

## PRAYER REQUESTS from the BANGSUNDS

Dear friends,

1. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD for the peaceful passing into glory on May 17 of good friend Tom Lewis. His battle with cancer has come to an end. PRAY FOR Carmen and family as they both grieve their loss as well as celebrate Tom's life and the hope of the resurrection that we all share.
2. WE GIVE THANKS FOR the good recovery to date of senior (and retired) missionaries Dave and Eunie Simonson, involved in the crash of a small plane here in April. Healing continues, but they are now back in church. We pray no further complications develop.
3. WE GIVE THANKS and celebrate with son Peter who has just become engaged to Christi Collins in Iowa! And . . .
4. WE PRAY FOR Peter and Christi in the year of planning ahead (June 2004 wedding), as well as for their lifetime together. And we pray for Peter, accepted into one medical school and waiting news from others, that the right choice will be made for that adventure as well!
5. WE PRAY FOR Dr. Ismael Mbise, the new Dean of our new Faculty of Humanities, as he develops curriculum and syllabi, oversees the calling of new faculty, and assists Makumira's growth into a dual focus campus: theology and humanities. The workload is heavy, but he is an enthusiastic and competent man.
6. WE PRAY FOR the next two months as we complete this academic term and other work and prepare for our year at Luther Seminary, St Paul. There is much to do here before we leave, and much to do there when we arrive. And then we move back again to Makumira a year later!
7. AND WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR world leaders, especially as they seek to resolve and bring peace to a Middle East situation that seems to grow more complex and intractable by the day.

We thank you, good friends, for your encouragement and prayer on our behalf!  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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