



The Gleanings

MISSION STATEMENT

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VISION STATEMENT

By 2020 we will be recognized as a global church planting movement.

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*****CANADA*****

Brian & Trish Fink are praising the Lord for: **1.** Weekly Bible studies are going very well! Through the Experiencing God material, He is helping each of them to apply His Word, and they are being challenged to deepen their personal love relationship and walk with Him. **2.** Serenity had two good visits with her birth family visiting the grave of her Great Grandma and another visit she was able to share some meat from her first deer with her grandparents. **3.** The blessing to participate in the Treaty Four powwow once again this year. Serenity and Jade danced jingle dress style! They dance for the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their culture. Words can't fully describe the feeling of watching them participate. **4.** The adoption paperwork has officially begun for their baby, Janessa. "We are so thankful for this opportunity and thankful for her! We are also aware that this process may take several years.

They request prayer for: **1.** The possibility of having a 7 month old baby girl in their home. We want to remain open to what God wants to do. Please, pray for their family and for this precious little one!! **2.** Safety in travel as Tricia drives 8 hours north to help Cheri and Josh with their new baby (due Nov 17). Road conditions can be hazardous a large portion of the winter. **3.** The youth group at their local church has grown tremendously and Brian is, once again, team teaching/leading. Pray that these young ones will be challenged to grow deeper in their walks with the Lord. **4.** Brian's Dad and Mom as they deal with his disease (Progressive supranuclear Palsy). Brian's mom wants to care for him but is finding it an overwhelming challenge. Please pray for her strength and health as well as wisdom in the days ahead. **5.** Brian will be preaching on Nov 19. Please, pray for God's message to be communicated clearly. **6.** Wisdom grace and patience as they go through the adoption process for Janessa- that they will speak up when necessary and wait patiently when that is called for.

*****EL SALVADOR*****

Ismael & Georgina Noriega request prayer for: **1.** The VBS that is being planned. **2.** Ismael's knee. After the new year they are going to see if tendon strengthening and reinforcing will eliminate the need for surgery.

*****GUATEMALA*****

Jose & Pam Munoz are praising the Lord for: **1.** Awesome trip Pam had to India -- with the thousands of miles, many means of transportation, food, time change, etc., God blessed her life with this life-impacting experience. (There is just too much to mention it all.) **2.** Pastor Don Kidd was able to attend Guatemalan Conference sessions and be with them regardless of his health and many interruptions in travel. **3.** Nathan got his license and a job. **4.** "God's overwhelming goodness in our lives through those He has put around us and those who sustain us in prayer and financial support."

They request prayer for: **1.** Natalie as she prepares for her university finals this month and heavy work schedule; Nathan to be disciplined in his studies, new job and that both will desire the Lord above all else in their lives. **2.** The heavy administration and scholarship workload at the Uatlan School this month. **3.** Effective Vacation Bible Schools being carried out by many churches and funds needed for youth (\$50 each) to attend Youth Camp in December. **4.** God's grace, wisdom and mercy be reflected in their lives each day.

*****SOUTH ASIA*****

Sarah is praising the Lord for: **1.** Smooth process closing up, handing things over to various people, and saying goodbye. "This was really the smoothest departure I have ever experienced and some of it is nothing short of a miracle! I see God's mighty hand in the last three months, making my path incredibly straight." **2.** "I'm blessed to be wrapping up over 7 years in South Asia. The process of saying goodbye is rich with the opportunity to spend concentrated time with all of the people who matter to me and who love me. The last two weeks I rarely ate a meal at home -- spending most of my time in the homes of friends and family who have made me a part of their lives. I feel privileged and rich to have these relationships. The final meetings also brought up the opportunity to talk about Jesus or see how friends have progressed along their journey since I met them. Incredible."

She requests prayer for: **1.** Her time in the States to be restful, restorative, and fruitful. “I am looking forward to traveling around on the East Coast and in the Midwest to see many of you!” Pray for safe travels especially during the treacherous winter months! **2.** She will be applying for a new visa to return to South Asia in the month of February. Please pray now for favor on that paperwork. **3.** Joel and Erika – the couple who is teaching the children’s class at the Center while I’m gone – and the other teammates she’s left behind.

UNITED STATES

Betsy Wambach is praising the Lord for: **1.** “I continue to do great after my August surgery.” **2.** Really enjoying being with the Pittsburgh district for their missionary conference. It was a lot of fun. **3.** They have had their Directors there this week from all of their various countries of ministry for council meetings. It has been great to both reconnect with them and do have them here in person to connect about individual members of their fields. So much better than email or Skype! **4.** Thank you for praying for their change-over of their financial software. “We are still learning things, but it is going much better.”

She requests prayer for: **1.** The C family. They are missionaries to China and were going to return to a new area of the country, but the government has really cracked down on foreigners in that part of the country. They and others were denied visas. Please pray for clarity for them and leadership as they try to figure out what direction to go. **2.** The P family. They have a special needs child and the Lord actually used that to open doors to a new ministry for them in Europe. But, now the needs of this child are starting to exceed what is available overseas. Please pray for them as they consider what their options may be. **3.** Those missionaries who live in very stressful situations – that they will truly get the rest and refreshment they need before they return overseas.

Doug & Margaret Grenawalt are praising the Lord for receiving word from their former coworker in Pakistan, Dildar, that his eldest son is getting married this month. Praise God that Dildar and his family continue to be very involved in ministry in Pakistan.

They request prayer for: **1.** God to bless the marriage of Dildar's son, Parus. **2.** Margaret's Pakistani friend, Shakeela, who is having a lot of pain from ulcers. Continue to pray for the granting of her family's visa, which has successfully passed one stage of the process. **3.** Doug to be able to start discipling two men he has befriended, one is from Iran, the other from Afghanistan.

