



AFLC Home Missions Knee-Mail

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**“Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them.”
(Ps. 111:2a)**

Dear Praying Friends,

It's a joy to be back on the campus. I was able to return home at 6:00 Monday morning from an all night flight from Los Angeles. In my last *Knee-Mail* I shared that Laurie and I were planning to fly out to Mesa, AZ and then to California and then visit some of our churches in Colorado and Nebraska, but at the last minute my dear wife took ill. I had to leave her at home and instead caught commercial flights to make the trip, but because of the change I was unable to stop in CO and NE. That will have to happen some time in the future.

I'm now back in the Twin Cities and our Campus is buzzing. Last night we had the first training meeting for our Summer Teams. We were discussing the importance of prayer support for what we're going to be doing. What a joy it is to have 30 young people preparing to do ministry all over the United States and to serve our congregations in many capacities from Vacation Bible Schools to concerts to Bible Camps. We thank God for them. Please pray for us. Our expenses will be going up considerable with the gas prices and we're believing in faith that God is going to supply according to His riches for us to do the ministry that He has called us to do. We know that you are sensitive to our needs and will be praying for us as well in the days ahead.

This isn't going to be a very long *Knee-Mail*. I want to start off by telling you that it was exciting to be with our church, Calvary Free Lutheran in Mesa, AZ. We had the installation service of Pastor Al Monson on Sunday and it was a great turnout. God is definitely working there in many ways. It was fun to also be with them on Wednesday night and see their youth program. We had a laying on of hands for Georg and Barbi Marsteller for their ministry as they lead our youth program there and are also training others to do youth ministry. It was fun to see many of these kids who don't have Christian parents or have any Christian background gather and lay hands on Georg and Barbi and to pray for them. Three of the young people prayed for Georg and Barbi as we committed them to the ministry that God has called them to do. We thank God for the children that they're reaching and are looking forward to them being on campus and helping with our Summer Team training as well. Thank God for the workers He has given us!

I was able to journey over to Good Shepherd in Camarillo, CA. I spent a good part of time doing visitation and preparing for the coming of Pastor Jim Johnson and his family the first part of July. We worked on Vacation Bible School and worked with those that will be helping the Barnabas Team with VBS.

Please remember Katie Nelson and her family in your prayers. She flew back to the Twin Cities this past weekend. Her grandfather passed away and the funeral was on Monday. Please pray for her and her family during this loss.

We are so grateful to the Lord! We received word this past week that Pastor Brian and Margaret Pearson will be journeying to Brandon, FL. They accepted the Call to work at our new church there – Cornerstone Christian Church. This will probably be taking place around the first of July. We ask you to pray for them and their housing needs as they say good-bye to the work in Illinois where they've been so faithful to. We also want to pray for the St. Olaf congregation and ask that God supply for their needs.

Please pray for Pastor Dick Ewing. He is the pastor in Argyle, WI and he and his wife are attempting to sell their home. We ask that God take care of this matter and that the Lord will be glorified.

Pastor Tom and Sharon Olson from Faith Lutheran in Mineral Point, WI were recently in Alaska. They have returned from their visit and we are grateful for their safe return. Please continue to pray for the congregation in Mineral Point as they make decisions. Pastor Jim Rasmussen was there last weekend to share on Evangelism and we pray that God will be working in a mighty way.

Continue to pray for Christ Community Church in Hagerstown, MD and Pastor Mark Benz. Be in prayer for them as they look at a couple of Seventh Day Adventist churches to possibly meet in. Pray that God would lead them in that. Also remember Pastor Benz in your prayers. He may be going to Russian to train Chaplains this summer. There are some financial needs and if you would like information on how to help support him you can contact his home church, Atonement Free Lutheran in Arlington, WA. They would love to give you information on how you can help him out in that ministry.

I would like to ask you to pray for the Owen Myhre family. As I write this Owen is in a very serious condition at the hospital in Fargo, ND. Be in prayer for his wife Lois, daughters Barb and Faylin, and son Steve. Pray that God will give them grace for the days ahead.

We are coming to a close of the school year here on the campus. There are many things taking place. Tonight we have the Seminarian banquet at Heritage Hall. We are preparing for the Summer Teams, the Seminararians are getting ready to serve on their internships, and many plans are being made in order to get ready for the graduations. The next few weeks will be very full as we get ready for all these things to be completed.

Continue to pray for the upcoming Annual Conference and for the many people who will be traveling. There are many decisions that will be made and we ask that through everything God would be honored and glorified and that His will will be done in all of the areas that we are working in.

This weekend I will be installing Pastor Gary Haug at my home congregation, Solid Rock in Anoka, MN. I ask that you be in prayer for that and his new ministry.

Please pray for our congregation in Wilson, WI, Christ the King Lutheran. I just got off the phone with Pastor Les Johnson and they ask that we continue to pray for them. Pray that God will bring greater unity and that He will bless His Word as it's being shared there.

We are grateful for your prayers and grateful for what God is doing in our AFLC. May we all continue to pray for the work that's going ahead.

Sincerely in Him,

Paul M. Nash, Director
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