



GLOBAL PRAYER

March 7, 2010

Three Christian men murdered in Mosul, Iraq -- Three relatives of **Father Mzen Ishoa**, a Syro-Catholic priest who was abducted and later released in 2007 were shot and killed by unknown assailants on February 23. The gunmen forcibly entered the believers' home and opened fire on **Aishwa Maroki (59) and his two sons, Mokhlas (31) and Bassim (25)**. Aishwa's wife and daughter were also in the home but were not harmed.

Christians under attack in Chiapas, Mexico -- There were several attacks on believers in Chiapas, Mexico in recent months. Evangelicals in the state face frequent threats and attacks by rebel groups and traditionalist religious groups. In one incident, a Christian community in the state was attacked by a group of 70 armed rebel sympathizers. Nearly 30 people were injured, including women and children. Seven Christians were kidnapped and one was shot in the back and left for dead. On February 28, three Christians were shot and wounded on their way home from church services in the region of Mitziton. Rebel group members also reportedly threw rocks at cars and blocked the highway in order to prevent medical aid from reaching those injured. In the city of Tumbala, rebel sympathizers assaulted approximately 40 Christians who were asleep in their homes. A 49-year-old believer was killed and 20 other Christians were injured. At last report, no suspects had been arrested.

Christians sentenced to prison for blasphemy in Pakistan -- A Pakistani Christian man, **Qamar David**, was sentenced to life in prison for blasphemy on February 25. Qamar was arrested in 2006 for allegedly spreading blasphemous messages about the Qur'an and Mohammed on his cell phone. The court also ordered him to pay a fine of 101,000 rupees (approximately \$1,200 CAD). Since his arrest, Qamar and his lawyer have been threatened with violence by mobs and have survived several assassination attempts. In Punjab province's Kasur district, a Christian couple -- **Munir Masih and Ruqqiya Bibi** -- has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for blasphemy. The couple was accused of contaminating the Qur'an in December 2008 when they touched the book without washing their hands. They were released on bail in January 2009 but were subsequently re-arrested when the judge ruled against them. At last report, an appeal to have the sentence overturned was being planned.

Iranian Christian couple arrested -- Two Iranian house church leaders from Muslim backgrounds, **Hamid** and **his wife Reyhaneh**, were arrested on February 28. When officials arrived at their home in Isfahan, they arrested Reyhaneh. She was assaulted when she resisted them. Other believers present were threatened and one was assaulted for protesting the actions of the police. Hamid arrived home one hour later and was also arrested. The officials confiscated computers, telephones and books, including many Bibles. On March 1, the couple's family members contacted authorities and were told that Hamid and Reyhaneh's case was to be referred to the Revolutionary Court once charges were finalized. They were also told not to make further inquiries. Hamid and Reyhaneh's whereabouts were unknown at last report.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

Canaan Community Church



Hap and Gladys Skinner

Mike and Renee Delorenzo – Kenya

Jonathan, Jodi, Jessica, Joshua, Joseph & Josiah Thars – Taiwan

The Churo School

The Cooks in Colorado

The Muhotas in Kenya

The Torch Kit Ministry

The Great Commission Fund: Carolyn Thorson – Gabon, The Wendels & Westergrens – Spain, The Phenicies - Iraq, The Sterns – Argentina, The Arndts – Russia, Brian Weidemann – Malaysia, Karen Fitch -- Gabon

OTHER MISSIONARY FRIENDS OF CANAAN

Beryl J. Pierce, Major, Salvation Army (Kinzi Wass Pierce's mother-in-law) – Zambia

