

MISSIONS MONITOR

Pursuing Holiness in Mission

Brad Wos
Mission to the World



The 2012 Twin Oaks Mission conference celebrates a 200th anniversary of missions this month. In February 1812, the American Board of Foreign Mission sent out the first team of 5 American men with their families to Calcutta India. Our Twin Oaks Missions Conference begins the 3rd century of American Missions. We believe the best is yet to come!

For many years prior to 1812, University students calling themselves, 'The Brethren,' prayed to the Lord for the Gospel to be sent to free the nations from their idolatry. Adoniram Judson from Brown University, Samuel Newell from Harvard, Samuel Nott from Union College were answers to their own prayers. For on February 19th 1812, the Lord sent this team of praying men with their families to India.

The apostle Paul had only a brief time with the Thessalonian Church, yet, we read in Thessalonians, (I Thessalonians 1:8), that 'your faith in God has become known everywhere'. Adoniram Judson's life and testimony of 40 years of struggle, suffering, and courage to bring the gospel to the people of Burma was birthed out of his own struggle to know grace. While in university, Judson had a skeptic friend named Mr. Eames who had convinced Judson to leave his Christian heritage. While sleeping in an Inn, Judson heard the groans of a dying man in the room next to him. When he inquired the next day the clerk told him the man had died, and his name was Mr. Eames. Judson saw the idolatry of his own life that led to death, then by faith gave 40 years of his life to bring Christ to the nations.

Judson believed the word of God and that people are eternal. Lord, am I investing my life in that which is eternal? By grace our family has been on the mission field for only 12 years of the last 200 years of foreign missions. In our last term with Sports Ministry, the Lord has coached us to see that the Church is a team called to **Pursue Holiness in Mission**. Join me in Paul's prayer in 1 Thessalonians 3:12,13, *...and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another and for all men, just as we also do for you. So that he may establish your hearts unblameable in Holiness, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

You are God's plan for the 2012 Twin Oaks mission conference! Pray! Pray! Pray! that His love will move and mobilize our hearts as a church with a passion for the next 100 years of missions. Pray that we would run with perseverance, together this eternal race of missions '**unblameable in holiness**' following our Lord with all the nations at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen!



February 2012

REGISTRATION BEGINS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

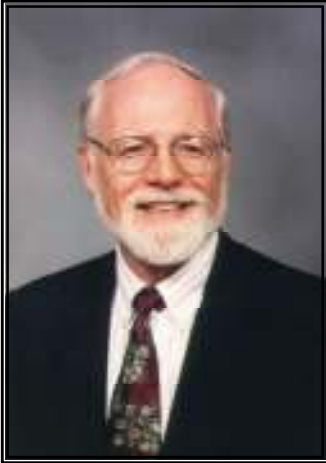
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2012 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

TO REGISTER: TWINOAKSCHURCH.ORG

FEBRUARY 17-21, 26

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND



Dr. Bruce Fiol
MTW Coordinator India/Sri Lanka Partnership

Dr. Bruce Fiol was born in India of missionary parents. Upon graduation from Woodstock School (located in the Himalayan Mountains) he came to the States where he graduated from Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia, with a BA in 1960, and then graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, with his MDiv. in 1964 and completed his Doctor of Ministry in 1982.

After being ordained in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, he served as pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C., (1964-1966); and served as missionary in India from 1966-1983 under Mission to the World [PCA] in a variety of ministries, including pastoral, managing the Children's Home, professor at Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Dehra Dun, India, and ministry to high school students.

In 1983 he returned to the United States to accept an invitation to plant a PCA church on Marco Island, Florida, where he served as pastor until his retirement in 2008.

Bruce and his wife, Judy, have four grown children and 15 grandchildren and reside in Charlotte, NC. They are active in ministries including: preaching, teaching, writing, and Bruce currently serves as the U.S. Coordinator of the India/ Sri Lanka Partnership with occasional visits to serve as guest teacher at Presbyterian Theological Seminary, India. Bruce is the uncle of TOPC supported missionaries, Phil & Amina.

**International
Banquet**
Friday, February 17
6:30 p.m.

**Conference Keynote
Speaker**
Sunday, February 19
10:10 AM
6:00 PM



Dr. Craig Sheppard
Senior Pastor
Bethel PCA
Plano, Texas

Craig Sheppard is from Wichita, Kansas, and a graduate of the University of Kansas. He also holds an M.Div. degree in Missions and a Th.M. degree in Theology from Reformed Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. degree in Theology from the University of Wales. He and his wife, Lisa, (a St. Louis native) will celebrate 25 years of marriage in June and have been blessed with five children (four sons and a daughter).

