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KEEP THEM IN PRAYER

(I'll provide weekly segments of their itinerary each week to pray for)

Joe & Rebekah Martin's Mission Trip to Africa

(May 28th to July 4th)

They have asked us to pray for:

- God's guidance in every aspect of ministry
- Security and safety on their trip
- God's spirit to guide them
- Their health and physical needs
- Good communication/understanding and the Africans
- Wisdom in the ministry
- Clean water and food



Malawi / Mozambique Itinerary 2009

MAY

28 Leave Atlanta.

29 Overnight in South Africa

30 Arrive Malawi

31 Rest. Attend church

A Brief History – selected from cogcast.org website.

MALAWI AND MOZAMBIQUE

There are about 147 congregations in Malawi and Mozambique that are affiliated with the Church of God General Conference. The churches vary in size from 15 to 125 members.

For a number of years short-term mission teams have been sent to these two countries to teach, preach, and to assist with food relief needs.

The pastors and workers are dedicated and hard working. When teams visit, people flock to the churches for all the services and they are very receptive to the messages. They ask us to have one or two services at each church we visit, depending on where it is located, and each service lasts about 3 hours.

Famine is a serious problem for these two nations. Very few peo-

ple use fertilizer, but those who do use it have incredible crops. Drought is also a problem. Though the government provides wells for drinking water, these wells cannot be used for irrigation. Our teams have helped to provide seed packs and fertilizer to many of the church families. We are also planning to help dig wells to be used for irrigation.

The work is very viable. There are many dedicated pastors and workers who are godly people, furthering the Word of the Kingdom of God. They are very enthusiastic and excited about sharing the gospel. They are a blessing to us and to each other, as well as many others. They ask that we not forget them, and continue to lift them up in prayer.

Veterans Represented In Our Church:



**BILL CRAMER
CHARLES JONES
MARY ELLEN JONES
DAN KOSTON
BILL MARSH
THE LATE BILL POLZER
THE LATE DICK RICHTER
FRED SCHULD
AL SZEKELY
CLYDE WHALEY**

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New features are being added constantly. For example:

- There are now links to ABC, Turning Point Youth Ministries, ABC, Lord's Harvest International (where I got the cover information).

- Subscribe to CoG magazines, check out Christian Workers Seminar. Listen to or download single music or whole concerts. Burn it onto a CD and listen in your car as you travel.
- Watch videos of services from churches around the country. If you have a long attention span, you can even watch a two-hour documentary produced by our Restoration Fellowship group on the nature of Jesus. And there's much more!! Tune it in!

THE GRAVEL was spread on our parking lot last Monday. We thank again the trustees who are seeing to several jobs recently: glass block windows at the parsonage, gravel on parsonage driveway, removal of rotted railroad ties in parking lot, planting of flowers, and trying to catch a raccoon! ☺ Al and Arlene have been helping in these projects too!

DID YOU KNOW you can receive an abbreviated edition of the *Progress Journal* from our General Conference every month on line? If you would like to receive this newsy update, you can request it at info@abc-coggc.org

[The paragraph below is out of the Oregon IL Church's newsletter. But we have supported Haiti much over the past 2 years at one time raising nearly \$1000 following the hurricanes. We just recently raised a few hundred dollars more & some went to LHI. So, I feel we are a part of this report and so share it with my congregation.]

HAITI REPORT - Pastor Lesly reports that he had eye surgery in March. His doctor advised him against much use of his eyes for a while but he is fine now. He has recently gone to a small village in the Southeast region and taken food provisions using the finances that we have made available to him through your giving. He was able to provide 100 bags of rice, 150 bags of corn meal, 50 bags of beans, 45 jars of cooking oil and 10 boxes of spaghetti. The people in the area live off of what they raise and storms have wiped out their food supply. He has set up a food distribution center for them. He appreciates the assistance that makes his ministry to his people possible.

—LHI Mission Board / seen in 5-17-09 Oregon newsletter

RACCOONS HAVE COME TO CHURCH! Yes, they're enjoying the conveniences of the church's balcony (attic)! They moved in not long ago breaking open the two air vents near the crown of the roof on both ends of the building! They may have been removed by now –

another job by your trustees in action. ☺

PRAY FOR: Quick INS inspection approval of ABC campuses, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan May, Jacob Hinton, Kris Fiocca (by SBurnham), Lucinda (by ASzekely), Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Josh Eberly (by SMay), David Krogh, Pastors Earl Poland, Ed Goit, Alva Huffer, Don Ward & Leon Driskill; Ken Cramer, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Kathy Reed, Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Halee Fertig, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

MAY 2009

24 Mark Cain speaking / Rex & Sharon in GA for birth of 10th g-child
31 Fellowship Carry-in Dinner

JUNE 2009

1-5 Christian Worker's Seminar / Black Mountain NC
21-25 /SUMMIT / Ohio State Camp / St Paris, OH

Future Dates: Jul 8-10 G.C. in Oregon IL / Jul 19-24 National Youth Camp, Manchester College (IN)

SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.

WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

Musicians: Frank Roper and Mark Cain

On The Lite Side:

THE CHICKEN AND THE PIG

A Chicken and a pig were walking down the street one-day and noticed some poor children who looked as if they hadn't eaten anything for days.

Moved with compassion, the chicken said to the pig, "I have an idea! Let's give those children a nice breakfast of ham and eggs."

The pig contemplated the chicken's suggestion and said, "Well, for you, that would involve a small sacrifice; but for me, it would involve total commitment!"