Daniel & Emily Keller, Peace Corp (Kowalski) – Honduras

Kirk & Janis Reynolds, Navigators (Kowalski) – Chicago Regional Asian Ministry

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

C&MA



Bob & Sue Stern -- Argentina



Just a note to say "Thank You!" for your support during these days of touring with the folk group Salmo Trio and evangelist Javier Yañez. Everyone arrived safely in Santa Rosa on Friday, February 19th as planned. Javier drove 1450 miles with his prayer partner Francisco Estrada from the Patagonia to Corrientes. The Salmo Trio had one vehicle "go south" on them right before they left, so two of the five in the group came by bus, and the other three brought most of the equipment with them. The tour lasted eleven days for the Trio and nine days for Javier and Francisco. They were able to minister in three different towns as well as the City of Corrientes, and the Trio also sang in two private events in order to proclaim the Good News to some of our friends. There were last minute changes, lots of rain causing all of the evening meetings to be held indoors, and two meetings were actually canceled. But God was faithful to answer your prayers, and ours. Fifty people raised their hands or went forward, depending on the invitation, to proclaim publicly that they had prayed asking forgiveness for their sins and invited Jesus to come into their lives. In the town of San Miguel at least ten had never been in an evangelical service before! Pastor Juan Carlos Solis has committed himself to follow up on these decisions and take good care of these new believers. We thank God for the twelve pastors and their wives, and members of their congregations who became involved in order to make all of this possible. We also praise the Lord for each and every one of you who communicated with us expressing your moral, financial and prayer support for this faith adventure. As I ran and prayed in the countryside near Santa Rosa, the Lord led me to meditate on Jesus' words to the centurion and the two blind men as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew: "According to your faith be it done unto you."

Tim Westergren – Spain Update

1. Anglo culture doesn't use Jesus' name as a first name for sons. But in Hispanic culture we sure do! This sets up the wonderful irony that occurred last Sunday in the midst of the Lord's Supper: Jesús met Jesús! An engineer (Ramón) shared his testimony before serving Communion, and the Holy Spirit used it to gently prompt another engineer (Jesús) to desire communion with Christ--right then and there! He sidled up to **Tim Wendel** in the midst of the breaking of the bread to take hold of the Bread of Life. It was so smooth I didn't even realize they were praying! Jesús is Natalia's husband, the woman who embraced Christ a few weeks ago. Thank you for your intercession before the throne of grace. Jesús didn't take long at all to follow Natalia on the Jesus Path! They are both incredibly thirsty and are devouring anything they can get their hands on. Natalia was in the first meeting of our women's Bible study and already has amazing insights. It's thrilling to see the Holy Spirit at work in their family! Pray that God would protect them during this infant stage. Tim Wendel is doing the basic discipleship with another brother, Hoover Patiño.

2. We give thanks to God for the steps that our daughters are taking: **Katey** is waiting news of her acceptance at Wheaton College. She already has Calvin's. I have been able to finish the financial aid applications, so I ask your intercession for the grant and aid awards to pay for her studies the coming year. **Sarah** was elected to the National Honor Society and has a role in the musical Beauty and the Beast (May 20, 21). She is super happy at ECA and is maturing with big steps. Sarah has decided she wants to get baptized! She has been ready for a while but wanted to do it with her Tres Cantos church family, so will join the others this summer when the rivers run a bit warmer. We are thinking there will be 4 or 5 from our community ready for baptism this summer, so we are encouraged by this growth. **Hannah** is wrestling with math and mates. She is resilient after some failures and some troublesome friends. We pray that she would keep her sweet spirit and give her life to Christ. She is wrestling with the decision about which school to go to next year. ECA, a 2-hour commute everyday, and very small, (4 in her grade this year,) not a happy thought for an extrovert where the more the merrier is the motto. Or BFA, far away from home, mom and dad can't tuck her in each night, her sister won't be there anymore, but it's bigger. In the end we trust the Lord will make it very clear and give peace with the decision we make together. Pray we understand what is best for her.

3. Time is flying and we are already working on English Camp. Intercede for the possible volunteers that are deciding at this time whether they are coming this summer. They make or break the camp.

CANAAN COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS MARCH 7, 2010

SPOTLIGHT FAMILIES FOR WEEK MARCH 7 – MARCH 13, 2010

Pray for one another.....

Darrel, Teresa, Drew, Craig & Chad Brouhard ☩ Mike & Ashley Collins ☩ Kelly & Zac Collins & Kayla Gooch
☩ Recent Visitor: Marie Ingler

PRAISES

Duane & Kathy Wass had a wonderful experience in Mexico during their trip with the Hearing Lions.
Donna Pritchard does not have any blockages to her heart! Pat Enlow is in remission!

