



Lighthouse Baptist Church

Missionary Praises/Prayer Requests

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Internet Prayer Letter

*Help make a difference in the lives and ministries of our missionaries by praying for them.
James 5:16 ... "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".*

The Bowens – International Partnership Ministries Inc. (IPM) (Dr. Bill and Cindy) **PRAISES:** 1) for God's answer to so many prayers during 2011, 2) for the faithful prayer and financial support of their ministry with IPM for the past nineteen years, 3) for approximately 52 meetings the Lord allowed him to be in during this past year, and 4) for two field visits to India and most recently to Beirut, Lebanon. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for God's provisions for this year, and 2) for health and safety.

The Capeharts – Romania: (Robert, Marianne and James) **PRAISES:** 1) that Marianne's fingers and hands are showing some improvement, and 2) for continued good attendance. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) that Rica and Mariana will turn to the Lord for the help they need, and 2) for health and safety.

The Cassells – on deputation for Rock of Ages Prison Ministry: (Jeff, Paula, Jordan and Jonah) **PRAISES:** 1) that with their 45% support level and an unstable economy, God has kept food on their table, bills paid, gas in the tank, and blessings all around, 2) for God's goodness in the jails and prisons where he was blessed to preach and pray with several inmates, and 3) for 14 ladies that were saved when Brother Cassell and his wife visited a prison in Lexington, NC. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) that the men and women that were saved will grow spiritually, 2) for an increase in support, and 3) for health and safety traveling.

The Chapmans – Latin America: (Tim, Cheryl, Lauren, Micah, and Abby) **PRAISES:** 1) for a wonderful year of furlough with the blessings of spending time with family, getting to know people in their home church better, and getting to visit most of the churches that support them, and 2) for the Lord's provision of sponsors for the 25 scholarships. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for their family's adjustment back to Peru and the leaving of grandparents and other family and friends here in the States (they were scheduled to leave the States on February 5th), 2) for a good attendance at youth camp that will be going on 2 weeks after they get back, that young people will be saved and that the Christian young people will be strengthened in their faith and in spiritual growth, 3) for wisdom in their search for the right piece of property for the new camp, and 4) for health and safety.

The Cherians – South India Baptist Bible College (SIBBC) & Seminary: (P.D. and Thankamma) **PRAISES:** 1) for 399 students attending the SIBBC, and for 469 students in the Baptist Christian Academy, 2) for a good number of their graduates that are involved in church planting, 3) for a graduate who started witnessing to lepers; many got saved and baptized, and he felt a burden to start a church for them, and 4) for 539 people that trusted the Lord for salvation, and 52 that followed the Lord in Baptism as a result of their summer outreach ministry. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for funds needed to purchase items for: Library & Research Center, Home of Hope, Women's Residence Hall, Dining Hall, and Men's Residence Hall, 2) funds for a new Men's Dormitory, 3) funds to complete the Administration Building and Chapel Building, 4) for this year's faculty and students, 5) for the spiritual growth of those that have accepted Christ, and 6) for health and safety.

The Conrads – Hong Kong, China: (Matthew, Michelle, Bethany, Julia and Benjamin) **PRAISES:** 1) for the safety of his family while moving to and ministering in Hong Kong, 2) for healthy and happy children who are adjusting well to their new home, 3) for the Christmas outreaches ministering alongside faithful Chinese believers and reaching out to the unsaved, 4) for wonderful teammates who have helped get them settled in, 5) for a time of family vacation at the Atlantic Ocean before flying to Hong Kong, 6) for 17 weeks of teen ministry, 7) for all the months of safety and God's provision while traveling on deputation, 8) for an encouraging Commissioning Service before leaving in August, and 9) for the blessing to be living in an affordable, beautiful flat not far from the Cantonese language school they are attending. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for the homeschooling of their girls, 2) for openings to witness and wisdom in discipleship, 3) for language school, that the Cantonese language comes easier to them than advertised, 4) for the salvation of Jung and Jason, 5) that God will raise up a Chinese young man to mentor and to work alongside them to plant a church in Hong Kong when they are ready to begin, 6) for clear guidance through language learning, ministry opportunities, and eventual church planting in Hong Kong, and 7) for health & safety.

