

Steve & Laurie Barsuhn – 2/11/2021

Dear Prayer Partner,

We appreciate you and the way you partner with us through your prayers in ministry to Mormonland. It is such an encouragement to know that you are praying for us and the spiritual needs of our missionaries and churches whom we serve. We are grateful that you are willing to be involved in our lives and ministry.

Missionary health updates:

- Lindsay Ballard continues to slowly improve after COVID heart complications but still has a long way to go.
- Diana Whitworth has finished her current round of chemotherapy and will have a liver scan on February 16 and if the chemo was successful, they will follow up with pinpoint radiation.
- Rebekah Miller who has battled a chronic debilitating illness for several years.
- **Dominic Gonino's testing procedure definitively revealed the cause for his mobility issues and he will have brain surgery on March 22 with excellent prospects for recovery.**
- David and Gloria Stolarski serve at Provo Bible Church where Dave is the missionary - pastor. Gloria had two heart attacks and bypass surgery. She is home and is engaged in cardiac rehab.

PLEASE PRAY AND/OR PRAISE FOR

- We purchased a 2005 Winnebago Minnie 26A in January that is in overall good condition. It has less than 27,000 miles on it but due to its age there are things that needed to be replaced and fixed. We feel the size is much better suited to our needs. We are very thankful for Chris Allinger who has been willing to help us fix things.
- In January we made two trips to Richfield, Utah and we were in Blackfoot, Idaho for their last service on January 31st and to make arrangements for the property. As the Field Treasurer, Steve is now responsible for the property. Eventually it will be sold but another church ministry in Blackfoot is considering using it for outreach in the meantime. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to be good stewards in wrapping this up. This is hard for Steve since his family supported the missionary that started the church in 1968 and they prayed for the ministry regularly. He remembers visiting Blackfoot with his family as a teenager and later he served for two summers in Blackfoot as a summer missionary. We are reminded that the real lasting measure of the ministry is the souls saved, lives changed, and people who are serving the Lord today as result of efforts in Blackfoot.
- In addition to our travels and missionary visits, Laurie is writing notes of encouragement to the missionary wives and Steve consults with missionaries and churches on a variety of issues with a lot of questions this time of year about congregational meetings and church finances.
- We are very thankful for the way God continues to provide for the Barnabas Fund especially with all the travel and meetings during January. It really makes a difference.

Thanks so much for being a part of the team that makes ministry to the missionaries and churches of Utah and Idaho possible. May God richly bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Steve and Laurie Barsuhn

February 12, 2021

I have really messed up the emails this week. Last week I don't know what happened but the emails were sent out wrong and most people couldn't open them. Since most did not see this email I am using it this week again.

Last time we met on January 23 we were blessed with 6 workers, 8 new friends and 20 returning ones. Many expressed they are so happy when they see us open again. We will be having an outreach this Saturday (2/13) since we cancelled last week due to the weather. I am sorry about the short notice.

We really appreciate those who are praying about each of the outreaches. Thanks so much as this is a very important part of the ministry.

Last time 2 men who met in Colorado traveled to Grand Rapids. One was continuing to New York. People come from all over. They all have a need for the Savior. We never know who will come in but the Lord does and we are ready to share the gospel with them.

We handed out many winter clothing items that you people donated. Thanks but we are in need of XL or 2XX coats and back packs. Oh my, they will need lots of warm clothing in the coming days as it is predicted to be very cold.

Jerry is still sitting by the window in the front room, welcoming people to come in to share their hearts and pray together. Sometimes just knowing someone cares is a real encouragement.

Jerry is joined by several women to hold a Ladies Bible Study every Saturday morning which is part of the "Lost Sheep" ministry. Currently there are 8 ladies attending.

So, friends, keep the Homeless people in your prayers along with our Nation and all the problems we are experiencing. Also for those with Covid and the many still recovering from it. Please continue to pray for Bob & Carolyn and Ruthie, for wisdom in this ministry. Pray for each other that we will stay encouraged in the Lord as so many are depressed. We are told to "Fear not tomorrow for God is already there".

May we be "Sitting at the feet of Jesus" "Till the storm passes by" so we will experience "Peace perfect Peace" "In times like these" as we want to have "A closer walk with Jesus".

Rose for Mission Possible

My in-laws have been on my mind and heart lately, and I (Ginger) wanted to share a bit about this wonderful couple. A bit of history first. Darryl and Becky Jordan became missionaries after their children were grown. They spent their first ten years of missionary life in a remote village in Papua New Guinea. After serving faithfully there, they moved to the Philippines where they spent the next ten years working in various roles, from guesthouse manager on two different islands, to mission representatives in the city. After serving at their second guesthouse for a couple years, they were considering retirement, and we asked them to join us in our village, mainly to help oversee the construction of the new church building. They graciously joined us, and it has been a joy to serve together with them for the past few years.



