

# LCPC MISSIONS

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## **BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—April**

Day— Celebratee  
13 Dorothy Mainhood

Ask Virginia Carrell for an up-to-date “Lake Crest Presbyterian Church” Missionary Directory, for details concerning address and age of the celebratee.

Virginia Carrell, Correspondence Secretary

## **LCPC YOUTH MISSION EFFORT**

The LCPC youth will be helping serve Wednesday dinner and clean up at the **Jimmy Hale Mission**, Birmingham, AL on the following 2009 dates:

- May 20
- August 19
- November 18

## **ADDRESS CHANGES**

### **STERLING, JASON & SUSIE**

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## **MISSIONARY NEWS—**

### **KUKEC, DAVOR & SANDRA**

“We are approaching another ‘Weekend to Remember’ conference – we have 34 couples attending... We really need your prayers – it really works – atmosphere, how many people trust Christ, impact, delivery of our messages, etc. – everything is different when we ask people to pray for attendees and speakers. Just an illustration – before, when we failed to send email out to people to pray, in just 24 hours before the conference we would lose 5-8 couples! We battle everything from 130-169 miles per hour winds, to sicknesses of our speakers, to last minute cancellations, etc.

“Thank you for being with us – you are a very essential part of this ministry.”

### **STERLING, JASON & SUSIE**

“ ‘You mean the Gospel is about what Christ has done, not about my goodness?’ I wish you could have seen Matt’s face as he asked this question. Matt is a sophomore at Samford and was raised in the church, but for the first time seems to be understanding the radical nature of the Gospel. He always thought of himself as a Christian, but he told me he didn’t feel good enough and struggles with having faith and so throughout last semester we talked about the Gospel and its implications. A few weeks ago we met and he told me that over Christmas break he decided to read through the Gospel of Luke. As he was reading, he realized that he had a moralistic view of Christianity but that Jesus came to save broken people like him who would never be good enough. He said, ‘I feel like I am experiencing conversion.’ I am not writing to say whether or not he just converted, only God knows that—but it sure smells like new birth and it smells good.

“As I look back over the first half of the semester and consider the opportunities that God has given me to talk about His grace to students at Samford, I am extremely grateful for you and your generosity. Students like Matt are being reached for Christ and equipped to serve His church because of you. Thanks for your continued support.”

### **CUNNINGHAM, DAVID & SUSAN**

“A few weeks ago we began a study in our home called *Introducing God* for people who are asking questions about Christianity or considering Christ. The makeup of the group is quite interesting. We have a person from India, two people from Colombia, a person from China, a person from Korea, and two from Australia. Seven people—only two are in Australia. Australians are some of the most secular people on earth. On the whole there is little desire to know about God, much less know Him.

“Greg, a friend, former neighbor, and Australian, is coming along. Greg professed a faith in Jesus in January of this year. He’s been coming along to Christ Community semi-regularly since then. His family (wife, two children) is on the brink of collapse. We met this morning and he’s wondering where God is in all this mess. He doesn’t yet have the foundations in place to understand or discern God’s presence and plan in his circumstances.

“Annabel is our neighbor friend over the back fence. Susan has been able to explain the Gospel to her a few times over the last months. She committed to coming to *Introducing God* but has yet to show up. We felt she was close to believing but are unsure right now.

“Please pray Greg’s faith and for Annabel to believe...”

### **TREASURE HOUSE ORPHANAGE**

“Recently in the Dominican Republic, I and our D.R./GWI staff director, Joel Navarro gave ½ of the \$10,000 agreed price to a Dominican landlord/businessman for the purchase of land to build the Girl’s Dormitory at our Casa Tesoro orphanage campus. We told him we agreed to give him the remaining \$5,000 within 2 weeks time. ‘OK,’ he said...BUT, the next day, Mr. Madina came back to the orphanage raging, and raving and railing. ‘I want my money NOW! TODAY! I MUST have it!’...the burly Spanish islander screamed in my face.

