

# THE GOLDEN YEARS

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## Missionary Care Visitations

Our hearts continued to be humbled and blessed by God's calling to minister to missionaries.

Recently, we had the privilege of visiting seven missionary families from Missionary Gospel Fellowship in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

Oh, how we wished you could have heard the stories of how God is working in the lives of these missionaries, the struggles they endure, and how God is using them to touch the lives of others. The ministries the Lord has called these MGF missionaries to do include:

- ◆ Ministering to military families by working along side the chaplains in the armed forces. They have seen hun-

dreds of military personnel go to Iraq including four chaplains and praise the Lord; all four chaplains returned safely.

- ◆ Assisting and ministering to the Filipino community in Oregon by providing services which include Bible studies, translations, filling out appropriate papers as well as helping them utilize available resources. In addition they organize and conduct annual Partners in Prayer Conferences.
- ◆ Serve as a pastor in a Mormon community where there is only one small Christian church and two overflowing Mormon churches.
- ◆ Church planting in the

quiet cowboy range of Montana as well as supporting a Bible school in Ethiopia where 50 will graduate this month. Furthermore, they are starting an "Adopt a Pastor Program" within their small group of believers in Montana.



- ◆ Coordinate Vacation Bible Schools throughout northern California. Did you know that one denomination reported over 101 thousand

**Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.  
Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.  
Psalm 96:1-4a**



*Don and Rev. John Milloway at Ririe Chapel in Ririe, Idaho. Pray for God to provide spiritual men and families who can assume leadership responsibilities in the*



### ***Prayer Concerns***

- ⇒ *Consistent time in the Word.*
- ⇒ *Sensitivity to the needs of those we are ministering to.*
- ⇒ *Financial support and health for the missionaries and their ministries.*
- ⇒ *Jamie Farley, a 17 year old daughter of one of the Idaho missionaries, is having a bone marrow transplant this summer.*
- ⇒ *Missionary Care trip in July to Utah, Colorado, New Mexico.*

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professions of faith in their Vacation Bible Schools last year?

- ◆ Minister to eleven to nineteen year olds who reside in a juvenile correction center in Idaho. Those who are involved in religious ministries leave six to eight months sooner and there is a lower rate of their returning.

Our prayers were that each family would be blessed by our visit and that God would use us to encourage and minister to them. However, God also blessed us with wonderful surprises. Easter Sunday Services were attended in Oregon where former First Baptist Church, Modesto ministers now serve. There were wonder-

ful visits with Jerry and Helen Collins and Phil and Peggy Arendt and family as well as a surprise meeting in Oregon with Jim and Cookie Livesay of Grass Valley, California. In addition, we had a special visit with our Chinese friend, Sam, who now lives in Oregon with his wife. More surprises than we would have ever imagined!

## **ADDITIONAL MISSIONARY CARE BLESSINGS**

Opportunities that have been provided for us are:

- Attended “Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence” sponsored by Link Care Center, Fresno. Sessions focused on crises and trauma — their effects, how they impact one’s life and how they

impact significant relations. Not only were we challenged and blessed by the Biblical teaching, leadership, sharing from hearts, and fellowship with thirty other participants, but we were also able to enjoy God’s gift of beauty at Hume Lake outside Fresno.

- Provided physical, spiritual, and emotional support for one of our MGF missionaries whose adopted son was kidnapped by relatives in Mexico.
- Continue to be in contact by phone, mail and visits to encourage others.

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