Becky, Ginger, and other ladies preparing Christmas gifts in 2018.

Throughout 2019, they worked hard overseeing the building project, helping with Kids' Bible Club, baking for youth group, chauffeuring teens in the evening to get them home safely in the dark, hosting a team from the States, and always being a listening ear when anyone just needed to talk.



Darryl and Becky helped us host a team from the Michigan for Sports Bible Camp (left). And Darryl giving Chris suggestions for how to connect the rebar in the new church building (right).

When it was time for the church dedication, they stepped up another notch when I got sick, and took over for all the holiday activities I had planned and was no longer able to do.



Church dedication in 2019.

In January 2020, I was feeling much better. The church dedication and Christmas program were completed, and it was time for them to take a much-needed and well-deserved rest. They scheduled three separate cruises to line up and take them all over Asia while they rested. Upon boarding their first cruise, Covid hit, and all of their cruises were cancelled. They didn't crash on a deserted island as the three-hour tour passengers did in the old television show, but they did end up in Singapore, choosing to wait there for the borders of the Philippines to reopen for them. And they have been their ever since!



Darryl and Becky in Singapore for 1 year.

But they have not been idle! God put them there, provided them with the rest they needed, but also opened their eyes and gave them willing hearts to meet needs around them. They have developed relationships with many people in the city, as well as the staff at the hotel – which if you know them at all, you knew they would! They have counseled a family, helped to make face masks for the hotel staff, and given continued input into our shared ministry in the Philippines. We miss them.

It looks like they may be able to return to the Philippines soon, but it is also time for us to go back to the U.S., and we are not sure if we will see them before we go. We just ask that you take a bit of time to pray for them – that the Lord would lead and direct them and enable them to get back to the Philippines in His time; and also that the Lord would meet their needs.

David & Robin Watters 2/14/2021

She has arrived! Grace Denise Watters. Born 10:10am February 8 2021.



Happy Parents . . . and happy grandparents

Dear faithful prayer partners,

It's been a fun week. We have enjoyed seeing our baby grand daughter. She is now 5 days old. We are so thankful God allowed us to be here to witness the miracle of life. We are so excited for Andrew and Emily. Once Noah held the baby, he said, "OK, we can have our own now." They have to wait a few more months. But we are excited for all of them.

Well, the days are counting down. We are 7 days from departure. We will be leaving a week from tomorrow! Thank you for continuing to pray for us and for our kids. Here's some things you can be praying for this week.

Thank you so much for your continued partnership with us through prayer. We are so glad to have you on our team.

David and Robin Watters

Prayer Requests

- Thursday we will go for our Covid Test. Please pray the results come back quickly and that they are negative!
- Pray for Caleb as he travels home from Wisconsin on Friday. He is coming over to see us off.

- Pray for good weather on Sunday, both here and in Chicago. We really can't afford to have delays that cause us to miss that connection in Malaysia. We don't know when another flight will be available.
- Praise the Lord for a great week of learning at the Biblical Counseling Training Conference this week. Check out my comments about that in the News Column.
- Pray for all the last minute details. Finalizing our packing. Pray we can fit everything in our luggage. Last in person meetings for the people I am coaching. Pray we can work out electronic ways to continue to grow together.
- Pray for wisdom for me, for how to assimilate the more than 40 hours of material I learned this week.

News

- This was an amazing week of learning. The name of the conference was the Biblical Counseling Training Conference (BCTC) hosted by Faith church in Lafayette Indiana. I can't begin to describe all that I learned this week.
- One of the biggest things that I recognized in myself was how low a view I had of the authority of God's Word. That almost seems hypocritical coming from me, a missionary who makes his living by teaching and promoting God's Word. What do you mean I had a low view of God's Word. Well, when God tells us in 2 Peter 1:3 that He has given us EVERYTHING for life and Godliness through our knowledge of God, and that knowledge comes from the Bible, do I really believe God has given us all the answers in the Bible? God describes, in the Bible, why we do what we do, and how to change that.
- I am looking forward to continuing to grown in taking God at His Word, and applying it more faithfully to the situations in my life.

