

Thursday 1-26-07  
Dear Prayer Team,

Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for the Harvest, His teams of harvesters and for me personally. I am so grateful for you whether I am sending a specific update/request as now or between our communications.

First... I want to thank Almighty God for His grace and sufficiency in all things. He is quickly turning around my first sinus infection since last June - that length of sinus health alone is a huge praise! It suddenly developed on Monday, and this morning I'm nearly healed, using only my anti-fungal/antibiotic nasal sprays (no oral meds!) per my ENT Dr. Dennis' protocol.

Would you pray for the following:

- MTW Medical Directors Drs. Ted and Sharon Kuhn are taking 25 senior med students to Bangladesh January 27-February 21. The country is politically quite unstable, and even in the best of years is the highest risk of all our medical trips. Teams serve in the remote Chin Hills. Please pray diligently for team safety and that the gospel would go forth in power to these communities through compassionate care as they serve alongside national Christians.
- Re-building missing support (\$1250 per month) has been very challenging since November. I need regular partners to replace so many one-time donations the Lord initially gave me in 2005. Establishing relationships with new churches is by nature a slow-process. I'm thankful even for the "no's" I receive, for they require deeper dependence on and trust in God. He recently provided Covenant Pres. (B'ham) as a new partner, and I am in varying stages of dialogue (or have presentations scheduled) with perhaps 50 other churches across the SE. Pray that I would keep my eyes on Christ and glorify Him in all these contacts.
- I am applying for long-term status with MTW, as opposed to my present call (2-yr short-term) that will afford me a higher salary. This prayerfully will keep me from drawing on my savings (an average of \$500/month this past year) in order to live and serve. The Lord has helped me pare down all extra expenditures since 2003, and I have no debt. I will meet with the Committee for MTW March 15. With my current salary and using savings, my financial picture only allows me to serve another 2-3 years without guaranteeing that I will burden my children when I do retire. Of course, this will mean raising even further financial support. Pray grace sufficient for the day!
- I've been praying about buying a town-home and found one sooner than I thought! It suits my needs for location, cost, space (home office, controlled-temp medicine storage, clinic supplies/disaster response gear/packing duffels/etc storage). I've talked/prayed with a trusted PCA elder, who for 15 years has helped me plan financially for missionary service and eventual retirement, and it appears do-able and sensible. My realtor used to be MTW assistant medical director, so Daryl has also been praying throughout our search. Please pray the Lord would close the door, if this is not to be my new home.
- My April 21-29<sup>th</sup> Trinidad team is now forming to serve Reverend Steve and Adana McGee ...more on that in the future.

Thank you and bless you all!

Of course, please let me know any of your new needs or praises. I love praying for you in return!

Gratefully in His grip,

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