

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES HOTLINE – July 29, 2010

TRINIDAD/TOBAGO: We rejoice with missionaries Mike and Pam Lumbard, who report that they have been granted a two-year missionary visa and in two to three weeks should have their multi-entry visa, which is a separate process. Pray now for the granting of the student visas, a process that is just now beginning. The Lumbards continue to seek direction of the Lord in finding housing for themselves and for the SGL students who will be joining them in September. Suitable housing is not plentiful and costs are high. Pray that God will guide them to just the right houses for both purposes. Pray also that the Lumbards' house in Des Moines will sell for a good price right away. Pray for protection for the Lumbards and all Open Bible people in Trinidad and Tobago because a dengue fever outbreak has been reported.

AUSTRALIA: Executive Director Vince McCarty and Lois, his wife, are in Australia meeting with Open Bible Board President John Matthews and the Board. Pray for God's anointing on the meetings and on the services. Vince writes, "We enjoyed our time with our Open Bible family in Papua New Guinea and with Aaron [son of former missionaries to PNG Mike and Cathy Brandt, who now serve in Tijuana, Mexico]. We are so proud of him and he is doing well. Our trip to PNG was wonderful and very timely. Our national leadership is doing a good job and the Open Bible work is growing. About 400 people attended the National Convention and the Lord ministered powerfully among our pastors and leaders. Our leaders have new vision to expand the Open Bible work in the bush areas of the mountains and in major cities. We are having a good time visiting [now in Australia] with [Open Bible Board President] John and June Matthews in Perth." Pray for safe travel for Vince and Lois as they leave for home tomorrow.

TIJUANA, MEXICO: Missionaries Lawrence and Bertha Kelley write, "Please pray for Osiris and Fernando, teenage sons of Marcial, who works at Puente de Amistad. Fernando has a tumor in his nostril. He goes to a specialist today. Please pray that God will heal Fernando and remove the tumor. Osiris has been tired and weak. Doctors are doing tests to determine why. He is schedule to return to the doctor next month for more tests and evaluation. Please pray for his healing. Please pray also for peace for Marcial and his wife, Martha."

INSTE Global: INSTE President Dr. Nick Venditti will travel tomorrow to New York to minister in Open Bible churches there. He will also attend next week's global conference on world evangelization in New York. Please pray that he will have divine contacts. Pray also for two new INSTE employees, Caleb and Claudia Pahl, newly hired registrar and administrative assistant, who will be married Saturday in Panama City, Panama, and move to Ankeny, Iowa, to start work in INSTE Bible College office in early September.

MEXICO: Missionaries Bill and Fayth McConnell rejoice for the pouring of the foundation of the church being planted by Pastor Asaf Crispo on the Mexico side of the border. This congregation of about 40 people is now meeting in a house and has outgrown the space. The new church building will have two stories, one for classrooms and the other for the sanctuary. The McConnells request prayer for Pastor Victor Chavez as he deals with legal issues with the property on which they have begun to build a church for the large congregation he pastors. Pray that the issues will be resolved soon. Bill and Fayth also report that they will soon be helping a Mexican couple in the planning stages of a ministry that will be called Hope for Everyone. It will include an orphanage, a rehab, a soup kitchen, and ministry to teens. Pray for this new ministry as the McConnells and this family of 18 work together to reach their community.

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.