The Espinels – on deputation to Uruguay: (Matias, Kristine, and David) 1) for how God has been providing for their support needs, 2) for their 70% support level, and 3) that they have all the documents needed for immigration and are presently working on labeling their

storage bins for shipment so they will be all ready to leave when the Lord allows. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) that God will bring in their needed support in His time and through the churches He would have partner with them, 2) for wisdom for those in leadership over them to know how to advise them about the potential move in February, 3) for camps in February to be effective for God's glory, 4) for Matias for accuracy, clarity and smoothness of translation so that God's Word will go forth unhindered, and 5) for health and safety.

The Gardners – Japan: (Dan, Terri and Joshua) **PRAISES:** 1) for the faithful support and prayers for their ministry, and 2) for three days of special meetings, with two saved during the meetings, and for another young man that accepted Christ about two weeks before the meetings. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) that their church would grow in numbers, that people would grow spiritually, and that they would continue to see many people come to know Christ personally, 2) that they will be able to fill their schedule with meetings during their furlough this year, and 3) for health and safety.

The Golds – Israel: (Moshe and Shoshona) We started supporting the Golds in July, and we have not received a prayer letter as of this time. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for their health and especially for safety.

The Healds – Prison Outreach of Delaware: (Tim and Karen): **PRAISES:** 1) for \$1,535 of the \$40,000 that is needed to put Prison Outreach of DE on track financially, 2) for seeing God work victoriously through faithful supporters, and 3) that God continues to bless with open doors in the prison and the freedom to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for strength to cover all the areas of ministry 2) for the families of inmates in dealing with their own health and personal issues, 3) for continued support to come in to put Prison Outreach of DE back on track financially, and 3) for health and safety.

Sara Lawrence – Worldwide Children's Bible Mission: (Sara and Kevin) **PRAISES:** 1) for all the praying, helping and caring of supporters, 2) that the Lighthouse Christian Bookstore has opened their doors to offer teacher training for Sunday school and church workers, 3) for being able to give out about 24 Bibles and New Testaments to children who needed one, and 4) for God's open doors to witness to children one on one and many adults as well. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for people to open their home, backyard, or front porch for activities, and 2) for health and safety.

The Lilleys – Baptist International Missions, Inc.: (Dr. Jim and Bonnie) **PRAISES:** 1) for all the faithful prayers and financial support, 2) for the blessing of Candidate School that brought them 10 new missionary candidates, and 3) for the joy of participating in the Enrichment week in July, a BIMI Directors meeting in August, and a Church Planting School at the World Missions Center where new missionaries were taught about planting and building new churches on the field. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for Dr. Lilley as he continues to advise missionaries who are going to the field concerning their estate plans, 2) for Dr. Lilley as he speaks at various conferences, 3) for a complete recovery for their oldest son, Mark, who had open heart surgery, and 4) for health and safety.

The Lyons – Spain: (Jonathan, Rachelle, Priscilla, Benjamin, Stephen and Jason) **PRAISES:** 1) for the blessing of seeing souls saved, lives changed and battles won, 2) for the Lord supplying in many unexpected ways as well as His protection for over 36,000 miles of traveling, and 3) for three new supporting churches, and for two churches that have increased their support. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for Priscilla as she seeks a job to help pay her way through college, and that God will use her in a mighty way at West Coast, 2) for \$3,000 needed to purchase airline tickets for their return trip to Spain in February, and 3) for health and safety.