“When God calmed him down...I put my arm around him (he is NOT a Christian) and quietly asked, ‘Senor Medina, what’s really wrong? I am a minister of Christ. This has NOTHING to do with a land sale, does it?? But do not worry, I will call our GlobeWorks accountant in America right now and try to get your other \$5,000 wired to our Dominican bank today for you.’ (GlobeWorks did not that minute have the \$5,000 because of shockingly low December GWIM donor income.)

“The wrestler-like Spanish man burst into tears, grabbed me, held on and wept bitterly. His 8-year old daughter needed emergency surgery immediately. The hospital required cash payment. I consoled and comforted and prayed with him as we stood in the sweltering sun together.

“Afterwards, he smiled, asked all of our GWI staff to come for lunch to his home. He apologized. We went the next day to his house...met his wife and the sick hydrocephalus (water-headed) 8-year old daughter. She was being prepped for surgery that night.

Manuel and Cecilia and little Anna Maria listened as I clearly explained the Gospel of Christ to them. After an hour, they were sincerely ready to receive Christ and be saved. We led them in prayer to Jesus Christ. We all cried and rejoiced in God’s salvation given this humble family...They are now going to GWI missionary Joel Navarro’s church, being baptized and followed-up. Manuel embraced me and softly wept, ‘Gracias Dios, Gracias Cutlip.’ ”

### **MILLS, TIM & RHIANNA**

“It’s always good to hear from you all. We appreciate our church family in Hoover and enjoy the time we get to have in person with you, albeit brief and far between.

“Thankfully, we are returning to our home (Thailand) [March 31] just the way (we’ll see) we left it. Some Tai men on our staff stayed there during our time in the U.S. Emmy and Asa will be sharing a room now and Julian will have the other room.”

### **ELKIN, RON & JACKIE**

“Ron’s diabetes has been acting up over the last month. He has been having higher blood sugars than usual. [He will be] seeing a specialist to determine future direction.”

### **PIERCE, RHONDA**

“Part of the iLeads Discovery track is an exposure trip to the 10/40 window. Twelve of us departed on January 14<sup>th</sup> for a two week whirlwind tour of Mumbai, India, Bangkok, Thailand and Khon Koen, Thailand. It truly was eye opening to not only hear, but see and experience all that God is doing through His church in these areas. Read on for the highlights.

“New Life Church in Mumbai asked us to go with them as they did outreach in some of the slums. We were not exactly sure what that meant, but we went with expectant hearts. As we entered each area, we were taken into a house (usually a small room about the size of a large walk-in closet.) We were then asked to pray for the people that lived there. As we finished praying there would be a line of people standing at the door also wanting us to pray for them....

“Besides outreach in the slums, we also had the opportunity to visit school and orphanage while in Mumbai. Then it was on to Bangkok, Thailand where we again were able to work in an orphanage as well as with Campus Outreach in Khon Koen.

“The ministry that most moved my heart was Rahab Ministries in Bangkok. Rahab is a ministry to prostitutes. Many have become believers, have left prostitution and are now growing in their faith and learning a new way of life.”

### **BAAS, MARTY**

“... We are doing a curriculum study starting with our philosophy about teaching our subject(s). The very next week’s question was: do you have faith and learning integrated here? These teachers have listened to this in bits and pieces, but now they really wrestled with it. I loved watching and hearing discussions. Only one teacher took her masters in a US seminary, while the others have no background in Christian school education. But step by step we are giving the teachers the various parts of the study to discuss. My two lead teachers took one week of leadership training with Christian Schools International this past summer, but one was no match for another teachers who has her masters. She said that this was what she did in her masters and we need an expert to do this for us. She suggested her Christian husband who has a PHD in education and teaches at the Normal school in town to teach us. This new Christian reiterates the humanistic philosophy all around us. So I helped this teacher with an answer. I know that the teachers who work through all this begin to own the idea of teaching with a Biblical perspective. That is why we are doing this. Therefore, our school will not only be distinctive in our general philosophy, but within each subject and in each classroom. We teach with government textbooks like all other schools and we continue to work at raising our standard for teaching and learning.”

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