After serving eight years in campus ministry, in June of 1996 the Sheppards moved to Sofia, Bulgaria, to begin a church planting ministry with Mission to the World. There, with significant support from TOPC, they established a translation and publishing company, and, along with missionary colleagues and friends, started the Sofia Christian Academy (a Christian school for missionary children). Craig led pastor training conferences and taught theology and Bible at the Bulgarian Evangelical Theological Institute. From 2002 to 2009 he also served as the MTW Regional Director for Eastern Europe and helped begin new ministries in Latvia, Romania and Greece.

In June of 2009, after 13 years in Bulgaria, the Sheppards returned to the United States where Craig accepted the call to serve as the Senior Pastor of Bethel Church, PCA, in Dallas, Texas.

Joint Sunday School
Sunday, February 26
9:00 AM

Faith Promise
Speaker
10:10 AM

TOPC WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 17-21, 26, 2012



Scott & Kathy Craig
MTW Costa Rica
Short term teams
(February 26)



Jarett & Mary Carole Hall
MTW Monterrey, MX
Short term teams,
Theological training



Eric Larsen
MTW
Global Youth & Family



Larry & Sandy Rockwell
MTW, Huaraz, Peru
Church Planter, Director of
MTW Bible and



Craig & Stacy Pohl
MTW
Chile



Lian
PMI
Sensitive Country



Brad & Patty Wos
MTW Sports Ministry
South Africa



Dan & Becky Young
MTW BEAAM
Mexico

**Volunteers
Needed**

REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR ALL EVENTS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

ADULT BANQUET: Friday, Feb. 17; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- ◆ Room set up, cooking, clean up: Contact Donna Middendorf at 636-861-1870, dmiddendorf@twinoakchurch.org.

CHILDREN'S BANQUET: Friday, Feb. 17; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- ◆ Meal and Program: Barb Whiteley at bwhiteley@twinoakchurch.org for children ages 4-5th grade. Nursery available.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, Feb. 18; 7:45 a.m.

- ◆ Help needed in the kitchen to cook and clean up. Contact Bob Jones.

TAKE A MISSIONARY TO BREAKFAST: Mon or Tues, Feb 20/21

- ◆ Contact Donna Middendorf or Merlin Pierro in the missions office. Grab a couple of friends, arrange to meet at a restaurant, and invite one of our missionaries to join you.— GREAT way to get to know one of our missionaries and hear their hearts.

HOUSING OUR INTERNATIONAL STAFF: Feb. 17 - Feb. 23

- ◆ Provide housing and breakfast for our visiting International Staff: Contact Merlin Pierro or Donna Middendorf.

TRANSPORTATION: Feb. 17 - Feb. 23; and Feb. 25-26.

- ◆ Loan a car, or pick up missionaries at the airport: Contact Merlin Pierro or Donna Middendorf.

HOST A DESSERT AT YOUR HOME: Sat. Feb. 18, or Mon. Feb. 20 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

- ◆ Great opportunity for FLOCKS. Contact Cheryl Nichols at bscjin@aol.com or Jan Watson at jan.watson@parentsasateachers.com

INDIA LUNCH: Sun., Feb. 19, after the worship service. Set up/clean up

- ◆ Merlin Pierro, mpierro@twinoakchurch.org.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL: Sun. Feb. 26, after the worship service.

- ◆ Cook at home and help serve ethnic dishes. Popular FLOCK event! Contact Cheryl Nichols at bscjin@aol.com or Jan Watson at jan.watson@parentsasateachers.com.

PARADE OF NATIONS FLAG CARRIER:

Sunday, Feb. 19 AM, and Feb. 26 AM worship services.

- ◆ Eligibility is your participation previously on an Adult or Youth TOPC short-term or long-term mission.

EVENT REGISTRATION TABLE: Begins Feb. 5.

- ◆ Help registering for conference events. Contact Maggie Shields at 636-405-2785.

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

February 17: Friday

6:30-8:30 p.m.

International Banquet

Dr. Bruce Fiol

MTW US Coordinator, India/Sri Lanka Partnership

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Children's Banquet/Program—Fellowship Hall

February 18: Saturday

7:45-9:15 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

12:30-2:30 p.m.

WMC/Missionaries Potluck at the Mission House

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Desserts with FLOCKS/Miscellaneous homes

February 19: Sunday

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Joint Sunday School with missionaries

10:10 a.m.

Keynote Speaker— Dr. Bruce Fiol

MTW: India/Sri Lanka Partnership

11:45 a.m.

India Lunch after worship by reservation

6:00 p.m.

Evening Service —Dr. Bruce Fiol

February 20: Monday

6:00 p.m.

“Take a missionary to breakfast” (contact missions office)

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Missionaries meeting with World Missions Committee

Desserts with Flocks

February 21: Tuesday

8:40-9:10 a.m.

“Take a missionary to breakfast” (contact missions office)

9:15-11:30 a.m.

TOCS Chapel with missionary

All day

Women's Bible Study Missions Extravaganza

6:15-8:30 p.m.

