

SILVERLININGS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY BROTHER JERRY!

GENEVA SILVERNAIL

HOME ASSIGNMENT CAR

"Kick the wheels. Take it for a spin around the block. See how it drives," the man e-mailed.

That was the response I received when a prayer request went out asking friends to pray for me to find a car to use during my home assignment.

Richard Gulley from Decherd, Tennessee responded, "We have an extra car. It's in good shape (new tires, good brakes, etc.). We probably haven't driven it over a hundred miles in the last year. My wife just wanted to keep it in case someone in the family had a car break down. I've tried to get her to sell it, but it really may be worth more to us as a stand-by."

Perhaps God did not allow the car to be sold so that I would have a car to drive this summer. This loan means I will not have to use valuable deputation funds to purchase or lease a car.

This loan also means less money spent on renting a vehicle and more money to use for ministry needs in PNG.

This is not the first time the members of the Decherd Church of the Nazarene in East Tennessee and Pastor Nave have responded to their LINKS missionary. NMI President Linda Morris was one of the first LINKS members to write me after being assigned as partners in ministry. She shared that her church was praying for me and would be sending me a LINKS package with lots of goodies and yummy southern comfort food.



Richard Gulley gives the use of one of their vehicles for my home assignment.

Look at the schedule on page 3, I may just be coming soon to a local church or district near you. You can look for me in the parking lot. I will be the one praising God and driving the white 97 Ford Crown Victoria.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The students and faculty at Melanesia Nazarene Bible College (MNBC) have been praying for scholarships. Faculty need to complete master degrees and students need to finish their undergraduate degrees and diplomas.

1. **Marie Mounsey** of Montpelier, Indiana listened to missionaries Marvin and Patti Thrasher talk about the needs of students and felt compelled to help a "worthy Bible College student who has no other way of paying school fees." She gave all she had saved. She sent \$120 to for a student at MNBC.

2. **A special person** in Asia-Pacific heard about the need for faculty scholarships and donated \$4000—the exact amount for tuition and fees for one faculty member to attend a local university. This means the faculty member can continue to teach while attending graduate classes.



3. **You** can be a part. Pray for our faculty as they try to find matching funds for travel, books, and other expenses. Each of them have a desire to obtain a degree in subjects in which they are presently involved in the Bible College.

4. **Floyd Cunningham**, President of Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, also wants to assist and has offered free tuition to two PNG students. He is also trying to find a scholarship to cover housing and transportation to the Philippines. Please pray for him as he contacts donors who may want to contribute to this scholarship. Transportation alone is over \$1500.

5. Those in PNG also give scholarships. **Anna Keral Golang**, graduate of the Nazarene College of Nursing and Goroka Teachers College plans to provide an automatic deduction from her pay check to MNBC, specifically to help women who have been called to ministry and leadership in the church. Pray that others will catch the vision

to train ministers in PNG to make disciples.

6. **David M. Phillips** of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colorado is offering online scholarships. The arrangement NBC has with all world area Nazarene colleges is that they will do "whatever is necessary to help." Typically, when possible, a school such as MNBC will pay Nazarene Bible College one-half of the amount that the student pays in local currency.

7. Pray that we will get scholarships and sufficient Internet service for these online courses.



Nazarene Bible College: "We will do whatever is necessary to help."

Will you join us in prayer as we seek more scholarships to train ministers in PNG? Perhaps you know of a person, a church, a class, a school, who would like to help.

Faith Comes By Hearing...



"Her husband is blind and she works with the blind, teaching Braille," wrote Patti Thrasher. "When the Church was raising money for

the Proclaimer, **Ella Wolfe** of Liberty, MO inspired her church to raise money to buy several." I know Ella and remember her love for missions.

The Proclaimer in Tok Pisin (Pidgin) is in a unique New Testament presentation of approximately 180 different characters on a digitally recorded sound track with full sound effects. Tok Pisin is spoken by more than 121,000 people in Papua New Guinea.

When Ella heard that Robert, a graduating student at MNBC has vision in one eye and

barely that, she volunteered to purchase one for him. **Robert** has classmates and a sister at the Bible College who help him take notes and study. He is a church planter and wants to continue this ministry after he graduates. The Bible in an audio format will be of great help to him. Pray for Robert as he sees another doctor next week about his eyes.

www.faithcomesbyhearing.com

One of the other ways faith is strengthened by hearing is through the Internet as we connect to those who pray and encourage us—our family, friends, LINKS, and church leaders. We are thankful for previous missionaries **Bill and Kay Swesey** for helping to raise funds for these type of connections.

MNBC is now hooked up to a satellite for Internet services, and while there are many issues to resolve, we are making progress. Everyday, home and office equipment, including our PNG satellite system, are bom-

barded with surges, spikes and EMI/RFI noise. These high-voltage transients can cause damage to computers and microprocessor-controlled equipment and electronics such as the digital satellite system on the MNBC campus.

After hearing about the difficulties in communication, **Scott Armstrong** of the Indianapolis district wanted to be a part of the MNBC partnership and donated a heavy duty surge protector for the Satellite. This is a very valuable gift because electricity continues to be erratic with brown outs and surges. The missionaries and administration can now safely use the Internet.

We praise God for those who continue to show love in action by responding to the needs of faculty and students at MNBC. We now have floor tiling in three offices. Only six more to go. Thank you for praying and giving.

US Children Play a Part in Missions in Papua New Guinea



"My heartbeat is the worldwide mission of the Church," writes **Greg Nash**, the Children's Pastor at Gallatin First Church of the Nazarene in Tennessee. "I am always trying to find ways to help my children love it just as

much as I do!"

