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Congregational Roundtable

The Session has scheduled a Congregational Roundtable for Wednesday, March 19, 2014, to discuss the future of the Church and format a plan to increase attendance.

The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. with an evening meal. The Session is inviting anyone that has any connection to the Church to be in attendance and especially young adults.

Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending this very important meeting of the Congregation.

News of Members

Lisa Humphrey - Lisa underwent surgery on Tuesday, February 25, at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Based on Facebook reports, Lisa came thru the surgery in excellent condition and is recovering and should be home in a few days.

Report from Tracy Evans

Greetings to our friends in Texas!

We cannot help but greet the new year with great joy and anticipation. 2013 was wrapped up nicely with the pleasure of hosting a special team from the USA. The team was composed of carpenters, landscapers and maintenance men. With considerable concern we carefully received this team in spite of the current volatile political climate and thankfully everyone remained safe. They insulated and built a new roof on one of our houses and installed ceilings in three rooms. Apart from keeping us dry, this will keep the rooms much cooler, which can be a sanity saver in a hot, humid, tropical environment. Most of our Mozambican and foreign volunteer staff have had reoccurring bouts of malaria for several months now. They were weary to the bone, but this team brought much joy and encouragement in their words and "service above self."

One day a very pregnant village woman came to our clinic and she collapsed on the roadside and went into labor. The amazing nurses from our clinic managed to get her into the back of the clinic truck.



Preemi Mateus: Mateus is one of three triplets which we were able to save on the milk/feeding program. All three were born extremely premature. They are about 8 months old now and doing fine. They live in a village far from us and no longer need to come to our clinic.



We rushed the bursting mom-to-be to the hospital just in time for her to deliver TWINS! The three of them were in rough shape, but they pulled through. Often tribal people here kill one of the twins due to their ancestral beliefs. These two are now on our milk feeding program.

13 year old mom with her baby: This girl showed up pregnant (likely a victim of sexual abuse in her village). Her delivery went well and, though so young, is a very good mother!

Many of you already know that there has been ongoing military conflict for the past few months in our region of Mozambique. The center of these battles is just down the road from us. Early summer in Africa (our winter in North America) is a challenging time of the year. It is extremely hot, humid, buggy, snaky and bullets were flying between rebels and government soldiers on the road between us and the airport.

Many Mozambican civilians were injured and killed, as well. Just recently armed rebels attacked and raided a nearby police station and clinic. That's not nice! Do PLEASE continue to pray for us and for peace to prevail in 2014 in Mozambique.

And so we press on with the feeding program, clinic, schools, prison work, public health training, literacy teaching, community development, environmental and farming work... what an amazing team of dedicated volunteers we have! Texas friends, sincere thanks from us all for your continued encouragement and support. Together we are impacting this nation.

Tracy and Africa Team

Thanks for your ongoing prayers for us & our security team!

Shirley Foster Bartley

Word has been received that Shirley Foster Bartley of Seattle, Washington passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. Shirley was a former member of the church and was the daughter of Jack and Irene Rains Foster. She was the granddaughter of Bailey C. Rains. After graduation from high school, Shirley married Bart Bartley of Clarksville. They lived for several years in Alaska and then moved to Washington State. Shirley and Bart had one son and four grandsons.

March Birthdays

March 1 Starr Greutman

March 11 Coby Duren

March 19 Sarah Rains

March 22 Kevin Burgan

March 7 Brandon Rains

March 14 Neil Sparkman

March 20 Jo Ann Taylor

Coby Duren Ordained

Coby Duren, son of Brent and Nancy Duren and the grandson of Kathryn Underwood, was ordained as a Baptist minister on January 19, 2014 in Corsicana, Texas. Dr. Danny Reeves, pastor of First Baptist Church in Corsicana, presided over the Ordination. Coby



and his wife, Courtney, live in Jacksonville, Texas, where Coby works for Central Baptist Church as their Youth Minister, and Courtney works for Jacksonville ISD as an 6th grade science teacher.

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