Missionaries visiting Twin Oaks School

Staff/Session/Deacon/WBS Dinner – Fellowship Hall

February 26: Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Joint Sunday School-Dr. Craig

Sheppard

10:10 a.m.

Faith Promise Sunday -Dr.

Craig Sheppard

Bethel PCA, Plano, Texas

11:45 a.m.

International Food Festival

(No PM service)

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who
brings good news.*

Isaiah 52:7



GLOBAL MISSIONS HEADLINES

News from around the world involving missionaries supported by Twin Oaks Church "Faith Promise" dollars.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Chris Barker (MTW: South Africa):

Chris reports that he is excited about the start of a new academic year (January 2012) and reflects on the first 6 months as preparation to the goals he hopes to build on, by God's grace. He used the last term to build relationships and now is focusing on building on those relationships and ministry begun through a more formal discipleship and Bible teaching through community-building. The director of the Student Y has encouraged Chris to use his youth and location (on campus) to build community at the Student Y. Renovations on their campus flat, affectionately called '2 Bare Feet', are nearly complete and Chris hopes will be a hospitality and community center for students this year. Pray that Chris would have many open opportunities to build community and reach the nations for Christ.



**Editor's note: A team is being formed to come alongside Chris and the McGinty's July 22-Aug 4 in reaching out to incoming students on the campus of the University of Cape Town. For more information, see page 7).*

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SUCCESSFUL

Craig & Stacy Pohl (MTW: Chile):

Craig reports, with praises to God, that the surgery to transplant a kidney donated from Craig to his brother, Brent, in December was successful. Craig spent only 4 days in the hospital, his brother Brent, came home a few days later. Furthermore, God has graciously granted both of them smooth recoveries and Brent's 'new' kidney is functioning well and showing no signs of rejection. Praise God! Craig said that it is great joy to see Brent's family room without the dialysis machine he had to use regularly.



Brent and Craig enjoying a visit the day after surgery!

Craig and Stacy have now moved into the Kirk of the Hills mission house until they are recovered enough to return to the field.

They have announced that they have accepted a call to serve in Southern **Chile** when they do. They formerly served in Ecuador for several terms, and hosted two TOPC Youth mission trips while serving there. When you see them at the Mission Conference later this month, be sure to give them a warm...but gentle welcome!

TOPC MISSIONARIES SHARE FELLOWSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA

Susan Newkirk (MTW: South Africa):

Susan shared that she enjoyed the fellowship of many of her teammates during December and January. The connections at Twin Oaks extend to fellowship and family ties on the field! Barbara Wannemacher (MTW: Kirk member) and Susan invited a South African friend over to introduce her to the art of decorating Christmas cookies. Susan was invited to spend Christmas Eve with Pete & Dagi Smuts and their family. Dr. Pete Smuts and Dagi serve at the Bible Institute of South Africa and were in St. Louis for an extended furlough in 2010. Other missionaries, including TOPC member missionary, Chris Barker, were there as well. On Christmas Day, Susan dropped in on a brunch that friends at the US Consulate had for US Marines and others without family at the holiday season, and later spent the day with MTW missionaries playing games and exchanging gifts.



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GOD IS AT WORK IN NOGALES

Josue and Martha Mayo (MTW: BEAMM)

Josue reports in his year end review that God is at work in Nogales. They now have a healthy core group of people who are committed to His church and to the work of building this church in Nogales. They have identified three men, Oscar, Andres and Alejandro who are candidates to be trained as the first leaders of the church. Their church planter, Jacinto, who was married in November, brings his wife to the work of building the church and the women's ministry. Martha and a friend continue to work with the ladies ministry. The Marooney family has completed raising their support, is headed to language school, and will be joining their team soon. Josue says God continues to do great things in Nogales through His Spirit. Rejoice with them for His goodness and pray for them as they labor to build His church.



COLLOQUIUM

Luciano & Luciene Pires (PMI: Brazil)

"How zealous is the Lord! He is the one who accomplishes everything, and sometimes he chooses to do so through imperfect instruments, such as us!" begins Luciano in his latest newsletter. They report that despite many personal difficulties and trials, God blessed them and accomplished His will in all things.

This year, Colloquium will celebrate its 10th anniversary. The mission of Colloquium is to invite Christians and non-Christians to have the opportunity to reflect and discuss relevant issues about life and the Christian faith. Furthermore, Colloquium's mission fosters true debate in the light of absolute truth through a Christian and reformed perspective. God has continued to bless this ministry with many new people coming. To accommodate this growing ministry, the Pireses moved to a new home where they can host the same activities with a greater number of people, up to twenty-five. They also have access to a bigger community room which can accommodate up to 100 people at events. The new location is at the heart of the area where they are planning to plant a church beginning in January 2013. The goal is for Colloquium to function as a bridge to bring many non-Christians to explore Christianity and then be plugged into the church.



