

# LCPC MISSIONS

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## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY—May

Day—	Celebratee
7	Gertrude Nicholas
8	Jonathan Cochrane
14	Steve & Becky Cochrane
20	Kris Jensen
21	Verne Marshall
28	Tim Higginbotham
29	Jack & Diane Parker

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 2010 dates:

- July 21
- October 20

## MISSIONARY NEWS—

### FISCHER, R.J. & JEAN

“I hope this letter finds everything is going well with you and your family during these difficult economic times.

“We have seen our monthly support drop to the point that The Navigators have dropped our monthly paycheck to an amount that is difficult to live on.

“Often I meet people who say, ‘I thought that you were paid a salary from The Navigators.’ We are paid by The Navigators but we have to raise the money for both our salary and the ministry expenses from people like you, our friends.

“Jean and I are very grateful for our friends who have continued to support us and words are never enough to express how we feel about you. Some have lost jobs and we would ask that you to pray for them too.

### “PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our monthly support
- Our daughter, Michelle, [was] due April 19<sup>th</sup>
- R.J. is still working on his book
- R.J. as he conducts meetings sharing ‘The Vision and Plans’ for NavScouting in the U.S.”

### JENSEN, KRIS

“Great News! 12 of the 150 Psalms have been translated! We hope you will thank God with us... We would like you to pray that we can get the translation of the Psalms printed with the revision of the New Testament. The revision is practically done. The Glossary has been meticulously read through and corrected and a few inconsistencies are being now adjusted. Pray that we can finish up translating and checking the Psalms so perhaps they can go into the New Testament publication. It will take a miracle (I think) of timing.

“I am very excited that I had my first meeting this week with a new Assyrian language tutor to help me with language learning. Her name is Alexandra, and she lives about a block away from my son and his wife! She loves language and words and is a delight to spend time with. Her father’s life was saved as a little boy when his father lifted him onto the back of a horse as their whole village was fleeing from the murderous genocide of the Ottomans. The grandfather slapped the horse shouting, ‘Ride and don’t look back!’ The whole family perished, but Alexandra’s father survived and later became a leader in his church and taught her to read the ancient language and love the Scriptures. I invite you to pray for us as we get to know each other and as she helps me read, speak and write better Assyrian.”

### BAAS, MARTY

“Let me start my update with Psalm 46:1-7, ‘*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear... God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar... He lifts his voice... The Lord Almighty is with us; and God of Jacob is our fortress.*’ My once quiet capital city is now less quiet and predictable. My four mile drive to school must be altered now and then. That day I learned my 3<sup>rd</sup> possible route when we had our second school closing for the day in less than a month.

“We seem to have a censoring of the news in this city, which keeps the people on edge. So when they hear a rumor or facts, it is indistinguishable and they quickly take their children out of school all over the city. Sometimes our leaders tell us to send them home. So four days before our Holy Week and then Spring Break, the parents came and it was announced that all absences for the remaining days of that week will be justified throughout the city. (Remember all of our schools come under government control). These warring factions did make a general threat to schools along the freeways around our city, I learned the other day.

## **PIERCE, RHONDA**

“I hope you are enjoying the Lord today as much as I am. I confess I often don’t enjoy the support raising stage of being a missionary. However, the past few weeks have truly been a joy as I have had the opportunity to meet with people and hear what God is doing in so many different lives. It encourages me to see the faithfulness of friends, family and even those I’ve just met. The past 4 months of meeting with supporters has been full of hearing how God has taken care of His children through the economic crisis. It doesn’t mean we haven’t suffered and that everything is exactly as we would want it to be, BUT over and over I keep hearing people say; “God is faithful” and “God is good”. AMEN! He is both of those things and it encourages me to hear how others are laboring here on the home-front as we labor overseas.

“Please Pray:

- For continued spiritual renewal and refreshment. That my time with Him would be consistent and sweet.
- For \$1090/month in support to be committed by April 30th
- For \$20,000 in outgoing costs (airfare, training, shipping, housing set-up, car, computer update, language acquisition, etc.) to be committed by April 30th
- That I can find a way for Wrigley (my dog) to go with me. There are blackout dates May 15th – Sept. 15 for flying with animals as cargo. If I can’t fly by May 14th, I will need to find another way to take her, or find her a good home in the U.S. Pray for wisdom and clear direction if I’m not able to fly by May 14th.
- Good time with friends during my last weeks in Birmingham. I will leave Birmingham and travel to Ohio once the support is raised. It will then take about 2 weeks to secure my visa and pack for the trip. During the final 2 weeks I will be with friends and family in Ohio.”

## **HIGGINBOTHAM, TIM & LANA**

“Your prayers and your giving to NAIM are living obedience, just like those first followers were doing while Jesus yet walked on the earth. Thank you for carrying the torch forward in our generation, helping us to do together what we could not do without you. We’re a team I’m grateful to be in.

“Prayer Request—Organizationally, we are going through a time of re-evaluating programs and ministry approaches to match the changing landscape of Native ministry. Some of these changes directly affect staff ministries and lives. Working in leadership, I request prayer for wisdom and courage in bringing the best of who we are forward to meet the challenges of the future. Our vision remains the same...NAIM is a multicultural team that exists to glorify God through building the Church by making disciples

among North American Indigenous peoples, to reach the world for Christ.”

## **MILLS, TIM & RHIANNA**

“I’m writing to you on behalf of a small congregation in the neighboring country of Myanmar. I had the opportunity to meet their pastor, Reverend Zama, when he traveled to Bangkok two years ago and we’ve kept up through email about the unfolding story of their fellowship of believers. Pastor Zama is a good communicator and is faithful to share the vision, joys, challenges, and needs of their church. I’m continually encouraged to hear of the great faith of these brothers and sisters in Christ despite living in the face of great hostility and suffering.

“I recently learned of their desire to purchase an electric piano for their church and wanted to find a way to help with that effort. I’m writing to make you aware of this limited project and ask you to consider giving to help meet this need. I hope to raise \$650 to cover the cost of the piano and a power converter. Mission to the World (MTW) has an on-going relationship with this church and already has an account set up to receive donations.”

## **BRANNON, ROB & JOANNE**

“Wow! This is nothing short of amazing! You prayed...and God answered! Thank you, Lord Jesus and thanks to each of you who prayed! Can you believe that our house is already under contract? Over 20 of you guys replied back to us from our email prayer update that we sent you only 8 days ago asking for passionate, prevailing prayer for God to sell our house. Now here we are 8 days later...with a contract on our house! Only God could do that! The Lord God Almighty reigns! Please continue to pray that the Lord will shepherd us through this very important, delicate and challenging process of selling, buying and moving to this remote part of Utah....”

## **ELKIN, RON & JACKIE**

### **“Health Concerns**

“I took a stress test on March 22nd. The doctor told me that the test showed some narrowing in my heart arteries.... [I am a] diabetic, it is easier for plaque stick to my arteries.... Pray for God to heal me, and guide the surgeon's hands and mind. Once my heart issues are dealt with, I will be contacting an orthopedic surgeon to discuss a partial knee replacement. I have put this operation off, because of ministry responsibilities, but, I know it's important for me to make the time for this necessary body repair. Pray for guidance and success for this procedure.

### **“Unexpected Dental Costs**

“I had an annual dental exam and the ex-rays showed that one of my teeth had an infection.... When I saw the x-rays I understood the need for a root canal and a new crown for the tooth. ...As I've written before, our finances are down because of the economy. Any assistance with this unexpected expense would be very helpful.

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