



Missionary Letters

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Thank you so very much for all the info you forwarded last Friday. We were in Colorado for debriefing meetings with our Mission Leadership when your email came in.

I was able to read through each document. I found the church planting strategy document most edifying and encouraging. The church we attend and where I serve as an elder has a strong view on the role of the small Community Groups – we use the term Life Groups out here in Oregon. Our son is an associate pastor in a Conservative Baptist church and has been instrumental in the training and developing of the Community Life Groups in his church.

Briefly, Beryl and I will be pursuing an open door for our next ministry within Cadence which will likely have us mentoring and training of new staff within Cadence, now that I've stepped down from my regional director role. We hope to have some of those details solidified by the end of the month so that we can communicate with all of our supporting churches and individuals. There is a possibility that we will be able to make a visit to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan in late March or early April. We will be in contact as soon as we can should this partnership development trip develops.

Please extend our greetings to the Grace Church family. Pray for Beryl as she is moving full steam ahead with a planning team for our church's annual women's renewal retreat Jan. 28-30. Also, if you have read our letters, we've been keeping people posted on the young missionary wife in Alaska who is dying from brain cancer. She is declining very rapidly. Pray for Dan, Barb, Caleb and Audrey Evans. Caleb, their son, is particularly angry – not knowing or not willing to accept Dan's careful explanations of God's mercies at this difficult time.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Paul and Beryl Metko

Cadence Missionaries to the Military

To our dear Bridge Builder partners, prayer supporters, family, colleagues, and front-line team -- Happy 2011!!

How we praise God as we start a brilliant new year full of opportunities and exciting ministry to come, all based on the Solid Rock and eternal Word of God. It is an amazing treasure to have the confidence and assurance found in scripture as together we look ahead with great faith and living hope.

It was a joy to read and reflect this morning on the well-loved 23rd Psalm. God leads us beside stilled waters and in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. That is a major treasure for us who love Christ. *'He Leadeth Me'* was one of my father-in-law's favourite hymns, and that theme is a tremendous encouragement and inspiration for us in the Family of God!

Are you excited with God's promises and the wide open door of 2011 ahead? Wow - we can hardly wait to see what marvels and wonders He will bring, especially in these prophetic last days with such spiritual hunger and THE answer of the Gospel!

With great thanks to God, we report many great times of ministry this past month, including thousands of miles safely driving through sometimes treacherous, even record-breaking Nor'easter-type weather. And the warmth of receptions, the evident fruit in the ministry, the joy of new and renewed fellowship, the splendour of the Christmas season, and the blessing of also seeing family at times this month was all a fast-paced heart-strengthening blitz.

Now for your dear prayer list items -- please make us a part of your New Year's Resolutions to boldly come before God with intercession! Please pray for our Deputation ministry, as we minister, contact churches, travel, meet new people, and also report and connect with support team members. Multi-tasking and juggling many fronts simultaneously goes to a new level for us. Our deep & daily heart's cry to the Lord is that we may have holy favour and anointing as humble, flexible, Spirit-filled servants.

Please pray as we also make contacts with international fields for church planting, training, and plans for how we may best aid and assist nationals and US personal to mobilise with greatest impact. This is where we are in the steepest learning curve, trying to anticipate when we can go and setting the priorities amongst some 50 countries where ministry is ongoing now. We need wisdom and resources to serve, to build the required structures and customise ministry to be effective and most fruitful. Pray that God will provide in special and powerful ways!

Praising the Lord for another answer to prayer - We thank God for some very helpful and timely medical attention, as our "youthful in spirit but slightly aging bodies" got a close evaluation from a very fine Ohio doctor (thanks to the wonderful provision of a contact from Calvary Baptist!) We may not be ready to compete in the 2012 Olympics quite yet, but we are above ground and vertical! HA! Candidly, we are ever so grateful to the Lord for your diligent and faithful prayers for dear Linda. She has great courage and wisdom coping with her chronic Lyme Disease symptoms, and the treatments/medications have helped her make some helpful progress. What a wonderful Great Physician we have!

We also ask prayer for the financial resources for getting needed supplies and equipment. Many projects are in the works, including the new Prayer Cards and various media things. The car has been repaired again, but has 195k+miles and, short of a miracle (!) will need replacing this year. Tech matters are a 'brave new world' experience for us, but we are stretching into learning about text and webstuff and hope in these times to come that our communications will be enhanced and more efficient.

Finally, we also ask prayer for the Lord to aid us in this busy phase of ministry. After all these years as a missionary it always has been and still is very difficult to ask people for support. We know some of you who have mentioned our not being more bold with that part of this work. well, we just pray that God will speak to your hearts, and some of you churches and individuals may be so led to join us with monthly or one-time gift support. We are also aware that this is annual budget month in many places. Just please know that we are ever so grateful to Christ for you and hope He will drench you with His mighty favour and abundant blessing.

And to our support team too - we commend you and love you and thank God for you, trusting the Lord to marvelously shower you constantly with heaps of encouraging, wonderful things from His all-powerful and caring Hands.

with so much joy, gratitude, and deep care always,

Doug & Linda Wilson

“Building Bridges on the Bedrock” Matthew 16:18
your partners in international church planting

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Yoshida Prayer Letter

January, 2011

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Trust you have all had a great New Years, and will continue to have a wonderful year in the Lord!

Christmas gatherings for the 19th of December were well attended. We were glad to see several adults attend the children's gathering as well.

Luc and Hiroko will be moving back to Japan from the New Jersey area with their three girls. We are still praying for their salvation, and with Tomo coming regularly every Sunday, we are hoping and praying that they, being family, will want to attend as well.

Encouraging is the fact that several adults from past encounters were at the Christmas meetings this year, and one man has come to us for counseling. We are praying that this man would begin attending services, and for his married children, about whom he is greatly worried, would also begin attending as his son lives nearby. Let us call him Mr. I. for now. Since Mr. I's parents have been living with them for close to 25 years now, they have always been the ones hindering his children from committing to Christ. We are praying that recent events will draw this family to Christ. Grandparents are usually a hindrance for children and grandchildren accepting Christ or attending church faithfully. Sometimes the parents cause problems this way, but usually it is the previous generation.

As David has been helping Mrs. Tanaka's son, Narito, we pray that he and his sister Mayu would begin attending church again. Guess their mother used to take them to S.S. regularly, and now she is praying they would start attending again, now that they are older. Mr. Tanaka is unsaved, and this is a huge prayer request for this family to all be in Christ.

Mrs. Sato is also seeking answers with an ADD son who receives little sympathy and understanding from school teachers. Pray that this opportunity of helping them would bring them to Christ. Her other son and his friend are asking specific questions about Jesus and the Bible. Since they are only fifth graders, we never know how much they understand. But this younger boy is showing great interest in pleasing God. Pray for the salvation of the Sato family.

Many are seeking answers, especially since the economy is not doing so well here either. Pray that this would bring more opportunities to minister to new ones, and also those who are beginning to come to us from past acquaintances and opportunities.

Continue to pray for someone to fill in for us so that we can have a proper furlough. Also, for new missionaries and Japanese pastors to come forth. We are praying for both to take over the ministry of this area.

Thank you to those who sent Melody birthday cards, and Christmas cards to us. These are always a great encouragement. Thank you also for those who sent us Christmas gifts. We are always grateful for your help, and for everyone's faithfulness in prayers and support. Thank you eternally! Know times are difficult for all of you.

Sincerely in Christ,

David & Melody Yoshida