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# NEWSLETTER

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"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38). As we leave the mission office to serve at Blanding Blvd. Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, Jesus' prayer resonates with me. There are still many churches needing pastors and many mission fields lacking missionaries. The harvest is still plenteous, but the laborers are still few. Please continue to pray for more laborers to be sent and for those on the field to remain faithful.

We received sad news the last week of March that missionary David Smith had a massive heart attack and passed away very unexpectedly. The Smiths were approved as WBF missionaries in 1989 and have served faithfully in Quebec impacting many people for Christ. Please pray for Mrs. Debby as navigates through this difficult time and adjusts to life and ministry without Bro. David. Also, pray for their children as well as the church family in Gatineau. They had to wait several weeks before being able to meet with the funeral home and schedule funeral arrangements. This has been a very difficult process for the family, and they greatly appreciate our prayers.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, a super typhoon went through the Northern Mariana Islands. Saipan, where the McClure family serves, was hit very hard. Joshua McClure and his family are currently in the U.S. on furlough, but Terry and Gloria McClure are there in Saipan. It could be several months before electricity is restored, and they are dealing with a lot of flooding and damaged buildings and vehicles from the intense storm. Please pray they would be able to get their gas powered generator working or somehow get a solar powered generator soon. Also, pray for them as they minister to many people with the gospel in the aftermath of the storm.

### **Health updates:**

Caleb and Deana Fielding found out in February that Deana was pregnant again following a recent miscarriage. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, they found out that this second baby was also called home to heaven. Please pray for them as they grieve during this difficult time.

My dad, Gary Bacon, had to return to the hospital following recent surgery to relieve blockage in his arteries. The doctors changed his blood thinner medication to hopefully resolve the continued shortness of breath. Please pray that my dad continues to feel better each day and have a full recovery.

The following individuals in our missionary family need your prayers for ongoing health needs: Gary & Monnie Bacon, Dale Brown, Monoka Brown, Phil & Mary Gagnon, Ronda Hastings, Betty Hawkins, Norman & Jeanie Higgins, Mary Horton, Sandy Janky, Marjorie Malanowski, Terry & Gloria McClure, Dorothy McClure, Mark & Dana McCutchen, Don Rowland, Gayle Sparks, Marty & Jessie Starling, and Barbara Wimm.

It has truly been an honor to serve as Mission Director for the WBF Mission Agency the last ten years. Julie and I are grateful for churches, individuals, and missionaries who have sacrificially given to support us in this ministry. Your investment has not been in vain. God has graciously allowed us to see the mission office move forward and assist local churches and their missionaries more efficiently. We have also learned so much that will be a benefit as we serve at Blanding Blvd. Baptist Church.

Thank you for your continued prayers and for supporting WBF missionaries. We love you and appreciate ALL you do!

Keep on keeping on!

Joey Bacon

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