Luciano and Luciene plan to be in St. Louis on a brief furlough late in 2012.

Global News Bites

Steve & Marion Spencer: (African Bible College-Malawi)

Praise God for a successful knee surgery for Steve on January 6. Marion reports that the surgery took one and a half hours, whereas in the States, the doctor said, with better equipment, it would have probably taken 30 minutes. Marion also said that the chaplain that came in to pray with Steve at the hospital before the surgery turned out to be a graduate of African Bible College and had been in one of Steve's classes.



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Global News Bites

Cartee & Colleen/Lian & Clara: (Sensitive)

Cartee reported in an email, that 'Steve' (not his real name) who TOPC supported in his work among the Meithei people was visited by Lian (& Clara), recently. Lian baptized two H***u converts, married them, then baptized their children—all in the same day! The Lord is truly at work through 'Steve' and his ministry there. Continue to pray for these men who face continued opposition in this unreached part of South Asia. Cartee recently traveled to be the main speaker at the General Assembly in this South-east Asia country.



**editor's note: Lian will be with us at the conference this month to share with us an exciting project that TOPC hopes to partner with as part of our Faith Promise goal in 2012/2013.*

Dan & Becky Young: (MTW: BEAMM)

Dan & Becky rejoice at the joy of experiencing yet another family wedding. Their son, Will, was married on December 30 to Lauren. Will and Lauren's

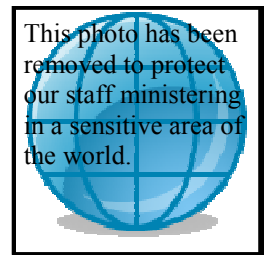


desire is to serve God on the mission field as a married couple. This was the Young's second wedding in 2011, as their daughter, Rachel, married Hans Anderson in August.

**Dan & Becky will be with us at the Mission Conference this month, and are planning to host a TOPC Youth group short term mission trip this summer July 14-29.*

Paul Billy & Shirley: (Sensitive)

In December, Paul Billy reported to the General Assembly of the (Reformed) Presbyterian Church in the country where they serve, by God's grace, there are now 11 congregations in the state of Tamil Nadu and 23 congregations in Karnataka. A church planters training was held and after presbytery examinations eleven men have been approved and given the charge to plant new churches. In all there are 49 teaching elders, 44 of which are either planting or leading a congregation currently.



Short term Mission Trips 2012

Cape Town, South Africa, July 22-August 4, 2012

A short term mission trip to Cape Town, South Africa to work on the campus of the University of Cape Town with the Student Y ministry with Coby & Pamela McGinty and Chris Barker is planned for July 22-August 4, 2012. The team will be lead by Donna Middendorf. Contact the mission office for more information or to express your interest call the missions office or email dmiddendorf@twinoakchurch.org.



The next Team Meeting for the Cape Town, South Africa Mission trip will be **February 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** at Twin Oaks.

Laredo, TX Youth Group Mission trip will be July 14-21, 2012. The team will be assisting with Vacation Bible School and construction in support of TOPC supported missionaries Dan and Becky Young. Contact Joshua Hall for more information.



USA & WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

February

Churches for Life — Doug Merkey
Email: doug@getintolife.org

Praise God for the many pastors and Life Teams who are connecting the gospel to the life arena this season.

Praise God for positive responses from churches partnering financially with the ministry.

Ask God to save moms, dads, and babies from the peril of abortion.

Pray that God will bless the Life Teams.

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Eric & Rebecca Larsen—GYFM
Email: EricLarsen@mtw.org

Praise God for an anonymous gift of funds for a new mini van.

Praise God for a restful family vacation during the Christmas Season.

Pray for the Larsen's daughters, that they would grow in the Lord and His ministry.

Pray for the launch of a pilot mentored internship in Mexico and for the support raising efforts of the GYFM team.

2

JG & Jenny Porwoll — Russia
Email: jporwoll@eemail.net

Praise God for the new baby daughter born to Laurin and Nyura, the leaders of the Student Venture volunteer team in St. Petersburg.

Continue to pray that more Moscow Christian public school teachers will attend the Christian Teacher Association meetings.

Pray for the English clubs and outreaches in both Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Continue to pray for planning in both cities for the Spring English Camp.

3

Peter & Dagi Smuts—South Africa
Email: pwsnuts@bisa.org.za

Praise God for the safe return of staff and students for the new academic year. Please pray for the appointment of a new administrator and principle for the college.

Praise God for the successful completion of Pete's book manuscript for publication.

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the faculty as they teach and disciple students, inside and outside the classroom.

Pray for Dagi as she teaches and counsels women in the church

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Susan Newkirk — South Africa
Email: Susan.newkirk@gmail.com

Pray for all the ministries that started up this year. Continue to pray for enough volunteers to teach Bible Club at the local primary School.

