

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES HOTLINE – January 26, 2012

NICARAGUA: On January 31 the 31-member Men of Vision Evangelize construction team will travel to Managua, Nicaragua, and then on to Mancarron (Ochomogo). They will spend 16 days building the church facility for this congregation, which has been meeting in a one-wall and roof structure for a couple of years. Pray for safe travel and construction, for all of the logistics to work smoothly, and for great ministry among the men and the community. Pray also for missionaries Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan as they host the group. We know the new church building will be a great blessing to this congregation.

THE PHILIPPINES: Former missionary Laura Hill returned from a 17-day trip to the Philippines. She visited with Marge Olson, who is doing well but still recovering from the effects of a stroke. (Marge is a former Open Bible missionary who returned to the Philippines on her own to continue ministry there.) Laura requests prayer for Marge's strength to continue to return and for complete recovery, which is expected. Marge is anxious to return to teaching full time in the Quezon City church pastoral training program. Pray for finances for the students so the program can continue. The students are effective in leading several outreaches that are bringing many to Jesus. Laura and Marge also flew to Butuan City and spent a couple of days with Pastors Dionie and Celia Capa, and then traveled with them to a wedding. The church started recently by the Capas is doing very well and growing consistently. Laura rejoiced in hearing several testimonies of God's work among the Open Bible churches and people. Laura also visited with Marivic Goloy, who continues to recover from a bicycle accident. She rejoiced to hear the ministry to children at Payatas is being carried by the young people Marivic has trained over the years. Pray for the pastors, churches, and all the ministries of Open Bible in the Philippines.

LATIN AMERICA: Missionary Doug Thomas returned last week from a trip to Guatemala and Costa Rica to meet with the field directors and pastors. He rejoiced in meeting Field Director Rejinaldo Actual Choreque, who was elected last November as president of the Open Bible churches in Guatemala. Rejinaldo "is working hard to bring better organization and growth" to the churches in order to have a good foundation for continued pastoral training and future expansion. Doug then traveled to Costa Rica, where he met with Field Director Carlos Mora and Kattia, his wife, along with leaders of the church in San Jose. Carlos is working on registering Open Bible as an organization with the government so additional churches can be planted. The leadership is working toward that goal. Please pray for the Open Bible churches in Guatemala and Costa Rica as they follow God's leading for greater fruitfulness.

SGL – TRINIDAD: Missionaries Mike and Pam Lumbard report good ministry with a visiting couple, Dave and Renae. Mike reports, "Last night eight youth at the Operation Smile Children's Home accepted Jesus after devotions. Sunday night seven adults accepted Jesus. Dave and Renae are also helping us with inventory and some SGL planning and procedures." Pray for the summer session of SGL (which will be held April 23 to August 6) and for the fall session (which will be held August 29 to December 19). Mike and Pam and their daughter, Ashleigh, will be in the States during the months of February and March to recruit future SGL students and visit various churches. Pray for God's call upon His choice for SGL students and for abundant provision for the Lumbards.

HUNGARY: Missionary Mike Juntunen writes, "My 85-year-old father, who lives in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, was diagnosed with liver cancer at his last doctor's check-up. It appears to be a slow-growing cancer and they have decided to not take any action to remove it. He is a Christian and knows that his life is in God's hands. We ask prayer for our entire family during this time."

Please share the Hotline message with your congregation or with other interested individuals. Thank you for praying and caring. We'll be in touch again next week on the International Ministries Hotline.