

Missionary Highlight: Walter & Claire McConnell

Dear praying friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers over the past couple of months. While it was a busy, and in some ways difficult, time, the Lord was ever present to give us comfort and strength.

As we said in our last letter, we returned to the States on 11 April after the passing of Walter's mother on the 9th. While our stay there was short, it was good to be with the rest of the family to grieve and rejoice with them. On three consecutive days we had Mom's internment service, Dad's 101st birthday, and a memorial service. While we miss Mom, it is good to know that she is now with the Lord and that we will, one day, see her again.

On 29 April, Claire flew to Northern Ireland expecting to meet our newest grandchild who chose to wait until after she arrived to make his debut. Claire was glad to be able to be there to help with the new arrival and to spend some time with her mum and dad.

Claire returned from Northern Ireland just in time to begin two weeks of intensive courses through Singapore Bible College. As Walter taught the first course on the Pentateuch, we thank everyone who prayed for us—we both survived the experience. A total of fifteen students sat the class. The second course—Missiological Perspectives—featured eight-hour days discussing various topics in missions. We both enjoyed getting to know the students, many of whom were much younger. Pray for Claire as she has a number of papers to write for the courses and Walter as he marks the papers for his class.

3–6 June we held the OMF Mission Research Consultation which focused on the topic of “Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.” Around sixty people from OMF and other organizations joined us. Pray for all of us as we seek ways to use what was presented to help us in our presentation of the gospel to a needy world. Many of the papers will be featured in upcoming Mission Round Table issues

Thank you so much for your prayers,

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Order of Worship
June 23, 2019

Congregational Singing
“All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn # 64

Announcements/ Scripture and Opening Prayer
Pastor Mike Chinn
Romans 3:9-26 (Pew Bible, p. 940)

Prayer for Poland Team

Congregational Singing
“In Christ Alone”
“10,000 Reasons”
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn # 2

Offertory Scripture Reading and Prayer
Elder Jim Kelly
I Kings 8:22-30 (Pew Bible, p. 288)

Offertory: Sophia Slater

Sermon: Pastor Justin Guy
Psalm 5:1-12 (Pew Bible, p. 449)
“Longing to Enter the House of God”

Closing Song
“Rock of Ages” Hymn # 204

Prayer Requests & Praises

Announcements

- 1) Thank you to everyone who made our Short-Term Missions Rummage sale a success! Your generosity of time, labor, and items made it possible for us to raise necessary funds for our short-term missions to the end of making our Savior known through all the world.
- 2) We want to invite the church family to head over to the Gym after service to snag any desirable items left from the rummage sale for a donation of any amount. All proceeds continue to go towards our short-term missions fund.

Sunday Servers

Greeters:

June 23: 1st: Kevin & Loretta A / 2nd: Ken & Julita J

Ushers (June)

1st: Walt B, Rob Z, Mark Z, Alt. Lenny K

2nd: Pat B, Gabe S, Tom S, Alt. Ron V

Children's Church:

June 23: 1st: Louise K / 2nd: Edna C

Nursery:

June 23:

1st: Gabe & Linda S

SS: Linda S & Karlene W

2nd: Mike & Karlene W

Claremont East:

June 23: Dave & Lynne V

- Please keep Rayner Cuevas and his family (Beckie, Arianna, Nathan, and Josiah) in prayer. Rayner suffered a traumatic brain injury last week when at annual training with the National Guard. A sidehatch on the combat vehicle flipped down and landed on his head. He was airlifted off the field. He returned home on Monday. He struggles with cognitive and physical limitations. Recovery will be a slow journey.
- Please continue to pray for Steve Anderson's recovery. He is hoping to come home at the end of the month.
- Please pray for encouragement in Christ for Gerald Behrens, as he continues his long battle against cancer. Pray also for Joyce.
- Pray that our Vacation Bible School program will be used of the Lord, that the truth of the good news of Jesus will be planted deep in the hearts of the children who attend, and that it would bear fruit.
- Pray for our short-term missions endeavors as we seek to see the good news of Jesus spread beyond our community: Poland (June 28 -July 24), Harrah (July 15-19), and Joni & Friends (August 17-23).

Looking Ahead

June 21-22 - Annual Short-Term Missions Rummage Sale

June 28 - Mike & Carolyn Chinn head to Poland (to serve at a senior camp before the usual family camp)

July 10, 6:30 p.m. - New Wednesday evening Bible study begins, "Two Ways: Understanding and Applying the Sermon on the Mount"

July 11-24 - Poland Mission Trip

July 15-19 Vacation Bible School

July 21-27 - Harrah Short-Term Mission Trip

August 17-23 - Joni & Friends Short-Term Mission Trip