Prayer Updates

THANKS

Mary Masters of Bridge of Hope Foundation writes,
"Thank you for all the wonderful Christmas gifts TLC members donated to the Bridge of Hope! Your generosity brought such joy to the nursing home residents, and made their Christmas very special. Thank you for showing our resident friends the love of Christ through your kindness!"

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK

Elois Menge – hip replacement
Irene McCarty – testing
Robert McCormack – coma ICU
Shirley Starrett – back surgery
Holly Lillis – surgery
Eunice Sears – hip surgery

HOSPICE CARE

Jim Emmons

HOME WITH THE LORD...

Marilyn Walker's nephew, Mike, passed peacefully into Christ's presence after suffering extensive brain damage from a recent pedestrian/car accident. Marilyn was so thankful that her sister, Carolyn (Mike's mother), was with him when he died. Pray Carolyn and their family will experience all the comfort that Jesus has to offer.

Heartfelt prayer is extended to the family of Eric Swanson-Dexel whose cousin was recently killed in a car accident. Thankfully she knew the Lord and is now present with Him, but the grief of such a sudden and tragic loss is so great.

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Pauline Roby in the sudden loss of her son, Kevin Roby. Also, please remember Kevin's sister, Kim Lowe, as well as other family members. Pauline is a deaconess serving our Twin Lakes family.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.



WORLD OUTREACH WEEK

January 28th – February 5th

- **Hear great stories** of how God is working all over the world!
  Week 1: **India** • Week 2: **Central America and Cambodia**
- Enjoy a special Wednesday night **tri-tip dinner & Marianne's ice cream** with our missionaries! (Feb. 1st, 5:30pm, Monschke Hall)
- Both weekends: **Missions Bazaar** and **free food in Monschke Hall**! Find out about great outreach opportunities.
- Check out TLC's **2006 Short Term Mission opportunities**!
- Sunday morning **prayer breakfast** on Feb. 5th, 8am!
- Radically **expand your awareness** with our **"Perspectives" Class**!

Message by Dr. Viji Cammauf January 28–29, 2006

Notes:

Daily Meditations

Brief daily Bible readings related to this weekend's topic

This week's memory verse:
"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Monday

What made an impression on you during the kickoff weekend of World Outreach Week?

Read Acts 1:1-11. What does it mean to be a "witness", defined not in religious terms, but in modern terms?

How is this different from the way we sometimes think we have to share our faith?

It's good to be reminded that to "witness" is the primary mission given to us by Christ. What other tasks can distract you from this mission?

In verse 8, Jesus specifies three areas the disciples will reach: Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth. What are the equivalent areas in your life?

Jerusalem:

Judea and Samaria:

Ends of the earth:

How can you be a witness in these three places?

Ask God to build in you — and the whole church — a healthy, biblical sense of mission during this World Outreach Week.

Tuesday

Read 1 Peter 3:15,16. How does Peter say we should answer those who ask us for a reason for our hope?

Why is this important?

What does Peter say will happen to those who slander Christians if we share our faith in this manner?

Is it easy or difficult for you to be respectful and gentle when you share your faith? Why? Has this changed as you have grown?

Ask God to help you imagine ways you could share your faith in respectful, gentle ways.

Wednesday

Read Philemon 1:4-7 (In the New International Version, if possible). I'm intrigued by verse 6! What does Paul pray that Philemon will do?

Why does he hope Philemon will do this?

What does this teach you about the effect of sharing your faith with others — on your own faith?

How has this proven to be the case in your own experience?

Ask God to open your eyes to opportunities to be a "missionary" in respectful ways both locally and globally.

Thursday

Read Romans 10:9-15. What is the purpose of Paul's series of questions in verses 14-17?

How does this underscore the importance of outreach?

Is there a family member or friend with whom you would like to share the good news? Who?

Today, pray for the person you mentioned above: That God might give you — and others — a chance to respectfully and effectively be a witness.

Friday

Read Matthew 25:16-46. List the six actions Jesus talks about here that were done by the "sheep":

When have you been hungry, thirsty, a stranger, in need of clothes, sick or imprisoned, and someone reached out to you?

When have you reached out to people in these conditions?

Why is it important to Jesus that we combine this kind of action with our verbal witness, and not just have verbal witness alone?

Ask God to help you wisely and generously reach out in these ways. Tie in to ways TLC offers to help in these ways.

Saturday

Please pray for the weekend's services as W.O.W. concludes, and as FCC has their first preview service. Brush up on your memory verse and finish devotions you may have missed. Thanks!