

LCPC MISSIONS

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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—August

Day—	Celebratee
1	Elizabeth Sterling
4	Paul & Peggy Reynoso
6	Josiah Newport
8	Isaiah Newport
10	Parker Cunningham
11	Joanne Brannon
23	Tom & Connie Edwards
26	Rhianna Mills
28	Josiah Brannon

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:

- August 19
- November 18

AUGUST MISSION EVENTS

Mission emphasis during Sunday School August 2 through September 13. This will be a combined class of Youth, Young Adult and Adult Classes.

Clete Hux, of Apologetics Resources Center, will have six sessions. He will start on August 2 and have all classes except August 23 when the Cochranes will have the SS Class.

MISSIONARY NEWS—

BAAS, MARTY

“Thank you so much for your generous contribution in June. I am so grateful. This helps to keep me on the field helping them to accomplish their 20/20 (Veinte, Veinte) Vision Victoria for the year 2020. July 6 was graduation and I finally ran off the Curriculum guide that we started in January with all the teachers working on this. It will be our guide for Professional Days in August and used thereafter. Also, I have an English teacher starting her Masters in Bilingual Education this August and another teacher enrolling to begin again on her Bachelors. Along with the three teachers taking their Masters online with Costa Rica, we are preparing teachers to raise the standard of teaching

at Colegio Renuevo. So please pray for them to stay motivated.

“An English teacher asked our graduates to write about their experience at Colegio Renuevo. Here is one. ‘I made many friends. But my friends aren’t like other people; they’re very special for me because they help me. If you are in a Christian school, all the teachers are your friends because they teach with a love of God. The most important part of the teachers is that they can be like friends because you can tell them some troubles you have, like the teacher Karla...she helps us go ahead. In English, we learn about God every day. Here in school I meet God besides at church. I like to be in the way of God, because I know that He loves me and He wants the best wishes for me and my friends, teachers and family. At the conclusion, I say. “Thank God for letting me be in a Christian school” (slightly edited by me.)”

BRANNON, ROB & JOANNE

“RMBC and the BMW field leadership are excited to share with you our vision of starting a new church plant in the town of Wellsville, Utah! Wellsville has never had an evangelical church since its establishment in 1865. We (the Brannons) have volunteered to lay the foundation of this church plant (as we have done at RMBC in Perry, Utah.). Please pray for us as we will be packing up and moving across the mountain range to the Cache Valley region in order to live on location for this church plant. Our house has been on the market for about 2 months now with very little movement. **Please pray that the Lord will enable us to sell our house in good timing so that we can begin the process of launching this new church plant.** To help us with the expense of establishing this new ‘beachhead’ in Wellsville, our mission (BMW) has set up a ministry account called: ‘Streams in the Desert Ministry Fund.’ This fund will be used to help us with the various expenses of launching this new church plant as well as setting up a ministry office in the home. Contributions toward this fund can be sent to: **Biblical Ministries Worldwide, 1595 Herrington Road, Laurenceville, GA 30043-5616** earmarked for Rob and Joanne Brannon’s ‘Streams in the Desert Ministry Fund.’”

SCHEPIAN, HAROLD & SARAH

“My [Harold] grandfather, Adolf Buerger, passed away in Lancaster County PA this past Thursday [July 16] between 10 and 11 AM. I had just called him a week ago Thursday to wish him happy birthday for his 99th birthday”

Harold was able to fly in to Philadelphia on Saturday to be able to attend the funeral on Monday [July 20]. Harold will return to London as soon as possible.

MARSHALL, VERNE & ALINA

“Since we last communicated with you, the Lord provided through you and one-time donors so that we were able to return to the new work the Lord is putting together in a suburb of Santiago called La Florida. The group of believers was accepted as a mission church at last presbytery meeting and seminary student, Ignacio Moya was taken under care.

“Give Thanks for:

- The Lord partially healing Alina’s mother.
- The Lord’s provision for our return.
- The growth of the La Florida Mission Church.
- Our daughter-in-law, Lys, graduated from Greenville College.