Praise God for the home visits Susan made in Westlake. Praise God that one of the parents prayed to receive Christ. Please continue to pray for the other parents, that they would also receive Christ as their Savior.

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Pray for the World Missions Committee as they meet tonight, asking the Holy Spirit to guide them in their deliberations and decisions.

Pray that all the details for the upcoming World Missions Conference would come together and for safety as our special guests, both missionaries and speakers travel to share their hearts and ministries with us.



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USA & WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

February

7	<p>Sardar & Anila— Sensitive Country</p> <p>Praise God for His blessings on this new year.</p> <p>Praise God for the purchase of property for building a church. Pray that the building will commence quickly.</p> <p>Pray that God will provide 800 Bibles for the students and 300 New Testaments for the Bible Literacy Project.</p> <p>Pray that God will continue to provide the financial support needed.</p>	<p>Imbumi & Muthoni Makuku — Kenya pimbumi@africaonline.co.ke</p> <p>Pray for spiritual vitality in the ministry in the Kibera slum and that God himself will continue to prosper his work.</p> <p>Pray for safety as the Makuku's and others go about the Lord's work.</p> <p>Pray for peace and stability in the government.</p> <p>Pray for wisdom and understanding.</p>	8
9	<p>Ben & Hannah — Sensitive Country</p> <p>Praise God that the security situation is improving, and more and more workers are returning to the field where they served.</p> <p>Praise God that He is opening the doors for Ben & Hannah's return to the field soon.</p> <p>Pray for Ben & Hannah's teammates who are also eager to return to their homes and ministries.</p> <p>Pray for a new believer's baby daughter who's eardrum burst, pray for healing.</p>	<p>Terry & Francine Clarke — Australia Email: fttacclarke@bigpond.com</p> <p>Praise God that the Clarkes were able to return to Australia on December 28th.</p> <p>Pray for the college's convocation Service today. Pray that it will be well attended as there will be celebrating and rejoicing in God's faithfulness on the Sunshine Coast Theological College over the past 25 years.</p> <p>Praise God for the recent approval for teaching the accredited diploma/advance diploma in theology/ministry.</p>	10
11	<p>John & Cathy Rug — Chile Email: Jrug@mtwsa.org</p> <p>Pray for the Rugs as they are moving to a new home. This will mean much more walking for John so please pray that he will continue to have the energy and stamina he needs.</p> <p>Pray for the Rugs as they prepare to receive a new missionary to work in Chile. Pray that all the details will work out and that God will use this new missionary to further the kingdom.</p>	<p>Chris Barker — South Africa Email: cbarker.87@gmail.com</p> <p>Praise God for much progress made on renovations to 2 Bare Feet (Chris' flat).</p> <p>Pray that God will bless the ministry of the Student Y this year and bring many new young people to himself.</p> <p>Praise God for the blessing and joy of knowing Him!</p>	12

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February

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The Gideons
Email: jdmcdm15@att.net

Pray that the International Scripture Blitz held in Thailand Jan 28-Feb 12 was a success. Pray for those who received a copy of the scriptures that they would read and believe the good news.

Pray that God will open Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen to the Gideon ministry for Scripture distribution and for witnessing.

Brad & Patty Wos—South Africa
Email: bwos@mtwafrica.org

Continue to pray for the Wos family as they settle back into American culture for this time of HMA (Home Ministry Assignment). Pray for daily divine opportunities to share the Gospel with internationals in St. Louis.

Pray that the Re-entry Conference with MTW, Jan 21-25 went well and that the Lord will give the Wos family wisdom in considering their next ministry assignment.

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Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher
South Africa
Email: bwannemacher@mtwafrica.org

Please pray That God will provide a principle for the Bible Institute of South Africa. Please pray for the selection committee as they go about this process for finding a new principle.

Pray for Guguletu Bible College, that God will provide clear direction in this coming year. Pray also for needed funding for the school.

Praise God for Tim & Therese Galage, new MTW missionaries settling into Cape Town and preparing for ministry in Theological Education.

Khen & Rith – Sensitive Country

Praise God for the continued construction on the abandoned babies home. Pray that the home will be completed on schedule.

Praise God for four new Church plants in 2011. Pray that God will continue to bless the congregations and pastors of these churches and that they will impact their communities.

Pray that in 2012 the Lord will plant at least 5 new churches and that Khen, Rith and all those partnering with them will have boldness and the wisdom to preach the gospel effectively.

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World Missions Conference

Pray for the 2012 World Missions Conference that our hearts will be challenged in obedience to the Great Commission as noted in Matthew 28:19-20.

Pray that each special event (Adult and Children’s Banquets, Men’s breakfast, FLOCK desserts, worship services and Women’s events) will truly be a blessing to our church body and an encouragement to each of our missionaries.

Pray for Dr. Bruce Fiol as he brings to us the Word of God tonight at the Missions Banquet and both AM and PM services on Sunday.

