

Partner's in Prayer

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Dear Friends,

Spring has finally arrived in Chilliwack, with unseasonably sunny, warm weather. Trees are green, flowers are coming up and people are doing more and more outdoors. Barbeques are busy and the noise of lawnmowers can be heard. The year has seasons, just as life has seasons. Some people divide life into the four seasons to coincide with birth, youth, middle age and old age, but life is more complicated than that. We have times of spring and times of autumn sprinkled all through the ebb and flow of our lives. We pray that this is a time of spiritual spring in your life, with new growth in the Lord.

Cuba always seems to be in "spiritual spring" with so much taking place. Our latest thrust is a huge church planting effort in the city of Havana. This has been the most spiritually resistant part of Cuba but will now become the church planting focus for Los Pinos Nuevos. A group of church planters have just begun working to plant multiple cell churches in the city. This will be something new for Los Pinos Nuevos, which has used prayer cells for many years but never tried full cell churches. World Team missionary Paul Thompson will be devoting a lot of time to training the church planters. During the winter he spent nearly a month in Havana doing the initial training. Plans call for Paul to make a total of 4 trips to Cuba this year, each a month long.



Gary in his office

World Team continues to be hampered in Cuba ministry by United States government regulations. News media reported that funds can now be easily sent to Cuba, but the fine print of that statement is that Cuban Americans can send funds to their relatives in Cuba. Nothing has changed with regards missions sending funds to help Cuban churches. The US Treasury Department continues to be highly restrictive in this area, denying most of our applications. We do have approval to help with costs of operating the Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary and with conferences, but not much else.

Christy is just back from a week at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. She went in for a check-up on Wednesday, April 15 and was told she had to be admitted the following Monday to clear bacteria from her lungs. They released her on Friday morning, April 24, on a new program which allows her to do her IV's by herself at home. Christy has a fanny pack which contains the IV bag, pump and battery. At the hospital they installed a line into her vein to which she can attach new bags of antibiotics. She is happy to be home instead of in hospital. She can come and go from the house as she pleases. *Please pray that these treatments clear her lungs of bacteria. And as swine flu comes our way, please especially remember Christy who is at a much higher risk than the rest of us.*



Christy at home

David and Christy are both out of university until next September. They are both hoping to begin full time summer jobs this week - David at a plant which manufacturers roofing and Christy at a computer call centre in the French division (she needs prayer that her French comes back to her really quickly.) *Please pray that the promised jobs actually materialize, and do so right away.*



David and Sandra on David's 23rd birthday

Sandra is busy with so many things. Meeting with other women for prayer, one on one Bible studies, with other friends at the gym, volunteering at a local school, and ministering in our church's outreach to children both midweek and on Sundays. Oh yes, she keeps up our home as well. *Please pray for stamina and wisdom as Sandra spends a great deal of time with others each and every week.*

Gary continues to juggle lots of different ministry items. He has increased responsibilities with World Team in the administration of the Americas Area, plus oversight of how World Team helps Los Pinos Nuevos and other denominations in Cuba. A heavy workload means that some things are not getting done, *so please pray that Gary can effectively prioritize all the things he has to do. Pray, too, as he travels to World Team leadership meetings in Warrington, Pennsylvania May 10 through 16.*

World Team has a revised website. You can now get information about the different countries where we minister, prayer information, resources for kids and adults, ministry opportunities for a summer or a lifetime and much more. You can check it out at: <http://www.worldteam.org>

As days get longer and warmer, we begin to spend much more of our spare time outdoors with friends. As we sit around a campfire or hike in the mountains, we talk about many of the important things in life. *Please pray that all of our conversations will be directed by the Lord.*

Thank you for your love and prayers for our family and ministry. We really do appreciate you. Without the prayers and financial support of our friends we would not be able to serve.

In Jesus' love,

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