Ken & Rhonda Wiest – 02/15/2021

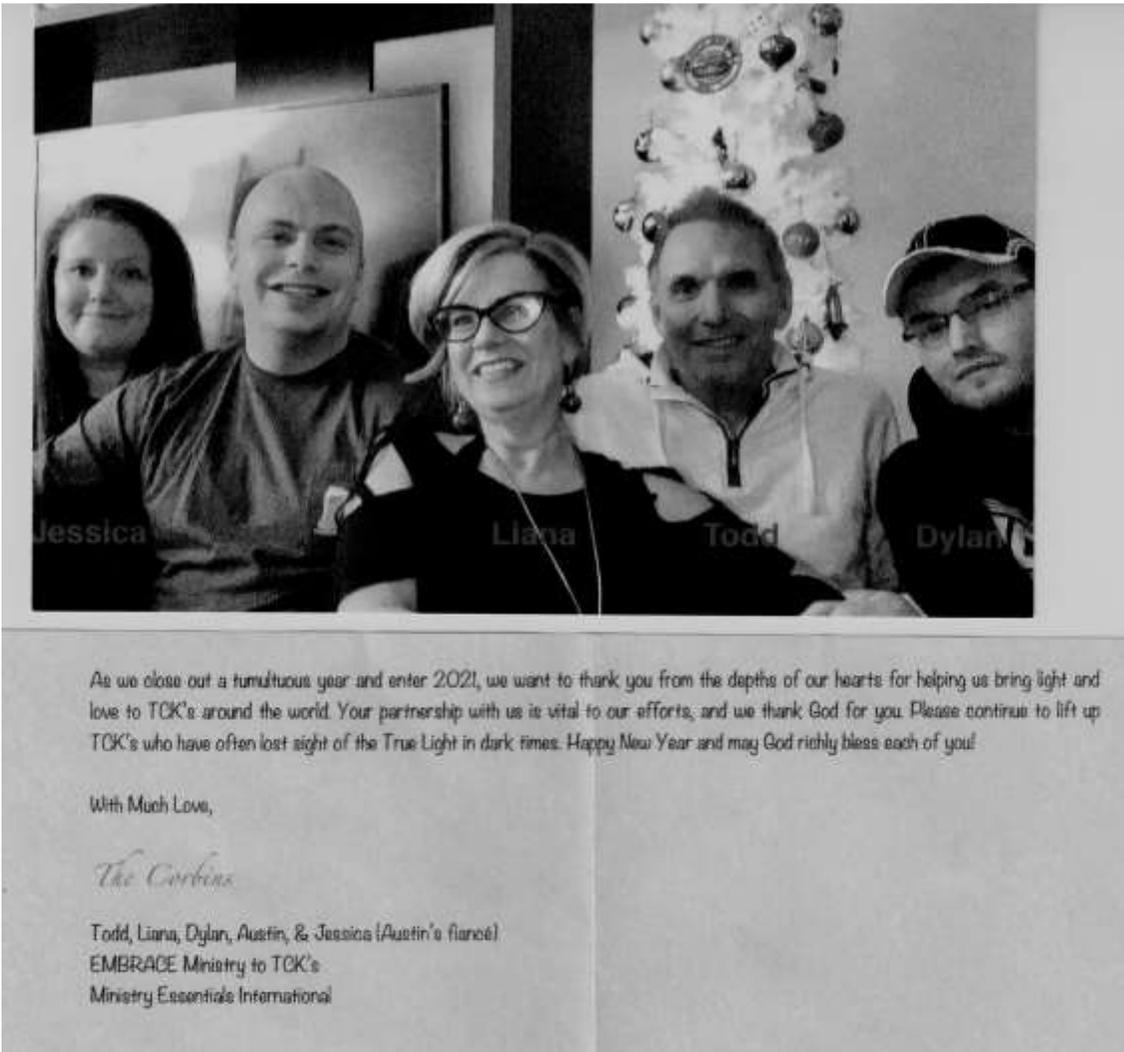
Update on the Legal Front

Ken's case, asking the Turkish courts to overturn his entry ban to Turkey, made it to the last stop in the Turkish legal system a few months ago. We have now learned that this court rejected Ken's appeal. Interestingly, the evidence describing Ken's "activities" was never presented in the court proceedings. Instead, the judges ruled that Ken's religious rights were not violated (He was not prevented from practicing or propagating his faith while in Turkey), and the government has done nothing illegal in their procedures in his case. At this point there are no further avenues to pursue that would allow Ken to enter Turkey.

Our lawyer will present Ken's case to the European High Court for Human Rights. The human rights court **could use Ken's case, along with others, to establish that Turkey has taken steps against the Protestant churches within its borders.** Please pray that justice will be upheld. Other Christian workers who were given an entry ban are also receiving a rejection at the high court in Turkey, and Turkish church leaders are growing more concerned. Pray especially that God will strengthen His people in Turkey to do His will despite the challenges. We are thankful that "God's Word is not chained" (2. Tim. 2:9) and that thanks to technology we still can serve the Turkish church.

Thank you for your faithful prayers during these past months of uncertainty.

Ken and Rhonda



Dear Jenison Bible Church,

Thank you so much for your ongoing financial support sent each month on behalf of our ministry with Ethnos 360 Aviation, and particularly on behalf of unreached people groups around the world! Thank you, too for the additional \$50 gift in December AND the Christmas cards so lovingly prepared! We feel so well-supported by you and are deeply grateful. Thank you for your prayers. We pray for you. Trusting God with you in 2021.

Ron & Tami James & Family