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Carol Fitzgerald has breast cancer but the doctor feels it is confined to the ducts. She sees a surgeon Monday to schedule a lumpectomy to make sure it isn't in the surrounding tissue. **Mike Strube** family & his mother **Anna** (who is in ill health) in the loss of his stepdad, Carlos Thompson. **Jan Pell** & family in the loss of Jim. **Marilee Skillern** fell and hurt her knee & is waiting for MRI results. **Rich & Pam Roth** are leaving tomorrow for Africa. Tracey Holtane requests prayers for preemie **Baby Cox** born to her sister's in-laws. **Pastor David Plaster**, of Columbus, Ohio is suffering from Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM) and is at Cleveland Clinic. Mike Black's brother, **Bobby**, will start chemo soon. **Jen Flater** is recovering from surgery. **Cindy Ware and Jim Thorn** as they recover and deal with pain. **Garrett Gardner** (foster child of Keith & Kim Redman) struggling with seizures. **Keith's** back pain is improving. **Ray & Sue Deyo** are at Mill Pond for rehab. **Becky Crafton**, Lauren's mother, fell & fractured her pelvis & ankle. **Kathy Thompson**, MS symptoms & medication issues. **Larry Nesbitt** will have surgery 3/18 on his shoulder. **Donna Pritchard** continues to struggle with undiagnosed health problems. Sue Neier's great-nephew, **Wyatt** (6 months) continues to be unresponsive. Friends of Josh & Jen Flater, **Steve & Bethany Lannon** desire adoption. **Health concerns:** Tracey Holtane's grandfather, Elmer Schaub; Carmen Sims father, **Chuck Frund**; Duane Wass' great nephew, **Austin** (23); Claudia Wooden's sister, **Shirley**; **Dave Wooden**; Paulita Ream's son needs a diagnosis; David Gibbs sister, **Nina**; **Garrett Richardson**; **Mike & Delva Tearman**, Shelley Thorn's parents; **John Raley**; **Kathy Thompson**; **Ann Nesbitt**; **Lisa Berger**, Parkinson's; **Marcia Gruner**; **The Lisbys**; **Pastor Kevin's mom** (cataract surgery soon); **Ernie Davidson**; **Teresa Brouhard**, **Rich Roth & Keith Redman back pain**; **Marvin Skillern**.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Rob Skillern—Iraq
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Sam Houser--Afghanistan
Patrick Robertson – CA
Robbie Carmichael (friend of Andersons)
Todd (friend of Mike Anderson)
Brian - Iraq (friend of Kowalskis)
Christopher Barger (Ron's grandson) –Iraq
Chaplain Dave Merrifield (Doty) -- Iraq
Carlos Kline, USMC (Raley's grandson) San Diego
Daniel Wass, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
Jared Holtane, AIT @ Fort Gordon

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ashley Arney
Christine Anderson
Brenda Anderson
Jessica Smeelink
Rahab Muhota
Jordy Davidson
Kelly Murphy
Jonathon Redman
Ashley Collins
Aaron Schwartz
David Black
Mike Anderson
Steve Anderson
Shawn Smeelink
Virginia Muhota
Jennifer Stranger
Meagan Murphy
Jeremy Redman
Drew Brouhard

CANCER CONCERNS

Colby Johnson (Vicki's uncle)
Savannah (3) malignant tumor on kidney (Tracey Holtane)
Marilee Skillern's sister, Glenda, leukemia
Michael Settle (Carol F's cousin's wife)
Cara Smith's Aunt Bert (Mike Anderson)
Matt Scott (Keith Redman's cousin)
Norma Robertson's sister, Terry (Hodgkin's lymphoma)
Bobby Black, Mike's brother
Jim Holt terminal cancer
Dylan Jackson (6) leukemia "maintenance" phase!
Cheryl Hughes, liver cancer (Keith's mom)
Sheryl Roberts (HL resident)
Kathy Lane (breast cancer) (Holtane)
Pam Foley (Kathy T's cousin) ovarian
Dennis Holtane
Carol Fitzgerald

Tammy's (Kathy T.) latest scan shows the inside of her brain tumor is dying. Please pray the outside will shrink with it.

HOSPICE CARE: John Alexander, Keith Redman's grandfather;

THOSE SEARCHING FOR WORK: Denny & Jennifer Stranger