughter and conversation as our Northern volunteers come to enjoy the Florida sunshine and warmth as they work.(this year it is rather cool but still warmer than where they come from.) Fifteen couples have come this year. The men are working on 6 major remodeling projects preparing the homes for new residents soon to come. The women help out in many areas; washing windows, house cleaning, helping the residents sort through their things to downsize and helping provide activities for our Lodge residents. They work four days and have the other days to get in a game of golf, sight see and just relax. We love their friendship, their fellowship and the great contribution their work makes in making this an affordable village for our retirees to live. They add "spice" to our lives! **GOD IS GOOD!**

MY PLANS: I will be visiting supporters in and on the way to Michigan during the month of May. I would love to see you! Please give me a call to set up a time 863-273-1909.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Glenda and Bev as they teach English and that their students will come to understand God's love for them. Pray for Gerry, Glenda's husband who just started chemotherapy for cancer, that he would be healed.
- Praise God for Funsho and many, many others who have come to Christ through the SIM witness and have continued on faithfully with the Lord!
- Praise God for our volunteers and the difference that they make here! Pray for their safety as they work.
- Continue to pray for the provision of a maintenance manager and a manager of the Lodge, our assisted living facility. They are greatly needed.
- Pray for us nurses as we assist, advise and encourage our residents. Many are going through difficult changes.
- Pray for safety as I travel to Michigan. Pray that God will provide for others to join my support team. I know God is faithful.

I thank God for each of you whose gifts and prayers make my ministry here possible. I pray that you are able to see God's good in each of your circumstances.

Lee Warsen

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