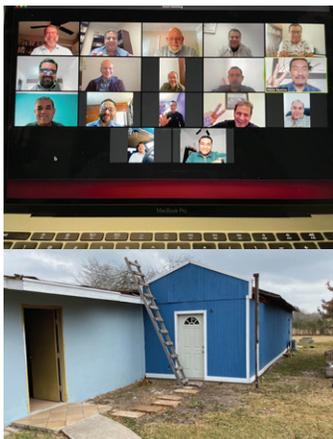


“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” - Acts 4:12

God’s “Shutdown” Work

Dan & Becky Young (MTW: Mexico)



In his last newsletter, Dan Young recounts a psalmist thanking and praising God in the midst of anguish, sorrows and struggles because God answers out of his steadfast love and saves (Psalm 69:30). The psalm resonated with Mexican church planters as they gathered by Zoom once again in March 2021, a year after the “shutdown” began. There were smiling faces representing many different situations of life and

ministry in Mexico and on the border. These men, their wives and families have lived through many hard things this year: illnesses, loss of loved ones, heart surgery on an 18-month-old baby, shortage of funds, and many times of feeling discouraged and depressed. They also recount the past year’s gifts: times of joyful worship, many gospel conversations, and fellowship. Dan gives thanks for the church planters God has raised up and for the support of many in the U.S. for church planting through the CPI (Centro para la Plantacion de Iglesias/Center for Church Planting) in northern Mexico. Pray for the CPI team and church planters as they plan for the future; pray for God to raise up more laborers for their team as they continue church planting. Also, pray for CPI church planters to continue to have creative wisdom to reach out and that God would bring together a core group in each place. Dan is privileged to be coaching Hector Bautista in Hermosillo, Sonora, and Benjamin Romero in La Paz, Baja California.

In March, Scott Craig and Dan Young were able to cross the border into Reynosa to visit a few pastors and the Isaiah 55 team. As the threat level for Covid has gone down in this border city, they visited their friends and began looking at new possibilities for short term teams in the future. They are praying that as conditions continue to improve, they can host more teams again in Mexico this year and next.

Valle del Rey church plant continues to draw their people back together as conditions have been improving. They are successfully selling their brisket sandwiches again and meeting people who come by! This church plant needs prayers for their needs and growth.

The Twin Oaks student ministry will send a short-term team this July to support Valle del Rey by helping with some construction needs. Pray that the students will be a blessing and encouragement to this community.



Hands & Feet

Victor & Nosizo Nakah (MTW: Africa)



Victor Nakah thanks God for exciting church planting developments in South Africa. Sihle Xulu is the Church Planter/Pastor of Renewal Fellowship in East Johannesburg, South Africa. He is married to Lothabo with 2 children (*all pictured at left*) and graduated from

London Seminary. Sihle has been planting Renewal for over a year now. They just formally launched the church on March 28th and are praising God for attendance. For the launch Sunday, Sihle’s preaching focused on the importance of the local church. The Nakahs will serve and assist this church plant with “extra hands and feet” as Renewal Fellowship grows. Pray that the Lord will provide the resources needed for the internship program, as the intern will help with administrative and some pastoral ministry work. Renewal is also in need of a suitable venue for their Sunday morning worship, as they have been meeting in the afternoon.

Victor also requests prayer for their efforts to engage with the Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Kenya. God has opened several doors, so he wants to move forward wisely. Pray that God will give them the grace to make significant progress in this endeavor.

Donations Needed!

Valley Park Foster Closet (for One Heart Family Ministries)

One Heart’s Valley Park Foster Closet is in great need of spring/summer kids clothing size 3T thru 14/16. Donations can be dropped off on Mon 9-11am, Tues 12-2pm, or Wed 10am-12pm in the lobby at 220 Benton Street; Valley Park, MO, 63088. Questions? Contact Tiffany at tiffanym@ohfm.org.

