



GLOBAL PRAYER

APRIL 29, 2012

Update: Christian cleared of blasphemy in Pakistan -- A Pakistani Christian man, who rescued his eight-year-old nephew from an attack by a group of Muslim boys, has been acquitted of blasphemy charges. The 27-year-old father of two, **Dildar Masih**, was cleared of all charges on March 26 due to a lack of evidence. Dildar said despite being called to court three times, not a single accuser stepped forward at the hearings to testify against him. "You cannot imagine my joy when the prison officials told me that I had been acquitted by the court," he said. The original charge came after his young nephew, **Ihtesham**, was passing by a nearby madrassa (an Islamic religious school) when a group of boys from the school began to beat him for refusing to convert to Islam. Dildar saw the attack and rushed to the boy's aid. A short time later, a Muslim mob of about 55 people converged on Dildar's home while he was at work saying Dildar had been heard "abusing Islamic holy words." Dildar said that despite threats of violence during his imprisonment, he stood by his faith. "I kept on telling God that I had complete faith in Him and would wait for the day when He would set me free," he said.

Turkish pastor attacked over Easter weekend -- **Semir Serkek**, a 58-year-old pastor in Istanbul, Turkey, says although he has experienced hostility from Muslims nearly all his life, an attack over the Easter weekend was the first time he had been physically assaulted. Semir was alone at Grace Church preparing for the next day's Easter celebration when he heard frantic pounding at the door. Four young men in their late teens claimed they had questions and demanded to enter. They then threatened to kill him if he didn't recite the Islamic testimony of faith, and after a period of verbally harassing the pastor, one of the men kicked Semir in the chest, knocking the pastor down a set of stairs. The men then ran away laughing. However, the attack did not deter Semir from attending a memorial service for three Christians murdered in Turkey five years ago. Necati Aydin and Ugur Yuksel and Tilmann Geske were brutally murdered by five young men in the southeastern city of Malatya in April 2007. Semir said he personally knew the three men because he worked with them at the same publishing company for many years. The United States Commission on International and Religious Freedom has recommended that Turkey be designated as a "Country of Particular Concern" this year due to Turkey's long-term and systematic limitations on non-Muslim communities. There are about 4,500 Christian converts in Turkey.



Update: Orphans remain faithful in Laos -- A group of 11 orphans in Laos who were threatened with expulsion from school for attending church have shown remarkable faith. The children have continued to attend church, slipping away one at a time to avoid being detained by school officials on their way to worship. Last August, the headmaster of the government-sponsored school called the boys into his office and told them if they did not stop attending church they would be expelled. Initially only four of the boys dared to defy the headmaster, but after witnessing the faithfulness of the four, all the boys began attending church again. The boys have not been confronted by school officials in several months, and those who care for the orphans believe that their steadfast faith has deterred officials from trying to prevent the boys from going to church.

Algerian Christian finds hope amid persecution -- An evangelist in Algeria has recommitted himself to the Lord after struggling for months following some persecution for his faith. "**Azad**" had been a believer for several years, but became discouraged after his father chased him out of his family home, and his wife's family threatened to take her away if he continued to evangelize. A few months later, his boss fired him. Azad told a VOM worker, "I am so discouraged, and I feel hatred against God." He stopped reading his Bible or going to church. But one day, he asked a Christian friend for something to read. The Christian gave him "Tortured for Christ," a book written by VOM's founder Richard Wurmbrand about his experiences in prison. The book had a profound effect on Azad and he decided he could accept persecution for his faith. Azad understood something he couldn't see before: that he could accept the persecution he experienced as part of God's plan for his life.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

Canaan Community Church



Mike and Renee Delorenzo – Kenya

The Muhotas in Kenya

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

The Churo School

The Sterns – Argentina via International Teams

C&MA: Carolyn Thorson & Karen Fitch – Gabon; The Wendels & Westergrens – Spain; Cheryl P – North Africa; The Arndts – Russia, Brian W – Malaysia; The Iversons – Taiwan

OTHER MISSIONARY FRIENDS OF CANAAN

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

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

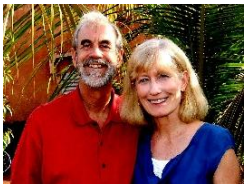
Jon & Pam Sharp who are missionaries with Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) and are hoping to find funding to return to Chile. They were members in Indy for 32 years and are currently pastoring in Illinois.

