

PRAYER REQUESTS from the BANGSUNDS

Dear friends,

1. WE GIVE THANKS FOR a good term. As I write, we are entering week 9 of its 10 weeks, already grading tests, papers and theses. Students are burning the midnight kerosene and looking forward to a month or so of rest.
2. WE GIVE THANKS FOR, and anticipate, this summer's visits to congregations, and then for the year of study at Luther Seminary which lies ahead. This time we will be the ones burning the midnight oil!
3. WE GIVE THANKS FOR the resolution of the situation we mentioned last time regarding some other missionaries who were having a very stressful time. Many prayers have been answered and they are once again able to minister. We pray that residual wounds would soon be healed.
4. WE PRAY FOR the energy needed to get through the final weeks of not only the term, but of closing up the house and getting ready for travel. Leaving for a year means having to move things out of the house -- always a piece of work.
5. WE PRAY FOR our children: Naomi and husband Brian as they teach summer school, Peter as it is down-to-the-wire time in terms of choosing a medical school, and Sharon who is back in seventh heaven counseling at Sugar Creek Bible Camp in western Wisconsin.
6. WE PRAY FOR Judy's Aunt Evie and Uncle Vic in Iowa. They are in their 80s, still in their own home and experiencing the difficulties of their age group. We look forward to seeing them this summer.
7. AND WE PRAY FOR those who seek peace in the world would prevail over those who seek continued confrontation and conflict, that all might eventually come to know the world as God meant us to know it, and be able to raise their children free from the bitterness and resentment that feeds only itself.

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

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