

OFBC Beacon - April 2008

(Prayer for Missions)



The Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 is frequently mentioned in discussions on missions. Gary A. Parrett has the following consideration that we all need to apply: “The work of making disciples requires going.... ...for every act of disciple making requires that we go, at least in some sense of the word. We may go across the seas; we may go across the street. But there will always be a going—a setting forth from our own place, from our own sphere of comfort—to extend kingdom love to another. The chief model in this is Jesus himself, who left the glory of heaven to bring the good news of the kingdom to us” (Conde-Frazier, Kang, and Parrett, 2004, p. 65). This month as we contemplate our own going, may we not forget to pray for:

April 1: The Brewingtons request “prayer for travel to Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Ms. next week for a missions conference.”

April 2: Pray that OFBC will have increased burden for missions—national and international: praying, giving, going

April 3: Pray for the Millers as they prepare for full-time ministry in Chile and as they seek to raise funding

April 4: Pray for God’s leading & direction in OFBC’s involvement in local, state & national missions opportunities

April 5: Pray for Central Asia’s (CA) worker—whether peace & safety for her or for His comfort & peace for her family

April 6: Pray “for those needed to fill the teams planned for Peru”

April 7: Praise for God’s calling of the East Asia (EA) team & pray they will be prepared vessels for the Master’s use

April 8: The Brewingtons request “prayer that there will be many positive responses from students who are considering God’s call for missions.”

April 9: Pray that OFBC will have increased vision for what God wants to do via missions, including possibly reaching out in Nova Scotia with SC Baptists

April 10: Pray “for the Ewers as they plan to return to the fields”

April 11: Pray for Mason Van Tassel, missions coordinator: for wisdom, guidance & direction as God leads

April 12: Pray for God’s will to be done in CA and for His direction in the lives of His displaced workers

April 13: Pray for the teams that will be serving in Peru this year

April 14: Pray “for the discipleship of new believers as the EA team serves this spring”

April 15: The Brewingtons request “please pray for new workers, and our sanity!” since the Southeast Recruitment region has lost 3 teams, so Bill and Glenda have 8 states now

April 16: Pray that as OFBC prepares for the season of increased numbers of missions teams, more prayer warriors will be called

April 17: Pray for the Codys: wisdom & words as they teach & reach believers in Ecuador

April 18: Pray “for the seeds that were planted during the PP to take root throughout the community”

April 19: Pray “for the safety of those serving in the international community”

April 20: Pray for Peru’s unreached people’s open hearts/eyes in Peru & for God to provide opportunities to reach them

April 21: Pray “for those who will be contacted by the EA team and that the message will be clearly understood”

April 22: Pray “for the Johnson’s as they plan to return to the field”

April 23: Pray “or God’s children to act as missionaries whenever, wherever and however they can share the Good News”

April 24: Praise the work God has been doing through the ministry of the Codys

April 25: Pray “for clear direction in how to reach those who are less fortunate in the local communities”

April 26: Pray for patience, wisdom, and God’s leading for displaced workers in CA

April 27: Pray “for those who will participate in a team to the chosen destination in North America”

April 28: Pray for EA team: traveling mercies, peace, unity, & open eyes to God’s leading

April 29: Pray for EA team: “for safety and protection as EA team travels”

April 30: Pray for EA team: wisdom for team leader and guidance for God’s direction in daily schedule

Conde-Frazier, E., Kang, S. S., & Parrett, G. A. (2004). A many colored kingdom: Multicultural dynamics for spiritual formation. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

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