

LCPC MISSIONS

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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—July

| Day— | Celebratee |
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| 1 | Tim & Lana Higginbotham |
| 6 | Luka Kukec |
| 6 | Josiah Newport |
| 8 | Jason & Susie Sterling |
| 11 | Diane Parker |
| 19 | Harold & Sarah Schepian |
| 28 | Sarah Schepian |
| 28 | Katie Sterling |
| 29 | Sandra Kukec |

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—

KUKEC, DAVOR & SANDRA

“VBS News: First day, Mihaela and Ivana were just watching VBS over the fence. Next day, they showed up in the registration lane, and they got assigned to my group. They live in the neighborhood, spending most of their days on the streets. At first, they didn’t talk, didn’t dance, but by the end, they’ve participated in everything, competed, laughed and had fun. Last day, when our church and team involved in VBS had a worship service, Mihaela and Ivana came and they’ve brought their sisters and friends with them. I gave them Four Spiritual Laws and New Testament—now, they want to come to Christian Camp. I

believe that God grabbed their hearts. Please continue to pray for them,

“All in all, our first VBS was a huge success—we had 100 kids, excellent praise and worship team, funny puppets, landed an interview on the TV, at night, we had Christian concerts for the youth. Even the local priest—one we feared the most—came and praised our efforts. Another great thing happened—since we are a small church (60-80 believers), we invited other churches to join us and help—and they did! It was awesome to see His Body working together in reaching hearts of these young people. Next year it will be even better—are you coming? We would love to have you come and help us out—let us know if you can!”

NICHOLAS, KEVIN & GERTRUDE

“Praise the Lord with us.

“We finished the 3 month orientation course well and Kevin is well on his way to mastering Tok Pisin, a national trade language used all over Papua New Guinea. We are stronger, physically and spiritually, as a result of the experiences at Nobnob camp and during village living. We made lots of new friends along the way—friends we hope to stay in touch with for a long time.

“We are making progress toward allocating with the Notsi (pronounced NO-Chee) in New Ireland Province. We stopped by Lossu Village to survey existing housing. There is a house already built and waiting for us at Lossu Village located about 1.5 hours drive from Kavieng on paved roads! There’s lots of public transportation, so we are grateful not having to purchase a vehicle right away.

“Pray with us:

- We will need to purchase a 1,000 gallon water tank to collect rain. Pray that we’ll find a good one here in Kavieng to suit our budget and our needs.
- We begin language learning as soon as we return to the village. Please pray for Kevin as he embarks on this second language learning challenge with the Notsi. And remember me as I will be learning Notsi as well.
- Pray for our health.

“Kevin will be helping the Notsi during translation courses down at Namatanai at the New Ireland Translation Institute (NITI)—coordinated by other Bible translators. That means travel just about every month for the next few months. We’ll be catching public transport to and from these courses. Please pray for our safety on the paved and the unpaved stretches of road to Namatanai.

“Thanks again for your love and for your prayers. We remember you in ours.”

TRIPLETT, SUSY

“Prayer Requests

- This Sunday, June 28, we will have two representatives from the Ministry of Justice and about 50 from the Ministry of Social development in Bangkok attend Church of the Blessing for another training workshop to learn about Prison Ministry. Pray that their hearts would be receptive to the Gospel and pray for Pastor Sunthorn and the members of the Church as we prepare for the weekend
- Pray for the storying project I am involved in. Pray that the end result will glorify God and be useful in preaching the Gospel to the Thai people. Pray for two additional Thai people to become involved in creating the stories. And pray for the non-Christians that are helping to test the stories, especially Sang, that they would be ministered to during this process.
- We are seeking out some mentoring opportunities for me for the year 2010. Much of my time during the next few months will be spent investigating some of these options. Pray that God would lead me and my team leader, Gregg, as we make decisions about relationships with other organizations and churches that can provide me with some supervision and guidance in the area of church-based mercy ministries to the poor and outcasts of Bangkok.
- Pray for our team as we conduct interviews of local churches here in Bangkok about their ministries in the area of discipleship and community outreach. Pray that we would be good listeners and that God would use these interviews to help guide us in how we can be better serving the Thai Church.”

HIGGINBOTHAM, TIM & LANA

Excerpted from NAIM News, Vol. 10, Issue 1

“By Katie Pillsbury

“Having traveled for more than thirteen hours, four First Nations friends took to the stage and began to lead worship singing “Power in the Blood” in Kwakwala, their native tongue. The crowd proceeded to lift up Jesus’ name, giving Him praise for 60 years of ministry in NAIM. These Native and non-Native staff and ministry partners collectively represented the day’s theme, ‘We Are His Hands,’ being the hands of Christ as He builds the Native Church.

“This past February, Brody Naknakim was the special speaker at NAIM’s Annual Celebration at Alderwood Community Church in Lynwood, Washington. Brody is from Laich-Kwil-Tach Nation near Campbell River, B.C., and his wife, Alison is from the Nisga’a Nation in northern B.C.

“Brody first interned at the Campbell River Native Christian Fellowship (CRNCF) in the summer of 2007. For

over two years, this young couple has been actively ministering in Campbell River.

“Together they handle services, community outreach, hospital visits and funerals. Their presence is truly an answer to prayer. For over 40 years, local Elders prayed for a pastor from the Laich-Kwil-Tach Nation.

“As we listened to Brody speak, one could not help but get excited by what God is doing at the Fellowship. ‘It’s like a vision...God is always surprising me,’ Brody shared. ‘He is working in everyone’s lives, and it’s starting to spread out to every Nation in Campbell River, we are ready and on duty.’ There was an uncommon humility and genuineness in his words, ‘It is by God’s Spirit, not by human intellect...we are attending because of God’s glory.’”

ELKIN, RON & JACKIE

“Jewish Evangelism Seminars

“One of our goals is to train Christians in the art of Jewish evangelism. I just completed a four week Sunday School Class at Grace Point Church in Philadelphia. This is a second generation Korean-American church for English speakers. The congregation members, through their work, neighbors and schools, have contact with Jewish people. The members told me the class was helpful to them not only in witnessing to Jewish people but in evangelism in general. Pray God will use what they learned to motivate them to witness to Jews and Gentiles.

“A church in lower Bucks County just north of Philadelphia is surrounded by one of the largest Jewish populations in the area. They are eager to learn Jewish evangelism and are considering hosting a seminar. I also arranged for a seminar at an African-American Church in Phila. The pastor, Dr. Donald Bell, is well known among the African-American pastors and teaches at the New Life Bible Institute. This 3 year Bible School is active at churches throughout the city and suburbs. I will be able to invite these students to the seminar, in addition to advertising at many other churches. Pray the September 19th and 26th Seminar will be blessed and well attended.

“Possible Radio Ministry

“I am exploring the possibility of hosting a half hour radio program. One of the stations reaches approximately 11 million people. Many people, including several of my Board of Directors, are encouraging me to pursue this type of evangelism ministry. Before I can step in this direction, I need to form a team of people to help in the production, and other support necessities. There are also other ministry priorities that I need to care of before stepping in this direction. So, at this stage, it is a matter of Prayer. I’ll update you as things develop.”

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