

LCPC MISSIONS

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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—December

Day—	Celebratee
3	Brad Newport
5	R.J. Fischer
8	Tom Edwards
12	Marty Baas
12	Paula Simmons
14	Kevin Nicholas
15	Christopher Marshall
16	Daniel Reynoso
19	Rob Brannon
19	R.J. & Jean Fischer
21	Matej Kukec
24	Ann Vought
27	Jordan Higginbotham
31	Bertha Lopez

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:

- February 18
- May 20
- August 19
- November 18

ADDRESS CHANGES

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MISSIONARY NEWS—

TRIPLETT, SUZY

“Prayer Requests:

- I am still looking for a permanent residence that will begin in early January. Please pray that God would provide the right house or apartment and lead me in decisions about location and roommates.
- For the UWM team in Bangkok and Covenant Church in Bangkok as we both go through a planning process for the next year. Pray that God would lead and grant us each a vision for the ministry He would like us to accomplish.

- For Khlong Luang Church. Pray for the weekly outreach they have each Saturday to about 20 neighborhood kids, for the Youth Group’s Sunday outreach into a poor community nearby that attracts 15 kids, and for a new church plant that has begun in Khlong Baad (canal number 8).
- For special outreach events at Khlong Luang Church surrounding Christmas that will take place on December 14th, 20th, and 21st. Pray specifically that the Christmas shoeboxes from Samaritan’s Purse would arrive on time for these.”

PIERCE, RHONDA

“For the past few months we have been doing surveys at the University of Puerto Rico. We have surveyed well over 100 students! The surveys serve multiple purposes for us.: give us a reason to be on campus, help us meet people, supply information we need to write a paper next June and since they are culture as well as spiritual in nature—they open the door for us to share the gospel. We tried to count how many times we have shared either our testimony or the Gospel with students and we were not able to count how many times! Through these surveys we have met many students who are now becoming friends with us and some have started attending small groups to study the Bible.

“Hector met Rush Jackson almost a year ago while playing basketball. A few months later they started meeting for evangelistic Bible study. Hector was eager to study the Scriptures, but hesitant to put his trust in Jesus. Another teammate, Hung Truong, finally asked Hector what was holding him back. He felt that he had done some things so awful that God could never forgive him. Hung explained that God’s forgiveness was for all and Hector put his trust in Jesus. A few weeks later Hector’s girlfriend, Valerie also put her trust in Jesus.

“They both continue to grow in their walk with the Lord as they meet in small groups to study the Scriptures. Just as exciting as seeing them come to the Lord has been seeing Hector start sharing his testimony with others.”

SCHEPIAN, HAROLD & SARAH

“Our second annual ‘Autumn Mela’ (Halloween) went very well. The Lord answered our prayers and gave us dry weather. Over 150 parents and children took part. Please pray that the Lord will bless all the Gospel literature given out and all of the conversations that took place.

“Pray for Majid, an Iranian, who came in to the shop and accepted my invitation to stay to study Philippians 1:27-2:11. Pray that I will be able to reconnect with him and that he will accept my invitation to come again.”

BRANNON, ROB & JOANNE

“Joanne and I wanted to drop you this email to let you know that our Youth Fiction book has arrived in time for Christmas, and it is now available for purchase at: www.brannonbook.com.

“Please join us in prayer that the Lord will use this Book Outreach Project for His glory here in Utah and beyond. This book was not written to be a best-seller, a fade-book, nor a book to entertain people. While the story in this book is fun and adventurous, the message is clear. We have written this book to proclaim the glories of our Lord Jesus Christ to unbelievers and to encourage young and immature believers to spend their lives (the golden arrow) for the King Most High.

“The **Epilogue** of our book has 16 creative devotional sections with rich doctrinal passages intertwined throughout as well as spot-art from the artwork used throughout the book. Each book includes a free download of the **Audio Book** version narrated by the excellent voice talent of Josh Kilbourne of Tate Publishing. This audio book also includes our **Theme Song** for the book performed by ‘Streams in the Desert Music’ (*many of you will recognize the voice of Ashley Spurling and the SMIC instrumentalists*).

“If you visit www.brannonbooks.com, you will find more specific information about the book. Otherwise, feel free to contact Joanne or me if you have any questions. (*Feel free to forward this email to family and friends who you think might benefit from this book. Thanks*)”

SMITH, STEPHEN & BECKY

“Two more missionaries have joined our team to serve NTM members. We are thankful that this has helped a lot with the responsibility overload! John and Carol Pierce are helping our team here in Sanford better serve God’s servants around the world. Please pray for them as they adjust and learn their new ministry. So far they are fitting in very well.

“Our Member Services team here has been requested to have all the 3300 member’s records in digital format by April 2009. We are working with the team to scan the THOUSANDS of pages of documents. Accuracy is very important. Pray that we will have God’s speed in this project and His grace as we fulfill our other responsibilities.

“We are doing all we can to serve missionaries all over the world. Pray as we organize our team so we can efficiently help NTM USA send missionaries to new unreached people groups every year. Many of these groups are in places that are closed to traditional missions. Your missionaries need your prayers as we research and plan how we can take the Gospel to these places. Shouldn’t everyone hear?”

“We thank the Lord that Stephen’s father was able to leave the Rehab Center. He is continuing his physical therapy at home.”

FISCHER, R.J. & JEAN

“A lot has been going on since I last shared. God has been opening doors all over the place, not only here in Birmingham but all over the country. Recently, we had several people who shared with me that they are interested in **NavScouting** coming to places like Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio, Virginia, Hawaii and even Australia.

“Our **NavScouting Team** is catching the vision for reaching the world for Christ by working with the fathers and sons that God brings into our path because of their involvement with Scouting.

“Of course I continue to work with our local troops in the Birmingham area which has been mainly in the Vulcan district. Now, I am starting to meet with troops in the Shelby district. Please pray for God to go before me and for wisdom in just who I need to work with and how long to go about it.”

JENSEN, KRIS

Translation Consultant Training brings new insights: Earlier...I arrived back from England where over 50 other Bible Translation Consultants gathered for two weeks to attend a Translation Consultant Workshop. The workshop was intense and very rewarding. We listened to great presentations on topics like Cognitive Linguistics, Relevance Theory, Information Structure Discourse issues, Consultant skills, Oral vs Written Back Translation and Linguistics to appreciate those topics. Well, maybe you need to be into Bible Translation and Linguistics to appreciate those topics. There was always opportunity for good interaction and many discussions during the presentation, during breaks, over meals, in the evenings. Each evening I flopped into bed exhausted but encouraged by meeting other men and women who, like me, get excited by the variety and complexity of languages and people God created in this world. During my time there I was also able to share some of my experiences about Bible translation checking when I lived in the Philippines. Because of my past experience there, the trainers and leadership brought me into the group as a full consultant. This training was a good update on many skills and best practices that I already use, in addition to a furthering of the theoretical and linguistic basis of translation. The outcome or goal for each of us was to produce a plan for future growth and development in the technical and practical aspects of translation that is tailored to our needs and the needs of our translation project. Now that I’m back I am considering how to integrate some of what I’ve learned into the Assyrian translation to make it more clear, natural sounding and accurate to the original.”

Pray for: Demsin is drafting Joshua and is working on Esther with Homer. Randy and Homer are working on exegetical questions in the Assyrian NT Revision.

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