Vincent Mekubo pastor & teacher of orphans in Nairobi.



Christian & Missionary Alliance

Doug and Karen Conkle



We have safely returned to Banfora, Burkina Faso where we spent our first years of ministry from 1978 to 1994, working to reach the unreached people groups in this area. We left in 1994 to 'fill in' for a year as field director only to find ourselves still in the job in 2005! We then spent 6 years setting up a church planting team in Senegal with 4 new couples. Now we are back to our first love in Banfora, church planting!

Our purpose for being here is to focus on those large centers and surrounding villages that still have no gospel witness. We are doing this with our Burkinabe colleagues as we know that we are only here for the short term; they will be here for the long haul.

Our children:

Ruth and Chris are attending Boone Alliance in Iowa. Shawn and Becky and children are working with CAMA in Bamako, Mali. Matt and Rachel and children are working with the C&MA in the middle east. Abby and Brian finished their apprenticeship with the C&MA in Guinea and are applying to return as cross cultural workers fulltime with the C&MA. And Ben is in med school.

Prayer Requests/Answers to Prayer

Prayer requests:

We praise God for:

- This last weekend in Mangodara and Ouou (Whoa); 3 more Dogose came to Christ, two young men and a woman.
 - One young man in Mangodara committed to follow the Lord into fulltime ministry.
- We are so thankful for your prayers on behalf of these people.

Now we add to the prayer requests;

- Evangelism in Ouou May 7-10
- Pray for funding for a 1000 watt FM radio transmitter to enable the local Alliance radio station signal to reach into the Dogose area.
- Pray for safety on the road. Our Toyota Land Cruiser took us safely over 350 miles from Thursday to Sunday on some very rough roads. Pray the funds come to cover the cost of our vehicle soon.

Your prayers do make a difference!

CANAAN COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS APRIL 29, 2012

SPOTLIGHT FAMILIES FOR WEEK APRIL 29 – MAY 5, 2012

Pray for one another.....

Larry & Ann Nesbitt † Dale Pritchard † John, Patti & Kourtney Raley † Recent Visitor: Margaret Dermond

PRAISES

Praise God Ray Robertson finally had the lens replacement surgery last Tuesday!

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Vicki Kendall in the loss of her cousin, Tim Horner. **Pam Miller** in the loss of her Aunt Betty. **Greg Arney** has optic neuritis (swollen optic nerve) and is waiting for test results. **Phyllis Goss** (Pastor Buddy's wife) is undergoing tests to determine the cause of the pain she is experiencing. **Pastor Buddy** has a blocked vein to his heart which is causing his chest pain. **Pastor Kevin's Mom** has swelling and pain in her knee. **Kowalski's granddaughter, Katie (2)** will have tubes put in her ears 5/3. **Mike Foster's mom** is in her final days. **Don Johnson** (HL resident & cancer support group) VA hospital. **Ray Robertson** will see the surgeon tomorrow and they may move up his lens replacement. Teresa Brouhard's dad, **Pete Barbarich**, has cellulitis in his foot. Jaclyn Davidson's friend, **Morgan Robinson** was in a horrible car crash and is still in St. Vincent's with a broken back. She is now experiencing some feeling in a toe. **Cindy Ware** is on her "off" week. Pray for her feet. Vicki Kendall's niece, **Kendall (15)** who had surgery to correct "intoeing" last May is recovering well and is free of pain. She is still facing 8 mos of physical therapy. Brenda Davidson's brother, **Alvin Probasco**, finished this round of chemo & is maintaining his weight. **Patti Raley** is recovering from cellulitis and will have surgery 5/7. Brian Holtane's **Uncle Dick** waiting for heart & lung transplant. **Health concerns: Jack Schabel, Susan Dailey; Patti Raley; Kathy Thompson; Marilee Skillern; Pastor Tim McNamee**, Cityview; **Pastor Buddy Goss**, New Winchester Baptist, (diabetes & heart problems), his wife, **Phyllis**; her nephew, **Joey** – severe burns (he has gone into rehab); Tracey Holtane's grandfather, **Elmer Schaub**; Carmen Sims parents, **Chuck & Carolyn Frund; Dave Wooden; Mike & Delva Tearman**, Shelley Thorn's parents; **Ann Nesbitt; The Lisbys; Pastor Kevin's mom & sister, Heather; Ernie Davidson. Dealing with pain: Jim Thorn; Teresa Brouhard; Susan Deyo; Claudia Wooden; Kathy Thompson; Rich Roth & Sarah Bryan** (Kowalski's niece).

