

# LCPC MISSIONS

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## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—January

Day—	Celebratee
1	Ron & Jackie Elkin
6	Jamie Newport
7	Julian Robert Mills
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:

- January 20
- April 21
- July 21
- October 20

## ADDRESS CHANGES—

### NICHOLAS, KEVIN & GERTRUDE

Box 325  
Ukarumpa, EHP  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

## MISSIONARY NEWS—

### ELKIN, RON & JACKIE

“On March 3, 2010 I [Ron Elkin] am leading a group on a 10-day tour of Israel, the land of the Bible and the land where Jesus walked, transforming hearts and lives. We will see sites that you have read about in the Bible. Our tour guide is educated in biblical areas and will give us additional insights into what we are seeing. At each major site, there will [be] a devotional and prayer. We will have time to meditate and read Scriptures and soak in the sense of being in the Land of the Bible.”

Contact Va. Carrell for itinerary and information OR Ron Elkin at ammi.ministry@verizon.net.

## SCHEPIAN, HAROLD & SARAH

“We will be coming to the U.S. for a 6 month furlough (home mission assignment) beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to getting caught up with many of you in person.

“At this point we don’t have a car that we might use during our time in the States. If you know of any that are available, please let us know.

“Thank you for praying for our church retreat. One young man, from a Punjabi background, who has been attending the men’s group at our home, came along. As a result of coming to the retreat he now feels much more connected to the church as a whole and has been regularly attending on Sundays in addition to our small group.

“We also praise the Lord for a reconciliation that took place between two Pakistani ladies after a teaching session on forgiveness. It is always a joy to see the Gospel in action!”

The Schepians will be at our Mission Conference—  
February, 26-28, 2010

## BRANNON, ROB & JOANNE

“Rocky Mountain Bible Church (RMBC) stands before a remarkable opportunity to purchase an ideal church facility. We have just made an offer on a building on Brigham City’s main street with excellent visibility and accessibility.

“This building is roughly 3,335 square feet with 9 classrooms plus an ‘auditorium’ area that would seat 80-100. The list price is \$250,000. The building is usable as in (turn-key ready). We have \$22,000 available for a down payment (from our attempt last December to purchase the restaurant).

“Currently, we are paying over \$1,200 per month for two rooms in a rented facility plus one additional room we can only use on Sunday morning for one hour. Our present rental space is limited by fire code to 41 people,

“**Prayer Request:** Dear Friends, would you join with us in asking God to make the hearts of the sellers favorable to our offer and supply all the needs of this project including the financial needs and the zoning and building code approvals? Please pray that God would increase our faith in the process, and that God would be glorified through every aspect of this project. Pray that doors of witness and ministry would be opened as a result of the contacts that we will be making in the community and that people might come to know Christ as their Savior.”

## BAAS, MARTY

“The Christian educators’ conference was wonderful in Queretaro, MX and full of hope for Christian higher education and Christian education in general. We learned that around the world 100’s of Christian colleges are started each year and 10’s of 1,000’s of Christian schools have opened in the last 30 years. It is a phenomena unlike any period in history as young people and their parents want their children educated with a Biblical foundation. We learned that two universities in developing countries has started 10 years ago and now have 2,000 students each.

“Please pray that Christian schools may soon dot the landscape of Mexico as they do the USA and Canada. Also pray for Christian colleges to open for the young people to get a firm foundation for their career as they are pushed to think Christianly. In this way, we can impact the culture of Mexico. Please pray for Renuevo leadership to make their vision a reality with our small group willing to work many hours to accomplish this. Finally, pray for your own young people to be part of this by getting graduate degrees and participating in the teaching at these schools for a time until enough of their own population can take these roles.”

## MARAHALL, VERNE & ALINA

“Pray for our great need for more pastoral candidates. The Auffarths, whom God used to stabilize Cristo Rey Church, are returning to a pastorate in the USA, Tomas and Ester Yeoman, have been called to a Spanish ministry in a PCA church in the US, leaving a big void in the National Church, and one of our members has had to step down from the pastorate for moral reasons, leaving that congregation without a pastor. Our reality is very different from that of the US where there seems to be an abundance of pastoral candidates, so please pray to the Lord of the harvest that He may send more harvesters into the field.”

## STERLING, JASON & SUSIE

“In our large group meetings, I have been preaching a series titles ‘The Gospel According to the Old Testament.’ Each week we look at how all of Scripture points us to Jesus and our need for Him.

“It was a bittersweet moment early in the semester when we realized the Freshman Bible Study group had outgrown our home! We moved the study on campus but have continued to have 4-5 freshmen over for dinner each week, which is something our whole family loves.

“This year’s Fall Retreat was at Lake Martin...It has been neat to see God answer our prayers about developing a group that loves others as well and is friendly and welcoming.

“...I offered a 2 hour seminar this semester titled ‘How to Study the Bible.’ This seminar was designed to help students grasp the big picture of Scripture so that they might develop a deeper understanding of the Bible.”

## MILLS, TIM & RHIANNA

“...God has blessed us with the formation of an official club—University Christian Fellowship. You see, English is very much admired here, particularly in a place of higher learning! Our campus group spends time at the university weekly; talking, playing games, helping with English and other needs. Please pray with Tim that God will give him many opportunities to share the Gospel during these times on campus.

“We’ve also been privileged to see a Bible Study begin within the campus group; every other Friday night a group gets together either at the church or in a home, to sing, study, pray, and play (always play...). It’s exciting to see who God brings to our midst. Please pray that He will work powerfully through our efforts, all for His glory.”

## SMITH, STEPHEN & BECKY

“Please, pray for Guinea, West Africa. The president of Guinea was shot but is healing nicely. This incident has raised the concern of many regarding the stability of the country. All of the NTM missionaries have been removed from where the unrest is and are safely serving in other parts of the country. There are good plans in place should the situation worsen. While we are watching the situation closely, there is no immediate cause for concern. Pray the missionaries will be able to concentrate on ministry during this time of unrest in other parts of the country.”

## EDWARDS, TOM & CONNIE

“**BEGINNING:** We look forward to all He has in store for us at Hope Health Center in Fairfield. The Church of the Reconciler gave us their office building, which is almost three times the size of our former clinic. Not only did God give us the building, He also provided the funds for the remodeling.

“**NEW:** We are also equipping two rooms to offer free dental care which is so often a huge need for our patients. **If any dentists, dental assistants, or hygienists would like to volunteer, please contact me.** Also, with the extra space, **we pray that God will touch the heart of another physician** to come and minister with me.”

## KUKEC, DAVOR & SANDRA

“God has answered your prayers! We felt it! Everything was great, all the parents showed up, room was filled, everyone came on time. Not only Moms, but fathers came as well, and that was interesting since they just got off work. Comments: As soon as we finished the talk, everyone started saying: ‘Why hasn’t anyone told us about you? Why have you been hiding this secret from us? I see you often, but I never knew that I can ask you for a “ray of sun”...’”

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