



Reformation Christian Ministries

Poettcker's Prayer Partners

January - February 2007

Greetings to you in this New Year!

Dear friends and loved ones,

Please forgive the lack of keeping up with sending you the PPP's. We trust that you are aware of the way time can go past so very fast, but most of all that you will be assured that this in no way reflects our keen awareness of the need of your prayer for us and the ministry we are in.

Philippians 1:19 comes to mind; how Paul knew that his own deliverance would be through the prayers of the church.

We have both joy and sadness to report to you, and do so knowing that in both the Lord is glorified and does all things well.

Friends visit from Italy!

Many of you know Giorgio and Sabrina and have shared our joy in having them here for Christmas and the coming of the New Year. It was indeed a joy and blessing to be together and, in a sense, be renewed in our friendship.

Most of all we enjoyed worshipping with them here and are deeply thankful that the Lord has provided them with fellow-believers in their town in Italy (Vittorio Veneto) so that they have begun a study group there which meets each Sunday and Tuesday.

For many years they have longed to find friends to fellowship with and minister to, and this is an answer from the Lord. We have committed ourselves to pray for them and this study group, and ask you to join with us in this.

Visits planned by others!

In early February Sharilyn's mother and sister-in-law (Barb Taves) are planning on spending a week or so with us. As many of you know, Mrs. Taves is a widow and is aging, but doing well. Back in May of 2006 Sharilyn had been up to Canada (Three Hills, Alberta) to help her mother through some surgery and living adjustments. We are thankful that she can continue to live in her own home, and pray that her trip here will be a blessing to her.

Some of my family are also assuring us that they plan to visit during the Easter time. We hope so!

We are looking forward to these visits and pray it will be a blessing; and pray for safe travels.

I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

[Phil. 1:19]



Giorgio and Sabrina Modolo visit Dec 23 to Jan 5!



Grade 4 students making card for "Li"

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The sadness of a fatal accident.

While I was still in Suriname in November a grade four student (Li) was tragically hit by a car. He had gone for a walk with his father and baby brother. He had serious head injuries and was in a coma for many weeks. After surgery there was some hope that he might still recover.

I had the privilege to meet his parents and, through another Chinese student, to assure them of our prayers and our care. They obviously deeply appreciated the care they received from both the church and the school there in Suriname. The father also greatly appreciated the cards and expressions of concern from Li's grade four class.

During the Christmas break I received news of Li's death. It was yet another sober reminder of the temporary nature of our life here on earth.

The sadness of cancer.

Susan Kueffer has been a long-time friend of ours, and supporter of our ministry. She lives in California. We had come to know her when we visited a church in Alameda, California, and went through two months of emergency medical care for Micah (Dec./91 to Jan. /92).

Oh how our hearts have gone out to her and to the Lord as she had been diagnosed with cancer of the ovaries, and that it had already spread to other areas.

She has just recently begun to have chemotherapy in the hopes of lessening the size of the main tumor and then to have an operation to remove it.

We do not know what the Lord plans, but are confident that even at this stage He can grant healing, if He wills it. What is most wonderful is to see how Susan is at peace about it all and knows that the Lord is accomplishing His perfect will in it all.

To us it is a special matter, since she shared our sorrow in the illness and subsequent death of Micah. Even to students at CLA, I have often explained Susan's difficult life. Years ago she had two successive car accidents on the freeway, from which she has had serious back injuries (so that her spine would frequently spasm like a corkscrew, thus causing severe pain). Yet, I told the students, she is one of the most thankful people I know.

In fact, after the fire at CLA, the Lord used her to do amazing things. Even as physically restricted as she has been, she worked tirelessly to provide boxes upon boxes of books for the school library. She found corporations who were willing to provide for the shipping of them to Florida so we could ship them to Suriname. Most of the restoring of our library is due to her efforts.

We praise God for sustaining her and giving her peace. The doctor has said she does not have long to live, but we know that this is in God's hands. The school and church in Suriname are in prayer for her, as are we here in Florida.

Please pray for Susan, and for her mother Ollie (who has her own difficulties with failing health). Pray that the Lord might sustain them both with the knowledge and comfort of His will being perfect and that they have a glorious future.

So often I have been encouraged with the words of Psalm 139:11-12, *If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.*

We commend these verses to these two sisters in Christ; may His Spirit comfort them in this truth.

SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR PRAYER:

- Pray for ongoing work in course development.
- Pray for Sharilyn in her work as oncology nurse.
- Pray for continued donations for our ministry support.
- Pray for Susan and Ollie Kueffer.
- Pray for study group in Italy, led by Giorgio & Walter.
- Pray for need to find teachers for the High School, especially for next year's English classes.
- Pray for my trip to Suriname in February.



CLA teachers waiting for morning devotions

[Shameeza Haniff (front left) has just joined CLA staff and works in the K4 class]

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www.reformation.ws

NOTE: We have a new residence address (see above)!

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