

LCPC MISSIONS

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BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—March

Day—	Celebratee
1	Tyndall Cunningham
5	Larissa Marshall
8	Heidi Brannon
12	Jack Parker
13	Steve Cochrane
17	Jean Fischer
24	Kaziah Newport
30	David 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:

- May 20
- August 19
- November 18

ADDRESS CHANGES

JENSEN, KRIS

Blog: www.wordwoman4life.blogspot.com

MISSIONARY NEWS—

REYNOSO, PAUL & PEGGY

Peggy tells us “I am beginning to grasp that God’s unlimited capacity allows Him to be a doting and involved parent to each of us, His children, as He shares our every grief and delights in our individual quirks and accomplishments (Zephaniah 3:17, NASB). He does not remain aloof from our suffering but draws near to us in our anguish. Even while He delights in having Paula in His presence, He cries with me as I ache and cry for my beloved daughter.”

“[This] was adapted from an excerpt from Peggy’s chapter on suffering in the book *Kingdom Living*, (with chapters by eleven authors), to be published next year by NavPress.”

There has been no additional information received concerning the health of Peggy’s brother.

TRIPLETT, SUZY

“I am writing to you incredibly grateful to be once again healthy and back in a routine. It seems like life has been filled with continual challenges to my health and schedule since mid-December. Nothing serious, but several bouts with the common cold, the stomach flu and most recently what we think was strep throat has slowed me down. It came at a time of significant transition, a move into a new apartment, and lots of traveling, which had me feeling discouraged and longing for a schedule. I’m happy to tell you that God is faithful and I have settled into a boring, old routine, which is exactly where I function best.

“Prayer Requests:

- Now that the bulk of our team meetings and activities are done, not only do I get to return to formal language training, but I also get to return to being a little more outwardly focused. Pray as I begin to step into two days a week of ministry that God would encourage me as I minister to others in new ways, that I would continue to grow in my use of the language and understanding of the culture, and that He would open hearts to the Gospel message.
- Pray for our team as we immediately begin to implement our new focus in ministry. Pray that God would open doors for us to be involved with three new churches this coming year, that we would finish well at Covenant Church, and that we would each be in tune with the Holy Spirit as He leads and guides us through these new opportunities.

“Thank you so much for your prayers and your financial support. I know that times are tough everywhere right now, and your sacrificial giving is so very humbling and encouraging to me. Know that I pray for each of you. And please don’t hesitate to email me with a specific prayer request.

“ ‘A perfect man would never act from sense of duty...Duty is only a substitute for love.’ C. S. Lewis”

KUKEC, DAVOR & SANDRA

“Sandra and I are serving our local church in various ways, one of which is by leading a small group in our home. We have a three-fold purpose—to pray, worship Him and to fellowship. For a fellowship part, we all took a short trip to watch a play that several Christians put together, and then we’ve spent several very enjoyable hours sharing and getting to know each other.

“I’ve spent 10 days in training how to use media in the ministry with 40 different ministry leaders from Eastern

Europe. We utilize media every day, but we had never received training for that.”

JENSEN, KRIS

“Jan. ’09 status of Assyrian Scriptures, Wow!

Here is where the Assyrian translation stands. The NT is still under revision. Randy and Homer and I work on it several times a week by Skype. Most exegetical issues are done, but we still need to deal with footnote, glossary and section heading issues. In the OT:

- Genesis—drafting & exegetical done, needs community reading
- Exodus—drafting done, exegetical checking in process
- Leviticus & Numbers—first draft done
- Deuteronomy—first draft done, exegetical checking in process
- Joshua—first draft done
- Judges—first draft is done
- Ruth & Esther—both done and checked, needs community reading
- 1 Samuel—first draft is done
- 2 Samuel—first draft in process
- Psalms—over 15 Psalms completed

“Books of 1 & 2 Samuel present many difficulties for translators,

One of the most difficult problems in translating 1 & 2 Samuel lies in deciding what to translate. Scholars have long known that the text of 1 & 2 Samuel printed in the Hebrew Bibles is in bad condition, having suffered numerous scribal errors during its written transmission. It is not always easy to determine what the original form of the text is and if it had been shortened or has been expanded. We as translators are so grateful for the wide variety of computer helps from the United Bible Societies and other scholars to help us make decisions, and we do so with great humility, prayer and care for the original text.

“Total knee replacement is doing well.

“Retired Senator John Nimrod passes away in Chicago.

In January John passed away in Chicago after a long illness. He was the director of the Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation and generously supported our Assyrian Bible translation work by allowing our translator and his friend, Homer, as much as needed to work on the translation during working hours. John also directed the AUAF’s efforts to preserve Assyrian history, literature, and language, and kept in contact with political and social issues which affect Assyrians around the world.

“My son, [Peter], plans to marry in April.

“Financial Update for 2008 and 2009

In 2008 I saw both my living and working budget needs increase, but without corresponding increase in income....Many months I had to pull money out of my retirement funds to continue to operate....so this year we must see an additional \$1,450/month raise in order for me to be able to continue full time in Assyrian Bible translation. I would be delighted for you to contact me if you have any ideas of who else might be interested

partnering with us to bring God’s Word to Assyrians all over the world.”

BRANNON, ROB & JOANNE

“ ‘BIG AIR’ AT THE WINTER YOUTH RALLY:

Thank you for praying for the Pioneer Bible Camp 2009 Winter Youth Rally at Wolf Creek Ski Resort as God enabled us to realize ‘big air’ on the wings of an eagle for the Gospel. This year’s Winter Youth Rally was a joint effort between Pioneer Bible Camp, Operation Roundup (our ministry) and Rick and Mick Ministries. About 150 people participated in the Rally (much larger than normal due to Rick and Mick coming). There was tremendous attentiveness and openness to the Gospel with a great response when the Gospel invitation was given by Rick and Mick.. Please join us in prayer that this will be fruit that will remain. Operation Roundup was able to give away about 70 of ‘The Knight of the Golden Arrow’ books, 81 ‘Lord of the Board’ Tracts (thanks to Pastor Steve Barsuhn for producing this year’s batch of tracts). God is doing great things here, and Satan is also resisting that work...please keep joining us in prayer for the victory on all fronts. Thank you!

“Please continue to pray that God would give us wisdom as we consider the next step in our search for a facility. One thing that I admire about God is that He is absolutely and completely sovereign. That is to say, God is not bound by our prayers, desires, nor our own human will. God is God, and He will only and always do His perfect will, in His perfect way, and in His perfect timing. I worship the Lord for His perfect sovereignty, and I rejoice to know that He will continue to build His church as only He can.. This is the exciting part about following Him! You never know what great thing He has waiting around the corner! Job42:2 says, ‘I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.’ Praise the Lord!”

BREAKING NEWS FROM KRIS JENSEN

The news of 3 US soldiers and an interpreter being killed north of Baghdad caused Kris to be concerned about the Assyrians that are usually the interpreters.

“This news is sad enough, but inside this article is another hidden fact that you may not be aware of. Many Assyrian Christians, who have immigrated to the US and finally found safety from persecution, have returned to their home country as interpreters to earn some extra money to support their families....So when I see an article like this I think of Romy and many others from Phoenix who are now facing life-threatening dangers. Please pray for their grieving families too, as well as those of our soldiers. As far as I know, Romy is still ok. ...[Lent] begins a special time of preparation for Easter by prayer, fasting and seeking God. Would you consider making this time until Easter (April 12) a special time of prayer for our Assyrian friends, that they be kept safe, that they come to know Christ in a fresh and personal way and so shine as lights in a dark world? Thank you and God’s Best Blessings to you.”

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