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*"For of him, and through him,
and to him, are all things:
to whom be glory for ever. Amen"*
Romans 11:36

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

- Praise the Lord for three new BIO missionary couples.
- Thank you for praying for our Missionary Enrichment Week.
- Praising the Lord for His mighty work in the inmates at Avon Park Correctional Institution.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the Avon Park Mission Conference July 31-August 2.
- Our planning and preparation to travel to Kenya in October and for the remaining finances needed for the trip.



Building Durable Missionaries
So They Keep on Going.

TERRY & BARBARA CHILDERS

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Dear Praying Friends:

July 2026

Some great ministry opportunities kept us busy since we last wrote. At our Executive Council meeting in April three new missionary couples joined BIO. In May Barbara and I had the joy to witness the Cornerstone Baptist Temple in Dayton, Ohio commission their missionaries, Zach and Sarah Smith, and send them forth to American Samoa. We then spent five enjoyable days in June with several BIO missionaries and other guests during our Enrichment Week. In addition to the twelve couples who came it was great to have four young-adult children of BIO missionaries join us also.

Each July I look forward to participating in the mission conference at Avon Park Correctional Institution (APCI). What God is doing through these prisoners is a real-life demonstration of the phrase Little is much when God is in it. Here is a brief history of the annual APCI mission conference to help you understand what I'm talking about. It was around 2020 when some of the inmates came together to pray for missionaries; it grew into a missionary prayer-band. In 2022 the prison authorities gave permission for the inmates to plan and host a mission conference in the prison chapel. They even got clearance for a few missionaries to come in and present their ministry.

At the close of that first conference it was evident that the inmates had their sight on something greater than just having some special meetings; they wanted to reach beyond the confines of their prison to minister to people in other nations. They voted to support missionaries and made their faith-promises to give from the little resources they have. Here's what that looks like: from 2022 until the present time, this band of brothers from behind bars have sent a total of \$6,155 to BIO for us to distribute to the missionaries they've chosen! It never ceases to amaze me what the Lord can do through those who are willing to be tools in His Almighty Hands. Join us in praying for this year's conference, for the inmates and those who go in and minister; July 31–August 2.

My wife and I are finalizing plans to travel to Kenya in October. If you would like to send a one-time offering to help offset our travel expenses we would greatly appreciate it; you can send it to BIO and mark it Travel Expense. Thank you for partnering with us financially and in prayer; you enable us to fulfill the role to which God has called us. May God richly bless each of you for your faithfulness!

With thanks,

Terry + Barbara

The Childers