

THE GOLDEN YEARS



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Have you heard of **Ironwood Christian Camp**? It is located in Newberry Springs, CA which is about 30 miles east of Barstow. This February, MGF missionaries had their three day winter conference at Ironwood which is staffed with service loving people who raise their own support to serve God and His people. We wish you could have heard the founder describe how God has provided property, building and staff. It was a wonderful time of worship, fellowship and rest.

After leaving the conference we traveled to New Mexico, Arizona and back to Southern California encouraging 13 MGF families.



What a blessing to hear about the faithfulness of these dear missionaries whose income often places them in the low income category. What also amazes us is that even when they have little, they are always so sharing and hospitable. In addition, their joy is very contagious as God has blessed them by seeing lives changed because of His love and their faithfulness. Sal and Joyce Sarkis, missionaries from Lebanon, shared how God has placed many people in their lives who have come to Christ and how they are encouraging pastors who are reaching those of the Muslim faith. One lady migrated to the United States to escape a very punitive life only to discover that she has cancer. Please pray for her as she has two small children and no extended family in the States.

Returning from the conference, God led us to facilitate a six week Power of Love Bible Study with eleven other MGF missionaries. How timely this study was as three of the families were experiencing challenges in their lives and felt God used this study to encourage and guide them. The group has continued to meet monthly to share and pray and to reach out to Mark Friend another MGF missionary who is receiving chemo treatment for a serious life threatening cancer.



It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth. 3 John 3-4

In March, four of the MGF missionary ladies in our area had birthdays, so Joyce surprised them with a birthday luncheon. Each lady was given a bouquet of tulips and some small gifts. For dessert, they frosted cookies. Two of these ladies had never frosted cookies before nor had such a celebration for their birthdays. What a joy it is for us to encourage the missionaries and show them how much they are loved as they are always giving their lives to others.



April brought another opportunity to encourage missionaries from Canada who were our house guests for the week. Inpam and Karminie Moses are rejoicing

after two very challenging and difficult years as the Lord has opened the door for Inpam to pastor a church which is the passion of his heart. If you would like to read more about their ministry and



also other MGF missionaries please go to www.mgfhq.org.

Family News/ Prayer Requests:



◆ Our granddaughter, **Shannon**, will receive her B.A. in Medical Humanities with Honors from Baylor University on May 14th. The next day she leaves with the Baylor Medical Missions team for Africa for a short term mission. This will be her third trip to Africa. She has been accepted at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine this fall. **Ryan**, our grandson, is finishing his second year at Whitworth University in Washington and has been accepted into a summer program in Asia which studies Asian business practices. Please pray for their spiritual growth and these upcoming adventures.

◆ May 9th—June 9th we will be traveling to Waco, Texas to help Shannon pack and attend her graduation. Then we plan to visit MGF missionaries in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas as well as family and friends plus have some time for rest and relaxation. Please pray for our spiritual lives, health, safety and that we will be encouraging to those we visit.

◆ Please pray for healing for Mark Friend who has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, that God will encourage him and his family, give them strength, His peace and meet their daily needs.

◆ MGF missionaries trust God and the faithfulness of His people for their financial needs, and during these economic times it has been extremely challenging for many of them. Please pray that their financial needs will be met.



Mark and Don

◆ We praise God for calling us to the ministry of encouraging missionaries in North America with MGF.
 ◆ We praise God for you. Thank you for partnering with us in your many prayers and your gifts of love.