

Barger Bulletin

February 2011

Dear Prayer Partners,

Here we are in the first week of the 2nd month of this "new year". Dry season, Panama's summer, has suddenly blown in, literally. In the midst of the heat and dust, we still have so much to thank God for!

Praise the Lord for a good field conference in January. We thank God for the excellent relationship that all of us have as co-workers together in Panama.

Praise the Lord for the acceptance of the Mission paperwork we mentioned last month. We have now done everything we were required to do as the vendors; the other paperwork for transferring over the title is in the hands of the Free Will Baptists. Do **pray** that can be taken care of soon.

Praise the Lord for the dedication of the Indigenous Center and the safe transport of Bibles and Bible lesson materials in tribal languages out to Las Margaritas. It was a joyful day. We **pray** that this Center/Office will be greatly used of God to assist the tribal Christians and churches.

Praise the Lord for the 5 young people who were baptized this past Sunday in the local Spanish speaking church, Ebenezer. Please **pray** for them to continue to grow in discipleship. Two of them are the only Christians in their families.

Praise the Lord that Don's hip/back problem has been almost totally alleviated.

Praise God for giving our home church a pastor after 2 years of waiting! (His name is Jesse McCallister, and his wife is Erica.)

And as always we value and appreciate your partnership **in prayer** as we continue here in Panama's vineyard:

Please **pray** for our new pastor and the Union Hall Baptist congregation as they adjust to working together as a Light in the community.

Please **pray** for Don's health during this dry season. He has been suffering with bronchial symptoms and shortness of breath, needing to use his nebulizer for breathing treatments, and feels generally tired and without energy.

Therefore: **Pray** for the Lord's direction as we consider going back to Missouri in March or even sooner, to escape the worst of the dry season weather. Pray for God's peace, financial provision, and for various Mission responsibilities.

The Inter-tribal leaders' conference is this month: **February 20--26th** counting the travel days. Please be **praying** concerning all the details still be worked out: Finishing up of the kitchen area and making of benches; purchasing of food; preparations of those who will teaching; and then the traveling of all who plan on attending. We know of some coming from high in the mountains and others

coming from the jungles by river and foot. **Pray** for safety, health, and financial provision for each one. Also **pray** for our co-workers, Andrés and Mary Rodriquez, who are the ones responsible for the organization and administration of the conference.

Please **pray** for our co-worker, Doug Schermerhorn, who has just returned to Panama (Feb 3rd), coming to make arrangements for the Emberá scriptures to be recorded by Hosanna--"Faith Cometh by Hearing". There are many details to be arranged such as finding good readers and the right location.

Continue to **pray** for the Kuna and Emberá who lost houses and/or crops in the floods of December. Also **pray** for Kuna missionary, Anelio, recovering from malaria. There were several cases of malaria reported in both Mortí and Wala.

And please continue to **pray** for Don's Mom and her health and safety in the winter months. We are thankful she has a warm home and family and church family who are a help to her. Also for Pat's mom, who is recovering from an upper-respiratory infection.

We are thankful for each of you who prays for us! May God bless you richly.

Continuing on in His grace,

Don & Pat