

BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Missions Spotlight

Dylan & Rebecca Bailey

For those who don't already know, Dylan & Rebecca have returned to America! Certainly, the pandemic didn't make life any easier overseas; however, they decided to return because their time commitment was up. Both Dylan & Rebecca felt it was time to go. By God's grace, their team was more than supportive.

A quote from their recent email: "We want to thank you all for your prayers. Our Lord graciously worked through those prayers to bring about a gospel-proclaiming church in a city with very little gospel witness. Please continue to pray that this church would be used by God for the salvation of many. And please pray that all involved with the church—members, deacons, and elders—would thrive and proclaim the excellencies of our Savior to a mostly unbelieving urban population.

Lynford & Sharon Regier—serving in Ecuador

The Regier's arrived back in Ecuador on December 3. God saw to it that the negative Covid test arrived on time to fly out of Wichita, KS. This virus test was required to enter the country. Some delays in the airports caused some concern, but God controlled the solution.

Prayer concerns: Pray for their integration into the life of the believers in church and Bible institute. With their presence in Quito, the desire remains to encourage the believers to stay faithful in their lives and their family.

Joel & Cindy Reed—serving in Ireland

On a note of praise, naturalization for the entire family is now complete and all documents are in their hands. They are all now officially "Plastic Paddies"!

Prayer concerns: Please pray for a baptism breakthrough. Many are not understanding the meaning of baptism correctly. Pray for the many who are being counseled and prayed for. God has given some exciting opportunities in recent days. A friend who they have reached out to for many years & then lost touch with, has sought out the Reeds for prayers as his marriage has failed. He is very tender & open, having had some lengthy spiritual discussions. He has been recently influenced by New Age teaching. Pray that God would open his eyes to His truth.

Charlie & Rachel Armstrong—serving in France

Charlie is asking for prayer for some of their brothers & sisters in Christ who were detained by security agents following a Christian conference. Praise & thanks be to God, all of them have been released. Unfortunately, two of those released will be deported back to their home countries as a result of this episode. Please pray for a special outpouring of grace as they head back to difficult circumstances: their nations in turmoil and themselves now identifying as followers of Christ. They can expect life to be harder because of their faith in Christ, from being rejected by their families to being denied employment, to more severe persecution. Pray that their light may shine and their faith may deepen. Pray in light of the blessing Christ pronounced on them (Matthew 5:11-12).

Bethel Prayer Concerns

- Please remember Joie, the granddaughter of Bob & Carrie Fritz in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with a severe case on mono and then Covid on top of that. Pray for strength to return to her body.
- Please remember those who have recently lost loved ones: Budd family with the loss of Ruth Budd, Miller family with the loss of Gregg Inskeep, Leman family with the loss of Howard Leman
- Continue in prayer for Chris Shell as he struggles with his Lyme disease.
- Matthew Scott is still deployed with the National Guard. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Brad Garling has begun treatments. Pray for good health; pray that God would guard his mind.

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Service will happen next Thursday, December 24 @ 6 pm. Watch your newsletter next week for details.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Saturday, December 19, Elders meeting at 7:00 am**
- **Sunday, December 20, worship service @ 9:15 am, Nursery will be available however there will not be Junior Church this week.**

Holiday Hours:

Over the next couple of weeks, Melody will be in the office in the mornings, with the exception of the holidays. If you need to reach Pastor Whipple or myself, please use our cell phones.

We are experiencing some technical difficulties with the church phone line. Thanks for your patience during this time, but also remember that we are available via text/email/cell phone.

