

Partners in Prayer

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Dear Church Family,

It is March, and so far this year we have seen crazy weather here where we live and all around the world. We had cold and snow in February after a warm and drier than normal January. What was the weather like where you live? The newscasts showed strange and unpredictable weather in many places. Weather is often a lot like life . . . unpredictable. You never know what is going to happen next. We thank the Lord that we are in His hands no matter what is happening around us.

At the end of February we took a week of vacation and skied at Panorama Resort in eastern British Columbia, which has one of North America's largest vertical drops. It is a massive place to ski and always fun. Thanks to our age we managed to find very good prices for skiing at Panorama when we pre-purchased a five day ski pass last December. We had a wonderful time skiing in cool temperatures. It was great to get away for a few days and just have fun by ourselves.



Please continue to pray for the people of Cuba, for churches and pastors. The country is in very difficult times. The economy is in collapse and many, many people have fled the country. They are going anywhere they can go outside of Cuba. Included in this exodus are many pastors, denominational leaders and Bible School teachers. This has placed many churches in precarious positions with no pastor and not a lot of possibility of finding a new pastor in the short term. ***Ask the Holy Spirit to touch the lives of those God knows should be leading and preaching in churches.*** The bright side of these economic problems are that churches in Cuba have been given new opportunities to minister in ways which have not been allowed in the past. Government officials have asked churches to help with the poor, children, elderly and those who are sick. Churches have been asked to take on social responsibilities which before this crisis were not open to them. ***Thank the Lord for these open doors of ministry and pray that churches will use them to serve their communities and share the gospel message.***

Sandra's women's online Bible study is going strong. They are studying the book of Hosea. The Bible study Gary leads, mainly couples our age, is just beginning a study of the book of Hebrews. ***Ask the Lord to use us to help each person in these Bible studies learn and grow in their faith, obedience and relationship to Christ.***

Gary continues to mentor Edson, a young missionary in the Philippines. They meet virtually once per month and talk about the things he is learning in the World Team leader training program. They also talk about the church plants in which Edson is involved and his ministry in general. *Please ask the Lord to continue to help Edson grow in his role as a church planter and a leader.*


Our next set of online courses for our World Team missionaries begin in May. That means Gary will be busy with this part of his ministry beginning in April as he makes sure everything is ready for the courses to begin. *Please pray that many of our missionaries enrol in our three primary courses, Evangelism, Discipleship and Church formation.*

This coming summer World Team will be holding a gathering of all our missionaries. It will take place in Asia. The mission is raising funds to cover the hotel and meal costs for this meeting but each missionary is responsible to raise the funds for their airfare to Asia. In our case the cost is about \$4,000 for the two of us. In faith we have purchased our tickets, since it is much less expensive to purchase long before flight time. However we now need help to cover that expense. If you would like to donate towards the cost of our travel to this World Team meeting we would be very thankful. You can make a donation by giving through World Team either online, by telephone or by mail. The postal addresses and telephone numbers appear at the end of this letter. For online giving, just search for World Team Canada or USA or Australia. To assure funds go towards our expenses, the project number and name to use is: 10024 Americas Church Planting. That is the title of our support account. *Please pray with us that this financial need will be provided.*

World Team also needs to raise a large amount to pay for the conference, hotel and meal costs for all who attend this meeting. You or your church can give towards helping the mission as a whole by donating towards the general conference expenses. Let us know if you would like information about a donation to help with the overall conference expenses, not just our airfare.

Thank you for your prayers for us and the ministries in which we are involved. We truly appreciate all who pray for us and all who help with our financial support. Together the Lord uses us to accomplish His goals.

In Jesus' love,


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Our granddaughter Alannah

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