The Pans – Taiwan: (Luke, Deana, Joshua, Josiah, Noah, and Anna Joy) **PRAISES:** 1) that they have seen God do such great things; they are having more and more families to minister to, and they are so excited about these opportunities, 2) Morning Light Christian Assoc. became official as a registered Non-Profit Organization within Taiwan: through God's grace, they have been able to minister to over 115 moms in the past 2 years, have had 50 phone calls on their hotline in 1 year, have sheltered 24 women in crisis pregnancies, and they have been able to adopt 55 babies to Christian families all over the world, and 3) they praise God for sending Bethany Gorman there to help with their children's education. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for spiritual strength for their church members, 2) for Beth Gorman helping with their children's education, 3) for plans, churches and funds for their 2013 furlough, 4) for an increase in support (they are currently at 40% of budget, 5) for safety and funds for the China ministry, 6) for their ministry to moms in need in the Crisis Pregnancy Center, and 7) for health and safety.

The Patefields – Brazil: (Nathan, Dawn, Lydia, Nathan, Patricia and Joanna) **PRAISES:** 1) for God's provision of a rental property for the church that they were able to secure for 20% less than what the owner was asking, and 2) that the Brazilians are burdened for the church and are willingly giving of their time and resources. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for funds to remodel their new building in order to hold services (\$2,500 approx.), 2) for the need to also begin to purchase items such as a sign, pulpit, furniture, etc., 3) for BJ, Melissa and Joy as they work on transferring the Bible study to the new location, 4) for wisdom as they develop regular church services, and 5) for health and safety.

The Pollards – on deputation to Brazil: (Andy, Diana, Randall, Brianna, Daniel, Andrew, Sophia, Philipe, Raquel, and Gabriela) **PRAISES:** 1) for the Lord allowing Brother Pollard to travel safely over 2,700 miles, and for the privilege Andy had to preach and present their ministry in churches in GA, MD, CT, and VA, and 2) for the consistent monthly financial and prayer support. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for protection and provision for their family, 2) for being able to finish the scheduling of meetings and missions conferences, 3) for continued good health for the family, especially for Brother Pollard, and for safety traveling, and 4) for the Joel Dickens

Family, missionaries in Brazil where the Pollards will be going, as they prepare for furlough and have financial needs to assist them in their return to the USA.

The Quinlans – Dominican Republic: (Eric, Juana, John and James) **PRAISES:** 1) that after more than two years' of work, Brother Quinlan was able to publish the first book on Sign Language in the Dominican Republic, and 2) that Juana started a class teaching deaf adults how to read and write. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) that as a result of passing out 1,200 tracts at the Deaf Festival, that as the Word of God is seeded in the hearts of these people that they will come to know Jesus as their Savior, 2) that through the distribution of almost 100 sign language books to parents of deaf children, deaf educators, as well as churches that have a desire to work with the deaf in the future, many deaf will be brought to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus, 3) that through Juana's teaching deaf adults how to read and write, they will be able to read the Word of God, 4) that as they continue to work with the deaf there, they will see spiritual growth in their church as they disciple and train future deaf leaders, and 5) for health and safety.

The Robles' – Mexico: (Sergio, Katrina, Kyla, Joseph, Kaitlyn and Kimberly) **PRAISES:** 1) for God's many blessings this past year and all the prayers and financial support for their ministry, 2) for their highest attendance since being on the mission field – at their Christmas service with a total of 240 (140 being first-time visitors), with a total of 80 people making a public profession of salvation, and 3) for the children in Junior Church that are very open to receiving the truth of the Gospel. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for God to provide the funds to purchase two tents that are needed to hold the Junior Church and nursery (cost is \$350 each including shipping), 2) for the homeschooling of their children, 3) for the right person to take over a church they would like to start full-speed this year (they currently have three faithful families attending this ministry in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato), and 4) for health and safety.