Luis & Josefina Estévez are praising the Lord for: **1.** An amazing week in Guatemala. They had the opportunity to attend the PM Conference, as well as the ladies' Conference, and also visit with some dear friends. **2.** Being able to serve the Lord in speaking to couples and parents. Many expressed having learned tools to strengthen their relationships.

They request prayer for: **1.** Their family and ministry. Luis's sister, Raiza, with stage 4 cancer. “We are praying for a miracle.” **2.** Upcoming couples' seminar on the 18th of November. **3.** Their radio program and for the Lord to continue touching lives with His principles that are being presented.

Darren and Hannah Livie at Relevant Church in Allentown are praising the Lord for: **1.** Gaining five new people who are attending their worship gatherings. **2.** Having their first baby dedication on Nov. 26. (This is an outreach family that Darren and Hannah have been building a relationship with her for over a year). **3.** Acquiring worship leaders for their Sunday evening worship gathering.

They request prayer for: **1.** Laura, a young woman who came to Christ at the end of October. She and her boyfriend are now attending Relevant Church at the evening service. Pray that she will continue to grow in her new faith. **2.** Widows and widowers in our church. Holidays can be a tough time for these people. We are bringing them into our lives for the holidays. Pray that they will feel the love of Jesus as they celebrate the holidays with their new church family. **3.** Finding a worship leader for their morning worship gathering.

Nelson & Jill Perkinson are praising the Lord for: **1.** Helen and Loren Anderson whose ministry on the mission field still bears fruit that will last for eternity. **2.** The new converts in all their Hispanic congregations. **3.** The new families participating in all their churches.

They request prayer for: **1.** Them to continue to cultivate opportunities to disciple for the LORD’s Kingdom. **2.** The LORD will lead other servants to minister in their congregations. **3.** Guidance as their District and Hispanic ministries develop a long-term plan and budget.

Bill Vasey is praising the Lord for: **1.** The JESUS film continues to produce amazing results from frequent showings in the Joyabaj area. While in town recently, he gave copies to several banks and hotels where people wait in lines and lobbies watching the nature channel. They are now watching the film in their own dialect. Local T.V. stations have been showing it frequently and in the marketplace where DVDs are sold they have it showing frequently. One Pastor has reported 32 conversions to faith in Christ since receiving his copy and has plans for a mass showing soon using the projection equipment that Campus Crusade left in Joyabaj to be used by local Christian leadership. **2.** During the trip he was able to make final arrangements for 5 trips to Joyabaj scheduled for next year. Two more Pastor's conferences are planned, along with work teams to help build homes for widows and work at a local school that helps handicapped children called Ray of Hope ministry.

He requests prayer for: **1.** The above mentioned trips in 2018. There is room available for anyone interested in doing a mission trip to Joyabaj. Just give Bill a call and he can share the dates. Tel. 608 732 4160 for more details. **2.** The many new believers that have come to faith in Christ since the JESUS film has been made available. They are being disciplined by local pastors who have been given training in discipleship and also materials from Navigators and Campus Crusade to help with the process.

Linda MacRae is praising the Lord for: **1.** Those who faithfully pray for her and continue to financially support her (a great help toward meeting her needs). **2.** The opportunity to provide transportation for those who need help getting to doctor's visits. **3.** Her volunteer work at **Audio Bibles for the Blind** continues. Her current long-term project is formatting the Spanish Bible so that the blind & visually impaired can navigate the Bible, not only by book and chapter, but also by verse. She listens to the Bible being read, puts in a marker in the sound waves at the beginning of each verse and saves the individual verse files. She is almost finished with the Books of Numbers (Números).

Mario Cordero is praising the Lord for: **1.** The success of the Trunk and Treat activity. **2.** Even though their congregation is small they are strong and faithful.

They request prayer for: **1.** Family and friends who were affected by the hurricane in Puerto Rico and the earthquake in Mexico. **2.** The elderly of the Anglo congregation to remain healthy and their determination to remain strong so they may continue to serve. **3.** Pastor Mario and Maury as they continue reaching the Hispanic community through Mission Vida and the committee which works closely with them to plan outreach activities.



India Team—The India Work Team would like to thank all who prayed for them while they were together in India, October 9-20. They ministered to the families of workers there in the country who themselves are from varying countries, i.e. Australia, Taiwan, Japan, Germany, the U.S., Canada, New Zealand and India as well. Not only was our work with the children a blessing, but it was really great having mealtimes and other times of opportunity to talk and share with everyone. We heard amazing stories around the table. Each of the team members was impacted differently by what God revealed to them.

While we celebrated and enjoyed Diwali there, in the middle of it we were greatly impacted by the depth of the spiritual darkness and need of the people. We were also reminded once again that while the need is great, the workers are still far too few. Please continually pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out, catapult out, an ever increasing number of workers.

A Personal Word About Helen Anderson--



We are sure that by now you have heard of the passing of Helen Anderson, wife of Loren Anderson. Together they served the Lord for decades in Guatemala, the U.S.A., Europe and the world, wherever God placed them.

Helen's gentle spirit, loving way and cheerful smile always drew us to her. Her determined love for God and commitment to His call always challenged us. Helen's life was an example that helped lead many and guide many into mission. We will always be thankful to God for allowing us to know her and to have our lives touched by hers. (Don and Sue Kidd)

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Helen Anderson Memorial Fund that will be used to help in the completion of a Rural Clinic in Guatemala via GUATESTAR. <http://www.guatestar.org/>

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