Greg Nash has been Gallatin Church of the Nazarene Children's Pastor since the summer of 2007. An ordained elder, Greg is responsible for the Christian Education of children in the Church from birth through sixth grade.

Over the years Greg has led the children in several missions projects, including a contest where twenty children raised \$3,110.62 to purchase soccer balls for global distribution to reach children and youth.

These aren't just any soccer balls as the Gallatin children can explain. The multi-color ball is used to share the gospel: black represents sin; red is the pure blood of Christ; gold represents the holiness of God;

white is a pure heart before God; and green is growing in God's way. "The concept is so simple, explains Greg, "that even a child can share the message."

Greg also led the children in mission projects for PNG including purchasing Christmas gifts and uniform shirts for the children of the **Lee Eby School on the campus of MNBC** and sending large plastic containers full of used 11X17 Bible story picture cards for teachers and pastors.

These pictures were a most welcome gift to PNG pastors and teachers who for the most part were still using stick figure charts created by early missionaries.

However, Greg now has a new means of helping teachers and pastors who have limited resources. He and the children are raising funds to purchase Bible story cloths that contain 50 Old Testament and 50 New Testament pictures. These will be more durable and more attractive in witnessing and teaching.

But the children in Gallatin are not alone. NMI leaders **Fred Faith and Michele Melton** of Alabama North District are presenting campus needs soon to their children's



Ken Karpal of Victory Publications in PNG explained that in the past Bible stories were stick figures "screen printed."

leaders in their district convention. **Jenny Wiseman** of Georgia is also leading children on her district to assist in the ministry in PNG through building projects. Last year the Georgia teens worked on a project for the Philippines. At the convention they will present a check to me for a project, even though I am no longer in the Philippines. All of these leaders have been outstanding promoters in Work & Witness projects and NMI objectives.

Involving children and youth in missions is one of the objectives of NMI. How are you keeping them involved cross-culturally in your church and community?

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2011 HOME ASSIGNMENT

I am reserving
District NMI Conventions
and Faith Promise services
for 2011. E-MAIL NOW.

BRAGGING RIGHTS

My birthday was special this year with the love of many people, such as the children of the faculty and students. When I arrived on campus from being away for two weeks, they came running.

They were not being tempted by candy or toys, for I had never given them any. What I gave was love and friendship as I taught them the poem with hand movements: "This is the church; this is the steeple...." What they gave in return was love and "High Fives."

Missionaries Scott and Jill Riggins shared the day with a special birthday meal with me in Mt. Hagen. And of course, I got to spend some time with their two boys Aden and Wiley. In the evening some of the faculty and staff came to my home to celebrate with a Mexican meal. They liked the tacos.



How wonderful it was to get so many e-mails, Facebook messages, and e-cards letting me know friends cared and were praying for me. The day was made extra special by Skype calls from my children David, Debbie, and Denise and sister Linda. The electronic age has brought a blessing to missionaries.

HOME ASSIGNMENT 2009

May 17 AM Cleveland, East Tennessee
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May 18 PM Chattanooga Zone at Jasper, East Tennessee
May 19 PM Loudon Zone at Loudon, East Tennessee
May 20 PM Decherd Zone at Chapman's Chapel, East Tennessee
May 21 PM Knoxville Zone at Knoxville First, East Tennessee
May 22 PM Johnson City Zone at Johnson City, East Tennessee
May 23 PM Cookeville Zone at Gordonsville, East Tennessee
May 24 AM Doyle, East Tennessee
May 24 PM Murfreesboro, East Tennessee
June 2 PM Georgia District NMI Convention
June 3 Georgia District NMI Convention
June 6 PM Salem, Alabama North
June 7 AM Salem, Alabama North
June 7 PM
June 14 AM Harmony, Georgia
June 15 Georgia SuperKids Camp
June 16 Georgia SuperKids Camp
June 17 Georgia SuperKids Camp
June 18 Georgia SuperKids Camp
June -19 Georgia SuperKids Camp
June 21 AM
June 23-July 3 General Assembly and Conventions
July 4 *Family Reunion*, Philadelphia, East Tennessee
July 5 AM Sweetwater, East Tennessee
July 5 PM Crossville, East Tennessee
July 7 *Modine/DeCastro Wedding*, Nashville, Tennessee
July 12 AM Bethel, Nashville, Tennessee
July 19 AM Donelson, Tennessee
July 19 PM
July 25 PM Auburn, Indiana
July 26 AM Auburn, Indiana
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July 27 Michigan Children's Camp
July 28 Michigan Children's Camp
July 29 Michigan Children's Camp
July 30 Michigan Children's Camp
July 31 Michigan Children's Camp
August 2 AM Durand, Michigan
August 2 PM Flint, Michigan
August 3 Michigan Children's Camp
August 4 Michigan Children's Camp
August 5 Michigan Children's Camp
August 6 Michigan Children's Camp
August 7 Michigan Children's Camp
August 8 Michigan District Missions Day
August 9 AM Brownington, East Tennessee
August 9 PM Decherd, East Tennessee
August 16 AM Nampa College Church, Idaho
August 16 PM Bethel Church, Idaho
August 22 PM Havana, Northwest Illinois
August 23 AM Havana, Northwest Illinois
August 24 Northwest Illinois Tour
August 25 Northwest Illinois Tour
August 26 Northwest Illinois Tour
August 30 AM Pleasant View, East Tennessee
August 30 PM Nashville First, Tennessee