The Rodriguezs – Mexico City: (Jorge, Aimee, Junior, and Alison Grace Renee) **PRAISES:** 1) for the many prayers, thoughts, cards, and e-mails on the loss of their stillborn baby girl, and for those who gave towards the funeral expenses, 2) for the installation service of Pastor Pablo in the ministry in Veracruz which Brother Jorge had the blessing of leading, and 3) for the salvation of a young lady, Naomi. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for Naomi's spiritual growth, and the salvation of her husband, Gerardo Rodriguez, 2) for continued health and safety, and 3) for Aimee as she continues the emotional healing after the loss of their stillborn baby girl.

The Ruleys – on deputation to Brazil: (Daniel, Sarah, and Andrew Lee) **PRAISES:** 1) for the many faithful churches where they have been able to share their ministry this past year, 2) for the churches and individuals who have decided this past year to partner with them, 3) for safety in the miles they have traveled, 4) for a new supporting church, and 5) for the opportunity to spend some time with their missionary mentors, the Kettlewells. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for new meetings to be schedule for the spring, 2) for increased support, 3) for a productive ministry as they travel and minister in churches, and 4) for health and safety.

The Sampsons – Narva, Estonia: (Keith, Lisa, Candice, Corissa and Phillip) **PRAISES:** 1) that they have found a place to rent for their eLife Bible studies and church services, and 2) for the many prayers that got them through a tragedy when one of their former soccer players, Sasha, unexpectedly died at age 14. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for \$5,000 to complete the renovations needed on their new building and to purchase some furnishings, 2) for Brother Sampson as he reaches out to the teens in the evangelistic soccer outreach, that God would give him wisdom, the words to say, and that their eyes and hearts would be open to the Gospel, and 3) for health and safety.

The Tavares' – Brazil: (Paulo, Marilza, Kayla and Tiffany) **PRAISES:** 1) for revival which has come to their church, 2) for a man, Adilson, who not only experienced physical healing from his renal disease, but also spiritual healing as he accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior, and 3) for a family that began attending church and through the conviction of the Holy Spirit some of them have already accepted the Lord as Savior. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for Adilson, Aginaldo, Aginaldo Jr., Beatriz, Emily, Gizely, Vinicius, Michelle and Ricardo as they continue their new walk in salvation, 2) for more souls to be saved, 3) for ongoing church construction, 4) for Kayla and Tiffany's studies, and 5) for continued health and safety.

The van Reijns: Netherlands (Theo, Sarah, Peter, Miriam Joy, and Luke Christian) **PRAISES:** 1) for a couple in their Bible study who followed the Lord in baptism, 2) for all those who completed the second Bible study course and expressed interest in continuing, 3) for immigration office granting Sarah her residency permit for the first year of her stay which also grants her permission to take on some private flute students. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for daily growth in grace, 2) for fruit from their Christmas outreaches, 3) for spiritual growth of those attending their Bible study, 4) for a stable Christian family to help in their church planting endeavor, 5) for language mastery for Sarah and Peter, and 6) for continued health and safety

The Wars – U.S. Military: (Chris, Lou Anne, Meghan, Nicole and Danny) **PRAISES:** 1) for Brother War being able to lead his good friend's father, Don, to the Lord, 2) that all is going well at Freedom Baptist Church, and they are seeing the converts learning and growing, and 3) more people are going out soul winning and making adjustments in their lives as God speaks to their hearts. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for the spiritual growth of Don, who was recently saved, and for his physical healing as he is now in Rehab, 2) for the salvation of Brother War's father, 3) that God will send them more families to replace the ones transferring in the spring and summer, 4) for the work they will soon begin on the FIBC Christian Serviceman's Center, that God will use it to reach many military for the Lord, 5) for the salvation of our military and government leaders, 6) for the salvation and safety of our troops around the world and that they are reached with the Gospel, and 7) for health and safety.