Travis & Brooke Scott – New Zealand
Email: travis@cityprez.org.nz

Praise God for the last year and for all he’s done in Establishing the church here in New Zealand.

Praise God that Scott’s New Zealand residency has been accepted.

Pray for Brooke as she is now pregnant with the Scott’s third child. Pray for health, strength, and rest for her and the baby.

Continue to pray for the growth and development of the ministry of City Pres. Pray that those involved in the church plant would be transformed and strengthened by the Gospel.

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USA & WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

February

Phil & Amina –Sensitive Country

Pray that God would send a pastor to join the church plant.

Pray for the children’s home that Phil is indirectly involved with as they plan for future leadership.

Pray that Phil & Amina will rest in the Lord and rely on Him as their strength as they minister to others.

Pray for the Holy Spirit’s anointing on Dr. Fiol as he brings the word of God to Twin Oaks today in both AM and PM worship services.

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World Missions Committee



Pray for the World missions committee as they meet tonight with our conference attendees that it would be a time of mutual encouragement in the Lord.

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Larry & Sandy Rockwell—Peru
Email: Lrockwell@mtwla.org

Praise God for growing relationships with other Peruvian evangelicals. Pray that this would open the door to partnerships in the future.

Pray that Larry’s Quechua would continue to improve even while he is in the States.

Pray that the Rockwell’s time in the US would be enlightening to all they speak to regarding the spiritual darkness and battles that are raging for the souls of the Quechua.

Pray that those who have heard God’s word and responded would stand firm in their faith.

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Andres & Ruth Garza—Mexico
Email: agarzaayala@aim.com

Praise God that the new property for the church has been purchased.

Pray for employment for the Garza’s daughter, Lissete.

Pray that the Garza family will continue to share the Gospel in Northern Mexico and that they will “not grow weary of doing good”.

Pray for those who hear the Word, that they would be receptive and open to the Gospel.

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Rob & Tunde Futo – Hungary
Email: rtfuto@hotmail.com

Pray that the ringing in Tunde’s ears will disappear and she will be able to hear as normal.

Pray that the Futo’s will continue to follow the Lord’s leading as they minister to the people of Hungary and draw many people to Christ.

Pray for the Feb 26-March 2 Sonship pastor’s and elders conference that the Futo’s small group is hosting. Pray that the Gospel would penetrate the hearts of those who attend and draw them closer to Christ

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Dan & Becky Young – Mexico
Email: danyoung4@me.com

Pray for Church planters and other laborers to come to the border to work.

Pray for Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church in Reynosa, Mexico to be renewed and to grow in revitalization.

Praise God for a good start on goals and plans for 2012 and for joy, peace, hope and strength in the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel.

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USA & WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

February/March

25	<p>Ted & Ann Powers — MNA Email: apowers@pcanet.org</p> <p>Pray for the planning of the Midwest Connection, a resourcing conference in April for all Midwest region pastors, church planters and lay leaders. Pray that many would benefit from the encouragement and training provided during those days.</p> <p>Pray for the upcoming Church Planter Readiness Seminars in St. Louis in February and March. Pray that God would use this event to bring more laborers to the harvest of His kingdom on earth.</p> <p>Pray for Ted as he works with leaders around North America to plan and resource local Church planting efforts.</p>	<p>Faith Promise Sunday</p> <p>Pray that the Holy Spirit will direct the hearts and minds of the Twin Oaks' congregation with regard to what each will do, by faith, in pledging their prayer and financial support of the World Missions ministry for this next fiscal year.</p> <p>Pray for our Faith Promise speaker, Dr. Craig Sheppard, that the anointing of the Holy Spirit will be upon his preaching today and that his message will challenge the congregation with regard to its obedience to the Great Commission and to the practical role each member of the congregation should play in living it out.</p>	26
27	<p>Lou & Shirley Best — MNA Email: LNSBEST@embarqmail.com</p> <p>Pray for God's grace and strength in bringing Jesus Christ into many lives in our community.</p> <p>Pray for the safety of deployed soldiers and sustainment of their families. Pray for good Christian fellowship for the soldiers while they are overseas.</p> <p>Pray for Shirley's mom as she adjusts to her new living circumstances in an assisted living facility.</p> <p>Praise God for the continued ministry of the Viramontes family as they work alongside Lou & Shirley.</p>	<p>Jim & Carol Clarkson — Sunshine Ministries Email: CClarkson@SunshineMinistries.org</p> <p>Sunshine Ministries continues to face opposition in their efforts to build a new Transitional Living Center for the homeless men that they serve.</p> <p>Pray for God to open and closed doors according to his will.</p>	28
29	<p>Hatem & Lisa — Sensitive Country</p> <p>Pray for Hatem & Lisa as they are settling into their new field, that God continue to provide for them and keep them safe.</p> <p>Pray that God's hand will continually be upon Hatem's ministry.</p> <p>Pray for protection of the Christians who are living and working their mission field, that God would protect and strengthen them</p>	<p>Cartee & Colleen — Sensitive Country</p> <p>Pray that God will supply the financial support needed for several ministries.</p> <p>Pray for the ministry as opposition to the Gospel has been increasing. Pray for the national Christians who face this persecution daily.</p> <p>Pray for Cartee as he continues to travel and teach. Pray for health and safety, and that the Lord would be his comfort and strength.</p> <p>Pray for Colleen as she begins women's ministries for this new year. Pray for the Lord's wisdom in this endeavor.</p>	1

