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MISSIONARY TIDBITS

Since the Mid-Winter Conference we have had the opportunity to visit several of our MGF missionaries. On our way home from the conference we visited America Riveria, Al and Adria Huffman, Margie Farley, Duane and Betty Kepner, Marguarite Stonebarger and Elizabeth Peinado. Recently we returned from visiting the Staleys and Rocks as well as attending Jose and Arcelia Moreno's wedding. What a blessing it is to hear how God is working in each of their lives and to spend time with them. *Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9.* Praise the Lord for His wisdom and guidance!
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Joyce, Christy Hilson and Merlin Perumalla had the opportunity to attend the Patsy Clarmont conference at Big Valley Grace Community Church in Modesto. Patsy challenged us to Light up our world and reminded us that God uses light to reveal things. God's first words were "Let there be light." Christ said, "I am the light of the world." Light gives us hope and healing. Using fireflies as an example, she encouraged us to be fireflies. Did you know that fireflies light up the brightest just before they die? Once we know Christ, we die to our old life and leave a light of Christ's love wherever we go. Are you being a firefly for Christ in your community?



Nick and Corrie Staley have a new addition to their family. He is a healthy baby boy named **Piper** after John Piper. Their family consists of **Gerrit**, 7th grade, **Dennis**, 4th grade, **Simeon**, Kindergarten, **Anna**, 3 years old, **Abby**, 2 years old and **Piper**, one month old.



In addition, Nick is recovering from knee surgery. He is now back to work, but still having some discomfort. However, it was great that he was off work and could be home with Corrie during Piper's birth and we could spend time with him.

In addition to meeting the family and spending time with them, we had the opportunity of seeing Nick's God-given gift of evangelism in action. People would even approach him asking for the million dollar tracts which gave him the opportunity to introduce them to the Lord using the tract and the ten commandments. Nick has a passion for sharing God's love with others and is using his gift to reach those on the streets of Flint, Michigan. Another added blessing was fellowshiping with them at Faith Missionary Church on Wednesday evening.



Cross was made by Abby Staley and given to Don.



Vern and Wanda Rock served with MGF from 1991 to 1997. Prior to joining MGF they served in Pakistan for 30 years and Trinidad for 5 years. They also leave a legacy in Chicago where they were instrumental in the establishment of the South Asian Friendship Center in 1997. Located in Little India in Chicago, outreach ministry includes Muslim ministry, reading room, tutoring, ESL classes and Indian fellowship.

Prayer: Sons' spiritual walk with the Lord and Vern's health.



Prayer: For open doors to minister, complete recovery for Nick's knee, support and their medical needs to be met.



Jose Moreno and Arcelia Galarza were united in a beautiful Spanish ceremony on Saturday, April 3, 2010. Don had the honor of standing with Jose during the ceremony; it was really a privilege to be part of their happy moment!

Prayer: For complete unity as they begin new life together and for Arcelia as she adjusts to life in Florida away from her family. CONGRATULATIONS and, Arcelia, welcome to the MGF family.