The Westerbands – Puerto Rico: (Nelson and Carmen) **PRAISES:** 1) that God has given them good health and the opportunity to serve Him, 2) that their family is doing very well, 3) for another healthy grandchild, Ezra, who was born recently, and 4) for God supplying them with a better location for their church, for visitors, new converts, and the Lord's provision and watch care over them in all areas of their lives. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for their new converts (Rodolfo, Erika, & Ramon) and all the children and teens at VBS, 2) for \$10,000 needed for the purchase of a van, 3) for growth of the church, 4) for an additional \$350 needed in support, 5) for funds for their building project (they have \$1,497 of the \$119,500 that they need), 6) for their parsonage project, and 7) for health and safety.

Dr. Ron White – Japan and the World: **PRAISES:** 1) for the faithfulness of the Lord who called him to be a missionary more than 57 years ago, and for a godly wife who served alongside him in Japan from 1964 through 1998, until the Lord took her to be with Him, 2) for the God of all comfort and for his all-sufficient grace for almost 14 years since his wife went to heaven, 3) for his family who are all faithfully serving the Lord, and 4) for a year full of abundant blessings and one of the most fruitful years he has experienced in his life as a missionary. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for the need of \$32,000 for the building project in Myanmar (Burma), 2) for hearts of the people in Japan to continue to remain sensitive and open to the good news of the Gospel in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake/tsunami, and 3) for continued good health and safety traveling.

The Witmers – Country Wide Prison Ministry (CWPM): (Ray and Esther) **PRAISES:** 1) for all the prayers, financial support and love gifts that enable their ministry in the prisons to grow. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for the financial need they face each week in requests from Chaplains for Bible lessons and Bibles, 2) for the need of an Assistant Director to come on board and help in the ministry, 3) for open doors to disciple 10,000 inmates for the Lord in the USA prisons in 2012, and 4) for health and safety.

The Wongs – Hong Kong and China: (Cedric, Candy, Joshua, and Celia) **PRAISES:** 1) that their Bible school student is doing well, and 2) that the Lord continues to bless the church in Hong Kong with numbers as well as the growth of their members' spiritual life. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for a healthy pregnancy for Candy and delivery of a healthy baby, 2) that God will raise up new leaders in the church so that He may take them to the next level, 3) for wisdom regarding the possibility of starting bilingual services to include English, 4) that God will bring them the right students for their Bible school (they cannot openly recruit and need to be very careful of who they accept), and 5) for health and safety.

Bethany Wyatt – Tanzania: **PRAISES:** 1) for God's blessing of answering prayer and opening the door for Bethany to begin teaching in the Kilakala Lady's Secondary School, 2) that the health seminar they did in their church went well and has helped those that attended, and 3) for another deaf student (Richard) that has followed the Lord in baptism, after having made a profession of faith in Christ in January of 2010. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for continued spiritual growth for Richard and the other deaf students, 2) for the spiritual growth of the secondary school girls, and 3) for her health and safety.

The Wyatts – Tanzania: (Jerry Jr, Rachel A., Sarah and Timothy) **PRAISES:** 1) for a great 10th year anniversary celebration that they had on January 8th, with 26 first-time visitors, many salvations, and four baptisms, and 2) that they have begun teaching in the 17th public school, which is an all-girls high-school boarding school. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for the on-going construction project, 2) for the salvation of their Mayor, who will be visiting their church on January 22nd, and 3) for their physical health and safety.

The Wyatts –Tanzania: (Jerry III, Rachel Y., and David Jerry) **PRAISES:** 1) for a wonderful furlough as they have travelled to supporting churches, and the blessing to see all of the faithful church folks who have been supporting them through their prayers and financial support, and 2) for the opportunity to work with some Swahili-speaking Africans at their home church in Iowa. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1) for clear direction from the Lord as to where He would have them to start a church when they return to Tanzania, 2) for continued health during the remainder of Rachel's pregnancy, and for a safe and healthy delivery of their second child, to be born in Tanzania in June, and 3) for safety returning to Tanzania late in January, and for quick transition back into ministry.