February/March

Scott & Kathy Craig—Costa Rica
Email: SCraigMTW@aol.com

Pray for traveling mercies as the Craig family visits supporting churches during their Home Ministry Assignment and preparation for leaving for their new ministry field in Costa Rica.

Pray that God would provide additional financial support needed.

Pray for their team in Costa Rica as they continue to build relationships and the foundation for the new MTW ministry there.

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Gerry & Ruth—Sensitive Country

Pray that God will continue to comfort Ruth as she battles cancer. Pray that he would help her with her lack of appetite, night pains and sleeplessness.

Pray that Gerry will continue to serve Christ and others through the writing and recording of his radio ministry.

Praise God for His continued provision in the States as they attend to Ruthie's needs.

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Coby & Pamela McGinty-South Africa
Email: Pamela@mcginty.com

Pray for the McGinty family as they settle back into life in Cape Town. Pray for smooth transitions and that they will continue to bless others wherever they go.

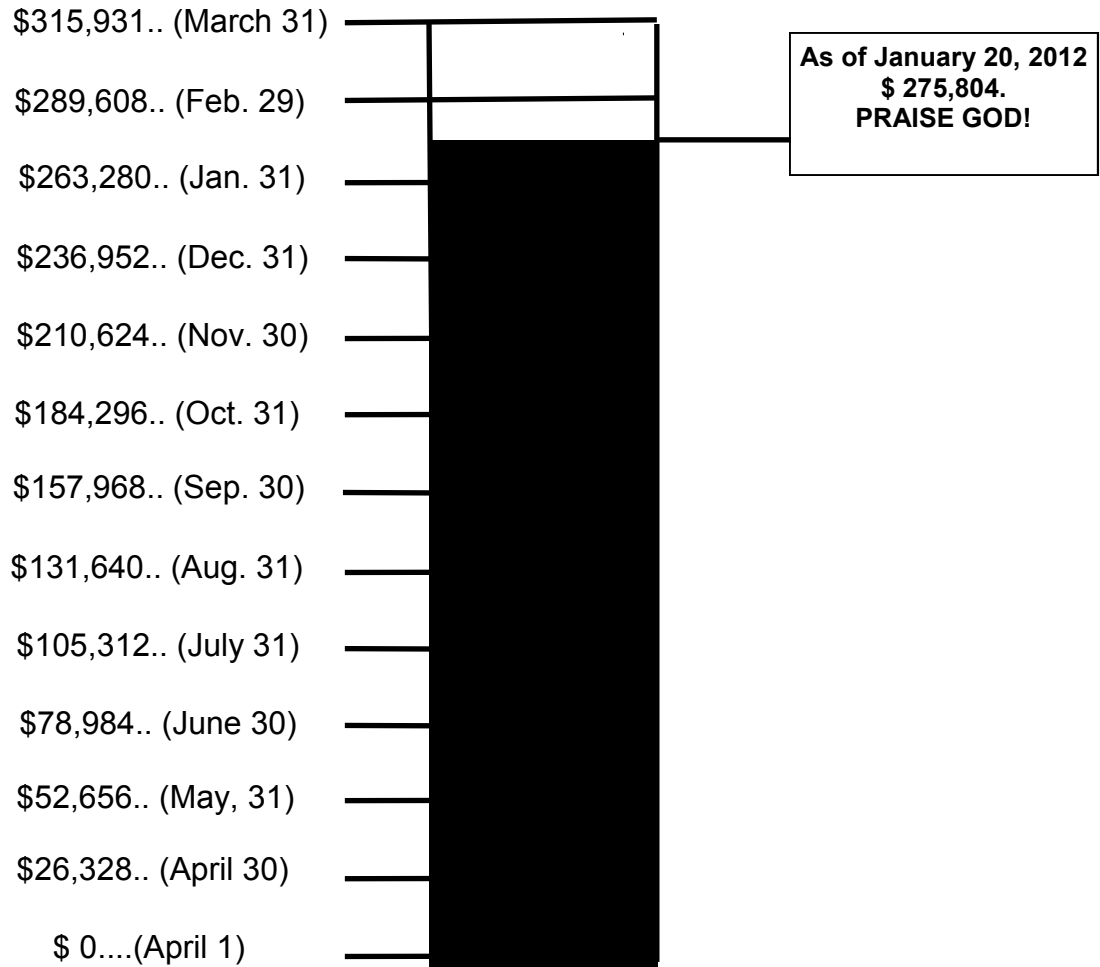
Pray for the student Y staff and the student committee during this semester, that they would continue to share the Gospel with the students at the University.