“Pray for:

- Leaders in preparation for the new church.
- Center Mathetes paperwork in progress.
- Ignacio in his second year of seminary.
- Growth in grace and number of the new mission church.”

COCHRANE, STEVE & BECKY

“Greetings from Sweet Home, Alabama! We are now back in the US after a great visit and vacation with Steve’s parents living in Thailand. We are so thankful for the chance to unwind a bit, and once again amazed-but not surprised-at how the Lord orchestrated everything to allow us some great vacation before ‘hitting the ground running.’

“In all honesty, we would have liked to have gotten an update out before we left Africa, but there was too much to do and too little time. In the final days before leaving, we welcomed Matt Ezell to Mali. We helped Matt gear up for a 6-week ministry with university students and basketball teams in Bamako. He has lived the realities of Mali to the fullest, and we are now looking forward to seeing him soon in Birmingham. **Please pray for his final days in Mali.** If you want more of his story packed with pictures and laughs, check him out at *MattinMali.blogspot.com*. It will give you a good idea of Mali, seen with ‘fresh eyes.

“BCA finished well this year and saw the graduation of the school’s first senior. It was a joy to see and we are ever so grateful for the school that God has provided for our boys in Mali. God has certainly stretched our trust and faith in Him this year! Just a few months ago the school only had two ‘for sure’ teachers for the ‘09-’10 school year. At this point the faculty situation is better, but still not complete. BCA still needs a 3rd/4th grade teacher, as well as a 5th grade teacher. **Please pray for these remaining staff needs.**”

SMITH, STEPHAN & BECKY

“What a blessing to see the enthusiasm of new members!! 91 finished the complete missionary training this year. There are 188 new missionaries who are out and about raising support and prayer partners for their future ministry. 20 are leaving in a few weeks to their first assignment. One of our team members spends all his time helping them.”

PIERCE, RHONDA

“How You Can Pray:

- Pray for me personally that I will focus on the Lord and that my time with Him would be sweet
- Please pray for wisdom for all of the iLead staff and participants as we seek God’s direction for our futures. Pray that we will seek to know God more than we will seek to know the what and where of the future.
- Pray for us to continue strong in the ministry here in Puerto Rico with the students we have met and are sharing the Gospel with. That we won’t be distracted by changes that lay ahead.
- Pray for our Puerto Rican friends to put their trust in Jesus. Zue Ann, Karina, Melissa, Raul, Gordy, Rey, Jonathan, Tom, Jay, Leila, Nadia just to name a few. Also pray that their families would follow Jesus too!
- Pray for La Travesia, the church plant to be a light on this dark island and to bring the healing love of Jesus to a hurting and suffering people.”

CUNNINGHAM, DAVID & SUSAN

“Christ Community Church is five years old. Many have labored over the years to help form a vibrant and healthy church. You have labored in prayer and giving from abroad and we have labored with others on the ground in Brisbane. I wish you could see what God had done.

“In just a month 20 people from Christ Community will commence services for a new church in the western suburbs of Brisbane. It was time. We were meeting for two services on Sunday and there were times it was tight. More than that it’s always healthy to start a new work. It mobilizes people and allows them to use their gifts. It creates momentum for prayer and mission. New churches also reach non-Christians much better than established churches. These are exciting times.

“While we’re ‘planting’ this new church we’re replanting at Christ Community. The 20 who are going to begin the new church are, on the whole, more spiritually mature, older in age and major givers. That leaves us in a great position to depend on God to mature us so we can plant churches again and again.

“My role in this is to ‘replant’ Christ Community, coach and mentor the church planter, and develop people for future works. It’s way beyond me. It requires more than what I have to give.

“I thank God He’s given me a great team of Aussies and prayer partners like you.”

GLOBEWORKS INTERNATIONAL

“GWI supported affiliate Suzy Triplett in Bangkok reports great progress in reaching street prostitutes there.”

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