REQUESTS FROM OUR WEBSITE: Heather is requesting prayers for the healing of her marriage to Josh.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Rob Skillern—Iraq
Robbie Skillern—Afghanistan
Sam Houser
Patrick Robertson – SC
Robbie Carmichael (friend of Andersons)
Todd (friend of Mike Anderson)
Christopher Barger (Ron's grandson) –Iraq
Jared Holtane – Iraq
Carlos Kline, USMC (Raley's grandson) Afghanistan
Daniel Wass, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
Andrew Schwarz – airborne/ranger school (Gruner)

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ashley Arney
Christine Anderson
Brenda Anderson
Jessica Smeelink
Rahab Muhota
Jordy Davidson
Kelly Murphy
Jonathon Redman
Ashley Collins
Betsy Barger
Aaron Schwarz
Mike Anderson
Steve Anderson, Jr.
Shawn Smeelink
Virginia Muhota
Logan Berger
Meagan Murphy
Jeremy Redman
Cody Storkman
Sarah Christ (Thompson)

CANCER CONCERNS

Flaters' friend, Kathie
Matt Scott (Keith Redman's cousin)
Brian Holtane's Aunt Pat (breast)
Jim Wynn (former ALPHA participant)
Kate (4) Thar's niece (kidney)
Judy McEachern, Kathy Thompson's sister
Martha Davidson
Sandy Collins (Gibbs)
Alvin Probasco (Brenda Davidson's brother)
Vicki Kendall's step dad, Larry, leukemia

Kathy Lane (breast cancer) (Holtane)
Pam Foley (Kathy T's cousin) ovarian
Cindy Ware
Norma Robertson's sister, Terry
George Pallas (Lisby's son-in-law) leukemia
Cheryl Roth (Rich's sister-in-law)
Ann, Paulita Ream's sister
Len Faust (39) Pastor Mike's son (Coatesville Christian)
Barbara (caregiver for Kathy T's mom)
Richard Huddleston

Job Losses: Jim Thorn, Bonnie Gibbs, Mike Strube



CHURCH PRAYER

(APRIL 29, 2012)

Pray for God's direction for the life of Canaan Community Church. Pray that we might be faithful stewards in all that we do.

Pray for protection of this body of believers against the onslaught of spiritual warfare.

Pray for our church family as we each seek God's direction in our giving.

Pray for the ministries of Canaan: Food Pantry, Saturday movies, the Blanket Ministry.

Pastor Kevin, Kathy & Katie	Rich, Sarah (Thompson), Hannah & Sophey	Pastor Kevin's Mom
Steve Anderson & family	Pam and her siblings	Harold & Thelma Lisby
Carol's brother, Mark & family		
Drew Christy – still improving	Strube/Storkman/Reeves families	

Extra prayers for Pastor Kevin and Kathy's daughter, Sarah and family. Pray that Sarah will continue to have the strength and fortitude she needs as she deals with a new job, school and being a mom. The divorce is final so now Sarah will have the freedom to come to IN to visit!!

Pray for Zac Collins as Mike and Kelly try and work out his custody. Kelly wants to move to Florida and take Zac with her. Mike wants to keep him in Indiana.

Sherry Mitchem's daughter, Leanne, needs prayers as she deals with financial and emotional stress. Leanne is in the middle of an earthly as well as a spiritual battle as she fights for her children. Unfortunately she has spoken to numerous lawyers and none will take her case. She received a grant from a women's advocacy group in Wisconsin (where the legal battle is taking place) to cover some of her expenses (a big praise!!) and had a lawyer who said yes but has since rescinded. She is seeking help from the women's shelter in Danville.

Please pray for my niece, Sarah, as the pain continues to diminish but her right leg is still really bothering her. She is getting very discouraged with her job search so pray that God will encourage her as she waits for his direction. Sarah's younger sister, Katie, will have ACL surgery 5/17. She is studying at St Francis in Fort Wayne. Our granddaughter, Katie (2) will have tubes put in her ears 5/3. This should alleviate her ear infections and improve her speech.