

LCPC MISSIONS

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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—February

Day—	Celebratee
9	Ron Elkin
26	Katie Grace Cunningham

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

MARSHALL, VERNE & ALINA

Do not use Verne’s email as they were “hacked.”
Use Email: alinamarshall@gmail.com

MISSIONARY NEWS—

MILLS, TIM & RHIANNA

“I’m happy to report that Julian Robert Mills was born on January 7th at 4:04 PM. Julian weighed in at 11 pounds 4 ounces. You may go to <http://thatgreatcity.blogspot.com/> for some pictures.

“We’ve been doing well and enjoying being a family of 5 now. Our sights are turning toward our departure for Bangkok on March 31. Please pray as we need to raise additional support for the next two years.”

BRANNON, ROB & JOANNE

“Rick & Mick Ministries coming to Utah. We are excited to share with you that Rick & Mick Vigneulle will be the keynote speakers on February 6-7 at our Winter Youth Rally here in Utah that is organized by Pioneer Bible Camp each year as an outreach to the youth of northern Utah. The Winter Youth Rally includes a half-day of Skiing and Snowboarding for the kids at Wolf Mountain Resort in Eden, UT. Please pray with us that this Youth Outreach will be very fruitful for the Gospel here in Utah.”

MARSHALL, VERNE & ALINA

“We have exciting news, but need urgent prayer! Please ask the Lord to bring in the final support that we need to get back to Chile. One of the main reasons we are pressing to return has to do with our latest church plant. Alina and I were working with Enrique and Carmen Gloria in their start-from-scratch group when we met Manuel Moya. He had come to know the Lord Jesus through a legalistic church, but as he grew in grace, he could no longer continue with them. He and his wife, Meli, began to attend our meetings.

“One night he invited a group of older youth from his former church to come and get some counsel. After the study we sipped tea and listened to their story of discovery of the doctrines of grace and their subsequent struggles with the legalistic pastor. ‘What do you think we ought to do?’ they asked. I almost suggested then that they leave the church and start a new one, but I said, ‘I can certainly understand your struggle,’ and asked, ‘Are you members of the church?’ They nodded, so I reminded them of their vows of membership that they must honor...among other things, to submit to the authority that God had placed over the church.

“Their concerns were certainly valid, I continued, but they needed to address them as they strove for peace and purity of the congregation. They seemed impacted by that, and thanked me.

“In the months that followed the pastor reacted authoritatively, threatening to throw them out. When sought out again I told them that they had to weigh the issues and if they couldn’t serve the Lord in good conscience in that body of believers they needed to decide what to do. They could look for another congregation or they could take a step of faith and see what God would do. They asked if I would help them and I assured them I would—that I would be behind them as future leaders.

“Well, we got an early Christmas present—one of those Christmas in July kinds of presents! Manuel wrote me announcing the decision of some 15 adults to take the scary step of forming a body of believers for the glory of God. They had met already and decided that the first formal meeting would be the first Sunday of August, since we Marshall’s were returning July 31, [2008].

“It was hard to tell him that we would not be traveling on July 31st because of our support needs, but that we would set a new date in January ’09. I sensed the disappointment in his emails as he would tell me of new people arriving and the evangelism they are doing. He is now asking if January is sure or not.” [Will not make January.]

COCHRANE, STEVE & BECKY

“Mali is a happening place!

We are excited about many visitors who will be joining us in January. Ev, a retired-but-not-so-retired missionary will be back teaching and working on storying materials. She will be bringing two of her family members to help out in various ways. Earl, another retired missionary from Mali, will also be returning with a couple of dentist friends to encourage pastors and give medical help. Sharon’s pastor Daryl and his wife, Tamara, arrived on Christmas Eve. They are currently a few hours out of Bamako teaching at a pastor’s retreat. We are also looking forward to him speaking to us at our own team retreat in January. Lastly, Peter, Jamie and Tommy will be spending 10 days here in West Africa. These missionaries with Avant will be putting into words and pictures the spiritual needs and opportunities that are here in Mali. Steve will meet them in Dakar, then will travel by road back to Bamako, seeing some of the most unreached areas. In Bamako they will center on Malian life and the university youth culture. They will also be exposed to the educational and teacher needs at BCA. Be praying for the many miles that will be traveled and that God would allow His will for these ministries to be expressed through the work of these men.

“More in January

Our team has been asked to help teach some preparatory classes for a missions intern program for Christian university students. These classes will start at the end of January, followed by a two month pastoral mentorship/training program later in the summer. Please pray for organized preparation and clear communication for the teachers. Pray also that the students would begin to sense a real calling of God on their lives.”

LOPEZ, JOSHUA & BERTHA

“Thank you for the invitation to go to the Missions Conference. I am unable to go this year. My wife has begun her Masters Degree and is working full-time as an RN at Aventura Hospital. I miss very much going to the Missions Conference as it has always been refreshing and encouraging to me personally. We are looking forward to this year. My oldest daughter will be starting senior high school in August. And my smallest one, Melane, will be starting K-4 this year in August as well. We are doing fine and God has blessed us greatly even though we don’t deserve anything good from Him. His goodness and love toward us is the only reason He blesses us.”

JENSEN, KRIS

“My knee replacement surgery went well....I am able to get around without pushing a walker and can use a cane....Pain is for a purpose, a healing purpose in hopes of having a more active life and of doing the things I need to do as well as love to do, like be there for grandkids and travel for the Bible translation ministry....[I am now in] outpatient physical therapy three days a week. I have the most

wonderful friends and family here to look after me....My son even vacuumed my house! He is so wonderful.”

TRIPLETT, SUZY

“I have recently moved back to Bangkok, after spending a wonderful month in Khlong Luang. I learned a lot, both about the language and culture and enjoyed spending time with new friends. While I am no longer living in Khlong Luang, I will continue to travel there (about 30 minutes away) for both language learning and church services for part of [2009]....I’ve invited my old roommate, Aut, to stay with me while she finishes up her master’s thesis, which should take about 2-3 more months. She’s praying through that decision right now, as I have a small bedroom apartment which would make it a little close, but definitely workable if she decides to stay with me.”

SIMMONS, PAULA

“I am so thankful for the platform of the Workshop through which we are able to help and connect with many families. Please pray for increased sales and expanded markets for these olive wood pieces and Damascus silk fabric items so that this platform will remain strong and so that even more people can be included in the Workshop family.

“‘Nona’ manages the women’s section and ‘Henry’ manages the men’s section. Both of them have not only heard the truth, but have imbibed of Kingdom principles to a great degree. Their thinking and decision-making reflect servant hearts and the ability to effectively lead. Pray they will continue in the process of understanding who Jesus is and that they will surrender their lives to Christ.

“Relating at the Workshop provides great opportunities for exposure to the spoken Arabic language and to Arabic sign language. Please pray that my tongue will be relaxed and my brain will embrace these sounds and movements.”

SCHEPIAN, HAROLD & SARAH

“Last week, my friend Mr. Q, called me up and asked me to come to his workplace, a cab company, to ‘discuss the Bible’ with him. This (a Muslim seeker wanting to study the Bible) always encourages me and spurs me on in the work of the Gospel! I sat in the office with him and had the Bible open when he suddenly told me to put it away. As one of the cab drivers walked past he went on to tell me that many of the drivers, who are from Afghanistan and Pakistan, are Mullahs or Taliban—very fanatic about their Muslim faith. Mr. Q is always eager for me to study the Bible with him, but he told me that we can’t actually have the Bible there! (I suppose I’ll use photocopies in the future, so that the drivers don’t know we are reading from the Bible.)”

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