MAY PRAYER CALENDAR

<p>1 Dan & Becky Young <i>Mexico / US Border</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise for Matilde, born March 29 to Ben & Sofia. Will & Lauren are expecting—pray for this pregnancy as they've had several losses. • For health & strength as we travel & gather for a memorial service for Dan's parents on May 1. 	<p>2 Hunter & Laura Quinn <i>South Africa</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a healthy labor & delivery for Laura & baby Alistair, due May 5th. • For Hunter as he finishes the semester course work for his Master of Theology degree. • Praise for all the ways God has provided for us this past month. 	<p>3 Scott & Kathy Craig <i>Mexico</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have plans for 3 summer teams, one in Juarez in June, & two in McAllen (including one from Twin Oaks!) in July. Pray for wisdom as we seek additional projects that will be safe during Covid & fruitful for the church plants.
<p>4 Solomon & Ruby Kendagor <i>International Students, Inc - Global</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For our Apologetics students to grow in their knowledge & be able to defend their faith from a Biblical perspective. Pray for Hunter Stout as he helps us with production. • Pray time management to do various ministries well. • For complete healing for Ruby. 	<p>5 Tyler & Ashley Hendley <i>MNA Church Plant - Farmington, MO</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise that Ashley is pregnant! Pray for the baby to carry to full term. • For Tyler's ordination exams. • For faithfulness to preach the gospel, & a new place to meet, as the church in Farmington grows! • For a new car for Ashley, & full provision for our ministry. 	<p>6 1% Workers for Harvest <i>Twin Oaks Church / MTW</i></p> <p><i>Praise</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Brian & Sheryl Roby responding to God's call to the mission field! <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For God to provide abundantly for all their needs as they wait for His timing & follow Him to the UK. Pray they will be able to go on a vision trip this year.
<p>7 Rob & Tunde Futo <i>Hungary</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For protection from a devastating third wave of the virus in Hungary. Praise for God's protection of a couple in our church who were hospitalized, & for the ways Hungarian believers & churches have been strengthened as we've joined together in a prayer chain. 	<p>8 Circle of Concern <i>Valley Park, MO</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For our client families to have the resources they need to pay rent & mortgage to avoid homelessness; & that tenants & landlords will work together to get through this crisis. • For all our volunteers to remain healthy, be able to get vaccinated, & not become overwhelmed. 	<p>9 Coby & Pamela McGinty <i>South Africa</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise! No students were physically harmed by the fire at UCT & some of the rare artifacts in the library were protected by fire doors. Pray for students as they recover from this trauma & the impact on their school year. Pray for Liam's transition to a US university soon.
<p>10 MNA Disaster Response <i>Andy Eisenbraun</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We often find ourselves in situations where churches are without power but otherwise able to be used as a base of operations for response teams, or as a place of refuge for people in disasters. Praise for the purchase of two large generators we can use for this! 	<p>11 John & Cathy Rug <i>Chile</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Covid crisis to resolve in Chile; quarantining makes moving to a different house very difficult! • For us as we adapt to a new house & location. It can be challenging to get into a new rhythm of things. • For peaceful elections in Chile, & for a presbytery meeting in May. 	<p>12 The Freedom School <i>Angie Yarbrough</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our inaugural year of 6th grade is going well! Pray we represent the heart of God as we tackle topics of sex, gender & reproduction. Pray for students to hear & walk in godliness. Pray for 7th grade addition this fall, & provision for sports & sciences expansion.
<p>13 Larry & Sandy Rockwell <i>Peru</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For people Larry has shared with in Yanama & Ututupampa: Teofilo, Robinson, Juan & Inez & family, Marino, Antonio, Jorge Roca, the family of Asunciona, & of Pablo. • For clear diagnosis & treatment for Sandy's severe head pain from her US neurologist. 	<p>14 Ph** & Am**a <i>Sensitive Country</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For our time in the US on furlough, starting in NC & PA. Pray for safety, fruitful interaction & refreshment. • For Am**a & Ash**n who are still back home preparing for exams. • For visas for our team members to return to our country & ministry. 	<p>15 Jamie & Jen Burkemper <i>Spain</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Jossi as she moves to NC for a summer internship in Orthopedics at Duke University Hospital. • For Jen's back & hip pain & success in treatments for blood clots. • For Jamie finishing seminary. • For the visa process to go smoothly. • God has provided 95% of our need!

