

LCPC MISSIONS

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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—January

Day—	Celebratee
1	Ron & Jackie Elkin
6	Jamie Newport
9	Tim & Rhianna Mills
11	Joshua Lopez
12	Connie Edwards
15	Dale Vought
16	Becky Smith
18	David & Susan Cunningham
26	Jackie Elkin

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

MISSIONARY NEWS—

NICHOLAS, KEVIN & GERTRUDE

The Nicholas’ will be at LCPC on **January 4, 2009**. They will be speaking at the Adult Sunday School and have a short time in Morning Worship. Kevin will be attending the Men’s Prayer Breakfast and Gertrude the Member Care Meeting on January 3, 2009.

On January 23, 2009 they will be leaving for service in Papua New Guinea via Australia where they will attend a Pacific Orientation Course.

MILLS, TIM & RHIANNA

“This Home Ministry Assignment is serving a number of purposes for our family, the church in Thailand and the churches in America with whom we partner. For our family, it is a time to reflect and plan, prepare for the second half of our term, spend time with friends, family and community whom we miss when far away and receive the gift of our third child. For the churches in Thailand, it is a time

when we can share the story of God’s work there and advocate for the continued and increased involvement of the church in America. For our partnership churches, it is a time we can personally share stories and faces and thank you for your ongoing work with our family and the work in Bangkok.”

PIERCE, RHONDA

“Discover participants [of which I am a part] will kick off their training with an exposure trip to the 10/40 Window. We will depart January 14 for Mumbai, India and Bangkok, Thailand. We will spend two weeks visiting various ministries in these two cities. We will visit orphanages, slums, university and prostitute ministries as part of our exposure to what God is doing in the 10/40 Window. When we return we will be taking four classes: Life Calling, Perspectives, Discipleship in the Real World and Foundations for Life. In addition to the classes, we will continue to build a ministry on two different campuses in San Juan. We don’t guarantee that each participant will know exactly what God wants them to do and where, but they will be equipped to go about the process of making life decisions.”

BAAS, MARTY

“We have held our second school ‘Kermesse’ (fall fair) requested by parents. They so much enjoyed our first school fair on Halloween night that they asked us to do another one to raise money to replace the unsafe cafeteria tables. We saw that our traditional fall fair could be a nice alternative solution to the Halloween night that proceeds the Mexican Day of the Dead (2 days). It was safe and fun; and unmasked as we used an 80’s theme in dress and music. So this Kermesse, a month later, had the theme of country music and western dress. While sitting there in my boots and cowboy hat like all teachers and students, I couldn’t help but be amazed and thankful for the blessings bestowed on our Christian school. Just a year ago this roof over my head in the courtyard was completed. It was financed by a gift from a team coming for the last 13 years. It is like another room. We were able to have our 2008 graduation there. Then summer teams painted it (while securely strapped in). Also with team monies our restrooms were tiled and no more flooding. Then here is our second building when we usually are fortunate to get one new room. So now we have adequate rooms for our present student population.

“Another reason to give thanks is that in September the government kept their promise to pave the street out front with our successful petition. It was rainy season, but we managed to cope with the mud, using different entrances and trying to find parking places that didn’t annoy the neighbors. Finally, after two months, we have a beautiful

front to our school, even with a sidewalk. It is now safer for all users.”

EDWARDS, TOM & CONNIE

“The other day a mother brought her 15 year old daughter for a check up. While taking the girl’s temperature and blood pressure, her mother mentioned to Staci, my nurse, that she wanted her daughter put on birth control pills. Yes, she wanted her daughter to remain pure, but felt hopeless to protect her daughter in the incredibly promiscuous teenage culture. Being ‘shrewd as serpents’ we are not ignorant to the difficult situation this mother faces. Children today are so vulnerable to the pressures and influences that surround them. However, we don’t believe God wants us to give birth control to unwed women.

“The challenge is to express the truth, which is not always what someone wants to hear, but to express it in a loving, sympathetic and non-judgmental way.

“Staci was able to take a moment to encourage the mom that it wasn’t hopeless, that God had a better plan for her daughter. Without even knowing Staci had already shared with the mother and daughter, I too shared with them about God’s better plan for this young lady. I wish you could see how many of these teenagers, girls and boys, respond when we share with them how precious they are in God’s eyes and how much he loves them. It is like watching a flower blossom. Yet we know this isn’t a one-time fix. They then go out into the world and hear such a different message. So many kids are starving for affirmation and we’re thankful for the daily opportunities God gives us to share His truth and love with them.

“Please pray for the families we serve. Many of these parents are heroes struggling against tremendous influences to keep their children safe. It’s a blessing and privilege for us to be here to encourage them. Also pray for us as a team, that we would be bold, yet sensitive in how we share Christ’s love in word and deed to the many He brings to us.”

KUKEC, DAVOR & SANDRA

“Well, this is what went on with the Bosnian show.—I was invited as a representative of NGO’s and as Family Life Director for Croatia and Bosnia, as well as someone who has some experience working with couples and their problems. Another person traveled with me—one of the most popular Croatian actors (he was invited as most eligible bachelor at the moment in our region). So, the topic was marriage, marriage through ads (finding spouse through internet or newspaper ad or through match-making agencies). It is one of the panel discussion-type shows, and it is the most popular in Bosnia. It gave me an opportunity to express what we believe about marriage and what is dear to God.

“Anyway, Bosnia is still another world away (though only a border separates us): I felt like we are millions of miles away. Their mentality, morality and expressions are still in the late 60’s or 70’s Yugoslav era....Damage is still visible

on many buildings, though most of it had been rebuilt in Sarajevo itself.”

NEWPORT, BRAD & JAMIE

“We moved to Albertville, France in August 2007 to begin our two years of formal language learning . Once the formal language training is completed we will transition into a pastoral internship program for 12-18 months. The focus of the internship is to bring us up to speed on French church life, shepherding within a French context as well as the evangelical world of France....

“We have been in France 15 months. A large part of our transition has pertained to our six children with regards to their hearts, schooling, their language learning and general adjustment. Our youngest four children each started and completed the 2007-2008 in French schools. They are each now in their second year this fall and each can now understand & speak basic French with their friends....Naturally they excelled in French with their young minds....

“We swing between battling discouragement and finding much encouragement the very next moment. Such is the case with language learning. We see progress in our language learning but there are many days when the weight of the task before us and our constant need to improve is overwhelming. Melding this learning process with our family life and the demands of being in another culture is a hard balance....

“TEAM’s policy is that all new missionaries focus exclusively on language and culture learning for 2 years before any official ministry assignment. Even so, in the course of life in France we have made several friends and three families in particular we are pursuing and praying for....

“Our goal is to move to our new ministry site in 2010, most likely the fall of 2010. Our options for location include the Rhone Alps region as well as the Paris region, where TEAM has been planting churches for over 50 years.

“Prayer:

- France, the nation, the people, for God to bring revival.
- Connections and people to be raised up by God now in our future church planting locale.
- Wisdom for future decisions regarding internship & ministry location, Josiah’s schooling etc.
- Wisdom & humility in parenting and engaging the hearts of each of our children.
- Our children, their hearts, protection in school, continued humility.
- Our French contacts—open doors & boldness with three families.
- Increase in support during the next few months.”

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