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2011-2012 Faith Promise

Our pledge total for this fiscal year (April 2011 thru March 31, 2012) was \$332,559. As is our practice, we budget 95% of that total which is \$315,931. Therefore, our monthly need for meeting budget is \$26,328. Please pray with us for this supply.



The Committee

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OUR MISSIONARIES 2012

International Staff of Twin Oaks Church

33 Missionary Units in 19 Countries

2 Missions Agencies

Agencies

Gideons International
Third Millennium (3rd Mill)

International Staff in Sensitive Ministries:

Ben & Hannah	Khen & Rith
Cartee & Colleen	Lian & Clara
Gerry & Ruth	Paul Billy & Shirley
Hatem & Lisa	Phil & Amina
Sardar & Anila	

Africa/Asia

Karl & Debbie Dortzbach
Mission to the World

Australia

Terry & Francine Clarke
Mission to the World

Brazil

Luciano & Luciene Pires
Presbyterian Mission International

Chile

Craig & Stacy Pohl
Mission to the World

John & Cathy Rug
Mission to the World

Costa Rica

Scott & Kathy Craig
Mission to the World

Global Youth & Families

Eric & Rebecca Larsen
Mission to the World

Hungary

Rob & Tunde Futo
Presbyterian Mission, International

Kenya

Imbumi & Muthoni Makuku
Mission to the World

Malawi

Stephen & Marion Spencer (African Bible College)

Mexico

Andres & Ruth Garza
Mission to the World (Monterrey)

Jarett & Mary Carole Hall
Mission to the World (Monterrey)

Josue & Martha Mayo
Mission to the World (BEAMM)

Dan & Becky Young
Mission to the World (BEAMM)

New Zealand

Travis & Brooke Scott
Grace Presbyterian Church of NZ

Peru

Keith & Ruth Powlison
Mission to the World

Larry & Sandy Rockwell
Mission to the World

Russia

JG & Jenny Porwill
Campus Crusade (Student Venture)

South Africa

Chris Barker
Mission to the World

Coby & Pamela McGinty
Mission to the World

Susan Newkirk
Mission to the World

Pete & Dagi Smuts
Bible Institute of South Africa

Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher
Mission to the World

Brad & Patty Wos
Mission to the World



World Missions Committee Notes:

The World Missions Committee meets once per month. Our first agenda item at each meeting is to pray for our missionaries. It is a privilege to partner with our missionaries in this way. We pray for our missionaries, our church, elders and pastors, and that the Holy Spirit would lead us in our deliberations and decisions. We covet your prayers. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Twin Oaks in World Missions!

Here are a few notables from our last meeting, Monday, January 9, 2012:

- Welcomed the Wos family as they reported to the committee about their last term of service in S. Africa.
- Approved 2012/2013 tentative World Mission Budget, Conference Goal and Level I, II Projects.
- Approved a scholarship for EJ Hibbler for his mission to South Africa with Wheaton college in March.
- Reviewed conference assignments and duties
- Praised God for the safe return of McGintys, Clarkes and Hatem & Lisa to the field.
- Praised God for the news from the India Partnership that the matching grant challenge reached 100%.
- Approved delegates to attend the India Partnership meeting in Atlanta March 26-27, 2012.

WHY FAITH PROMISE?



Question: Why Faith Promise?

Answer: During this month of February you will be hearing and reading a lot about Faith Promise. In fact, while we hope this does not happen, you might even grow weary of hearing about it, especially if you do not understand what it is all about and why it's so important.

Obviously, in the limited space we have, I can not give you an in-depth primer, but let me leave you with a few points, especially for those of you new to Faith Promise.

- Faith Promise is the funding mechanism that our church leadership has chosen over our 21-year history to fund the World Missions ministry, a ministry that they have deemed as vital to the overall ministry of our church.
- The leadership does not encourage the giving of tithes to this ministry, as these funds are used to carry on the overall ministry of the local church. So, in accordance with II Corinthians 8:3, they have determined that the funding should be given independently of our tithes out of a heart moved with faith and compassion for a spiritually needy world. Thus, Faith Promise giving has worked very well for us these many years as we have been able to provide monthly support for more than 100 career missionaries, hundreds of short-term missions of one or two weeks, special mission projects and emergency needs of our supported missionaries and the administration of the ministry, plus more.
- Please read a more descriptive commentary on Faith Promise in the upcoming 2012 World Missions Conference 32-page booklet that will be handed out following the AM service on February 5.

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*Isaiah 6:8—Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send?
And who will go for us?” And I said,*

“HERE AM I. SEND ME”!