MAY PRAYER CALENDAR

<p>16 Susan Newkirk <i>South Africa</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise for more children coming to Sunday School! Pray for more space, & for wisdom as we try to help parents of rebellious kids. • For vaccines to be distributed fairly. • For Megan & her partner to find jobs, & Priscila & her husband & kids, under a lot of family stress. 	<p>17 Covenant Seminary <i>St. Louis</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For safety as we celebrate with an outdoor commencement ceremony for students who graduated this year & last year. • For God's provision for our mission. • For our admissions team as they talk to prospective students considering training for ministry. 	<p>18 JG & Jenny Porwoll <i>Cru St. Louis</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For provision for students who are participating in summer missions, & for ready hearts for what God wants to do in & through them. • For Christian students to be fully involved in their home churches during the summer, & for new believers to keep growing in faith.
<p>19 Craig & Stacy Pohl <i>Chile</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the college-aged ministry of our church (which we lead), that God would equip & guide us & our students as we share the gospel. • Praise for renewed teamwork in Chilean churches & leaders; pray for a new church planting initiative & a new branch of the seminary. 	<p>20 Sa**ar & An**a <i>Sensitive Country</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For repairs to Sa**ar's amplifier, from which he reads the Word of God, five days a week, heard by many within a half mile radius. • For printing of some of Sa**ar's sermons & growth from them. • For provision for construction needed on some of our buildings. 	<p>21 Churches for Life <i>Dr. Carol Fouse</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise for six new Life Teams as they begin to equip their churches. • For abundant fruit to come from our Life Summit, held virtually on Saturday, April 24. Pray that workshops will continue to impact those who watched them. • For God's continued provision.
<p>22 Keith & Ruth Powlison <i>Peru</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise for God's answers to our prayers: Rescuing Sandra, who had been trafficked; blocking a neighboring building from being used for evil purposes; & bringing our neighbors to our home to study the Bible. Pray for more fruit & growth for these families. 	<p>23 Les & Helen Prouty <i>Hope Community Project - Haiti</i></p> <p><i>Praise & Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise for the near completion of one of our new buildings. We are planning to move Hope CP into their new headquarters in early fall. The soccer field is in use for gospel ministry, & construction beginning on the Clinic & Community Center. • For peace & safety amidst unrest. 	<p>24 Pete & Dagi Smuts <i>The Bible Institute of South Africa</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Lord's blessings on Pete & his colleagues as they prepare & teach their second quarter classes. • For a safe & fruitful second quarter at the college (ends June 4). • For the Lord's blessing on Dagi's ministry among women on & off campus.
<p>25 Victor & Nosizo Nakah <i>MTW Africa</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Rumbi, our youngest, as she completes her law degree & moves in August to pursue a Masters. • For Sihle & Lothabo, leading our newest church plant, Renewal, in Johannesburg, & for us as we come alongside them & their team. • For a visa to visit the US this fall. 	<p>26 Fellowship of Former CS <i>Katie Beim-Esche</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise for God using my testimony in <i>Christianity Today</i> to expand our reach & open doors for the gospel! • For our speakers & preparations for our biannual summer conference. • For our FFCS Facebook group as it grows in numbers & depth. • For our CS neighbors at Principia. 	<p>27 Br**y & Je**a <i>Sensitive Country</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise for the opportunities we have to continue connecting with our church family by Zoom, & to serve a church locally in St. Louis. Pray we will get to return to the country where we serve soon. • For patience & wisdom as we work through the difficult visa process.
<p>28 Steve & Marion Spencer <i>Genesis University - South Africa</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For God's provision for Genesis to buy an existing school campus. • For South Africa to open up again & for favor on our visa applications. • For safety in traveling & sharing about Genesis with new partners. • Wisdom for schooling of Esther & Stephen for next year. 	<p>29 Mission Gate <i>Rick & Trish Mathes</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For two new staff as they serve. • For increased ministry in city & county jails; praise that ministry is going well in state prisons. • For a few troubled children as they reconnect with moms. Pray we can meet their needs & connect them with proper resources. 	<p>30/31 Ha**m & L**a <i>Sensitive Region</i></p> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For God to bless our plans to return to our country in June & transition to a new city where there is a primary school that is a good fit for our son's learning needs. Pray for God to go before us in all our plans & building community there. Pray for a smooth move & transition.

MISSIONS HEADLINES

News from our Twin Oaks supported missionaries



Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher (MTW: Africa) have announced their official retirement at the end of April. As they said, “It has been hard to retire because we love what we do!” The Wannemachers have faithfully served with Mission to the World since 1998—23 years! We are grateful to have been a part of their work, as Twin Oaks has supported them

in their work for the past 16 years. After serving in the U.S. Army, Bruce and Barbara received Bible training at Covenant Theological Seminary—Bruce with an M.Div. degree and Barbara with an M.A. in biblical studies. The Lord used them in various capacities in Africa. Bruce served as a professor at the Bible Institute of South Africa and also trained pastors without formal seminary training. Barbara ministered in primary schools teaching Bible classes, and she also spent time counseling and discipling women. In recent years, Bruce and Barbara provided spiritual care, training, and discipleship for MTW sub-Saharan Africa missionaries, their families, and national partners serving in Kenya, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Francophone West Africa. They will continue on a volunteer status with MTW to encourage and mentor missionaries, as MTW needs. We praise God for their faithful service for the glory of God for so many years!



Katie Beim-Esche (Fellowship of Former Christian Scientists)

Katie’s testimony was recently published in *Christianity Today*. Growing up as a fourth generation Christian Scientist, the Lord stirred Katie’s heart to learn more about a Creator God who made the spiritual and physical world. As she recounts her journey, she testifies of how the Lord used 9/11, unanswered questions in atheism, and an overheard coffee-shop conversation on faith to move her to leave a religion of self-salvation

to a faith that takes sin seriously. Katie ends the article saying, “Praise God for untangling my heart and mind from the delusion of self-salvation—and for rescuing me into new life with Christ and his church.” Pray that the Lord would use the *Christianity Today* article to extend the reach and impact of FFCS for the gospel.

The Lord continues to be at work through FFCS’s Get Wise Support groups helping participants understand the ways the false teachings of Christian Science have shaped and had an impact on their worldview. Pray as they walk together in recovery. Pray the Lord would bless these conversations and soften hearts to desire to explore biblical Christianity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10-16, 2021

Student Ministry Missions Trip
Mexico/US Border

October 23-24, 2021

Local Missions Conference

February 11-15 & 27, 2022

Save the date for the
next Global Missions Conference!

FAITH PROMISE

